

TUNING IN

T.V. To Air Touching Story by Leti Groves

Most folks who feel the love between grandparents and grandchildren is somewhat special probably can't imagine anyone trying to separate them, but the fact is courts can rule to keep grandparents and grandchildren apart. On October 18, CBS airs "Conspiracy of Love," a drama about one such case starring Robert Young as the grandfather, Drew Barrymore as his beloved granddaughter, and Glynis O'Connor as the mother who tries to keep her ex-husband's father away from her child because she feels he's a bad influence on her.

As this is being written, Maureen O'Sullivan still doesn't know if she's going to have another granddaughter or grandson courtesy of her daughter Mia Farrow and her ever-love Woody Allen. But she does know she has a great guest-starring role as a grande dame whose mysterious "Mia" sparks a brouhaha on CBS' new series, "Leg Work."

Talk about biting the hand that feeds you. Or is it just a case of foot-in-mouth-synonym? Anyway, I don't understand Jim J. Brown bad-mouthing "Hotel," and not checking out of the show. I feel, if you don't like the series you're in, either quit or get off the set. What do you think?

The Family Way: Last year "Young & the Restless" star Jeanne Cooper guested on "L.A. Law" as the real-life mom of Anne's bad-boy played by her real-life son, Corbin Bernsen. Now, NBC's "A Year in the Life" picks up the family theme with Alan Arkin set to guest as Marvin, Jim Eisenberg's dad. Jim, of course, is played by series regular, Adam Arkin.

Why all the talk about Diane Sawyer co-anchoring the CBS news with Dan Rather to help raise the show's ratings? Maybe we should stop thinking of using talented women as co-anchors to hype ratings and start thinking of them as anchors in their own right. Best of all, let's stop treating network news as show business and start thinking of it as something owed to the public, which owns the air the networks sell for big advertising bucks in the first place.

SOAP SCRAPS: We keep hearing that Susan Lucci will soon be taking longer leaves of absence from "All My Children" to do more nighttime work. "Bold & the Beautiful" star Katherine Kelly Lang (Brooke) is the daughter of Olympic ski jumper-turned-actor Keith Wegman who played the Jolly Green Giant in those frozen food commercials. Robert Goulet's beautiful daughter, Nicolette Goulet (Meredith, "Guiding Light") says her 18-month-old son, Girard, knows who the handsome man in show business is "his grandpa, of course."

TV Test

1. In what burrough of New York did Archie and Edith Barker reside?
2. What city was Archie Barker's brother from?
3. In what town did Walter and Maude Findley live on "Maude"?
4. In what city did J.J. and his family live on "Good Times"?
5. In what city did Ann and her family live on "One Day at a Time"?
6. What city did Batman and Robin protect from crime?
7. In what town do the Harpers live on "Mama's Family"?

8. What city was Fred Sanford originally from "Sanford and Son"?

9. What city was the home of the "Mannix" family?

10. What city was the home of the "Barney Miller" family?

11. What city was the home of the "Three's Company" family?

12. What city was the home of the "The Dick Van Dyke Show" family?

13. What city was the home of the "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" family?

14. What city was the home of the "The Bob Newhart Show" family?

15. What city was the home of the "The Dick Cavett Show" family?

16. What city was the home of the "The Carol O'Connor Show" family?

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Answers: 1. Queens, 2. Baltimore, 3. New York, 4. New York, 5. New York, 6. Gotham City, 7. New York, 8. New York, 9. New York, 10. New York, 11. New York, 12. New York, 13. New York, 14. New York, 15. New York, 16. New York, 17. New York, 18. New York, 19. New York, 20. New York.

TV CONVERSATION Preview

HERE'S WHAT'S GOOD THIS WEEK ON T.V.

WEDNESDAY

8:00 PM - CBS: OLDEST ROOKIE (C) Ike gets caught in the middle of a potential strike between the police officers and management. (60 min.)

9:00 PM - ABC: HOOVERMAN (C) Hooperman fumes when he learns that a wife-guy rapist that he apprehended is actually a federally protected witness. (In Stereo)

9:30 PM - CBS: MAGNUM PI: A mystery woman plays a key role in Higgins' bizarre personality change. (60 min.)

9:50 PM - NBC: YEAR IN THE LIFE / BASEBALL PLAYOFF: Anne's college sweetheart rekindles her romantic feelings. Lindsey and Kay struggle with family issues. (May be pre-empted). (60 min.) (In Stereo)

10:00 PM - CBS: EQUALIZER: American and Soviet agents search for an East European scientist who's intent on applying for political asylum. (60 min.)

10:30 PM - NBC: ST. ELSEWHERE / BASEBALL PLAYOFF: Guest stars Leslie Caron and Ed Marinaro. (60 min.)

10:50 PM - NBC: PRIVATE EYE: A rising Texas singer (Jim Fyfe) learns the music industry is a hazardous one after his master tape is stolen and a record executive is killed. (60 min.) Part 1 of 2. (In Stereo)

THURSDAY

8:00 PM - CBS: TOUR OF DUTY (C) An overly zealous sergeant's passion for combat threatens the lives of Bravo Company. (60 min.)

8:30 PM - NBC: COSBY SHOW (C) Cliff borrows, and subsequently "misplaces," a neighbor's power drill; the children attend a Halloween party. (In Stereo)

9:00 PM - CBS: NATURE: WHERE EAGLES FLY (C) The life cycle of Britain's golden eagle is studied in its natural habitat, the Highlands of Scotland. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

9:30 PM - NBC: DIFFERENT WORLD / BASEBALL PLAYOFF (C) As dorm monitor, Jalecia must enforce penalties on letterbugs - including Denise (May be pre-empted for a seventh AL playoff game, if necessary). (In Stereo)

9:50 PM - ABC: MOVIE: "The Survivors" (C) Two neurotic victims of the economic crunch become entangled in a predicament that alters the course of their lives. Robin Williams, Walter Matthau, Jerry Reed. 1985. (In Stereo)

10:00 PM - NBC: CHEERS / BASEBALL PLAYOFF (C) May be pre-empted for a seventh AL playoff game, if necessary. (In Stereo)

10:30 PM - NBC: NIGHT COURT / BASEBALL PLAYOFF (C) Bull has a near-death experience and insists God spoke to him (May be pre-empted for seventh AL playoff game, if necessary). (In Stereo)

10:50 PM - NBC: MY TWO DADS (C) Joey and Michael console Nicole after she is stood up by her first date. (In Stereo)

FRIDAY

8:00 PM - CBS: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Vincent comes to Cathy's rescue when she's caught in the middle of a street gang fight. (60 min.)

8:30 PM - NBC: HANSEN TO RIGHTS (C) Nick plans a camping trip with the girls to restore harmony within the family. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

9:00 PM - ABC: MAX HEADROOM (C) Edison tries to expose the criminals behind an electronically addictive game show. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

9:30 PM - CBS: DALLAS (C) Bobby and Cliff frantically search for Pam; J.R. is visited by a woman from his past. (60 min.)

10:00 PM - NBC: MIAMI VICE (C) Crockett and Tubbs investigate an avant-garde filmmaker accused of slaying his leading lady. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

10:30 PM - CBS: FALCON CREST (C) Angela asks for Dan's assistance after failing to lure Lance back. Guest stars Leslie Caron and Ed Marinaro. (60 min.)

10:50 PM - NBC: PRIVATE EYE: A rising Texas singer (Jim Fyfe) learns the music industry is a hazardous one after his master tape is stolen and a record executive is killed. (60 min.) Part 1 of 2. (In Stereo)

SATURDAY

8:00 PM - NBC: FACTS OF LIFE (C) Blair considers quitting law school when rumor has it that she is having an affair with a womanizing professor. (In Stereo)

8:30 PM - PBS: WONDERWORKS: (C) Three children plan to save coal-mining ponies from being slaughtered when automation threatens their small mining town. (60 min.) Part 1 of 2.

9:00 PM - CBS: LEO WALK: Claire makes a shocking discovery about her friend's husband. (60 min.)

9:30 PM - NBC: GOLDEN GIRLS (C) Cousin of their new housekeeper's "magic points," Blanche's social life perks up and Dorothy wins the battle against insomnia. (In Stereo)

10:00 PM - CBS: AMEN (C) Frye and a former law-school rival have a showdown in the courtroom. (In Stereo)

10:30 PM - NBC: HUNTER (C) Hunter helps an old friend (Dick Blocker) locate the kidnappers of his mail-order dealer. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

10:50 PM - NBC: J.J. STARBUCK (C) In San Francisco, Starbuck suspects that a concert pianist may have orchestrated the murder of a multi-competition judge. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

11:00 PM - CBS: RING OF TRUTH: Philia Morrison demonstrates the way science works. First up: the television's development. Illustrates scientific truths about the world. (60 min.) Part 1 of 6.

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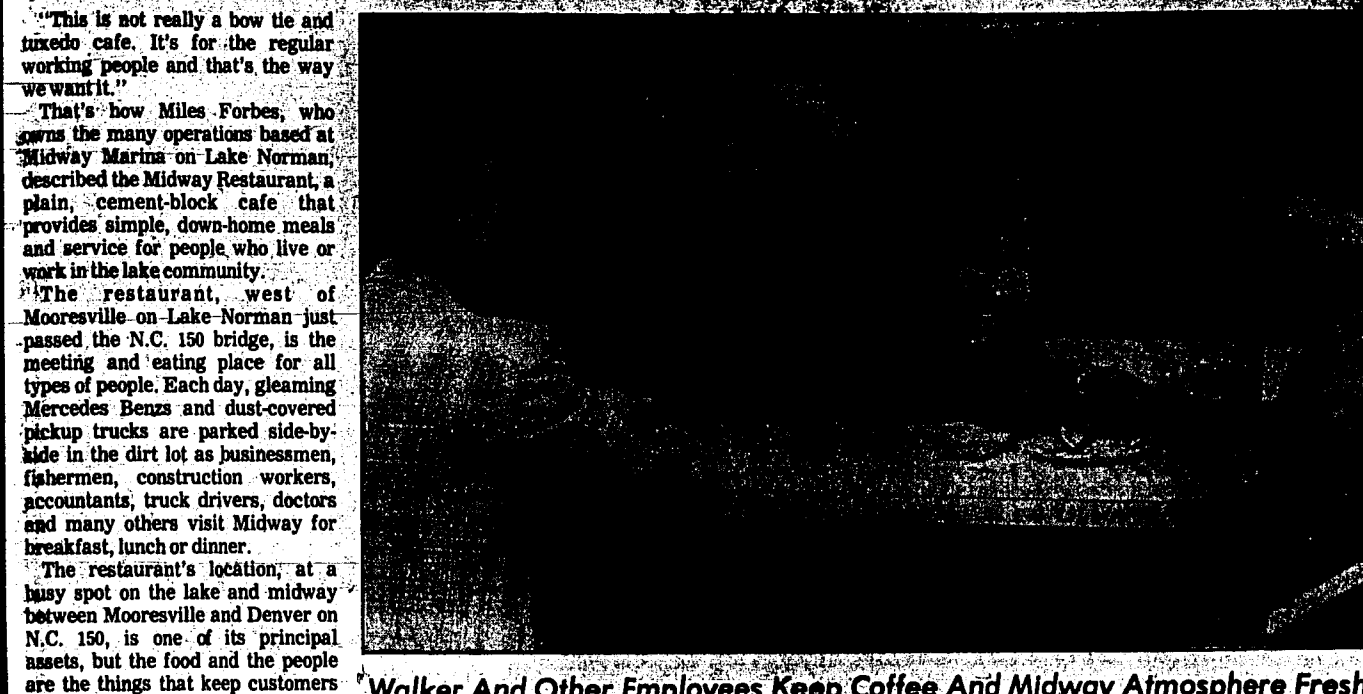
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"This is not really a bow tie and tuxedo cafe. It's for the regular working people and that's the way we want it."

That's how Miles Forbes, who owns the many operations based at Midway Marina on Lake Norman, described the Midway Restaurant, a plain, cement-block cafe that provides simple, down-home meals and service for people who live or work in the lake community.

The restaurant, west of Mooreville on Lake Norman just past the N.C. 150 bridge, is the meeting and eating place for all types of people. Each day, gleaming Mercedes Benz and dust-covered pickup trucks are parked side-by-side in the dirt lot as businessmen, fishermen, construction workers, accountants, truck drivers, doctors and many others visit Midway for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

The restaurant's location, at a busy spot on the lake and midway between Mooreville and Denver on N.C. 150, is one of its principal assets, but the food and the people are the things that keep customers coming back.

"Forbes wife Bonnie made the most recognized Midway personality among lunch and dinner customers. She is the manager of the restaurant—and treats—every customer like an old friend, which in many instances is the case."

Bonnie Forbes greets each customer coming and going, when they come to the counter to pay the bill, she checks to make sure everything about the meal was okay. She'll also, on occasion, throw in an after-dinner "treat" with a little humor.

"Go ahead and take some, we give bubblegum free to all the children," she'll say, no matter how old the customer is.

"I really enjoy meeting the people and talking to them," Bonnie Forbes said, "and I think everybody working here feels the same way. We just try to make them feel welcomed."

The food also goes a long way in making customers feel at home. There are no flaming dishes or fancy specialties on the Midway menu, just good stick-to-your-ribs basics that Midway regulars know they can count on.

"This is a lake restaurant, not a fancy night-on-the-town place," Nancy Varnadoe, who has worked at Midway for more than two years, said. "This place doesn't need deep carpet and a silver chandelier. It's a gathering place where folks can meet and feel right at home."

The breakfast menu features eggs, grits, pancakes and omelets teamed with sausage, bacon, country ham, hash browns and, according to some folks, the best livermush this side of grandma's kitchen.

Biscuits, plain or stuffed with any of the above fixins, are also available for customers in a hurry.

At lunchtime, the items are different but the character is the same. Sandwiches, ranging from flounder fillet to peanut butter and jelly, are the most popular lunch orders. One item, the Midway Super Burger, may be the most-ordered lunch item in four counties. It features a large cheeseburger complete with french fries for \$2.30.

Each day's lunch menu also features a "Blue Plate Special," a meat and two vegetable lunch menu customers prefer over a sandwich.

At night, dinner plates are added to the sandwich offerings. The plates feature: country ham, barbecue, hamburger, steak, brooder and chuckwagon steak served with slow, french fries and rolls.

In addition to the regular items, other vegetable and fruit dishes are sometimes added to the menu on weekdays when the staff

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has time to prepare it, but on weekends, when the breakfast, lunch and dinner crowds overlap throughout the day, Midway sticks to the basics.

"We try to make different things during the week," Varnadoe said, "but on Saturday and Sunday, it's mainly just short-order stuff and the regular plates."

On summer weekends, flocks of customers descend on Midway from land and lake, and even during the fall and winter, business stays brisk.

"We get all the regulars in here on Saturday and Sunday and a lot of other days too," Bonnie Walker, a Midway employee for right at seven years, said. "It's not a whooping business in the fall and winter, but it's a good business and we stay busy."

During the week, Midway's regulars include construction crews working in the fast-growing lake area, Duke Power employees from Plant Marshall and many others who live and work in and around Lake Norman.

Midway's attitude toward its customers is another factor that keeps regulars coming back. The restaurant's regular hours are seven days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the fall and winter. Evening hours are extended in the summer.

"But whenever there's a need, Midway is open."

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