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Hugh Downs, (canter), host of "20/20," the ABC News weekly magazine program, and correspondents (from left), Dave Marash, Geraldo Rivera and Sylvia Chase travel wherever the stories lead for their prime time broadcasts every Thursday on ABC.

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## Hugh Downs Scuttles Coast-to-Coast

By DAN LEWIS
Hugh Downs, who thought he had gone into
semi-retirement several semi-retirement several
years ago. commutes cross-country as easily as some people travel crosslawn. Clockwork, Downs boards a New York-to San Francisco fingt each Fre day morning. There, he day - of his PBS series, "Over Easy," a weekday strip on PBS.
Monday morning, Downs jetliner, bound for New York. For the next three days. he prepares himself for his now-weekiy stint as Thursday night, prime time news magazine. Downs appears live on the show, which means he Francisco until the next morning.
Ironically the crosscountry flights may traverse the area some 40 miles north of Phoenix, criz., where Downs offivisits. Instead, he and his wife maintain two apartments, one in New York The man who thought he was in partial retirement three years ago finds himself today on more television stations than any game-show host. His "Over Easy" series, which is geared to the interest of elderly citizens, appears five afternoons a week on
272 PBS stations. " $20 / 20$, " in prime time, reaches the 200 -plus affiliates of the ABC network.
In addition, Downs hosts three other specials a year, itled "American urestyle, Wimare syn "There is almost n overlap," Downs says with justifiable pride. "I'm on more stations than anyone in the history of televi-
sion."


As host of "Over Easy" and "20/20," Hugh Downs is on more stations than anyone in the history of

This is his 40th year in broadcasting, and he's
done everythng in the bus ness, including round-byround coverage of a boxing match in Lima, Ohio, back in 1939, when he first tarted out
tape," he reflects with a broad grin. "But I've
really done everything. I've acted, sung with Perry years ago on a network daytime show called 'The Home Show."
Now, he has found his "20/30."
"If anyone had asked me last June 5 what would be my Utopia in broadcasting I would have said a prime time commercial network"
magazine of the air show." The date was significant. After a number of delays created by a busy schedule, Downs was able to from ABC to host the "Good Morning Armeri$\mathrm{ca}^{"}$ show in place of a vacationing David Hartman. He came to New

## TV Dial-ogue

HEAR HEAR - Could you please tell me where I can address Nanette Fabray? She recently had an opera-
tion that cured her hearta loss completely. I am 84 years old and have a hearligg problem. 1 am thinking of getting a STAPES operington, V.

This is not a medical column, and I would advise you speaking to your doctor about this question, rather than waiting to hear
from Ms. Fabray. Still you can write to her at 14360 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades, CA. 90272. But listen to your doctor.

York June 4 to start a week's replacement run. June 5, ABC premiered "20/20." The executive producer left shortly thereafter, and two hosts departed even sooner - the was signed to take over starting with the second show, as the anchor. "I had even considered, before that, to finance a
pilot for a magazine show using my own money," Downs recalled. "And here, it fell out of the sky and into my cap." Downs adds that he
wasn't looking, at the time wasn tlooking, at the time, when it happened it was wonderful. The problem was, and still is, the travel-
ing between the two coasts. "More than once I've awakened in the middle of the night and bumped into walls - not realizing for the moment where I was," he
notes, then continues," I feel better working." He'll continue this grueling schedule through Dec.
16. By that 16. By that time, he will
have completed the year's have completed the year's
production of "Over Easy."Then he hopes that, with " $20 / 20$ " continuing, of course, he can consolidate and do both shows in New York.
duction of Sas Francisco's
dis a proPublic Broadcasting station KQED, which owns the title. The station may transferred to New York. He believes the news magazine is where television is going in prime time.

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put on casettes," he observes, acknowledging naking technology that is making major inroads. He doesn't hink that a prime have been possible 15 years ago.
"But CBS had the guts to stick with '60 Minutes, 'and lm grateful for that, the opposition. "People are thirsty for reality. There's a shift away from the frivolous to thomght-provoking television." of the studio for some feacures. He doesn't want to be just "mortar between the blocks," he says. Al-
though he doesn't see himself doing investigtive reports, "neither am I going to sit in the studio and just do lead-ins."

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