

TV HIGHLIGHTS

SPORTS: Please see "For the Record" in Sports (CC - Closed captioned for hearing impaired)

Features

- Animal Crack-Ups, Noon (5, 23) Shari Lewis; Stephen Bishop, Jean Kasem; Andrew Stevens.
Movie, Las Vegas Roundabout. Noon (8) Robert Wagner, Eddie Albert. (1975, Mystery) Private investigators try to prove the innocence of a known safecracker.
Movie, Hercules Unchained. Noon (19) Steve Reeves, Sylvia Koscina. (1960, Action-adventure) The Greek hero fights to free his wife from two warring kingdoms.
Just for Kicks, 1 p.m. (3) A young boy attempts to please his father through magic.
Golf, 1 p.m. (5, 23) MONY Tournament of Champions, Third Round. From La Costa Country Club.
Pro Basketball, 1:30 p.m. (8) Atlanta Hawks at Dallas Mavericks.
College Basketball, 2 p.m. (3) UCLA at Louisville.
College Football, 3 p.m. (43) East West Shrine Bowl. From Palo Alto, Calif.
College Football, 4 p.m. (3) Hula Bowl. From Honolulu. Top senior players play in this all-star game.
College Basketball, 4 p.m. (8) Nevada-Las Vegas at Providence.
College Basketball, 4 p.m. (19) Illinois at Wisconsin.
Wide World of Sports, 4:30 p.m. (5, 23) Skiing, World Cup men's downhill; U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
Nature, 6 p.m. (25) Costa Rica: Paradise Reclaimed. A scientist uses innovative plans to create a park.
Degraasi Junior High, 7 p.m. (25) The Experiment. Joey pretends to sell drugs. (CC)
College Basketball, 7:30 p.m. (19) Western Illinois at Cleveland State.
The Facts of Life, 8 p.m. (3) Jo's father takes an instant dislike to her boyfriend. (CC)
Dolly, 8 p.m. (5, 23) Guests: Kenny Rogers, Charles Durning, James Gregory. (CC)
High Mountain Rangers, 8 p.m. (8) Jesse stands accused of murdering a crazed killer.
Wonderworks, 8 p.m. (25, 49) A baby sitter involves her charge in adventures at the local park. (CC)
Movie, Heaven's Gate. 8 p.m. (43) Kris Kristofferson, Christopher Walken. (1980, Western) Director Michael Cimino's \$40-million flop about immigrant settlers of 19th-century Wyoming.
227, 8:30 p.m. (3) Mary catches Lester dancing with his old girlfriend. (CC)

- The Golden Girls, 9 p.m. (3) Rose and Blanche take a dislike to Dorothy's author friend. (CC)
Ohara, 9 p.m. (5, 23) A defense contractor's murder leads Shaver and Ohara into an investigation of a floating casino. (CC)
Houston Knights, 9 p.m. (8) After a Latin councilwoman is attacked, the detectives investigate a group of racist college students. (CC)
Amen, 9:30 p.m. (3) Frye sneaks into the Reverend's apartment to erase a phone message. (CC)
Cleveland Browns Special, 10 p.m. (3) Mile-High Showdown: Next Year Is Now. A preview of the Browns-Broncos AFC Championship game.
Cleveland Browns Special, 10 p.m. (5) The Championship: Super Bowl Bound.
High School Wrestling, 10:30 p.m. (25) St. Edwards vs. North Allegheny.
20th Annual NAACP Image Awards, 11:30 p.m. (3) Awards are presented to those who project a positive image of blacks.
Movie, The Prisoner of Second Avenue. 11:30 p.m. (8) Jack Lemmon, Anne Bancroft. (1975, Comedy-drama) Neil Simon's bittersweet comedy about a supposedly successful New York executive who suddenly finds himself out of a job - and can't cope with it.
Movie, Night of the Cobra Woman. 11:30 p.m. (19) Joy Bang, Mariene Clark. (1972, Horror) While traveling through the Philippines, an American encounters a strange cult that worships a cobra.

RADIO SELECTIONS

- Metropolitan Opera, 1:30 p.m. (WCLV-FM/95.5) Wagner: "Das Rheingold" (live from New York).
Pittsburgh Symphony, 3 p.m. (WKSU-FM/89.7) Wagner: "Siegfried Idyll"; Stephen Albert: Violin Concerto in One Movement; Mendelssohn: Scherzo for Orchestra (after the Octet in E flat, Op. 20); Symphony No. 4 in A, Op. 90, "Italian" (Fritz Seigal, violin; Gerard Schwarz, conductor).
Good Evening with Noah Adams, 6 p.m. (WKSU) Guests include Townes Van Zandt, singer Guy Clark and Twin Cities guitarist Pat Donohue, National Fingerpicking Champion.
Super Gold, 7 p.m. (WHK-AM/1420) National call-in request show, live from Hollywood with Mike Harvey.
College Basketball, 7:30 p.m. (WHK, WBKC-AM/1460) Cleveland State hosts Western Illinois.

PRIME TIME TONIGHT

Table with columns for time slots (8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30) and corresponding TV programs across various channels like 3, 5, 8, 19, 23, 25, 43, 49, A&E, AMC, BET, CBN, DIS, ESPN, HBO, LIFE, MAX, NASH, NICK, SHO, TMC, USA, WOR, WTBS.

A&E-Arts & Entertainment; AMC-American Movie Classics; BET-Black Entertainment; CBN-Christian Broadcasting; DIS-Disney; ESPN-Entertainment-Sports; HBO-Home Box Office; LIFE-Lifetime; MAX-Cinemas; NASH-Nashville; NICK-Nickelodeon; SHO-Showtime; TMC-The Movie Channel; WWOR-New York; WTBS-Atlanta.

MORNING

- 8 a.m.: Gummi Bears (CC), Care Bears (CC), Furry Tale Theater, Wild, Wild West, American Adventure.
8:30 a.m.: Smurfs, Little Clowns, Muppet Babies (CC), American Adventure, Uniquely Lorain.
9 a.m.: My Pet Monster (CC), Maverick, Sesame Street (CC), Kastaway Kulis.
9:30 a.m.: Pound Puppies (CC), Good Fishing.
10 a.m.: ALF, Little Wizards (CC), Pee-wee's Playhouse, Wrestling Spotlight, Mister Rogers, Walleye Magazine.
10:30 a.m.: Alvin and Chipmunks, Ghostbusters (CC), Mighty Mouse (CC), 3-2-1 Contact (CC), Visionaries, This Old House (CC).
11 a.m.: Fraggle Rock, Entertainment This Week, Popeye and Son, Superstars, Sesame Street (CC), Three Stooges.
11:30 a.m.: New Archies, Dennis the Menace, Bugs Bunny/Tweety (CC).

AFTERNOON

- Noon: Foofur, Animal Crack-Ups, Microwaves, World Wide Wrestling, Daniel Boone.
6 p.m.: News, New Monkees (R), Nature (CC), Star Trek, One by One.

12:30 p.m.

- I'm Telling, Calgary Games, City Club Forum, Victory Garden (CC), Just for Kicks, Golf, Three Stooges, Firing Line, Iron Horse.
1:30 p.m.: Sports Legends, Pro Basketball, Captain Power.
2 p.m.: College Basketball, Victory Garden (CC), Dukes of Hazzard, McLaughlin Group, Cisco Kid.
2:30 p.m.: Frugal Gourmet, Wild Bill Hickok.
3 p.m.: Bowling, Woodwright's Shop, College Football, Hopalong Cassidy.
3:30 p.m.: Kovels on Collecting.
4 p.m.: College Football, College Basketball, College Basketball, Sesame Street (CC), Cities, Annie Oakley.
4:30 p.m.: Wide World of Sports, The Rebel.
5 p.m.: Wild America (CC), Anniversary of Berlin, Range Rider.
5:30 p.m.: NatureScene, Tax Reform, Death Valley Days.

6:30 p.m.

- Academic Challenge, CBS News, Mork and Mindy, ABC News (CC), National Geographic, Wheel of Fortune, Small Wonder (R) (CC), T and T.
7 p.m.: Crook and Chase, Degraasi Junior High (CC), Trek: Next Generation (CC), Gunsmoke, Ohio Lottery, Dom DeLuise, College Basketball, RockSchool.
8 p.m.: Facts of Life (CC), Dolly (CC).
8:30 p.m.: Golden Girls (CC), Ohara (CC), Houston Knights (CC), Doctor Who, Your Show of Shows, Home Shopping.
9:25 p.m.: Your Show of Shows.

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- Amen (CC), Boys Will Be Boys, Mile High Showdown: Browns Special, Super Bowl Bound: Browns Special, Spenser: Hire (CC), West 57th, Women in Prison, It Takes a Thief, Beans Baxter (R) (CC), High School Wrestling, Carson's Comedy.
11 p.m.: News, Mr. President, Sanford and Son, American Art Forum, The Avengers.
11:15 p.m.: ABC News (CC).
11:30 p.m.: NAACP Image Awards, Movie: The Prisoner of Second Avenue, Jack Lemmon. (1975, Comedy-drama), Movie: Night of the Cobra Woman, Joy Bang, Mariene Clark. (1972, Horror), Benny Hill.
Midnight: Black Champions (CC), Hit Squad.
12:30 a.m.: McHale's Navy.
1 a.m.: Showtime at Apollo, GED: Writing, Jungle Jim.
1:30 a.m.: American Bandstand, Jack Benny.
2 a.m.: Movie: The Long Voyage Home, John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell. (1940, Drama).
3 a.m.: Movie: Hell Divers, Clark Gable, Wallace Beery. (1937, Adventure).
4 a.m.: Movie: History Is Made at Night, Charles Boyer, Jean Arthur. (1937, Romance).

JOHN DARLING



Racing a war across Europe

By MICHAEL HILL BALTIMORE EVENING SUN

LOS ANGELES — Kenneth Branagh admits that he hadn't read, or even heard of, the trilogy of books by Olivia Manning that forms the basis for "Fortunes of War," the new "Masterpiece Theater" that begins tomorrow (10 p.m. WVIZ Channel 25 and WEOA Channel 49). "When I did read them, I discovered there was a big sort of cult following for them," Branagh said at a reception publicizing "Masterpiece Theater" and "Mystery."



Forced to flee across Europe to keep one step ahead of the Nazis, newlyweds Harriet and Guy Pringle (Emma Thompson and Ken Branagh) find their marriage and their lives in jeopardy in "Fortunes of War," which debuts Sunday night.

Branagh, a very hot young British actor, plays the husband, Guy Pringle, in this story of a marriage that gets blown across the southern part of Europe, and finally into Egypt, by the hurricane of World War II. The story begins as the newlyweds, Guy and Harriet, arrive in Bucharest, Romania, where he is to take a position at the English University and she is to be a devoted housewife. Guy is an idealist who seems to have nothing but love for humanity. Unfortunately, he doesn't have very much left over for his wife.

"He was very intelligent, but he is a certain type of Englishman who could not confront people one to one," Branagh said of his character. "He could only deal with society, not with individuals."

"He had shallow contact with a lot of people, but few significant contacts. I look at him as a tragic figure. Of course, the worst thing for Harriet was that she kept hearing from everyone all the wonderful things about this man. She assumed everything must be her fault. When he finally breaks down at the end, it effects everybody deeply because they had looked up to him as someone who would never break down."

The production, filmed in Yugoslavia, Greece and Egypt, is thought to be the most expensive dramatic project by the BBC, costing about \$10 million to \$12 million, depending on the exchange rate. It caused a sensation when

aired in England this past fall. Branagh, 27, caused a sensation of his own on the London stage a few years back when he played the lead in the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "Henry V," one of the youngest ever to perform the role in a major production. He has since formed his own theater company, which tours England.

Harriet is also played by a performer with a face familiar to the British, but who is virtually unknown on this side of the Atlantic. But Emma Thompson has made the most of her considerable reputation in comedy, including a popular stand-up act. The introverted Harriet, who gradually emerges from her shyness during the Pringles' journeys and is finally able to stand up to Guy, is far from a comic role.

"I didn't know if I was capable of doing it," Thompson said. "I was looking at the scripts and considering it when Jim (director James Cellan Jones) said that I should go ahead and try to do it because I would either do it very well or very badly."

She does it very well, one of many admirable aspects of this production. "Fortunes of War" has a look, indeed an almost tangible feel, of its time, the early 1940s. Plus, it presents an interesting

slice of World War II, one virtually unknown to an American audience, that of the Nazi advance through the small countries of southeastern Europe, which were already wracked by internal turmoil.

"Fortunes of War" depicts Bucharest as a city at once swirling in the maelstrom and littered with the flotsam and jetsam of the storms that had already devastated other countries. The Pringles find themselves in the midst of this strange international community, observing with an odd detachment the tragedies that befell Romanian life.

The audience gets involved by becoming just as enchanted by Guy as everyone in the story, including Harriet. He seems so full of good intentions and right thinking, always trying to do the proper thing in very trying circumstances, that you discover his true colors only a few steps ahead of the smitten, dependent Harriet.

Thus Harriet's ability to finally confront him and stand up for herself takes on a heroism that mirrors the tragedy of Guy.

For all its international sweep, "Fortunes of War" remains a small, personal story of what happens to a few people during this terrible upheaval. It should provide compelling companionship during the Sunday evenings of winter.

WVIZ tests service for sight impaired

If there's a strange buzzing coming from your TV set while you're tuned to WVIZ Channel 25 this weekend, it's all part of an experiment to test a new service for the visually impaired. Channel 25 is one of nine stations around the country testing the system, known as the Descriptive Video Service. DVS uses a special audio channel, found on most stereo TVs, to transmit brief, spoken information about what is being seen on the screen.

The system goes into action at 9 p.m. Monday, with the airing of the "American Playhouse" production of "Strange Interlude." But for five-minute periods at 11 a.m., 6 and 11 p.m. today and tomorrow, the station will test the system by transmitting a buzzing sound. The sound can be eliminated when the viewer hits the SAP (second audio program channel) button.

For more information about DVS, call the station at 398-2800.

MAPLE HEIGHTS MAYOR ... Dennis Love, that is, will be interviewed on "Eastwatch," a cable community affairs program being shown 10:30 a.m. tomorrow and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday on Viacom Cablevision's Channel 34. Interviewing the newly elected mayor will be program host Dr. Joseph Miller, associate dean at the College of Arts and Sciences at John Carroll University.

TELEVISION

FIRST TV STAR ... Milton Berle, who started his TV career in 1948 as the host of "Texaco Star Theater," will revisit those days in the retrospective special "Milton Berle: The Second Time Around" (10 p.m. Tuesday on WOIO Channel 19). Included is original footage, not seen since it was first aired. On the vintage film will be Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

LOCAL SITCOM ... "The POOB's Misadventure Road," a local situation comedy written by Bob Melcher and starring comedian "Crash Coffin," will air this month on local cable systems. It can be seen on Viacom's channel 34 today (1:30 and 7 p.m.), Tuesday (6 p.m.) and Thursday (9 p.m.); on Cablevision's Channel 36 Jan. 25 (4 p.m.) and Jan. 27 (7:30 p.m.), and on Continental's Channel 28 Jan. 26 and 27 (7 p.m.).

BOWLING ON TV ... WKYC Channel 3 goes into the bowling business March 6 with "Ten Pin Challenge," a series of half-hour shows featuring men and women in single-elimination Scotch-Douglas format. Sportscaster Jim Donovan will host from a series of 22 bowling centers in the Cleveland area.

ON 'STAR SEARCH' ... Cleveland comedian Drew Carey appears on "Star Search" at 10 p.m. tomorrow on WUAB Channel 43.

NAACP FETED ... Anita Baker, Phylcia Rashad, Tyne Daly and Marla Gibbs will be among those appearing on "The 1987 NAACP Image Awards" which NBC will air at 11:30 p.m. tonight on WKYC Channel 3. Among those performing will be Al Jarreau, Jeffrey Osborne, Nancy Wilson and Gil Scott-Heron. The Cleveland chapter of the NAACP will be the focus of Monday's "Fabric" series at 8 p.m. on WVIZ Channel 25. Host Laurence Elder will offer a brief historical overview of the organization and interview James L. Hardiman, president, Pauline Tarver, executive director, and Peter Lawson Jones, a member of the executive committee.

NAME GAME ... Channel 3's Leon Bibb and Connie Dieken have renewed contracts for multiyear runs. ... Denise Dufala will join Rick Young as co-anchor of "Newscaster 8 This Morning." The broadcast will debut Feb. 8 on WJW Channel 8. ... John O'Day has joined Channel 8 as afternoon news assignment editor. He is a 25-year radio veteran, most recently at WWVE-AM/1100. O'Day said he will continue drive-time reports there until a replacement is found.

CBS entertainment boss promises a balancing act

BALTIMORE EVENING SUN

LOS ANGELES — Kim LeMasters stood before the country's TV critics for the first time as CBS' entertainment president.

LeMasters, who was promoted to this job in November after Bud Grant was fired, was saying all the right things Thursday night about not being a slave to ratings and demographics, about having a long-term plan and such. Then, he suddenly said, "Not all programming has to be highbrow."

The critics assumed he had mis-spoken, that he meant to say that not all programming has to be low-brow. But, he affirmed in the question-and-answer session, that he meant what he said.

"What that means is that we need a CBS that's in balance," the 38-year-old LeMasters said. "For instance, we should be in balance between drama and comedy. We have to put shows on for the long term. We want to be a balanced network that has something for everybody."

CBS is the No. 2 network, but right now, it's not generating the ratings of NBC, nor the excitement of ABC. Even though it has the best

new show of this season in "Frank's Place," it is perceived as the network of "Jake and the Fatman," of "The Law and Harry McGraw." Not terrible shows, but not exactly exciting ones, either.

LeMasters and CBS statistics whiz David Poltrack appeared bent on showing that their network was the one making the aggressive moves even if that's not the general impression.

"We've got to present more shows the audience wants to see," LeMasters said of his philosophy. He pointed out that CBS had a major overhaul last fall, eight new hours of programming, one of the biggest in fluxes of untested shows by any network in years.

"We have suffered the past few years from not breaking out any new hit shows," LeMasters added. "As a result, we've ended up keeping shows on the air longer than we might have. No show can last forever."

"We know we cannot expect 'Dallas,' 'Falcon Crest,' 'Knot's Landing,' 'Newhart,' those shows that have been on more than five years, to last forever. We have to put on new shows. But we have a long-range plan, a long success curve."

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