

Meyers meets Matalin

Beginning May 22, former White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Meyers will join Mary Matalin as co-host of CNBC's *Equal Time*. Meyers replaces Jane Wallace, who left the network to host her own show, *Under Scrutiny*, on the fX network.

Days with Emery

The Nashville Network on July 10 debuts its first live daytime show, *The Ralph Emery Show*, hosted by the veteran TNN personality. The show will be presented by American General Life and Accident Insurance Co. and will air weekdays at 9 a.m. ET (repeats at 1 p.m.).

New from Family

The Family Channel has unveiled a programming slate that includes three made-for-cable movies based on the series *Hart to Hart*; two original *Young Indiana Jones* movies (*The Attack of the Hawkman* and *Travels with Father*); an original movie, *The Rose Garden*, starring Mary Tyler Moore and Linda Lavin; new *Peter Rabbit* specials; off-net episodes of *Newhart* and *Highway to Heaven*, and *Kidnapped*, an \$8 million two-part miniseries starring Christopher Reeve and presented under *The Hallmark Entertainment Family Showcase* banner (Hallmark will present 18 movies this season and 20 next season on Family, including six exclusive titles).

New at Nick

Off-net series joining the Nick at Nite schedule in the months ahead include *Welcome Back, Kotter* (debuting May 29); *The Munsters* (starting July 3), and *Hill Street Blues* (beginning in October). Also coming up is the return of the network's "Vertivision" summer programming strategy. From July 3 through Labor Day, Nick at Nite will preempt its prime time schedule to present six back-to-back episodes of the same show in one of five different theme nights: *Munster* Mondays, *Lucy* Tuesdays, *Bewitched* Wednesdays, *Jeannie* Thursdays and *Welcome Back* Fridays. This summer also will include

an on-air celebration of Nick at Nite's 10th anniversary (June 26-30) featuring one episode of every series ever on the network. Looking ahead to next year, Nick at Nite plans to add *Happy Days* to its lineup in September 1996. Also joining the schedule in 1996 will be *Rhoda*, *Phyllis* and *The Betty White Show*. In other Nick at Nite developments, the network is debuting its first two CDs of classic 1950s music in conjunction with Sony; plans to launch a magazine in June, and will debut an online service later this year.

A&E additions

A&E kicks off 680 hours of first-run series and specials in the upcoming 1995-96 season with its annual *A&E Fall Premiere Week* (Sept. 3-10). New to the schedule will be *Biography: This Week*, a Saturday night edition of the popular nightly series; *Sci-File*, an original series on science and natural phenomena, airing Sundays at 10 p.m. ET/PT, and a variety of specials, including *The History Channel Presents: The Lincoln Assassination: Pride & Prejudice*; *Bob Vila's Historic Homes*; *Floating Palaces*, and *Mummies*.

NewsTalk grows

Multimedia Entertainment's NewsTalk Television on May 15 will expand to 12 hours a day of live programming with the addition of *Final Edition*, a late-night segment hosted by Vladimir Pozner airing 10 p.m.-midnight ET.

Comedy Central on big screen

Comedy Central has reached a deal with General Cinema Theatres to debut the network's first animated series, *Dr. Katz: Professional Therapist*, on 473 movie screens in 11 markets. The 12-minute adaptation of the series will be shown free to movie patrons before the feature presentation. The series debuts on Comedy Central May 28 at 10:30 p.m. ET.

Bloomberg on USA

USA Network beginning on July 1 will add the Bloomberg Information

Television news wheel to its Monday-Saturday, 5:30-7 a.m. ET lineup. New York-based Bloomberg Business News is buying the airtime to run the block, which will provide 50 top news stories per half-hour and will have weather information, financial market prices from around the world and sports scores and standings.

H&G how-to

Home & Garden Television on May 8 will debut six series centered on home repair/remodeling and home decorating. The new series are *Interiors by Design*, featuring weekly tours of homes and apartments; *Help at Home*, a daily series designed to help people run their dwellings more efficiently; *Fit It Up*, a weekly show demonstrating do-it-yourself home improvement projects; *Dream House*, a weekly series about building homes from the ground up; *Remodeling and Decorating Today*, a daily strip about home improvement, and *Hands on with Walter Muellenhagen*, featuring do-it-yourself projects introduced by the home repair expert.

Horse sense

Burbank, Calif.-based Premier Horse Network has acquired rights to England's Equestrian Vision library as well as horse-oriented programming from U.S.-based program suppliers Tanbark Group, Palomine Productions and Harmony Gold. The premium channel is scheduled to launch in early 1996 with a lineup of equestrian entertainment features, documentaries, instructional programs and international news.

BET's 'Reggae Dogs'

Black Entertainment Television on May 6 at 8:30 a.m. ET debuted *The Fabulous Reggae Dogs*, a Saturday morning kids show featuring puppets and state-of-the-art animation. The network has ordered 26 episodes of the series, which features Afro-Caribbean characters Dr. Dredlocks, Mastaraster, Cleome and Professor Sedgewick Mumbley. —RB