

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.

Aug. 31 (PBS) Mechanical Universe — The beginning of a 26-part college credit course on classical physics.

Sept. 1 (NBC) oceanQuest — Examines the Great White Shark; why sharks attack humans, and where and how they live. First of a five-part series exploring the oceans of the world. Sundays.

Sept. 2 (PBS) Survival Special — "Lights! Action! Africa!" (R) Two photographers reveal how they have managed to survive the mishaps and misadventures that occur while making wildlife films.

Sept. 3 (PBS) Lifeline — "Dr. Joan Hodgman" (R) Profiles the chief of the newborn division at Women's Hospital in Los Angeles.

Sept. 3 (PBS) Nova — "The Garden of Inheritance" (R) A look at the life, times and work of Gregor Mendel, the "Father of Genetics."



National Museum of Natural History

Sept. 7 (PBS) Innovation — "The Face Beneath" Explores pioneering techniques in plastic surgery.

Sept. 9 (PBS) Survival Special — "Tiger, Tiger" (R) Filmed in India and Nepal, this program looks at the life and habits of the Bengal tiger.

Sept. 9 (PBS) My Heart, Your Heart (R) — Jim Lehrer hosts this program on heart attacks and heart disease.

Sept. 9 (PBS) Quest for the Killers — "The Kuru Mystery" The story of a doctor's effort to identify and cure a mysterious disease afflicting a tribe in New Guinea. First of a five-part series on health care professionals' efforts to solve serious medical problems of the world.

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Sept. 17 (PBS) Lifeline — "Dr. Roger Freeman" (R) Profiles the chief of emergency obstetrics at Long Beach (Calif.) Memorial Hospital.

Sept. 17 (PBS) Nova — "Baby Talk" (R) Examines the latest information on how children acquire language.



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Sept. 10 (PBS) Lifeline — "Dr. J. Alex Haller Jr." (R) Profiles children's surgeon-in-chief at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Sept. 10 (PBS) Nova — "Conquest of the Parasites" (R) Examines the complex world of parasites and the work currently being done on conquering parasitic disease.

Sept. 14 (PBS) Innovation — "Get the Picture!" Photographers for SCIENCE DIGEST, LIFE and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC discuss photo composition and recent technological advances in photography.

Sept. 16 (PBS) Survival Special — "The Amazing World of Spiders" (R) A documentary on spiders featuring the more unusual of the more than 30,000 species.

Sept. 21 (PBS) Innovation — "Sexual Destiny" Explores the effects of sex hormones on human behavior, and differences that exist in the anatomical structure of male and female brains.

Sept. 24 (PBS) Lost in Time — A documentary on southeastern American prehistory, showing man's possible migration route from Asia to what is now the United States.



Sept. 24 (PBS) Lifeline — "Dr. Daniel Smith" (R) Profiles the chief resident physician/obstetrics at Women's Hospital in Los Angeles.

Sept. 24 (PBS) Nova — "AIDS: Chapter One" (R) Examines how modern science has been unraveling the mystery of this deadly disease.

Sept. 28 (PBS) Innovation — "Hooked" Investigates the sociological, physiological, genetic and psychological implications of drug addiction.

Sept. 30 (PBS) The Sea: A Quest For Our Future (R) — Explores underwater plant and animal life, and the interaction of scientists devoting their skills and resources to understanding the oceans.

Sept. 30 (PBS) National Nutrition Quiz — This fast-paced program looks at the foods we eat and how they prevent or promote the diseases we get.

Children's Programs

Sept. 2 (PBS) The Voyage of the Mimi (R) — A serial and documentary series about science and math for 9- to 12-year-olds. Monday-Friday.

Sept. 14 (CBS) The Young Astronauts — An animated series revolving around the 18-month mission of the space vessel "Courageous." Saturdays.

Sept. 23 (PBS) 3-2-1-Contact — A half-hour program on science and technology for 8- to 12-year-olds. Monday-Friday.