Science on the Air

Science News prints the latest written word of scientific development and noteworthy news. We've set this space aside to inform our readers of programs of scientific interest that are scheduled on television and radio. Check your local listings for exact times. (R) indicates a repeat broadcast.

May 1 (PBS) Discover: The World of Science — A look at cochlear implants — small electronic devices implanted in the inner ear to aid the profoundly deaf. Also featured are a visit to Mt. St. Helens and stories on an unusual new flight simulator at Caltech.

May 2 (PBS) Wild America — "Wild Cats" (R) A look at the seldom seen, deadly animal family that has reached the peak of predatory evolution.

May 4 (PBS) Here's To Your Health — "For Relief of . . . Take Two" The topic of this episode is headaches, including sinus, tension, hangover and migraine — how to deal with them and how to prevent them.

May 5 (PBS) Nature — "The Master Builders" (R) Wildlife photographer Michael Richards captures a variety of bird species in the intricate process of nest building.

May 7 (PBS) Nova—"Frontiers of Plastic Surgery" (R) Focuses on the cosmetic aspects of plastic surgery.

May 8 (PBS) Spaceflight—"Thunder in the Skies" Outlines the early history of man's adventures in space beginning with Germany's development of rockets as weapons.

May 9 (PBS) Wild America—"The Man Who Loved Bears" Part I (R)—Tells how a man raised a grizzly cub to grow up as a mate for Colorado's last male bear. Part II (conclusion) is May 16.

May 11 (PBS) Here's To Your Health—"Depression ... More Than Just the Blues" University of California at San Diego researcher David Janowski and his colleagues survey new techniques for dealing with long-term clinical depression.

May 12 (PBS) Nature — "Acacia: Tree of Thorns" (R) A look at the umbrella-like tree that provides for a wealth of African wildlife, including leopards, elephants and a multitude of caterpillars, birds and snakes.

May 14 (PBS) Nova — "The National Science Test" (R) Host Art Fleming quizzes a panel of celebrities on a range of science topics.

May 15 (PBS) Spaceflight—"The Wings of Mercury" Profiles the early space pro-

grams of the Americans and Soviets. In this episode, the Russians put the first man in space, but Gemini astronauts perform the first space docking.

May 17 (PBS) What Do Children Think of When They Think of the Bomb? (R) — Explores how children's awareness of the threat of nuclear war manifests itself in their games and their relationships.

May 18 (PBS) Here's To Your Health—"Aging: How to Die Young, as Late as Possible" Tells how attitude, diet, exercise and other variables can help to extend mental and physical vitality well into the golden years.

May 19 (PBS) Nature—"Kopje: A Rock for All Seasons" (R) A study of huge outcroppings of bedrock, called the kopjes, which sit like islands in an ocean of grass in Africa's Serengeti Plain.

May 19 (PBS) The Journey Inward: Imaging the Brain — Examines the new technologies for seeing brain function — CAT, NMR, PET — with an exploration into their application in human health.

May 21 (PBS) Nova — "Jaws: The True Story" (R) Viewers go beneath the waves to explore the fact and fiction surrounding the great white shark.

May 22 (PBS) Spaceflight—"One Giant Leap" Looks at the Apollo program, its initial setback and subsequent achievement. Also profiles the Soviet space program.

May 23 (PBS) Wild America — "Backyard Wildlife" (R) How animals adapt and often thrive in urban areas.

May 25 (PBS) Here's To Your Health—"From Puberty to Menopause" The unique subset of problems involving a woman's miraculously complex reproductive system.

May 26 (PBS) Nature—"Namaqualand: Diary of a Desert Garden" — This arid, windy semidesert in southwest Africa is known the world over for its spectacular display of flowers.

May 28 (PBS) Nova—"The Fountains of Paradise" (R) An examination of the hydroelectric project on Sri Lanka, its technological and social significance.

May 29 (PBS) Spaceflight—"The Territory Ahead" A look at our current and future directions in space. Explores the rapid commercialization of space and the possibility of space stations and colonies.

May 30 (PBS) Wild America — "Watching Wildlife" (R) Observing wild animals in their natural surroundings.



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