ABOUT TV

By Deborah Quinerly

America's first black news magazine program will make its premier in October on commercial television stations around the country.

The eagerly awaited Emmy-Award winning news magazine show, "America's Black Forum," has finally come to commercial television after an 11-year tenure on public television.

In our area, it can be seen on Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on WRC, Channel 4, and on WBFF, Channel 45, on Mondays at 12:30 a.m.

"America's Black Forum ("ABF") is the first and only black news magazine of its kind on commercial television.

"ABF" is the only syndicated news magazine that covers national issues from a black perspective.

The show is hosted by Julian Bond, one of the foremost civil rights leaders in recent history and the first black to sit in the Georgia Legislature since Reconstruction.

JULIAN BOND

The program will provide a forum for major personalities and newsmakers directly affecting the black experience.

Bond will bring his particular background and experience as an interviewer to these discussions with the key leadership of the national and international community.

Another unique feature of "ABC's" news magazine format will be its rotating segments featuring news stories and exclusive features, including "Blacks in Sports," which will go behind the scores and headlines to explore the real relationship of sports to the black experience.

60,000 excess black deaths annually have prompted "ABF" to examine the ongoing health related problems that remain a challenge to the ongoing health care leadership in America.

Black business enterprise has grown in staggering proportions since 1968 and "America's Black Forum" will be the only television news magazine in America examining this phenomenon on an ongoing basis.

The fall programming schedule offers a thoughtful and thought-provoking array of shows — an examination of the music industry and black America, the AIDS epidemic and drugs in the black community, and a study of some of the most important media personalities today, including Oprah Winfrey, Ed Bradley, and Bill Cosby.

"ABF" will not be confined to the studio. A substantial portion of the program will be produced in the field and will be anchored by veteran print and broadcast journalist Kim McCullough.

Whether in the field or in the studio, "America's Black Forum" will ask the difficult questions and cover the difficult stories. In addition, the program hopes to widen our sometimes limited scope of news in America and the world.

"America's Black Forum" is being produced at WRC-TV, the NBC-owned station in Washington, D.C., under the direction of Mr. Gene Davis, Executive Producer and Executive Vice President of UniWorld Entertainment.

Davis previously developed the highly successful show "Essence," which ran for five years in 60 domestic markets and nine foreign countries.

WJZ-TV will broadcast live, "The Gun Ban: A WJZ Town Meeting" special on Monday (31) beginning at 8:00 p.m. The one hour special with host Al Sanders, "Eyewitness News" Anchor, will explore the issues surrounding Maryland's controversial bill that proposes to ban "Saturday Night Specials."

Studio and viewing audiences will have an opportunity to hear opposing views of the bill and to talk with experts representing each viewpoint. "We believe in holding town meetings," says Jonathan Klein, Vice President and General Manager. "In the case of the 'Gun Ban . . .' special, our aim is to help Marylanders get the facts about the bill and to provide an outlet for discussion in order for us to vote intelligently on November 8th."

"The Gun Ban: A WJZ Town Meeting" is produced by Crystal Johns. Eric Temple is Executive Producer and Mike Easterling is Program Manager.

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Edward Woodward was awarded an NAACP "Special Citation" for his outstanding portrayal in the title role of "The Equalizer," broadcast Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m. on Channels 9 and 11.

Leroy Mobley, National Director of the NAACP Prison Program, says the series has "encouraged millions to continue to hold to the belief that despite the odds, justice will prevail.

This is the same belief on which the NAACP was founded almost 80 years ago, and which it has vigorously struggled to implement." The citation was presented to Woodward at "The Equalizer" filming site on the 17th in New York.

TV CAPSULES

Sunday, October 30

"THE AFRICANS: In Search of Stability" (5-6:00 p.m.) Part 6. The program contrasts Islamic and Westernized military regimes and looks at examples of the one-party state. Channel 26.

Monday, October 31

"CAMPAIGN: Promises! Promises!" (9-10:00 p.m.) Bill Moyers reports on the people of Queens, N.Y. who, beset by crime and drugs, feel that government at all levels has failed to keep its promise to its citizens to maintain order. Channels 22, 26, 32, and 67.

"SEXUALITY AND AGING" (10-11:00 p.m.) This documentary explores the attitudes, myths and realities of sexuality for older adults. Channels 22 and 67.

Tuesday, November 1

"GUN BAN SPECIAL" (8-9:00 p.m.) Channel 11.

"WOMEN: Myth and Reality; (11:30 p.m.-12:00 midnight) An interesting look at the changes that have taken place for women in recent years and the barriers that still exist. Channels 22 and 67.

Wednesday, November 2

THE MIND: Addiction (8-9:00 p.m.) Part 4 of 9. this episode examines the development of addictions and how recovery is governed by factors influencing brain and mind. Channels 22 and 67.

"MARYLAND: 88 VOTE (9:30-10:00) Anchored by Al Sanders and Denise Koch, the special will include a review of the 1988 election, emphasizing the Presidential race in Maryland. Other segments include local poll results and a ballot preview with an explanation of how the Gun Ban Repeal will appear. Channel 13.

Thursday, November 3

"MOTOWN RETURNS TO THE APOLLO" (8-11:00 p.m.) Channel 45.

Kimberly Russell (Sarah) is getting into the tourist mode as she visits Moscow with her fellow players on "Head of the Class" in a special hour-long episode which will air on Channels 7 and 13, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 28, 1988

	WMAR 2	WRC 4	WTTG 5	WJLA 7	WUSA 9	WBAL 11	WJZ 13	WDCA 20	WETA 26	WHMM 32	WBFF 45	WMPB 67	HBO
7:00	Today	Today	Ghostbusters	Good Morning	This Morning	This Morning	Good Morning	Scooby Doo	MacNeil/		Tom/Jerry	Focus/Society	Wash. Irving
7:30	"	"	Menace	America	"	"	America	G.I. Joe	Lehrer		DuckTales	Kangaroo	Tom Sawyer
8:00	"	"	Woody	"	"	"	"	Jem	Kangaroo		Dennis	Sesame	Movie: "The
8:30	"	"	My Little Pony	"	"	"	"	Snorks	Mister Rogers		Tom/Jerry	Street	Heart Is a
9:00	Donahue	Group 1	I Love Lucy	Geraldo	Donahue	Live – Regis	Hour Maga-	Richard Rob-	Sesame	Business	SilverHawks	Mister Rogers	Lonely Hun-
9:30	"	Fam. Med.	Alice	"	"	& Kathie Lee	zine	erts	Street	For People	Save/Children	Instructional	ter"
10:00	S.J. Raphael	Sale	Bewitched	Sally Jessy	Live – Regis	Sup. Court	Newlywed	700 Club	Sesame	Spotlight	Wild, Wild	Programming	Movie:
10:30	Cl. Conc.	Cl. Conc.	Jeannie	Raphael	& Kathie Lee	Peo. Court	Sweethearts	"	Street	European	West	"	"Night,
11:00	Wheel-Fortune	Wheel-Fortune	Love Boat	The Judge	Price Is Right	Price Is Right	Divorce Court	Success-N-	"	New Literacy	Big Valley	"	Mother"
11:30	Lose or Draw	Lose or Draw	"	News	"	"	Group 1	Life	Zoobilee Zoo	Focus/Society	"	First Things	"
12:00	News	Password	Hour Maga-	Home	News	News	News	Movie: "Nep-	Health	Animals	Quincy	First	Kids in Crisis
12:30	Scrabble	Scrabble	zine	Loving	Young and	Young and	After Noon	tune Disaster"	Health	Ideas	"	Instructional	"
1:00	Days of Our	Days of Our	Bunkers Pl	All My Child-	the Restless	the Restless	All My Child-	"	Nova	Evening Ex-	Movie:	Programming	Movie: "Tran-
1:30	Lives	Lives	Day at a Time	ren	Bold/Beautiful	Bold/Beautiful	ren	"	"	change	"Who's Mind-	"	sylvania
2:00	Another World	Another World	Beaver	One Life to	As the World	As the World	One Life to	New Gidget	Innovation	The Africans	ing the Mint?"	"	6-5000"
2:30	"	"	Tom/Jerry	Live	Turns	Turns	Live	Yogi Bear	All About TV	"	"	Cooking Now	Movie: "Amity-
3:00	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	Chipmunks	General Hos-	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	General Hos-	Smurfs	Open Mind	Mod. Maturity	Jem	Justin Wilson	ville III: The
3:30	"	"	DuckTales	pital	"	"	pital	Jetsons	Sesame	Painting Land.	Tom/Jerry	Mister Rogers	Demon"
4:00	Oprah Winfrey	Sup. Court	Finder Keeper	Magnum, P.I.	Oprah Winfrey	Geraldo	Diff. Strokes	Fun House	Street	Cooking	Chipmunks	Sesame	Tales of Wash-
4:30	"	Peo. Court	Double Dare	"	"	"	Gimme Break	C.O.P.S.	Sesame	Modern TV	Double Dare	Street	ington Irving
5:00	News	News	Silver Spoons	News	News	Live at Five	Cosby Show	Bradly Bunch	Street	Sq. 1 TV	Fun House	Sq. 1 TV	Movie: "The
5:30	"	"	Gimme Break	"	News	"	Family Ties	Webster	Sq. 1 TV	3-2-1 Contact	Andy Griffith	3-2-1 Contact	Great Santini"
6:00	News	News	Family Ties	News	"	News	News	"	3-2-1 Contact	MacNeil/	Star Trek	MacNeil/	"
6:30	NBC News	"	3's Company	ABC News	CBS News	CBS News	"	Facts of Life	Business Rpt.	Lehrer	"	Lehrer	"
7:00	Wheel-Fortune	NBC News	Cosby Show	Jeopardy!	USA Today	Lose or Draw	ABC News	Night Court	MacNeil/	Evening Ex-	Star Trek	Business Rpt.	Inside the
7:30	Jeopardy!	Family Feud	Current Affair	Ent. Tonight	Wheel-Fortune	Family Feud	Evening Mag.	Cheers	Lehrer	change	"	Health	NFL
8:00	Sonny Spoon	Sonny Spoon	Movie: "The	Strangers	Charlie Brown	Charlie Brown	Strangers	Movie: "Car-	Wash. Week	Coach's Show	Star Trek:	Wash. Week	Movie: "The
8:30	"	"	Jerk"	Full House	Garfield	Garfield	Full House	rie"	Wall St. Week	Black Focus	Next Gener.	Wall St. Week	Wraith"
9:00	Something Is	Something Is	"	Mr. Belvedere	Dallas	Dallas	Mr. Belvedere	"	Great Per-	Mys./Sherlock	War of the	Great Per-	"
9:30	out There	out There	"	Just 10 of Us	"	"	Just 10 of Us	"	formances	"	Worlds	formances	Movie: "The
10:00	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	News	20/20	Falcon Crest	Falcon Crest	20/20	"	"The Mikado"	Open Forum	BTV	"The Mikado"	Believers"
10:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	All in Family	"	"	"	"	"
11:00	News	News	Under Siege	News	News	News	News	Dating Game	Ideas	Ideas	Morton Dow-	Ideas	"
11:30	Cheers	Best of Car-	M*A*S*H	Nightline	Music Video	Ent. Tonight	Nightline	Relatively	EastEnders	MacNeil/	ney Jr.	Movie: "Count	Movie: "Wis-
12:00	Benson	son	Hill Street	On Trial	Connection	Current Affair	USA Today	Sweet Char-	Metro Week	Lehrer	Kojak	Dracula"	dom"
12:30	D. Letterman	D. Letterman	Blues	Sweethearts	"	Barney Miller	Taxi	lotte	Sign-Off	Business Rpt.	"	"	"

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 1988

	WMAR 2	WRC 4	WTTG 5	WJLA 7	WUSA 9	WBAL 11	WJZ 13	WDCA 20	WETA 26	WHMM 32	WBFF 45	WMPB 67	HBO
7:00	Kidsongs	Kidsongs	Tom and	Weekend Spcl	Mighty Mouse	Garden Living	Vid Kids	700 Club	Sesame		Comic Strip	Marketing	"The Princess
7:30	Transformers	3 Stories Tall	Jerry	Ghost Stories	Storybreak	Neighbhd.	Dr. Fad	"	Street		Cont'd	Marketing	Bride" Cont'd
8:00	Kissyfur	Kissyfur	Bionic Woman	Flintstones	Raggedy Ann	Urban Scene	Flintstones	RoboCop	Sesame		"	Management	Movie: "The
8:30	Gummi Bears	Gummi Bears	"	Winnie the	Superman	Superman	Winnie the	Munsters Tdy.	Street		"	Management	Secret of My
9:00	Smurfs	Smurfs	Batman Hour	Pooh	Muppet Ba-	Muppet Ba-	Pooh	Out of World	Growing a	Adam Smith	Movie:	Jacques	Success"
9:30	"	"	"	Silmerf & Real	bies	bies	Silmerf & Real	Am. Top Ten	Mod. Maturity	Computer	"There's a	Cousteau	"
10:00	ALF	ALF	Comedy Hour	Ghostbusters	Pee-wee Play.	Pee-wee Play.	Ghostbusters	Soul Train	Wall St. Wk.	Hobby Shop	Girl in My	Collectors	Inside the
10:30	"	"	"	Scooby Doo	In Our Lives	Garfield	Scooby Doo	"	Wash. Week	Roughing It	Soup"	A House	NFL
11:00	Chipmunks	Chipmunks	Fall Guy	Bugs Bunny &	Hey, Vern	Different Just	4-1-One	War of the	Metro Week	Madeleine	A & C	Hometime	Survival
11:30	Ed Grimley	Ed Grimley	"	Tweety Show	Flip!	It's Academic	Superboy	Worlds	Am. Interests	Easy Preserve	Get Smart	Previews	"
12:00	2 Hip 4 TV	2 Hip 4 TV	WWF Wres-	College Foot-	Dr. Fad	Race for Your	College Foot-	Big Valley	Adam Smith	Yan Cooks	College Foot-	Yan Cooks	The Worst
12:30	Weight	"	tling	ball: Maryland	Triple Threat	Life, Charlie	ball: Maryland	"	Tony Brown	Coach's Show	ball: Notre	So. Cooking	Witch
1:00	Guns of Will	Golden Greats	Movie: "Love	at North Caro-	Siskel & Ebert	Brown!	at North Caro-	Bonanza	"	Firing Line	Dame at Navy	Justin Wilson	"
1:30	Sonnett	The Sheriff	at First Bite"	lina	Canter. Ghost	Realities	lina	"	"	Sci. Jrnl	"	Painting	Movie: "Real
2:00	PBA Bowling:	PBA Bowling:	"	"	This/NFL	Neighbhd.	"	High Chapar-	Garden	Columbia at	"	Lap Quilting	Men"
2:30	Fall Tour	Kodak Open	"	"	College Foot-	College Foot-	"	ral	Yan Cooks	Howard	"	Cats/Dogs	"
3:00	"	"	Scooby-Doo	Women	ball: Penn	ball: Penn	College Foot-	Alias Smith	So. Cooking	"	For. Lean	Garden	Atlantic Re-
3:30	SportsWorld	SportsWorld	and the Ghoul	College Foot-	State at West	State at West	ball: Washing-	and Jones	Life Matters	"	T and T.	Woodwright	cords 40th
4:00	PGA Golf: Dis-	PGA Golf: Dis-	School	ball: Washing-	Virginia	Virginia	ton State at	Munsters Tdy.	T. Old House	"	WWF Wres-	Old House-	Movie: "The
4:30	ney Classic	ney Classic	"	ton State at	"	"	"	From Scratch	Frug. Gourmet	Nova	tling	Old House	Diary of Anne
5:00	"	"	World of Dis-	UCLA	"	"	UCLA	Charles	Great Chefs	"	Star Trek	Motorweek	Frank"
5:30	"	"	ney	"	"	"	"	Superboy	Around Town	Perkins	"	Newtons	"
6:00	News	News	Small Wonder	"	News	News	"	Star Trek:	CE News	K-I-D-S	Movie: "Fran-	Nature	Movie: "The
6:30	Front Page	NBC News	Silver Spoons	"	CBS News	Urban Scene	"	Next Gener.	Power/Choice	OWL/TV	kenstein"	"	Princess
7:00	Wheel-Fortune	Redskins Rp.	3's Company	Jeopardy!	Inside Wash.	Small Wonder	News	War of the	The Mind	DeGrassi High	"	Faerie Tale	Bride"
7:30	Jeopardy!	McLaughlin	M*A*S*H	Mama	Redskins	Webster	Square Off	Worlds	"	Ramona	"	Theatre	"
8:00	227	227	Reporters	Scandals	Dirty Dancing	Dirty Dancing	Scandals	Fri. the 13th	The Horse in	Previews	Reporters	World of Dis-	Movie: "The
8:30	Amen	Amen	"	"	"	"	"	Series	Sport	Newt's Apple	"	ney	Secret of My
9:00	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Beyond To-	Police Story	Simon & Si-	Simon & Si-	Police Story	Nightmare on	World at War	Evening Ex-	Beyond To-	National Geo-	Success"
9:30	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	morrow	"	mon	mon	"	Elm Street	"	change	morrow	graphic	"
10:00	Hunter	Hunter	News	"	West 57th	West 57th	"	Monsters	Movie: "Count	Saturday Nite	Cash Ev. Day	Robin Hood	Boxing: Julio
10:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Redskins Sat.	Dracula"	Sling	For. Lean	"	Chavez vs.
11:00	News	News	Comic Strip	News	News	News	News	Movie: "Life-	"	"	BTV	Doctor Who	Jose Ramirez
11:30	Saturday	Saturday	"	Twilight Zone	USA Today	WWF Super-	Twilight Zone	force"	"	30 Good Min.	"	"	Movie: "Deliv-
12:00	Night's Main	Night's Main	"My Blood	D.C. Follies	"	stars	Fri. the 13th	"	"	Business Rpt.	Get Smart	"	erance"
12:30	Event	Event	Runs Cold"	Lifestyles	Divorce Court	Wrestling	Series	"	A Perfect Spy	Sign-Off	Solotlex	"	"

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7:00	Oral Roberts	Headlines	Oral Roberts	A. Dekruyther	Christian Life	Later Years	Real-Reel	Funtastic	Sesame		Kenneth	Behavior	Phantom
7:30	Lift Ev. Voice	Blk Forum	Frederick K.	Discovery	Real to Reel	Urban Scene	Dangermouse	World of	Street		Copeland	Oceanus	Little Women
8:00	Sunday Today	News Forum	Price	Bauman Bible	God Love You	Gospel Var.	Love Boat	Hanna-	Sesame		Sonshine	Oceanus	Tom Sawyer
8:30	"	It's Academic	Capital City	Telecast	World Tom.	D. Horowitz	"	Barbera	Street		World Tom.	Adam Smith	Movie: "The