

# Top Cable Programs

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night broadcast to make room for David Letterman's upcoming talk show. This fall will mark the third season of *Silk Stalkings*, which begins shooting on location in San Diego July 6.

Also new to the USA schedule will be *Case Closed*, a reality series starring Stacy Keach that piloted last year on the network; *Eden*, the previously announced co-production with Playboy, and 36 original movies for USA and the Sci-Fi Channel.

For younger viewers, an original USA animated series loosely based on the movie *Problem Child* will debut this fall alongside another original USA animated series, *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*.

USA's Sci-Fi Channel has picked up 51 half-hour episodes of *The New Adventures of Gigantor*, an animated series from Japan's Tokyo Movie Shinsha Co. Ltd. The series is based on *Gigantor*, the Japanese cartoon series that was syndicated in the United States from 1964 to 1967. ■

## HBO to offer Spanish version

By Rich Brown

**H**ome Box Office is looking to tap into an estimated audience of more than 25 million Hispanics in the United States with HBO en Español, a Spanish-language version of the pay-TV service that is scheduled to debut in October 1993.

HBO en Español will actually replace *Selecciones*, an HBO service that since January 1989 has provided dubbed versions of some HBO programming through a second audio program feed.

HBO Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Michael Fuchs said the new dedicated channel would be more user-friendly than *Selecciones*, which required the use of a stereo television or decoder box. The new service will also offer more than three times the number of HBO titles currently available in Spanish. No programming will be produced specifically for HBO en Español.

"This is not a separate channel," said Fuchs. "This is HBO in Spanish." ■

The following are the top 40 basic cable programs, ranked by total number of households tuning in. Ratings are based on each network's total coverage households at the time of the program. Data are supplied by outside sources based on Nielsen Media Research.

	HHs. (000)	Rtg.	Program	Time (ET)	Network
1.	3,089	5.2	NBA Playoffs (Chicago-Cleveland)	Mon. 8-10:45p	TNT
2.	2,627	4.5	NBA Playoffs (Phoenix-San Antonio)	Tue. 10:45p-1:15a	TNT
3.	2,607	4.4	NBA Playoffs (Charlotte-New York)	Tue. 8-10:45p	TNT
4.	2,042	3.5	Ren & Stimpy	Sun. 11-11:30a	NICK
5.	1,956	3.2	Murder, She Wrote	Tue. 8-9p	USA
6.	1,847	3.0	48 Hrs. (movie)	Sun. 2-4p	USA
7.	1,807	3.0	Murder, She Wrote	Mon. 8-9p	USA
8.	1,771	3.0	NBA Playoffs (Seattle-San Antonio)	Thu. 9:45p-12m	TNT
9.	1,754	2.8	MLB (New York-Boston)	Sun. 8-10:42p	ESPN
10.	1,740	3.0	Doug	Sun. 10-10:30a	NICK
11.	1,736	2.9	Monday Night Raw	Mon. 9-10p	USA
12.	1,702	2.9	Rugrats	Sun. 10:30-11a	NICK
13.	1,670	2.8	NBA Playoffs (Phoenix-San Antonio)	Thu. 7-9:45p	TNT
14.	1,666	2.7	Murder, She Wrote	Wed. 8-9p	USA
15.	1,625	2.8	Ren & Stimpy	Sat. 9-9:30p	NICK
16.	1,624	2.8	Salute Shorts	Sun. 11:30a-12n	NICK
17.	1,594	2.6	Pro Boxing	Tue. 9-11p	USA
18.	1,567	2.6	World Wrestling Federation	Sun. 12n-1p	USA
19.	1,558	2.6	Murder, She Wrote	Fri. 8-9p	USA
20.	1,555	2.6	MLB (Montreal-Atlanta)	Mon. 7:30-10:30p	TBS
21.	1,549	2.6	National Geographic Explorer	Sun. 9-11:30p	TBS
22.	1,478	2.5	MLB (Atlanta-New York)	Sun. 1:30-4p	TBS
23.	1,458	2.5	Clarissa Explains It All	Sun. 12n-12:30p	NICK
24.	1,411	2.3	Death Warrant (movie)	Sat. 8-10p	TBS
25.	1,407	2.3	Battle of the Bulge (movie)	Sun. 10:30a-1:30p	TBS
26.	1,403	2.3	MLB (Montreal-Atlanta)	Tue. 7:30-10:30p	TBS
27.	1,384	2.3	Inside the NBA	Mon. 10:45-11:15p	TNT
28.	1,364	2.3	MLB (Atlanta-New York)	Fri. 7:30-10:30p	TBS
29.	1,353	2.2	Silk Stalkings	Sat. 10-11p	USA
30.	1,347	2.2	Silk Stalkings	Sun. 11p-12m	USA
31.	1,337	2.2	Saved by the Bell	Tue. 5:30-6p	TBS
32.	1,334	2.2	A Case for Murder (movie)	Wed. 9-11p	USA
33.	1,331	2.3	Are You Afraid of the Dark?	Sat. 9:30-10p	NICK
34.	1,328	2.3	Rugrats	Sat. 7:30-8p	NICK
35.	1,305	2.2	Saved by the Bell	Mon. 5-5:30p	TBS
36.	1,303	2.3	The Ghost and Mr. Chicken	Sun. 4-6p	FAM
37.	1,299	2.2	Saved by the Bell	Mon. 5:30-6p	TBS
38.	1,294	2.1	MacGyver	Sun. 1-2p	USA
39.	1,260	2.0	Indianapolis Time Trials	Sun. 5-7:04p	ESPN
40.	1,258	2.1	Saved by the Bell	Tue. 5-5:30p	TBS