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In a Holmesian World, reality shows would be composed of bumbling detectives instead of eight people stuffed in one house. Or how about twelve regular people trying to survive the Boer War? Or what if contestants were dared to inject themselves with serum of Langur? Or how about sixteen people in a race across Europe in an attempt to find a truly evil man? Or—well, you get the (moving) picture.

This special issue honors—if that is really the right word—the box you love to hate. We try to limit our guilty pleasures, but sometimes the remote just seems to imbue us with too much power. Oh, sure, there are some truly tremendous shows on—and we shan't bore you with our favorites. But then again, we wonder who was in charge when some shows aired.

So, sit back and prepare for a fall season of truly epic proportions. And when you're done, pick up the phone and tell your cable operator, "I want my Holmes TV."

The Papers on the Sundial

Having It All

In this visual world of ours, we lose track of the power of the written word. But television has nothing on Holmes and Watson. Hospital Shows? Victor Hatherly preceded them by decades. Science Fiction? Professor Presbury showed how he lived in his own twilight zone. Action and adventure? A Study in Scarlet and the Valley of Fear are excellent examples. Political intrigue? How about losing important papers in "The Adventure of the Second Stain" and "The Naval Treaty"? Sports? How about Rugby in "The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter" and horse racing in "Silver Blaze"? Mystery and crime? Well, we don't have enough space.

The point is, Holmes and Watson covered all this territory decades before television was even invented. And, in many cases, covered it far better than television does.

"There's nothing new under the sun"—or, in this case, under the cathode ray tube. And we note with delight that one of the most interesting shows this summer was *Monk*. Although we have not heard the Master's name mentioned as of yet, we cannot help but note the similarities—although Holmes did not seem to have an obsession with flossing.

sunday

	8:00 PM	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
ABC	My Mother the Hansom Cab	Pondicherry Junction	ABC's Sunday Night Movie			
CBS	I Dream of Irenie	Fraser	The Count Von Kramm Show	No Time for Lieutenants	The Tab and Violet Hunter Show	
Fox	The Travels of Constable MacPherson		Buffy the Sussex Vampire Slayer		Murphy Browner	Count Syvius & Friends
NBC	Professor Presbury Presents	The Real McGuires	Thornycroft Huxtable, Man Undercover		Rat of Sumatra Patrol	
UPN	Josiah Amberley's Wonderful World of Colour		Law & Athelney Jones	Surreyside 6	The West End Wing	
WB	Franklin Knows Best	Leave it to Beppo	Mr. Price is Right	Greenwich Acres	The Big Valley of Fear	

NEW SHOWS

The Count Von Kramm Show: The only half-hour show that boasts European leaders. Tony Blair juggles zippo lighters, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder plays a medley of Burt Bacharach hits and Prince Ranier has a hilarious stand-up routine. And the Count isn't half-bad either.

Professor Presbury Presents: Heralded as the new *Twilight Zone*, *Professor Presbury Presents* is one of the few anthologies this year. The shows producers, Stephen Spielberg and Mr. T., promise not only the bizarre but the macabre—and an occasional surprise. Guest stars lined up include Robin Williams, Bill Clinton and Jesse Ventura.

Franklin Knows Best: Franklin (Mike Meyers) is a crusty old curmudgeon with a bone to pick with everyone. His son Hanklin (Frankie Muniz) just

wants to be popular at Grimpen Mire High. But it becomes impossible when his father sues every student's parents. Cybill Shepard and Amanda Bynes co-star.

NOTABLE RETURNS

The West End Wing: Martin Sheen returns as the President of the seedier side of town. His campaign for reelection is highlighted as he tries to balance his time between personal appearances and running the country and keeping track of all the people traipsing through his house.

The Travels of Constable MacPherson: Constable MacPherson continues his quest throughout the English countryside searching for ne'er-do-wells. They are never in short supply as this third season attests. Tommy Lee Jones stars. Will Smith guest stars in the

opening episode as his cousin Fitzroy.

Pondicherry Junction: The Major and Bartholomew are back as the proprietors of the most laid-back hotel in India. And the Major's three beautiful nieces just can't stay out of trouble.

ABC's Sunday Night Movie: ABC's Movie promises to be bigger and better than in previous years. Movies include *Agony Column of Love*, *Alice Turner's Restaurant* and *Abott and Costello Meet the Sussex Vampire*.

Colby Donaldson plays the hunky Duke of Greyminster in *Greenwich Acres*. (Courtesy Ouch! Ooof! Productions)



monday

NEW SHOWS

Citizen Inspector Baynes: Another cop show—but with a twist. Mr. Baynes is not only a detective, he is also a prize-winning chef. While he is solving crimes, he is also dispensing advice about recipes and table settings. Add to the mix a sidekick obsessed with cheese and you have one whimsical hour. Allan Alda and Matt Leblanc star.

The John Scott Eccles Hour: One of the few variety shows to debut in recent years, the Eccles Hour looks very promising. Lorne Michaels (of *Saturday Night Live*) is producer and he has hired a bevy of writers to assist in Eccles' transformation from Las Vegas comic to prime time idol. Harvey Corman and Tim Conway guest star on the first show, along with the Wilson Brothers: Plate Spinner Extraordinaire Steve and Magician

Bartholomew.

What I Deduce About You: What happens when you put cameras in a house to film eight people living together for six months? *Big Brother*. Now throw in a detective and you get *What I Deduce About You*. But the detective has to figure out which person is allergic to dogs, which one is a comedian, and which one is a hepatitis carrier.

Queen Anne Street: From the producers of *Falcon Crest* comes this tale of deception, intrigue and revenge—and that's just the first five minutes. Ed Asner and Carol Burnett lead an ensemble cast (Hal Linden, Suzanne Pleshette and Rob Lowe are outstanding schemers) in plots that are as convoluted as the back streets of the West End.

NOTABLE RETURNS

Gaslight Tales: Take a trip into yesteryear when Dino de Laurentis presents an anthology of Victorian stories. Ron Howard directs the premier episode: a moody study of Violet Smith and her bicycle at the turn of the century. Jennifer Aniston stars.

Monday Night Rugby: Godfrey Staunton joins John Madden and Curt Gowdy for another rousing year of mayhem and mud.

Monday Night At the Movies: Monday Night At the Movies promises to be bigger and better than in previous years. Films include *Invasion of the Bee Keeper Girls*, *Pee-wee and Violet's Big Adventure*, *There Was A Crooked Man*, and *Frankenstein Meets the Sussex Vampire*.

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ABC	Monday Night Rugby				The Unhallowed Dwarf	
CBS	The Fitzroy Simpsons	Grace Dunbar Under Fire	The John Scott Eccles Hour		The Great Agra Treasure	
Fox	Britain's Most Wanted		Murder, He Wrote	Wiggins in Charge	Survivor: Afghanistan	
NBC	Jephro Rucastle Can't Lose	Toby the Talking Dog	Monday Night At the Movies			
UPN	Something James Wilder	Unhappily Ever After	Queen Anne Street		Thirty-fourth Bombay Infantry	
WB	Citizen Inspector Baynes		What I Deduce About You	King of Saffron Hill	Gaslight Tales	

tuesday

	8:00 PM	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
ABC	Beanie and Cecil Forrester	Wheel of Fortescue	The Gables		Lysander Stark Raving Mad	Sky and Sahara King
CBS	The Joyce and Bob Cummings Show		CBS Movies Now!			
Fox	Everybody Loves Roylott	Gregson & Lestrade	Boscombe Valley Public		Becher	Reuben Hayes
NBC	Gloucester Road		Thor Place		Hudson Street Blues	
UPN	Third Doc from the Gun	Red Circle	Pall Mall		Covent Garden	
WB	Paddington		The WB Tuesday Night Movie			

NEW SHOWS

Everybody Loves Roylott: Lovable, huggable Grimesby Roylott has taken his stand-up routine and turned it into a situation comedy. Roylott is joined by Jean Smart, Jerry Van Dyke and John Lithgow as they try to restore a dilapidated mansion.

The Gables, *Thor Place* and *Pall Mall*: Prime Time Soaps are the big winners this year with the addition of three new ones. *The Gables* has sex, *Thor Place* murder and mayhem and *Pall Mall* government intrigue. They all have outstanding casts, including Robert Redford as an aging patriarch, Valerie Perrine and Terri Garr as older sisters bent on getting even with one another, and Abe Vigoda as the cheeseman.

Red Circle: From Joss Whedon, this

bizarre series asks the musical question: What if life were an Italian Opera? Kiri Te Kanawa and Placido Domingo are much better singers than actors, and the limits of credibility are stretched when we are asked to believe that Pia Zadora can do either. Still, Whedon does have a knack for creating interesting characters.



The Cast of *Paddington* pauses between takes. (Courtesy Paramount Pictures)

NOTABLE RETURNS

CBS Movies Now!: *CBS Movies Now!* promises to be bigger and better than in previous years. Movies include *Silver Blaze Streak*, *The Muppets Take Harley Street*, *The Limping Creeping Man*, and *Dracula Meets the Sussex Vampire*.

The WB Tuesday Night Movie: *The Tuesday Night Movies* promises to be bigger and better than in previous years. Films include *The Game of Death is Afoot*, *Mary Morstan*, *Queen of Scots*, *A Nightmare on Baker Street*, and *Bigfoot Meets the Sussex Vampire*.

Reuben Hayes: Our hero continues his quest for the men who cruelly and without his permission named a sandwich after him. Matthew Perry stars

wednesday

NEW SHOWS

Charing Cross ER: From the producers of *Presidio Med* and *Crossing Jordan*. The ensemble cast boasts John Ritter, Carol Kane, Danny DeVito, Sharon Lawrence and Mariska Hargitay. It should do for emergency rooms what *My Mother the Car* did for Porters.

Cyril: A washed-up rugby player tries to nurse himself back to health with the aid of an alcoholic doctor, one of the richest men in London and a dog. Joe Pesci brings an indomitable yet vulnerable quality to Cyril, the season's only "dromadey" entry.

Inspector Martin Short Show: Funnyman Martin Short takes aim at the London constabulary. It may seem limited, but Short's amazing disguises and limitless accents allow him to pull it off.

Here's Carlo: NBC's answer to *Pompey*. Carlo is a mastiff with an attitude, which at times is poignant and at others just stupid. *Here's Carlo* lacks *Pompey's* subtlety but makes up for it with salivary glands. Dean Jones attempts to keep the dog in line, but more often than not gets a face full of drool. Stockard Channing also stars.

Clueless: Inspector Lestrade attempts to solve crimes in London.

Room 221: Is it a boarding house or is it a school room? It's both in this hilarious send-up of forensic investigations.

NOTABLE RETURNS

WB's Movie Night: *WB's Movie Night* promises to be bigger and better than in previous years. They have lined up some impressive

movies, including *Harold Latimer and Maud*, *A Red-headed League of Their Own*, and *The Mummy Meets the Sussex Vampire*.

Mad About You: Paul Reiser returns for a third year as the depraved psychopath who hates everyone in London. He manages to stay one step ahead of Scotland Yard, but Tobias Gregson vows that he will find this lunatic. Barry Bostwick co-stars.

Just Shoot Me: Last year *Just Shoot Me* was a hit as much for its shock value as its humor. Portraying the victims of London crimes in a humorous vein was a big risk, but it paid off with enormous ratings and three Emmy nominations. Whether or not the series can succeed on its comedy will decide whether it will be back for a third season. George Segal, Laura San Giacomo, David Spade, Eric Colantino and Wendie Malick return.

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ABC	Charing Cross ER		Brackwell's World		Don Murillo's Rock Concert	
CBS	Cyril	Will & Grace Dunbar	Whitehall		Clueless	Mad About You
Fox	Holderness Hall		Stoke Moran		Notting Hill Street Blues	
NBC	Inspector Martin Short Show	Here's Carlo	The Dukes of Balmoral		Just Shoot Me	Room 221
UPN	The Great Alkali Plain		Walter, Texas Ranger		Little House on the Tor	
WB	The Cavendish Club		WB's Movie Night			

thursday

	8:00 PM	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
ABC	Starnford and Son	Bob Carruthers Show	Von Bork and Mindy	The Hammersmith Wonder Years	Saunders and Mrs. King	
CBS	The Streets of San Pedro		221		Dawson's Creek	
Fox	The Courtship of Effie's Father	Alice	Halifax Five-O		Charlie Baskerville's Angels	
NBC	Ross and Mangle's Laugh-In		The Watsons		Wild, Wild Arthur Cadogan West	
UPN	The Betty and Abel White Show	Kate & Isa	My Three Garridebs	Pompey	Spencer John Gang: For Hire	
WB	Thursday Night Movie				Halifax Eye	

NEW SHOWS

Alice: Newly widowed Alice Rucastle Fowler (Drew Barrymore) takes a job at a donut shop. The manager (Cloris Leachman) is crusty but goodhearted, and the other help (Courtney Cox Arquette, McCauley Culkin, and Jere Burns) are good-natured but predictable.

Dawson's Creek: From the producers of *Wisteria Lodge* and *Manchester Street* comes *Dawson's Creek*. The manager of Abel White's indigo plantation, McHill Dawson returns to his roots in Darbyshire. But odd things begin to happen when the townspeople realize who he is and cannot understand why a body of water was named for him. Tim Curry and Edward Hardwicke star.

Pompey: Pompey is 50% foxhound, 50% beagle and 100% curious. Add

to the mix an absent-minded owner, an obsessive constable and a coquettish next door neighbor and you have the makings of a great comedy. Jason Alexander, Rob Reiner and Katie Holmes star—as well as Maxie as Pompey.

The Watsons: The Watsons of Watson's Mountain must brave life in a new land of opportunity and challenge. John and Mary must raise their children, John-Boy, Mary, Todd, Tiffany, Warren, Trixie, Britney, Erin and Ice, on a farm at the turn of the century. Each episode is promised to be filled with warm-hearted humor and a lesson in life.

NOTABLE RETURNS

Thursday Night Movie: *The Thursday Night Movie* promises to be bigger than last year. Films include *The Road to Sumatra*, *Watson In Love* and *The Zombie Meets the Sussex*

Vampire.

Wild, Wild Arthur Cadogan West: Cadogan West returns in style for a second season. He continues to flee his past in England where he faked his own death. But to make up for his misdeeds, West rides the prairie helping farmers and ranchers and prairie dogs. Daniel J. Travanti stars.

Ross and Mangle's Laugh-In: This two-time Emmy winner (Outstanding Writing in a Comedy or Variety or Semi-regular Musical-Dancing-and-Jumping-Around Show of Not Less than 57 Minutes; Outstanding Editing) returns for its second season. Dan Ross and Dick Mangle fractured everything from dogs to tors in last year's shows. This year they have brought in even more writers (Woody Allen, Thomas Pynchon and Salman Rushdie) and have expanded their cast to include Goldie Hawn and Joanne Worley.

friday

	8:00 PM	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
ABC	Undercover With Lady Francis Carfax		Brixton Road		Utah Ho!	
CBS	The Bradley Bunch	To Tell the Truth	The Flip and Jabez Wilson Show		The Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers	
Fox	The Week with Charles Augustus Milverton	Family Affair	Live from Shoscombe Old Place	Stapleton!	Scotland Yard CSI	
NBC	The James Baker Williams Show		The Daily Telegraph		Barnaby and Athelney Jones	
UPN	UPN's Movie Greats				The Thames Runs Through It	
WB	Trapper John Watson, MD		St. Simon and St. Simon		The High Tor	

NEW SHOWS

The Bradley Bunch: Take a tobacconist with three boys who marries a secretary with three girls and you have the hilarious shenanigans of the Bradleys. Patrick Swayze and Margot Kidder star in this family-oriented series.

The Flip and Jabez Wilson Show: Flip and Jabez have been seen on *Live at the Improv* and on several HBO specials. Now they bring their off-center dose of humor to network television. Expect an hour of non-stop manic characters as Flip becomes Geraldine and Jabez becomes Killer Evans.

Family Affair: Uncle Bill Crowder inherits his late brother's two adorable children (Buffy and Jodie). But his game-keeper position is threatened

when the little urchins, in their zeal to save the pheasants, fill all the rifle barrels with rice and pudding.

The Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers: Tom Hanks starred in Steven Spielberg's *Afghanistan: 1878*. As he has in the past, he fell in love with the subject and has brought *Northumberland Fusiliers* to the small screen. Edward James Olmos, Jeff Daniels, Gene Hackman, Fred Ward and Owen Wilson star in this heartrendingly accurate series.

NOTABLE RETURNS

To Tell the Truth: Professor James Moriarty hosts this lively and engaging game show. Guests range from escaped convicts to bust manufacturers to consulting detectives. This year's panelists include Peter Carey, Violet De

Merville, Daulat Ras and John Horner. Surprise guests are rumored to include Woody Allen and Orson Bean.

UPN's Movie Greats: Movie Greats promises to be bigger and better than in previous years. Films include *Drunken Hosmer Angel*, *Athelney and Tom Jones* and *Wolfman Meets the Sussex Vampire*.

Brixton Road: Larry Hagman reprises his role as Dr. Barnicott in the third season of what has become a classic prime time soap. The season begins when we learn who shot Enoch Drebbler and why

The James Baker Williams Show: Mr. *Thames River* himself returns for his third season. The Openshaws (Donnie, Wayne, Merrill, Jay and Alan—and sometimes Marie) are featured, along with the Bear.

saturday

	8:00 PM	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
ABC	Cab 54, Where are You?	All in the Baskerville Family	Diagnosis Burglary		Serpentine Avenue	
CBS	I Love Lucy Ferrier	The Many Loves of John H. Watson	Dharma and Gregson	Everybody Loves Birdie	Hugh Boone	
Fox	The Tregennis Family		The Fox Saturday Night Movie			
NBC	Suddenly Susan Cushing	Hopkin's Heroes	The West End Hillbillies	Inspector Montgomery Presents	Canon	
UPN	Archie Stamford's Place	MacPhail's Navy	McFarlane, For the Defense	The Burnwell and Allen Show	London Law	
WB	Brook's Law		Even Bert Stevens	Middlesex Vice	Have Blowgun, Will Travel	

NEW SHOWS

The Tregennis Family: They're wild and wacky and, well, Tregennis. Abby Dalton, Dick Van Dyke, Dick Van Patten and Val Kilmer star as the family that will not quit. The show that has been hailed as a "modern-day *Addams Family*" has received great reviews from the *Bismarck Blabber*, the *Canton Gazette* and the *North Beeman Shopper*.

Inspector Montgomery Presents: Crime reigns supreme when Inspector Montgomery convenes his weekly half-hour. Wally Cox stars as an aging Jack the Ripper in the opener. Other bizarre stories revolve around Jesse James' abduction by aliens, Judge Crater's disappearance and Sylvester Stallone's personality.

McFarlane, For the Defense: Matt

Damon stars as an idealistic lawyer out to save the world from ruthless prosecutors. But he doesn't count on reality and criminals getting in the way. How he reconciles the two is the center of the opening show. Garry Shandling guest stars as the judge.

The Burnwell and Allen Show: George Burnwell and Gracie Allen are back and better than ever. Burnwell is as unflappable as ever despite the situations that Gracie gets him into. Sherry Stringfield plays the widowed neighbor.

NOTABLE RETURNS

The Fox Saturday Movie: Fox's *Movies* promise to be bigger and better than in previous years. Major motion pictures lined up include *The Five Blood Orange Pips*, *Blue*

Carbuncle Velvet, *A Boy Named Charlie Baskerville*, *Days of Milk and Trout* and *Rowan and Martin Meet the Sussex Vampire*.

Serpentine Avenue: From the producers of *Flamingo Road*. The plots and double-dealings promise to be as convoluted as the title suggests. Marlo Thomas plays Maud Bellamy, who has recently purchased Briony Lodge. But Maud wants more than just the Lodge. James Brolin and Laura Innes co-star.

Vicki Lewis stars in *Suddenly Susan Cushing*. (Courtesy NBC Productions)



PBS

	8:00 PM	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
SUN	Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes		British Experience		English Masters	
MON	Clifford the Giant Rat of Sumatra	Ken Burns' Sherlock Holmes		Julia Stoner's Kitchen	Devon City Limits	
TUE	Arthur	Barney Stockdale and Friends	Bram Stoker's Sherlock Holmes		To the Manor House Case Born	
WED	The Big Comfy Hypodermic Needle	Blue Carbuncle's Clues	Anne of Three Gables	Over Scotland	This Old Flat	
THU	Great Performances				Language with Mr. Melas	Sit and Be Fit with Mycroft Holmes
FRI	Newshour with Jim Browner		Medical Marvels with Dr. Leon Sterndale		Mystery	
SAT	Unchronicled	Government, with Mycroft Holmes	Mr. Rodger Baskerville's Neighborhood	The Compleat Bee	Cooking at Simpsons	Card Games

NEW SHOWS

Card Games: Ronald Adair and Sebastian "The Colonel" Moran show you how to play cards with the pros. Learn how to count cards and deal from the bottom of the deck. Adair and Moran not only are top notch gamers, they also have a terrific rapport with one another.

The Compleat Bee: Naturalist David Attenborough takes the viewer on a rousing investigation into "everything bee." From their dances to their social life to their dating skills and their natty dressing, Attenborough exhaustively explores every aspect of the bee. He is expected to be out of the hospital to introduce the first episode live. "The anti-venom shots

are working wonders," he says.

Over Scotland: Every inch of this jeweled island has been photographed, resulting in 26 hours of aerial photography. The entire series will take a year to air, but pilots have said that it is worth the watch. Watch for Nessie. Ben Stein narrates.

NOTABLE RETURNS

Great Performances: This perennial favorite boasts some great stars this season: Wilhelmine Norman-Neruda plays Chopin's *Tra-la-la-liray Concerto*; the Holmesian Quartet plays Mendelssohn's *Lieder ohne Worte* and Holst's *Criterion Bar Suite*; Pablo Sarasate plays Wagner's *Das Ruud-Kopf Leagenschwigen*; the

Vermisa Valley Boy's Choir sings Lassus' *Polyphonic Motets* and Eminem's *Degrading Songs With an Abundance of Four Letter Words*.

Mystery: Returning for its ninth season, *Mystery* promises even more convoluted cases. In the first installment, Clint Eastwood plays Poirot and Steve Martin plays Sam Spade in *Two for the Price of Two*.

David Boreanaz and friend enjoy dinner at Simpsons (Courtesy Hungry Detective Productions)



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