

In Other News

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Joe Benton has been named chief of the KRON Washington news bureau here. He replaces Jan McDaniel, who was recently named news director at KAKE, the Chronicle Broadcasting Co. station, an ABC affiliate, in Wichita, Kan., according to Amy McCombs, president and general manager of KRON in San Francisco . . .

A former ABC News/correspondent and producer (1980-85), Benton most recently was deputy bureau chief and executive producer for Conus Communications here and has also worked for CNN and as Post-Newsweek Stations Washington bureau chief . . .

Benton said yesterday that in addition to supervising the KRON staff of six, he will also report for the San Francisco station . . .

The season for marking the assassination of John F. Kennedy 25 years ago has begun. As might be expected, over the rest of this month, TV will lurch between sensational, tabloid-style "explanations" of the still-disquieting circumstances—and fond and respectful, if wrenching, remembrances of those terrible days and nights that began in Dallas, the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963 . . .

Wednesday night, Channel 20 aired a 2-hour "American Expose: Who Murdered JFK?" a live, Jack Anderson-hosted report "confirming an international murder conspiracy involving the underworld and an agency of the U.S. government" . . .

It averaged a very strong 9.9 local Nielsen rating and a 15 percent audience share, meaning it was seen in almost 167,000 TV homes between 8 to 10 . . .

Meanwhile, from 9 to 10 p.m. Wednesday night, over on Channel 26, viewers could watch "The Great Upset of '48," the WETA-produced story of how Harry Truman stomped the experts and Thomas E. Dewey in the first presidential election after WWII. "'48" earned only a 1.5/2 (24,900 homes) . . .

But it will be repeated Sunday at 6 p.m. on Channel 26, if you're interested. And you should be . . .