

New As Ever, NOVA Embarks On Its 20th Anniversary Season On Public TV

What Latin word, meaning "new," is the term for a brilliant exploding star and also the name of the longest-running science series on American television, now celebrating its 20th anniversary season?

If you guessed *nebula*—wrong! Sharpen those nebulous neurons with another thought-provoking season of NOVA, premiering with "The NOVA Quiz" on Tuesday, October 5, at 8 p.m. on PBS (WUNC locally).

BEFORE AND AFTER IN THE SOAPS

By Toby Goldstein



All My Children: Tad and Dixie made love and she vowed to wait for him. Julia flirted with Charlie, then apologized for coming on too strong. Hayley lied when she denied to Erica that she's been helping Kendall search for her father. Jamal began to trust Tom. Adam kissed Gloria, but feigned fatigue when she returned his embrace. Alec lent comfort to a downhearted Gloria. Westfall agreed to let Edmund in on his scam. **Coming:** Close calls for Erica and Brooke.

Another World: Lorna and Victor were knocked unconscious when Kevin's car exploded. Kevin planted incriminating evidence about the bombing in Carl's apartment, then arrested him. However, the truth about who really planted the bomb was revealed in court. Paulina and Ian made love, but she fled San Cristobal alone and hurt when he opted to stay in the jungle. Amanda confronted her mother about the dead Rachel made with Carl to save Cory Ent. **Coming:** Spencer and Jake flaunt new evidence.

As The World Turns: Jeffrey offered to give back the right to sell his shares of WOAK when Kim prepared to file charges of embezzling against him. However, Damian managed to acquire the shares, much to Kim and Cal's dismay. Royce escaped from jail, but returned after pleading with Margo for help. Under hypnosis, another character, Dooley, emerged and said he saw what happened the night Neal died. Duncan walked into an explosive-rigged trap set by Hans. Sabrina stayed to help as a fire broke out. **Coming:** Debbie hopes for another chance.

Bold & Beautiful: When Brooke was undisturbed by the photo, Sheila insisted Brooke spy on Connor. Brooke was crushed to see Connor and Karen dancing, but was reassured when Karen explained she and Connor are just friends. Macy was deeply moved by Thorne's suggestion she move back in with him and by the knowledge that Keith, Kevin and Sly are all on her side. Stephanie was disbelieving when Sally declared that she's pregnant with Jack's child. **Coming:** Stephanie demands to know the truth.

Days Of Our Lives: Peter ordered Curtis to kidnap Stefano as a warning for Kristen to stay away from John. As Currie and Lucas were about to make love, Sami interrupted and blurted out that Lucas only wants her sister because she's a virgin. Jack figured out Kate is hiding a big secret. Kate was dismayed when she realized Victor has known about her past all along. Austin and Jennifer figured

out their drinking water is contaminated and sleuthed further, only to be confronted by someone holding a shotgun. **Coming:** Stefano regains his strength.

General Hospital: Emerging from her depression, Tiffany insisted she didn't kill Jessica. Sean's refusal to recant his confession troubled Mac and Felicia. Jagger kept Karen's secret about stripping at the club. Scott and Katherine planned to visit Serenity, where Dominique grew up, as Tracy's distrust intensified. Ned made further inroads with Jenny by giving her details of Tracy's whereabouts. **Coming:** Jagger grows deeper.

Guiding Lights: Holly and Eve quarreled over Ed. Ross and Blake came to a new understanding. Michelle favored Holly over Eve for Ed's adult company. A furious Lucy headed for Springfield upon learning her father, Buzz, had cleaned out her trust fund. Settled in a retirement community in Springfield, Bess reacted to the news that Ed had used to sue married to Alan Michael. As Fletcher searched through the jungle, Alexandra was shown comforting a sick child. **Coming:** A news-making wedding.

Loving: Curtis set fire to PINS, unaware that Louie was inside. Guilt-ridden over what his jealousy led to, Curtis rescued Louie, then left Corinth. Clay figured out Curtis was responsible for the fire. A devastated Dinah Lee moved out of the mansion. Buck realized the woman in his dreams is Stacey. Alex made plans to rejoin the police department. **Coming:** Dinah Lee tries to recover.

One Life To Live: After receiving a package of Bobby's possessions, Luna was flooded with memories of him. Todd, Zach and Powell were sentenced to jail. Angela returned some incriminating love letters to Cain. Nora had reason to believe she was responsible for Sarah's death and was urged to tell Bo. A disguised Dorian intimated to Emily that Sloan may be interested in her as more than just a research assistant. **Coming:** Emily does Dorian's bidding.

Young & Restless: Victor brought Hope to Genoa City, introduced her to Douglas and ordered a new wardrobe for her. Ashley wondered about Jack's insistence on investigating her fiancée. Nina agreed to move in with Ryan. After some hesitation about mixing his business and personal lives, Brad accepted Lauren's job offer and planned to resign from Newman Ent. Cole read a note Victoria gave him expressing her feelings toward him and kissed her passionately. **Coming:** Cole is forced to choose.

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"The NOVA Quiz" gives viewers a chance to join some of NOVA's most ardent fans to test their wits over general science questions. (Classical languages not required.)

Among the contestants, who were selected from a cross-section of NOVA viewers from around the country, are a graphic artist, a high school principal, an event planner and a cattle rancher. Their broad science knowledge proves that science education is alive and well in front of the TV screen on Tuesday nights.

Later in the season, science fan Bill Cosby joins the 20th anniversary celebration when he hosts "Great Moments from NOVA," a 90-minute feast of unforgettable footage from exploding volcanoes to "singing" chimps airing Tuesday, December 7 at 8 p.m.

In early 1994, NOVA goes back to basics in a big way with "Human Origins" (working title), a three-part special on the evolutionary lineage of the human species, hosted by noted anthropologist Don Johanson. "Human Origins" airs on three successive nights: Monday, February 28; Tuesday, March 1, and Wednesday, March 2, at 8 p.m.

Other offerings during the 20th anniversary include desperadoes, psychics, medical miracles, thrills, spills, and dinosaurs!

On Tuesday, October 12 at 8 p.m., viewers may think they've tuned-in to a horse opera. Nope. It's Clyde Snow, the forensic cowboy, hot on the trail of the mortal remains of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, on "Wanted: Butch and Sundance."

On Tuesday, October 19 at 8 p.m., a detective of a different sort—magician James "The Amazing" Randi—sleuths the truth behind claims of paranormal powers on "Secrets of the Psychics."

On Tuesday, October 26 at 8 p.m., three people with terminal lung disease await the most complex of all organ transplants, a new lung, on "Dying to Breathe."

On Tuesday, November 2 at 8 p.m., the magnificent, endangered condor soars over California, where it is rapidly disappearing, and over the Andes, where it thankfully still flourishes, on "Shadow of the Condor."

On Tuesday, November 9 at 8 p.m., the movie "Jurassic Park" gets peer reviewed as experts try to figure out how dinosaurs could be brought back to life, on "The Real Jurassic Park."

On Tuesday, November 16 at 8 p.m., viewers go for the ride of their lives as they explore the science in which Newtonian mechanics and primal fear overlap, on "Roller Coaster!"

On Tuesday, November 30 at 8 p.m., investigators puzzle over the wreckage of a passenger jet that inexplicably went down in Panama, on "Mysterious Crash of Flight 201."

On Tuesday, December 21 at 8 p.m., the late teacher, genius and eccentric physicist Richard Feynman is profiled, on "The Best Mind Since Einstein."

On Tuesday, December 28 at 8 p.m., viewers meet two men with a puzzling condition called visual agnosia, which prevents them from recognizing faces and familiar objects, on "Stranger in the Mirror."

In 1994, NOVA will air programs on dinosaurs in China, cryptography,

experimental aircraft, hit Kilimanjaro, aircraft carriers and the scourge of tobacco smoking in China.

Last year, NOVA garnered several major broadcast and film awards, including two Emmys (for "Suicide Mission to Chernobyl" and "The Russian Right Stuff," an AAAS Westinghouse Science Journalism Award (for Eclipse of the Century) and an American Heart Association Howard W. Blakestein Award (for "Avoiding the Surgeon's Knife"). Earlier this year, the WGBH Science Unit, which produces NOVA, was honored with an Ohio State Award and a George Foster Peabody Award for the mini-series "The Machine That Changed the World."

Women

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bondage; the diatribe entries of Catherine Hammond, a plantation mistress trapped in the role of the delicate Southern lady; and the 20th century autobiographical and fictional writing of Ellen Glasgow, Zora Neal Hurston and Eudora Welty.

MacKethan said it took the better part of the century for Southern women writers to find the will to tell their own stories, and to say to those who would dominate them, "I am not who you say I am."

She believes that William Faulkner's portrayal of fragile and weak-minded Southern women is no longer an appropriate literary model. Instead, she presents Lee Smith's "Fair and Tender Ladies" and Alice Walker's "The Color Purple" as examples of contemporary Southern writers whose characters honor their roots, lay claim to the future, and find new ways to voice the Southern woman's experience.

"Daughters of Time" is being used as a textbook supplement by a public school system in Texas and at the prestigious Phillips Exeter Academy to highlight the literary and historic contributions of Southern women writers.

MacKethan is serving as a consultant for a National Public Radio play that is based on her account of Harriet Jacobs, stories. The program, scheduled to air in the fall, is supported by the North Carolina Humanities Council.

Music

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The Buffalo Evening News cites Rosenbaum's "deeply embedded sense of style and historical setting" and his "unusual musical understanding," while the Boston Globe writes that he offers "musicianship of an altogether rare order."

Season tickets for the William S. Newman Artists Series are \$35 for the general public, \$30 for senior citizens and \$16 for students. Tickets for individual concerts are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. Tickets are available by writing to Music From the Hill, Music Department, UNC-CH, CB# 3320, Hill Hall, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-3320.

Contributions also can be made to the Music From the Hill Support Fund to supplement the Newman series. For information, call the music department at (919) 962-1039.