

TUNING IN

Get Ready For
Clean Sweep

by Sell Groves

November is sweeps month. That's when the networks vie with each other for the high ratings that lure advertisers to their bottom lines. Some networks are scheduling two-part productions on the premise that if you liked Part 1, you'll tune into Part 2, and if you didn't like Part 1 of the competition, you'll give Part 2 of the other guy a chance.

Fortunately for most of us, the webs spin out some pretty good — or, if not really good, at least interesting — stuff during the month. Examples include: "Echoes in the Darkness" (CBS), airing November 1 and 2. It's based on a true story of a murdered Philadelphia teacher (played by Stockard Channing) and the disappearance of her two children and of the man (played by Peter Coyote) who manipulates unattractive women to do his bidding. It's a shocker.

Another two-part airs on the Disney Sunday Movie on ABC, November 1 and 2. "Todd Waring" plays "Moochie" in this production, is dogged by the knowledge that his brother, Wilby, has been magically turned into a dog again. (That's where the "Return" part of the title comes in.) Moochie must flee (whoops — that is, flee) from villains out to stop him from reversing the spell!

A trio of TV's luminaries, Angela Lansbury, Mary Tyler Moore and Barbara Walters are among the celebs expected to attend the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Promise Ball at the Waldorf Astoria November 14 to honor composer Jerry Herman.

What would tempt Broadway star Jerry Orbach to tie out to Hollywood to do a series? Says Jerry, "A good show; people I would enjoy."



Mary Tyler Moore

working with intelligent writing and direction and, of course, a role I really like." Orbach feels his new CBS series, "The Law & Harry McGraw," has all of this. "The viewers liked Harry the first time they saw him on 'Murder, She Wrote,'" Orbach says. "They brought me back as Harry a second time and, again, the audience reaction was positive. That's when they decided to do a spin-off with him." Jerry works with former "Hill Street Blues" star, Barbara Babcock, who plays Eleanor in this series. He describes Harry and Eleanor as "two nice people who like and respect each other." Anything more? "Well, maybe, but not for a while. This relationship he has now with her is very special to him already." Harry and Eleanor are obviously over 30. How does Jerry explain that in a youth-oriented society, "The Law & Harry McGraw," "The Equalizer" and "Murder, She Wrote," are popular? "Because the country is getting older. People want to see shows that prove you can live an interesting life whatever your age."

TV Test

1. What was the name of the character Jack Rambo once played on ABC's daytime, "All My Children"?

2. Who portrayed the eccentric Mrs. Bellotti on ABC's 1975 comedy, "Hill Street Blues"?

3. What was the name of the 1975 NBC series that starred Lee Grant and lasted only four weeks on the air?

4. What was the name of the 1978 ABC series that lasted only one week, but starred such comic greats as Jack Gilford, Dabney Coleman and Rue McClanahan?

5. Who portrayed Donna Pescow's mother on "Angie"?

6. What year did "The Facts of Life" debut on television?

7. How many years in a row was "The Phil Silvers Show" awarded an Emmy?

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CONVERSATION

Preview

HERE'S WHAT'S GOOD THIS WEEK ON T.V.

WEDNESDAY

10/28/87

8:00 PM - ABC: PERFECT STRANGERS (CC) Larry gets jealous when Baki and Jennifer appear to be sneaking around behind his back. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

8:00 PM - CBS: WGN: RETURN TO THE TITANIC (CC) The opening of a safe, recovered from the sunken passenger liner R.M.S. Titanic, climaxes this special reviewing the ship's history and including recent footage of the vessel resting on the ocean floor. Host: Terry Savalas. (2 hrs.) (In Stereo)

8:00 PM - NBC: HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN (CC) Jonathan, dressed as a werewolf, comes to the rescue when drunken teen-agers harass a young trick-or-treater. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

8:00 PM - PBS: INFINITE VOYAGE (CC) The first of 12 programs chronicling scientific exploration and discovery examines the unseen worlds around us, from matters small as a speck of dust to space (60 min.) (In Stereo)

10:00 PM - ABC: HOOPERMAN (CC) A down-on-his-luck psychic helps Hooperman identify a murder victim. (In Stereo)

9:00 PM - NBC: YEAR IN THE LIFE (CC) A comedy series about a man who dies her romantic feelings, Lindsey and Kay struggle with family versus career. (Postponed from an earlier date. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

9:00 PM - PBS: FIRING LINE SPECIAL: THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FROM HOUSTON. Scheduled participants: Vice President George Bush, former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont, Sen. Robert Dole, former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Rep. Jack Kemp and evangelist Pat Robertson. Moderator: William F. Buckley Jr. and Bob Strauss. (2 hrs.) (Live)

THURSDAY

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8:00 PM - CBS: TOUR OF DUTY (CC) The members of the Vietnam Scout are a series of successful comedy sketches. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

8:30 PM - NBC: COBBY SHOW (CC) After Theo gets into trouble with the law, Cliff and Clair take out their frustrations on each other. (In Stereo)

9:00 PM - ABC: MOVIE: "Tightrope" (CC) A homicide detective tracks down a psychopathic killer in the New Orleans French Quarter. Clint Eastwood, Genevieve Bujold, Alton Eastwood. 1984. (In Stereo)

9:30 PM - NBC: CHEERS (CC) Norm and Cliff lead Frasier to believe that Rebecca is lustful after him. (In Stereo)

9:30 PM - NBC: NIGHT COURT (CC) On Halloween, Dan believes he's sold his soul to the devil, and Harry gets locked inside a safe.

10:00 PM - NBC: HUNTER (CC) Dee Dee becomes stranded in a remote mansion with a houseful of murder suspects. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

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ENERGY

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In recognition of American
Energy Month, find out how ef-

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energy. You will find these tips to be
practical, easy ways your family
can save energy.

(Always - 4 points; sometimes - 3;
never - 0)

REFRIGERATOR:

1. Do you open the
refrigerator/freezer door for only a
few seconds each time you get
something out?

2. Do you always cover foods to
prevent the automatic defrost from
over-cooking?

3. Are the door gaskets clean and
in good condition?

4. Is the humidity switch or
energy-saver switch in the "ON"
position only when humidity appears
around the exterior of the door?

RANGE:

5. Do your pots and pans have flat
bottoms, straight sides and tightly
fitting lids?

6. Do you cook in large quantities
and freeze the extras for later
meals?

7. Do you prep work on many dishes
at one time as you can in the oven?

8. Is the microwave frequently
used in place of the range?

9. Are small appliances (i.e.
toaster ovens, electric frypans) used
instead of the range whenever
possible?

10. Do you turn the heat off 5-10
minutes before food is cooked and
finish cooking on residual heat?

11. Do you resist opening the door
and peering in the oven?