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India's vultures have been driven to the brink of extinction in a matter of decades. Their loss threatens the well-being of the country's human population.

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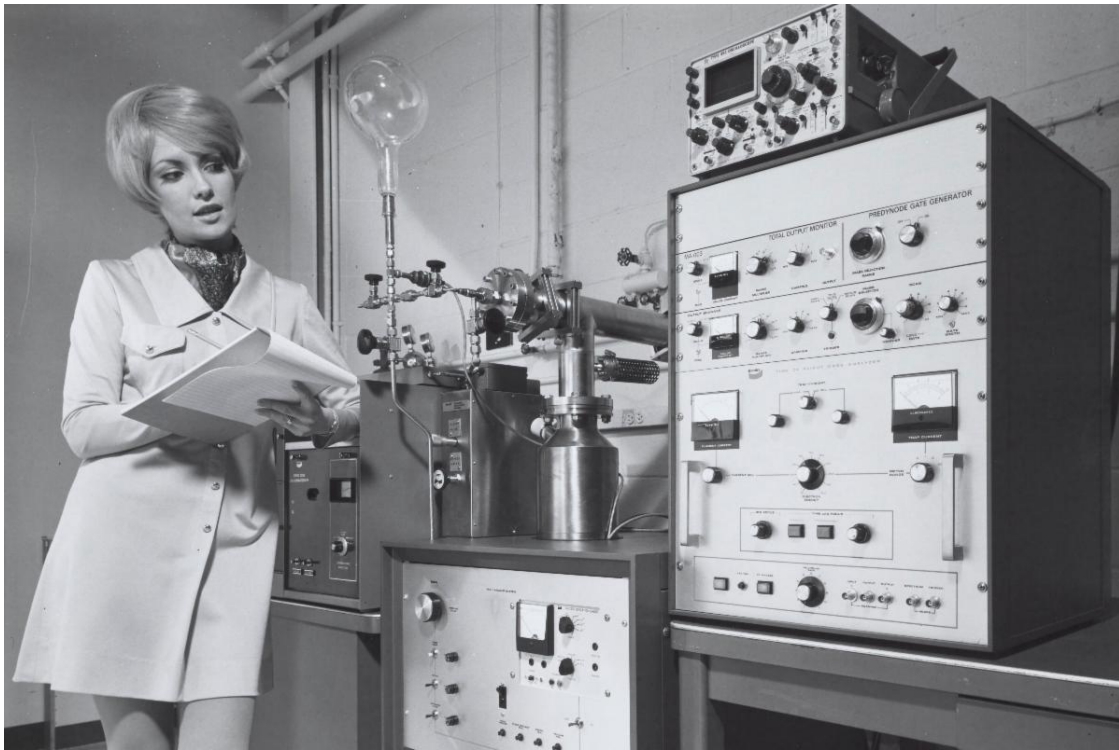
## Science on TV: An Interview with Ingrid Ockert

Historian of science and media Ingrid Ockert discusses the exact moment Carl Sagan began wearing turtlenecks, how *NOVA* changed television, and the key to any successful show: respect the audience.

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Why are these stylish women posing with scientific instruments? Instrument makers in the 1960s used “lovely ladies” to sell their wares, an advertising ploy that’s still around today.

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Science writer Deborah Blum chronicles one chemist's fight to bring order to a lawless food industry.

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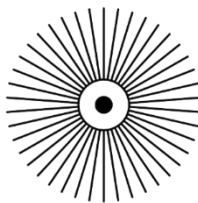
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