

EVENING

- 6:00 **DICK VAN DYKE SHOW**
- AK-SAR-BEN 4-H AUCTION**
- AK-SAR-BEN LIVESTOCK AUCTION**
- NEWS**
- SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN**
- LIFE AROUND US**
- 6:30 **ODD COUPLE**
- ADAM 12**
- MUPPET SHOW**
- HEE HAW** Guests: Tennessee Ernie Ford, Barbara Fairchild (60 mins.)
- MACNEIL LEHRER REPORT**
- NEWLYWED GAME**
- DATING GAME**
- 7:00 **DICK CLARK'S LIVE WEDNESDAY** Guests: Suzanne Somers, Barry Manilow, Natalie Cole, Melissa Gilbert and Edgar Bergen. Magician Steve Baker will attempt to outdo Houdini's famous underwater escape. (60 mins.)
- EIGHT IS ENOUGH** Joannie's professional debut as an actress becomes a bitter-sweet conflict of interest for Tom, torn between his role as proud parent and his unexpected assignment as theatre critic. (60 mins.)
- THE JEFFERSONS** Allan Willis, the 'white sheep' of the racially-mixed Willis family, arrives in town after a several year absence and finds things just as he left them, hostile. (Pt. 1 of a two-part episode)
- GREAT PERFORMANCES** The Berlin Philharmonic with Herbert Von Karajan accompany cellist Mstislav Rostropovich in a classic performance. (60 mins.)
- TAC DOUGH**
- 7:30 **MOVIE (MUSICAL)** "Funny Face" 1957 Audrey Hepburn, Fred Astaire. A fashion photographer makes a drab woman into a glamorous model. (2 hrs.)
- IN THE BEGINNING**
- JOKER'S WILD**
- 8:00 **WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES** 'Zuma Beach' Stars: Suzanne Somers, Mark Wheeler. A once-popular singer becomes involved with the problems of a group of teenagers when she goes to the beach to unwind and forget about her faltering career. (2 hrs.)
- CHARLIE'S ANGELS** Kelly falls in love with the handsome stunt-flying grandson of a notorious crime figure whose enemies intend to see that the young man doesn't live to inherit the family fortune. (60 mins.)
- MOVIE (MYSTERY-DRAMA)** "Midnight Man" 1941 Burt Lancaster, Susan Clark. Mystery drama set against the background of a small college town. (2 hrs.)
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

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ZUMA BEACH



Suzanne Somers of 'Three's Company' stars as a once-popular singer who goes to the beach to unwind and forget about her faltering career only to become involved in the problems of a group of young people, in 'Zuma Beach,' a world premiere movie to be presented on 'NBC Wednesday Night at the Movies,' Sept. 27.

At the beach, Bonnie (Somers, pictured) becomes the object of admiration by a group of teenage boys who make a point to get acquainted with her even though she's an "older woman." For her part, Bonnie is amused by it all and finds herself forgetting her problems as she becomes involved with those of the teenage boys and girls she becomes friendly with during the Labor Day outing.

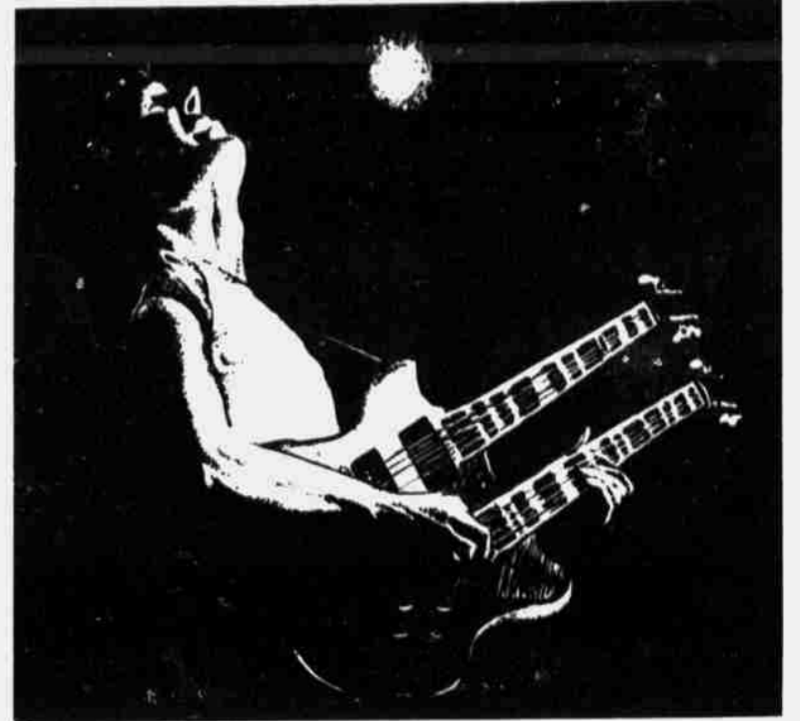
Also starring are Michael Biehn, P.J. Soles, Steven Keats, Kimberly Beck, Biff Warren and Ben Marley. 'Zuma Beach,' filmed at Malibu Beach, Calif., and on location in Hollywood, was written by William Schwartz and directed by Lee H. Katzin.

- MOVIE** 'Three Days Of The Condor' Stars: Robert Redford, Faye Dunaway. A government researcher for the CIA becomes involved in international espionage when his co-workers are massacred (2 hrs., 25 mins.)
- THE CANDIDATES: LT. GOVERNOR**
- 9:00 **VEGAS** A woman is killed and Dan discovers it was a case of mistaken identity, which leads him into the lives of three attractive Beverly Hills socialites who go to Las Vegas for fun and adventure away from their husbands. (60 mins.)
- SOUTHIE** This program gives a unique view of back-to-school time in an Irish-American community of South Boston. (60 mins.)
- 9:30 **NEWS**
- 10:00 **LOVE EXPERTS**
- NEWS**

- DICK CAVETT SHOW** 'Is English a Dying Language?' Part II. Guests: Edwin Newman, John Kenneth Galbraith, Agnes DeMille, and John Simon.
- 10:25 **NEWS**
- LOVE EXPERTS**
- GONG SHOW**
- 10:30 **THE TONIGHT SHOW** Guest host: Don Rickles. (90 mins.)
- POLICE WOMAN**
- HONEYMOONERS**
- POLICE WOMAN-S.W.A.T.** Police Woman-'Bloody Nose' Pepper becomes involved with a paranoid priest and his wife, resulting in her cover being broken. (R) S.W.A.T.-'Dealers In Death' Hondo sends Doma Luca and T.J. on special assignment to track down the supplier of sophisticated automatic weapons being used in a series of crimes. (2 hrs., 15 mins.)

- FIRING LINE**
- 10:55 **CBS LATE MOVIE** 'Hawaii Five-O: The Flipside Is Death' A daring bank robbery is carried out under the cover of a mock military emergency squad. (R) 'Kojak: Sister Maria' Stars: Telly Savalas, Kevin Dobson. (R)
- STAR TREK: The Alternative Factor** (65 mins.)
- 11:00 **F.B.I.**
- CBS LATE MOVIE** 'Hawaii Five-O: The \$100,000 Nickel' Victor Buono guest stars as an international thief who enlists the aid of a sleight-of-hand expert to steal a nickel valued at \$100,000. 'Kojak: Requiem For A Cop' Stars: Telly Savalas, Kevin Dobson. (R)
- 11:30 **PTL PROGRAM**
- ABC CAPTIONED NEWS**
- 12:00 **NEWS**
- TOMORROW** Host: Tom Snyder. Guests: Kitty Kelly, author of 'Jackie Oh!'; Lester David, author of 'The Lonely Lady Of San Clemente' (60 mins.)
- 12:30 **GROUCHO**
- 12:45 **NEWS**
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- 1:00 **MOVIE (DRAMA-MYSTERY)** "Berlin Affair" 1970 Darren McGavin, Fritz Weaver. A sophisticated, international murder-for-hire syndicate pits best friend against best friend.
- 1:20 **MISSION IMPOSSIBLE**
- 1:30 **FOCUS**
- 2:20 **LOVING FREE**
- 2:45 **MOVIE (DRAMA-ROMANCE)** "Queen Christina" 1933 Greta Garbo, John Gilbert.

concerts



Lincoln

Captain & Tennille, Sept. 29, presented by Lincoln General Hospital Auxiliary Benefit Fashion Show, Pershing Auditorium.

Willie Nelson, Oct. 17, Pershing Auditorium.

Omaha

Frankie Valli—cancelled
Thin Lizzy/aAC-DC The Dictators, Sept. 24, Music Hall.
Emotions/Brothers Johnson, Sept. 30, Civic Auditorium.
Victor Borge, Oct. 2, Orpheum.
Leo Kottke, Oct. 14, Orpheum.
Billy Joel, Oct. 22, Civic Auditorium.
Commodores, Oct. 28, Civic Auditorium.
Bob Dylan, Nov. 4, Civic Auditorium.

Kansas City

Thin Lizzy, Sept. 23, The Uptown.
Yes, Sept. 27, Kemper Arena.
Steve Martin, Sept. 30, Kemper Arena.
Head East, Sept. 29-30, The Uptown.
Todd Rundgren, Oct. 17-18, One Block West.

St. Paul Minnesota Civic Auditorium

Steve Martin, Oct. 1.
Bill Gaither Trio, Oct. 7.
Aerosmith, Oct. 14.
Neil Young, Oct. 15.
Billy Joel, Oct. 16.
Bob Dylan, Oct. 31.



Ellen Cunningham (Pamela Bellwood) is a free-spirited, hard-working young woman who has risen in the high-pressure, high-powered world of network television to become head of Special Event Programming for Trans Atlantic Broadcasting, in 'W.E.B.,' Thursday, Sept. 28, on NBC-TV.

PBS in the spotlight



Otello

The Metropolitan Opera's Peabody Award-winning 'Live From the Met' series will premiere its 1978-79 season on PBS on Monday, Sept. 25, with a performance of OTELLO, Verdi's masterpiece of jealousy and love. Funding is made possible by a grant from Texaco Inc.

Verdi, after sixteen years of retirement, was lured back to music by some of his close friends and associates. His love for Shakespeare plus a collaboration with the noted composer and poet Arrigo Boito led to the production and grand premiere of OTELLO at La Scala, Milan, on Feb. 5, 1887.

Singing the principal roles will be soprano Renata Scotta as Desdemona, tenor Jon Vickers (pictured) as Otello and baritone Cornell MacNeil as Iago. Other members of the cast are Jean Kraft as Emilia, Raymond Gibbs as Cassio, Andrea Velis as Roderigo and James Morris as Lodovico. The opera will be conducted by James Levine, Music Director of the Metropolitan Opera.

Adapted from Shakespeare's masterpiece 'Othello,' Verdi's opera is set in Cyprus around the 16th century. It is the tragic story of a Moorish general caught between the love for his gentle wife Desdemona and the uncontrollable jealous rage which consumes him. His ensign Iago plots his own advancement by preying on Otello's suspicion of Desdemona's infidelity. Otello, easily conquered by Iago's evil fabrication, strangles Desdemona, then stabs himself upon learning of Iago's treachery.

OTELLO is certainly a tragic love story but its richness of characterization moves it beyond a tale of ill-fated lovers.

If it is primarily a love story, then why is it not titled (by Shakespeare or Verdi) OTHELLO and DESDEMONA? While we see a man at the mercy of another's conniving, we also see a man at the mercy of himself. Simple and overwhelming as it seems, Iago's horrible plan could not have worked if Otello's jealousy had not been so quick to catch fire. Like that of other tragic characters, Otello's flaw is an emotion gone out of control, undermining every shred of his self-trust.

To ask why and how he comes to this end is to find a deeper understanding of the story and perhaps, of ourselves.