ABOUT TV

By Deborah Quinerly

"The Cosby Show," the most watched comedy series in the history of television and the top-rated TV show for the past three seasons, will return for a sixth season, it was announced by Brandon Tartikoff, President, NBC Entertainment.

Said Tartikoff, " 'The Cosby Show' has been the symbol of success and quality at NBC for the past five years. Knowing it will return for the 1989-90 season allows an entire company to sleep better at night. We are ecstatic that Bill and his talented staff will continue to entertain the American viewing audience with another season of shows."

Said Cosby, "I will work even harder to ensure that the people get what I consider to be quality. I love my job, and I take great pride in doing it."

A highly acclaimed, multi-award-winning series, "The Cosby Show" has been the anchor of NBC's prime-time schedule since premiering September 17, 1984. It is the first series to rank No. 1 for three consecutive seasons since "All In The Family," which finished first for five straight years in the early 1970's.

One of the many ratings highlights of "The Cosby Show" occurred January 22, 1987, when the episode "Say Hello To A Good Buy" scored a phenomenal 41.3 rating and 56 share. A record 82 million persons (36,100,000 homes) were tuned in that night, representing the largest viewership of a comedy-series episode in the history of television.

Among the honors won by the series are three Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award, three NAACP Image Awards, a Humanitas Prize, various critics' awards and numerous People's Choice Awards.

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Speaking of NBC and awards, NBC dominated the television category of the NAACP Image Award with 23 nominations — more than all other television nominations combined. The nominees were announced recently at a press conference in Hollywood.

Bryant Gumbel (NBC's "Today") is to receive a special award for his work as a broadcast journalist. Helen Martin (NBC's "227") and Jester Hairston (NBC's "Amen") will receive the Hall of Fame awards.

The awards, in television, motion pictures, theater and music, are presented annually to individuals and companies who contribute most to the positive image of black people. The winners will be announced at the 21st-annual star-studded ceremony, Saturday, December 10th, at the Wiltern Theatre in Los Angeles. The gala will be telecast on NBC in January, 1989.

A list of the NBC nominees follows: Best Performance by an Actor in a Dramatic Series, Mini-series or Television Movie: Mario Van Peebles, Blair Underwood, and James Earl Jones; Best Performance by an Actor in a Comedy Series or Special: Clifton Davis and Kadeem Hardison; Best Performance by an Actress in a Comedy Series or Special: Jasmine Guy, Phylicia Rashad, and Anna Maria Horsford; Best Performance by a Young Actor/Actress; Deon Richmond, Malcolm-Jamal Warner, Keshia Knight Pulliam, and Regina King; Best Performance by an Actress in a Dramatic Series, Mini-series or Television Movie: Anne-Marie Johnson; Best Episode in a Comedy Series or Special: "Thelma's Reunion" on "Amen," "Shakespeare" on "The Cosby Show," and "Shall We Dance" on "227"; Best Episode in a Dramatic Series, Mini-series or television Movie: "The Child Saver" (TV Movie), "The Father Clements Story" (TV Movie) Series pilot of "In the Heat of the Night," and "Chariots of Meyer" on "L.A. Law"; Best Variety Show/Variety Special: "It's Showtime at the Apollo" Host, Natalie Cole; Best News/Information Series or Special: "Color Lines Navy Men" on "NBC Nightly News" and "America's Paradise Triathlon."

CBS received eight nominations for "Frank's Place," and ABC's "God Bless The Child" and "Heartbeat" received one nomination each.

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The Public Broadcasting Stations (PBS) are offering an exciting new service to their viewers.

Effective immediately, viewers may purchase videotapes of some of their favorite PBS broadcasts, which include Emmy award-winner "Eyes on the Prize," "Racism 101," "That Rhythm, Those Blues," and "Ida B. Wells," the story of the struggles of a courageous black woman journalist, who regularly risked her life seeking social justice.

NANCY GILES stars as Private Frankie Bunsen on "China Beach," a reality-based drama set in wartime Vietnam and which has its season premiere Wednesday at 10:00 p.m. on Channels 7 and 13.

FELTON PERRY is cast as homicide inspector Charles McNeil in "Hooperman," which has its season premiere Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. or Channels 7 and 13.

For educators on various school levels, PBS offers educational video packages, which contain instructional video tapes, a video resource tape which can be used as a visual glossary to review a particular program's topics, to evaluate student mastery of material, to suggest topics for additional research, for identification quizzes and to stimulate oral presentation. In addition, each educational kit includes program background information, teaching resources, lesson plans for each Instructional Video Module, reproducible student activity sheets, and identification listings for Video Resource Tape. Lesson and activity sheets are correlated to curriculum in language arts, social studies, history, geography, math, art, science and technology.

To help in the selection process, a video newsletter is available. For information on receiving the newsletter or the availability of your favorite program on videotape, you may call a PBS video marketing representative at 1-800-424-7963 from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Have a good week!

TV CAPSULES

Friday, November 25

"THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CIRCUS OF THE STARS" (9-11:00 p.m.) "Circus stars" included in this annual special include Darryl Bell ("A Different World"), athlete O.J. Simpson, and Marsha Warfield ("Night Court"). Channels 9 and 11.

Saturday, November 26

"ABC WEEKEND SPECIAL: Cindy Eller: A Modern Fairy Tale" (12:30-1:00 p.m.) Part 1. Pearl Bailey stars as a mysterious shopping cart lady in New York's Central Park who helps a young girl having problems with her new stepmother and stepsisters. Channels 7 and 13.

"THE POWER OF CHOICE: Friendship and Dating" (6:30-7:00 p.m.) Part 7. How to create and maintain quality relationships. Channel 26.

"TRACKDOWN" (8-9:00 p.m.) Part 2. A real-life program detailing America's parole system. Channels 7 and 13.

"AMEN" (8:30-9:00 p.m.) Thelma (Anna Maria Horsford) moves in with the Reverend Gregory (Clifton Davis) after a disagreement with her father, Ernest Frye (Sherman Hemsley) — and the church trustees, fearful of a scandal, threaten to fire the minister. Channels 2 and 4.

"BEYOND TOMORROW" (9-10:00 p.m.) is the testicle injection the ultimate male contraceptive and a foolproof male alternative to the pill? Channels 5 and 45.

Tuesday, November 29

"NOVA: Can You Still Get Polio?" (8-9:00 p.m.) The development of polio vaccines is used as a backdrop for questions about United States vaccine policy. Channels 22, 26, and 67.

"THE 50TH BARBARA WALTERS SPECIAL" (9-11:00 p.m.) The renowned ABC News Correspondent shares her impressions of the personalities she has interviewed, as well as what was happening before and after the cameras rolled. Channels 7 and 13.

BARBARA WALTERS' interview with (L-R) Richard Pryor, Muhammad Ali and Eddie Murphy are part of the best and most unforgettable moments highlighted at 9:00 p.m. on "The 50th Barbara Walters Special" on Channels 7 and 13.

THE TUBE

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25, 1988

	WMAR 2	WRC 4	WTTG 5	WJLA 7	WUSA 9	WBAL 11	WJZ 13	WDCA 20	WETA 26	WHMM 32	WBFF 45	WMPB 53	HBO
7 :00 :30	Today	Today	Flintstones Menace	Good Morning America	This Morning	This Morning	Good Morning America	Scooby Doo G.I. Joe	MacNeil/ Lehrer		Tom/Jerry DuckTales	Focus/Society Kangaroo	First Offender Tom Sawyer
8 :00 :30	"	"	Woody My Little Pony	"	"	"	"	Jem Snorks	Kangaroo Mister Rogers		Dennis Tom/Jerry	Sesame Street	Movie: "Playing for
9 :00 :30	Donahue	Group 1 Fam. Med.	I Love Lucy Alice	Geraldo	Donahue	Live – Regis & Kathie Lee	Hour Magazine	Richard Roberts	Sesame Street	Business For People	SilverHawks Thundercats	Mister Rogers Light Princess	Keeps
10 :00 :30	S.J. Raphael Chipmunks	Smurfs Chipmunks	Bewitched Jeannie	Sally Jessy Raphael	Raggedy Ann Muppet B.	Sup. Court Peo. Court	Newlywed Sweethearts	700 Club	Sesame	Spotlight European	Wild, Wild West	WonderWorks	Police Acad. 4
11 :00 :30	ALF Ed Grimley	ALF Ed Grimley	Love Boat	The Judge News	Garfield Mighty Mouse	Geraldo	Divorce Court Group 1	Success-N-Life	Street Zoobilee Zoo	Faces/Culture Focus/Society	Big Valley	WonderWorks	Movie: "He's
12 :00 :30	News Scrabble	Password Scrabble	Hour Magazine	Home Loving	News Care Bears	News Movie: "The	News Loving	Movie: "The Return of	Health Health	Animals Business Rpt.	Quincy	WonderWorks	My Girl"
1 :00 :30	Days of Our Lives	Days of Our Lives	Bunkers Pl Day at a Time	All My Children	Movie II	Pink Panther Strikes Again"	All My Children	Frank James"	Nova	Evening Exchange	Movie: "The Count of..	WonderWorks	Attractions
2 :00 :30	Another World	Another World	Beaver Tom/Jerry	One Life to Live	CBS Storybr. College Foot-	College Foot-	One Life to Live	New Gidget Yogi Bear	Innovation All About TV	South American Journey	Monte Cristo"	Velv. Rabbit Cooking Now	Movie: "Baby Boom"
3 :00 :30	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	Ghostbusters Double Dare	General Hospital	ball: Alabama at Auburn	ball: Alabama at Auburn	General Hospital	Smurfs Jetsons	Sesame Street	Mod. Maturity Painting Land.	Jem Tom/Jerry	Justin Wil- Mister Rogers	
4 :00 :30	Oprah Winfrey	Sup. Court Peo. Court	Chipmunks DuckTales	Magnum, P.I.			Diff. Strokes Gimme Break	Fun House C.O.P.S.	Sesame Street	Cooking Sci. Jrnl.	Chipmunks Double Dare	Sesame Street	JFK: In His Own Words
5 :00 :30	News	News	Silver Spoons Gimme Break	News			Cosby Show Family Ties	Brady Bunch Webster	Square One Television	Sq. 1 TV 3-2-1 Contact	Fun House Andy Griffith	Sq. 1 TV 3-2-1 Contact	Movie: "Indiana Jones
6 :00 :30	News NBC News	News	Family Ties 3's Company	News ABC News	News CBS News	News CBS News	News	Facts of Life Cheers	3-2-1 Contact Business Rpt.	MacNeil/ Lehrer	Star Trek	MacNeil/ Lehrer	and the Temple of Doom"
7 :00 :30	Wheel-Fortune Jeopardy!	NBC News Family Feud	Cosby Show Current Affair	Jeopardy! Ent. Tonight	USA Today Wheel-Fortune	Lose or Draw Family Feud	ABC News Evening Mag.	Night Court NBA Basket-	MacNeil/ Lehrer	Evening Exchange	Star Trek	Business Rpt. Health	Inside the NFL
8 :00 :30	Something Is out There	Something Is out There	Movie: "The Heavenly Kid"	Strangers Full House	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	Strangers Full House	ball: Washington Bullets at	Wash. Week Wall St. Week	United Way Black Focus	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Wash. Week Wall St. Week	Movie: "Steel Dawn"
9 :00 :30	Movie: "The Incredible	Movie: "The Incredible		National Geographic Spcl.	Circus of the Stars	Circus of the Stars	Mr. Belvedere Ten of Us	Indiana Pacers	Performances: Silents: The	Mys./Sherlock	War of the Worlds	Smithsonian World	
10 :00 :30	Hulk Returns"	Hulk Returns"	News	20/20			20/20	All in Family Jeffersons	Eagle Gods Light	Open Forum	BTV	American Masters "Bus-	Movie: "The Running Man"
11 :00 :30	News Cheers	News Tonight Show	Under Siege M*A*S*H	News Nightline	News Music Video	News Ent. Tonight	News Nightline	Dating Game Relatively	Metro Week EastEnders	MacNeil/ Lehrer	Morton Downey Jr.	ter Keaton: A Hard Act to	
12 :00 :30	Benson D. Letterman	D. Letterman	Blues	On Trial Sweethearts	Connection	Current Affair Barney Miller	Taxi USA Today	"For Love or Money"	Sign-Off	Business Rpt. Sign-Off	Kojak	Follow' Sign-Off	ily the News

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26, 1988

	WMAR 2	WRC 4	WTTG 5	WJLA 7	WUSA 9	WBAL 11	WJZ 13	WDCA 20	WETA 26	WHMM 32	WBFF 45	WMPB 53	HBO
7 :00 :30	Kidsongs Transformers	Kidsongs 3 Stories Tall	Tom and Jerry		Hawaii Five-0	Garden Living Neighbhd.	Vid Kids Dr. Fad	700 Club	Sesame Street		Comic Strip Cont'd	Marketing Marketing	Survival Madeline
8 :00 :30	Kissyfur Jummi Bears	Kissyfur Gummi Bears	Bionic Woman	Flintstones Winnie the	Raggedy Ann Superman	Urban Scene Superman	Flintstones Winnie the	RoboCop Munsters Tdy.	Sesame Street			Management Management	Movie: "La Bamba"
9 :00 :30	Smurfs	Smurfs	Batman Hour	Pooh Slimer! & Real	Muppet Babies	Muppet Babies	Pooh Slimer! & Real	Out of World Am. Top Ten	TBA	Adam Smith Computer	Movie: "Love Story"	Jacques Cousteau	
10 :00 :30	Chipmunks ALF	Chipmunks ALF	Comedy Hour	Ghostbusters Scooby Doo	Pee-wee Play. In Our Lives	Pee-wee Play. Garfield	Ghostbusters Scooby Doo	Soul Train	Wall St. Week Wash. Week	Hobby Shop Roughing It		Collectors A House	Inside the NFL
11 :00 :30	Ed Grimley	Ed Grimley	WWF Superstars	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	Mighty Mouse Teen Wolf	Mighty Mouse It's Academic	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	War of the Worlds	Metro Week Interests	Madeleine Easy Preserve	A & C Get Smart	Hometime Bodywatch	Movie: "Russian Roulette"
12 :00 :30	Movie: "Just You and Me,	Punky B. New Archies	WWF Wrestling Chal-	Crack-Ups Pick Up Beat	College Football: Arkansas	College Football: Arkansas	America Remembers	Big Valley	Adam Smith Tony Brown	Yan Cooks Pizza	Yan Cooks So. Cooking	Yan Cooks So. Cooking	Movie:
1 :00 :30	Kid"	Golden Greats Bob Eucker	lenge	Weekend Sp. Sportscast	at Miami	at Miami	John F. Kennedy	Bonanza	F. Line/Poor Sci. Jrnl	Frg. Gourmet Plain & Fancy	College at Temple	Justin Wilson Painting	"Sweet Lorraine"
2 :00 :30	PBA Bowling: Budweiser	PBA Bowling: Budweiser	Movie: "Escape to Witch	History of College Football			Once Upon a Team	High Chaparral	T. Old House Yan Cooks	Bodywatch Baskets		Lap Quilting Cats/Dogs	Cinema Movie: "Like
3 :00 :30	Classic Skins Game	Classic Skins Game	Mountain"	Women College Foot-			C. Country College Foot-	Alias Smith and Jones	So. Cooking Life Matters	Motorweek Watercolors	Get Smart T and T	Garden Woodwright	Father Like Son"
4 :00 :30	Golf	Golf	Yogi's First Christmas	ball: Teams to be Announced	Carly in Concert	Movie: "Born to Be Sold"	ball: Teams to be Announced	Munsters Tdy. From Scratch	T. Old House Frug. Gourmet	Liv./Animals Nova	Wrestling: Chall.	Old House- T. Old House	Movie:
5 :00 :30			Fall Guy		Hawaii Five-0			Charles Superboy	Great Chefs Around Town	Perkins	Star Trek	Motorweek Newtons	"Sheena"
6 :00 :30	News Front Page	News NBC News	Small Wonder Close/Comfort		News CBS News	News Your Health		Star Trek: Next Gener.	CE News Power/Choice	Sci. Jrnl. OWL/TV		Nature/ Aussies	Movie: "Teen
7 :00 :30	Wheel-Fortune Jeopardy!	Redskins Rp. McLaughlin	3's Company M*A*S*H	Jeopardy! Mama	Inside Wash. Redskins	Small Wonder Webster	News Square Off	War of the Worlds	The Mind	DeGrassi High New Image	Meets the Wolfman"	Faerie Tale Theatre	Wolf"
8 :00 :30	227 Amen	227 Amen	Reporters	Winnie The Pooh	Raise Miranda NBA Basket-	Raise Miranda NBA Basket-	Winnie The Pooh	Fri. the 13th Series	WonderWorks	Previews Newtons	Reporters	World of Disney	Movie: "La Bamba"
9 :00 :30	Golden Girls Empty Nest	Golden Girls Empty Nest	Beyond Tomorrow	Police Story	ball: Los Angeles Lakers	ball: Los Angeles Lakers	Police Story	Nightmare on Elm St.	World at War	Evening Exchange	Beyond Tomorrow	National Geographic	
10 :00 :30	Hunter	Hunter	News		at Detroit Pistons	at Detroit Pistons		Monsters Redskins Sat.	Movie: "Holiday"	Saturday Nite Sing	Money For. Lean	Performances: Silents: The	On Location: Goldthwait
11 :00 :30	News Saturday	News Saturday	Comic Strip	News Twilight Zone	News USA Today	News WWF Super-	News Twilight Zone			30 Good Min.	BTV	Eagle Doctor Who	Movie: "Like Father Like
12 :00 :30	Night's Main Event	Night's Main Event	Victims/ Victims	MacGyver	Divorce Court	stars Wrestling	Fri. the 13th Series		Masterpiece Theatre	Sign-Off	Wrinkles Get Smart		Son"

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 1988

	WMAR 2	WRC 4	WTTG 5	WJLA 7	WUSA 9	WBAL 11	WJZ 13	WDCA 20	WETA 26	WHMM 32	WBFF 45	WMPB 53	HBO
7 :00 :30	Oral Roberts Lift Ev. Voice	Headlines Blk Forum	Oral Roberts Frederick K.	A. Dekruyther Discovery	Christian Life Sunday Mass	Later Years Urban Scene	Real-Reel Dangermouse	Funtastic World of	Sesame Street		Kenneth Copeland	Behavior Oceanus	Chicken Little Women
8 :00 :30	Sunday Today	News Forum It's Academic	Price Capital City	Bauman Bible Telecast	God Love You World Tom.	Gospel Var. D. Horowitz	Love Boat	Hanna-Barbera	Sesame Street		Sonshine World Tom.	Oceanus Adam Smith	Tom Sawyer Movie: "Like