

Entertainment Outlook



VIDEOT

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Try to pick the real TV shows

Time to check your TV IQ with my annual Videot Quiz. The commercial networks have announced their fall offerings for 1987. Let's see how closely you've been paying attention.

The list below includes some real series planned for the fall and some I just made up. For one point each, pick the real ones. Subtract one point for wrong guesses. Answers are below.

1. "Beauty and the Beast" This series is about Vincent, a half-man, half-monster who has psychic powers and lives underground in New York. The beast's love interest is an attractive assistant district attorney. In a sort of unofficial association, they fight crime together.

2. "Dr. Be Bop" This is about a woman born in 1959 to parents who were overzealous rock 'n' roll fans. They named her Be Bop A Lula. Now she's a promising young physician who has to deal with oddball patients attracted by her professional shingle: Be Bop A Lula MacKenzie, M.D.

3. "Everything's Relative" Two brothers with very different outlooks on life share an apartment in New York, and they constantly receive unsolicited advice from their mother. One brother is shy and retiring; the other is outgoing and popular.

4. "Frank's Place" Frank Parrish, a prissy Massachusetts college professor, has inherited a Creole restaurant in a black neighborhood of New

Orleans. There he encounters a lot of suspicion from the regular customers, who include an embalmer, a lawyer and a minister of questionable virtue.

5. "Fall House" A widower needs help raising his three young children, so he asks two unconventional friends to move in: a stand-up comedian and his punk-rocker ex-brother-in-law.

6. "I Married Dora" A widower marries his Salvadoran housekeeper so she can remain in the United States and bring up his kids. But the marriage complicates both their lives, especially when they bring home dates.

7. "Jake and the Fatman" William Conrad stars in this series about a grossly overweight district attorney and Jake, his undercover investigator. Jake likes fancy clothes and fast cars; the Fatman's constant companion is a partially blind bulldog.

8. "No Way, Jose" Jose Obrigon is obsessed with the idea of becoming a movie star, a passion that brought him from Central America to Hollywood. But his quest is hampered by the fact that he has no U.S. working papers, can't act and speaks only a few words of English.

9. "Nursery Rhymes" An unpublished poet and his dyslexic girlfriend take up gardening to make ends meet. They are helped by the children of their permanently depressed neighbor. He's a twice-divorced astrologer who writes a personal advice column in the newspaper.

10. "Up the Wrong Tree" To please his boss, a bank teller agrees to take care of a customer's two children and eight dogs for the weekend. When the customer fails to return — a victim of foul play — the fellow is left with an insufferable family and a house full of yelping animals.

11. "Who's Dad?" Two men meet 13 years after they dated the same woman. Now the woman has died, leaving her 12-year-old daughter. As no one knows who the father is, the men get joint custody.

Answers: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 are the real shows. Honest to Pete. Perfect score is seven points.

Why Webster is so short?

Dear Dick: What caused poor little Webster to stay so small? We hear so much about Gary Coleman and his kidney problem that caused him to stay little, but I have never read one word about Emmanuel Lewis' condition. I have heard he is 16. Is this correct? — Mrs. B.D.S., Caldwell, Idaho.



Emmanuel Lewis

Dear Mrs. B.D.S.: They keep insisting there is no condition to write about. Emmanuel Lewis, who plays Webster, is 16 years old, and very short. But there is apparently nothing wrong with him physically: He just has short genes. Lewis has had all kinds of tests and the doctors all say "he has a potential for growth." His parents are waiting for that teen-age spurt to shoot him up. His family is all short, but not like him. And that's the short of it.

Face in the crowd



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