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1989 WINTER SEASON

83459 PILOT

LEAP: Sam leaps in as an X-2 test pilot and a minor league baseball player.

HEART STORY: Sam saves the life and baby of wife of pilot. As baseball player, he's there to win the game for the team.

KISS WITH HISTORY: X-2 plane testing and breaking Mach-3. Sam nick-names a military memory questionnaire as 'Trivial Pursuit.' As baseball player, Sam is pitched to by a young-looking Tom Seaver.

65003 STAR-CROSSED June 15, 1972

LEAP: Sam leaps in as an alcoholic English Lit professor.

HEART STORY: Sam meets up with ex-fiance and reconciles her with her father and his own feelings for her.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Sam sees the pullout from Vietnam on TV. Donna's father lives in The Watergate and Sam arrives with Donna the same night the infamous break-in is discovered.

65002 THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD October 24, 1974

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a has been boxer.

HEART STORY: Sam has to fairly win a boxing match so the nuns who own his contract can use the prize money to build a chapel for the poor and destitute.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Muhammed Ali and Foreman fight in Zaire. Streakers seen on TV racing across a football field.

65004 HOW THE TESS WAS WON September 23, 1989

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a Veterinarian for a Texas ranch.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a young woman realize she must follow her heart and find the right man.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Young boy (aka Buddy Holly), who tends the Vet's animals, spends his spare time picking out tunes on his guitar. With Sam's help he writes the lyric for "Peggy Sue."

65001 DOUBLE IDENTITY November 8, 1965

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a Mafia hit man.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a beautician gain her self-confidence and gets a hit man to take on a new profession.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Sam causes the 1965 Blackout takes place in the Northeastern.

65013 COLOR OF TRUTH August 8, 1955

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a poor southern black man who is a chauffeur for an elderly, rich white woman.

HEART STORY: Sam tries to enlighten this rich woman and the whole town to stop being racist.

KISS WITH HISTORY: No one moment. Civil Rights movement.

65014 CAMIKAZI KID June 6, 1961

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a Valley hot rodder.

HEART STORY: Sam saves the sister of the hot rodder from an abusive marriage and he supports her decision to join the Peace Corps and work to aid poor people in Africa.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Sam meets a young black kid (aka Michael Jackson) in the Men's Room and shows him how to moonwalk.

65009 PLAY IT AGAIN, SEYMOUR April 14, 1953

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a hard boiled detective a la Humphrey Bogart.

HEART STORY: Sam helps Seymour stop living a fantasy detective life and discover his ability to write detective novels.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Sam encounters a young Woody Allen in the airport.

1989 FALL SEASON

65401 DISCO INFERNO April 1st, 1976

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a movie stuntman.

HEART STORY: Sam helps the younger brother of the man he has leaped into not to be coerced by their stuntman father into becoming a stuntman. Instead, he encourages the brother to pursue his talent as a musician.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Uses President Ford's fall down an airplane exit stairs to win a bet and get the father's support for his son.

65411 HONEYMOON EXPRESS April 27, 1960

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a Lieutenant in the NYPD on his honeymoon on a train bound for Niagara Falls.

HEART STORY: Sam saves a woman from her obsessive ex-husband and encourages her to pursue a career in law. Thirty-five years later, she is on the Committee to decide if Sam's project merits funding.

KISS WITH HISTORY: The Russians shoot down Gary Powers in the U-2 over Russia.

65406 MACHIKO MACKENZIE August 4, 1953

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a sailor returning home from overseas duty with a Japanese wife.

HEART STORY: Sam gets the mother of the sailor (whose life he's occupying) to accept his Japanese wife as an equal.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65402 BLIND FAITH August 12, 1965

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a blind concert pianist.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a young girl find her self-confidence and separate herself from her domineering mother.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65019 A PORTRAIT OF TROIAN February 7, 1971

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a parapsychologist.

HEART STORY: Sam convinces a young widow that she is not insane and hearing the voice of her drowned husband. Thereby allowing her to go on with her life.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Sylmar quake.

65017 WHAT PRICE GLORIA October 16, 1961

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a blonde bombshell secretary.

HEART STORY: Sam has to convince her roommate that she can pursue her own dreams and get ahead without being solely dependent on a man.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65409 THOU SHALT NOT February 2, 1974

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a rabbi.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a family to come to terms with the accidental death of a son and keep them from splitting up.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Sam introduces Dr. Heimlich to the 'Heimlich maneuver' when the doctor is accidentally choking on some food.

65408 GOOD MORNING, PEORIA September 9, 1959

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a disc jockey.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a woman to keep her father's dream
 alive to own a number one radio station. By
 utilizing our right of free speech as
 guaranteed in the First Amendment.

KISS WITH HISTORY: Sam teaches Chubby Checker 'The Twist.'

65410 SO HELP ME GOD July 29, 1957

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a white lawyer in the south
 defending a black woman accused of murdering a
 white man.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a young black woman not to give up
 hope on herself and teaches her that if she
 learns to read she doesn't ever have to rely
 on anyone.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65407 JIMMY October 24, 1964

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a retarded man.

HEART STORY: Sam helps the brother's wife accept Jimmy
 and prove to co-workers his value as a
 competent member of society.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65413 CATCH A FALLING STAR March 21, 1979

LEAP: Sam leaps in as an understudy in the play "Man Of
 La Mancha."

HEART STORY: Sam has to come to terms with an old love he
 had for his piano teacher when he was 15 and
 prevent an aging actor from ruining his
 career.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65417 ANIMAL FRAT October 19, 1967

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a fraternity brother a la John Belushi in "Animal House."

HEART STORY: Sam shows a young woman that her goals to stop the war are valid, but her methods are wrong.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65415 ANOTHER MOTHER September 30, 1981

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a divorced mother of three kids.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a 15 year-old kid learn the right attitude about sex and not succumb to peer pressure.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65418 ALL-AMERICANS November 6, 1962

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a Mexican-American high school quarterback in the San Fernando Valley.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a young Mexican-American teammate not to forfeit his promising future in football by throwing a high school city championship.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65416 HER CHARM September 26, 1973

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a crooked FBI agent.

HEART STORY: Sam saves a woman in the FBI witness protection program from a man she once worked for and later testified against.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65423 FREEDOM November 22, 1970

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a young Shoshone Indian.

HEART STORY: Sam helps an elderly Indian man escape from jail and life in a nursing home to return to the land of his birth and die with dignity.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65424 GOOD NIGHT, DEAR HEART November 9, 1957

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a mortician in Massachusetts.

HEART STORY: Sam becomes obsessed with solving the murder of a beautiful, young German woman who was presumed to have committed suicide.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65422 POOL HALL BLUES September 4, 1954

LEAP: Sam leaps in as Charlie "Black Magic" Waters, an old black man and famous pool hustler.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a young woman keep her blues club and her honor by winning a high-stakes game of pool.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65421 LEAPING IN WITHOUT A NET November 18, 1958

LEAP: Sam leaps in as an aerialist in a family trapeze act.

HEART STORY: Sam reconciles a father and son and restores a family trapeze act to greatness by helping the daughter perform the death-defying triple.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65428 MAYBE BABY March 11, 1963

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a bouncer turned kidnapper in Waco, Texas.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a stripper reunite a baby with its real mother.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65430 SEA BRIDE June 3, 1954

LEAP: Sam leaps in on an ocean liner as a handsome
 playboy determined to win back the love of his ex-
 wife on the eve of her wedding to a new husband.

HEART STORY: Sam helps a woman avoid a marriage of
 convenience to a disreputable man and
 reunites her with her true love, her
 ex-husband.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.

65412 MIA April 1, 1969

LEAP: Sam leaps in as a rookie undercover detective in
 San Diego.

HEART STORY: Al tells Sam that Sam's mission is to
 prevent a young woman from remarrying while
 her husband is MIA and presumed dead. Sam
 later discovers that the MIA was Al himself,
 the young woman Al's first wife and true
 love, and that his real mission is to
 prevent a fellow detective from being
 murdered by hippie dope pushers.

KISS WITH HISTORY: None.