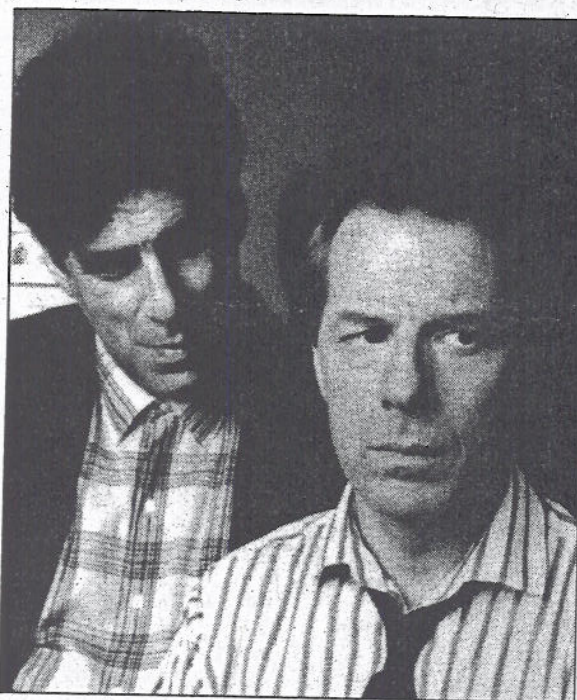


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**Billy Slicker:** Billy Crystal's "Sessions," a six-part comedy on HBO in October, stars Elliott Gould, left, and Michael McKean.

# From Crystal to Cronkite

**A** CABLE'S SCHEDULE INCLUDES COMEDY ON HBO AND A DOSE OF DOCUMENTARIES

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As the four commercial networks concentrate their efforts this fall on sitcoms and reality-based series, cable is offering an eclectic mixture of environmentally themed series, documentaries, new comedy series (including HBO's "Sessions," created by Billy Crystal), dramas and even an old-fashioned musical-variety show.

Here are the shows and series coming to cable this season, their time slots and premiere dates. Viewers should note that each cable system carries a different lineup of cable networks.

**A&E**

**"Dinosaur!"**—Walter Cronkite is host and narrator

of this four-part documentary on the mystery of the dinosaur, featuring state-of-the-art animatronics to show how the dinosaur looked, behaved and lived, today-Wednesday at 5 and 9 p.m.

**"Lovejoy"**—Ian McShane stars in this mystery series based on the books by Jonathan Gash about a roguish British antique dealer working in the world of auctions, forgers and opportunists, Sept. 22 at 5 and 9 p.m.; Mondays at 7 and 11 p.m., beginning Sept. 30.

**"First Flights"**—Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, makes a giant leap as host of this new 26-part series, tracing the evolution of modern aviation using archival footage and vintage aircraft to recreate historic takeoffs, Wednesdays at 10 p.m. Sept. 25.

**"Brute Force"**—George C. Scott is host of this series examining the evolution of modern weaponry from its earliest days

of theory to recent history, Thursdays at 10 p.m. Sept. 26.

**"Time Machine With Jack Perkins"**—This new documentary showcase will explore key stories and events in history and will look ahead to predict the trends of the future, Fridays at 9 p.m. Sept. 27.

**"Investigative Reports"**—Bill Kurtis hosts this new series looking at the stories behind the headlines. It opens with the five-part documentary "The Man Who Killed Kennedy," which refutes the Warren Commission's findings, suggesting a U.S. intelligence/military conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Fridays at 10 p.m. Sept. 27.

**"The Nobel Century"**—Four-part series commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize. Nov. 15 at 9 p.m.

**AMC**

**"Movie Milestones"**—A look back at on-and-off-screen highlights that have helped transform movies from a novelty to a cultural phenomenon. The series will feature 100 "monumental" moments in the 100-year-history of the motion picture. September.

**C-SPAN**

**"Road to the White House"**—A weekly round-up of politics. Fridays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Already premiered.

**DISCOVERY**

**"The Second Russian Revolution"**—Six-part series examining Gorbachev's Soviet Union and the era leading up to the failed coup, Sept. 22 at 6 and 10 p.m.; Sept. 23-26 at 7 p.m. A seventh segment, covering the junta, will air later in the fall.

**"Moments of Courage"**—ABC correspondent Tom Jarriel uses the archives of "20/20" to update stories that tell of ordinary people taking extraordinary action in times of natural disaster and crisis, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 2.

**"Hollywood Stuntmakers"**—James Coburn hosts this series highlighting special ef-

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