

Merv Set To Ask Tough Questions

Merv Griffin is the share, and Joan Collins, Carol Burnett, and Shelley Long are the shares, who tell all to Merv in an upcoming NBC special called "Secrets Women Never Share." Among the questions to be discussed are: How can you tell if your husband is cheating? Does a face lift change a woman's personality? — and — How does a successful woman get to the top?

If you can be patient until the end of the year, or thereabouts, you'll hear the answers to these and other posers put to the folks by Griffin.

If you can't get enough of "Eight is Enough," then tune into NBC on October 18 for "Eight is Enough: A Family Reunion." The show reunites the regulars from the original series, Dick Van Patten, Willie Aames, Grant Goodeve, Diane Kay, Connie Needham, Lani O'Grady, Adam Rich, Susan Richardson and Laurie Walters. Marky Mark's "Newswatch" plays a featured role in the production as Merv Griffin, Susan Richardson.

Is there a problem in putting together a picture of life based on Rita Hayworth's life? That's what I hear. But to me it's nothing more than a series of events that can't be put together.

WORKERWORKS continues to make top quality TV programs. Coming up on PBS on October 10 is "The Pig Tree," starring Oscar-winning actress Teresa Wright and Emmy Award winner, Doris Roberts. It's a beautiful story of a child who is born with a rare disease, the cycle of life, and death. I recommend that parents watch it with their children for a particularly wonderful shared experience.

"It's Showtime at the Apollo" is a new one-hour weekly syndicated TV show produced on the stage of Harlem's legendary Apollo Theater which has just gone through a massive multi-million dollar face-lift to restore it to its 1930s splendor. Among the guest stars who will host the variety show are: Melba Moore who will be in Virginia, South to tape a special "Oscar" at the Vienna State Opera, Al Jarreau, Bill Cosby, the Beatrice Boys, Stevie Wonder, Natalie Cole, Eddie Murphy and others.

Any thoughts yet on any of the new season's offerings. I'd love to have your suggestions on the three shows you think will survive for another season and the three you feel should be "threw your wig" clean and tossed as soon as possible. Send your comments to me at King From TV, 230 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

\$2 Million Endowment To Davidson

John I. Smith Charities Inc. of Greenville, S.C. has committed to give Davidson College a \$2 million endowment to establish the John I. Smith Honor Scholars Program in memory of its founder, the late John I. Smith, a 1924 Davidson graduate and former college trustee.

Recipients of the four-year scholarships will be selected on the basis of academic excellence, leadership and service to others, qualities demonstrated by Smith's own life.

While working on an economics degree at Davidson, Smith won the Freshman Scholarship Medal, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, served as president of the Student Council and the Eumenean Literary Society, and managed the basketball team. In later years, he went on to become vice president of Abney Mills, a director of several financial institutions, chairman of the Greenville Hospital System and grant master of Masons in South Carolina.

Smith gave much of the credit for his achievements to the liberal arts education that enabled him to "sit at the feet of truly great teachers of fine Christian character — this had a tremendous influence in the shaping of my life," he wrote in his 50th reunion questionnaire.

Davidson President John W. Kuykendall hailed the Smith Charities' commitment as a major step toward accomplishing a top priority of the college: to increase available financial aid resources to guarantee the continued quality, selectivity and diversity of the student body.

"The Smith Scholars Program is the largest single endowment in our financial aid portfolio, and we intend to use it to build a total financial aid endowment to assure our continued success in recruiting the most outstanding students to Davidson," Kuykendall said.

The first John I. Smith Scholarship will be awarded in fall of 1988.

CONVERSATION Preview

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

WEDNESDAY

8:00 PM — CBS: OLDEST ROOKIE (C) He and Tony's investigation of a missing is complicated when he's nice becomes involved as a witness to the crime. (60 min.)

9:00 PM — ABC: SURVIVAL SPECIAL Season Premiere (C) A "Survival" series. A water-leveling in Africa's Eosia National Park. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

9:00 PM — ABC: HOOPERMAN (C) Harry tries to pass off Biggie the dog as a canine narcotics agent. (In Stereo)

10:00 PM — CBS: EQUALIZER A mentally retarded man seeks McCall's help when he's falsely accused of murdering a co-worker. (60 min.)

10:00 PM — CBS: CINEMAX: MOVIE: "The Hitcher" (C) A young motorist who is with an evil hitchhiker, C. Thomas Howell, Ruiger Hauer, Jennifer Jason Leigh. 1986. Rated R. (In Stereo)

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

8:00 PM — CBS: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Catherine Chandler fears that Vincent might be the animalistic vigilante who is killing thugs on the New York subway system. (60 min.)

9:00 PM — ABC: MAX HEADROOM (C) A former Network 23 executive becomes a power broker at a real estate network in a scheme to destroy Edison and Max. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

9:00 PM — CBS: DALLAS (C) A mysterious person who enters Pam's hotel room sends shockwaves through the Ewing household. Andrew Stevens joins the cast. (60 min.)

9:00 PM — NBC: MIAMI VICE (C) Tubbs apprehends an eccentric TV evangelist on a narcotics-possession charge. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

10:00 PM — ABC: 20/20 (C) Scheduled look at Shere Hite's updated "Hite Report," which looks at male-female relationships. (60 min.)

10:00 PM — CBS: FALCON CREST Season Premiere (C) Several lives hang in the balance as a result of the car chase that ended up in San Francisco Bay. (60 min.)

SATURDAY

8:00 PM — PBS: BARBERSHOP JAMBOREE The Society for the Preservation of Barbershop Quartets performs some of the old harmonious classics. (60 min.)

9:00 PM — CBS: MY SISTER SAM Season Premiere (C) Sam's floundering when he receives a phone message from Steve announcing his impending marriage to another woman. Part 1 of 2.

9:00 PM — CBS: LEG WORK Premiere. A crime drama. An ex-convict detective's attorney turns detective. Tonight Detective Claire Maltby (C) strong-arms her foe from a slow-paying client, with deadly results. With Frances McDormand. (60 min.)

10:00 PM — ABC: HOTEL Season Premiere (C) A psychic contacts a widower's deceased wife; a handsome man accompanies Christine to the Hotel Association banquet. Dick Rambo, Ted Shackelford and Ginger Rogers guest star. (60 min.)

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SUNDAY

8:00 PM — CBS: MURDER, SHE WROTE (C) Jessica travels to Canada to testify at the trial of a colleague accused of murdering his wife. (60 min.)

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MONDAY

8:00 PM — CBS: AMERICA BY DESIGN (C) This look at the work environment explores the changing face of the workplace and reasons why Americans work where they do. (60 min.) Part 2 of 5.

8:30 PM — NBC: VALERIE'S FAMILY (C) A fire in the attic forces the Hogans to seek help at Peter and Patty Poole's house. (In Stereo)

9:00 PM — NBC: MOVIE: "Hunted by Her Past" (C) A lawyer's wife becomes possessed by the spirit of a seductive murderer who had killed her lover centuries earlier. Susan Lucci, John James. (In Stereo)

9:30 PM — CINEMAX: MOVIE: "Cobra" (C) An L.A. cop's investigation into a series of random murders reveals that there could be more than one killer. Sylvester Stallone, Brigitte Nielsen, Rami Baskin. 1986. Rated R. (In Stereo)

9:30 PM — HBO: ROSEANNE BARR SHOW (C) Housewife / comedian Roseanne Barr delivers her views on motherhood and life in a mobile home. (60 min.) (In Stereo)

10:00 PM — CBS: CAGNEY AND LACEY (C) While off duty, Mary Beth is summoned to come to the aid of a neighbor who is being attacked by her husband. (60 min.)

TUESDAY

8:00 PM — PBS: NOVA Season Premiere (C) This science series' 15th season begins with astronomer efforts to understand the first supernova observed at close range in nearly 400 years. (60 min.)

9:00 PM — CBS: A LAX AND THE PATMAN (C) A friend and former partner is slain while returning from his engagement party. Lu Leonard joins the cast of McCall's secretary. (60 min.)

9:00 PM — PBS: WE THE PEOPLE (C) Look at whether constitutional limits impede police effectiveness in coping with crime. (60 min.) Part 3 of 4.

9:00 PM — ABC: MOONLIGHTING (C) (60 min.)

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First Baptist RA's Get Top Recognition Again

Two chapters of the Royal Ambassador mission education and activities program at First Baptist Church have earned Chapter-of-the-Year designation by the Brotherhood Department of the N.C. State Baptist Convention. Richard Brinson of Raleigh recently informed Jerry Kelly, director of the local program, that the Bill and Judy McCall Chapter of fourth, fifth and sixth graders and the Jay Gilbert Chapter of first, second and third graders were designated top chapters for the 1986-87 year ending in September. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sykes and Mr. and Mrs. David Chamberlain are counselors for the older Crusader chapter and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kiser are counselors for the younger Lad chapter. This is the second consecutive year both the McCall and the Gilbert chapters have earned the top honor and the third top honor for the Crusader chapter. Pictured above are members of the groups wearing their advancement sashes. In the top photo, from left, are Susan Kiser, Allan Sandoval, Beau Benson, Wes Carney, Phillip Kiser, Chris Kiser, Web Brannon and Bobby Kiser. In the bottom photo, from left, are Ben Sykes, Dennis Chamberlain, Jason Kelly, Josh Snider, and Jason Warlick. Second row, from left, are Connie Sykes, Omar Norman, Rodney Childers, Nathan VanderWall and David Chamberlain. Absent from this group was Rod Campbell, Reggie Mills, Chad Nelson, Blake VanderWall, Donna Chamberlain and Hugh Sykes.



Iredell County Schools Menu

These lunches are planned in all elementary and middle schools in the Iredell County system during the week beginning Oct. 5. Students may choose one meat, two fruits or vegetables, a serving of bread and a carton of milk.

Monday: Pizza; hamburger on bun; tossed salad; french fries; green peas; buttered corn; cherry cobbler; choice of milk.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger; on bun; country-style steak with gravy; rice with gravy; green peas; fried okra; baked apples; pineapple tidbits; school baked roll; choice of milk.

Wednesday: Barbecue; hot dog on bun; baked beans; cole slaw; french fries; sliced peaches; school baked roll; choice of milk.

Thursday: Barbecue; hot dog on bun; baked beans; cole slaw; french fries; sliced peaches; school baked roll; choice of milk.

Friday: Cafeteria Closed Teacher Workday.

To Your Health

More resources have become available to help people with spinal cord injuries. As a result, the quality of their lives has improved significantly according to Barbara Wilson, coordinator of physical therapy rehabilitation in the Department of Physical Therapy at Duke University Medical Center. Enhancements in medical treatment have been made, but many people still lose their motivation without emotional support. Physical therapists and other health professionals can train people to take care of themselves, Wilson said. "But to live a full life, they need strong support from family and friends to finish the job of rehabilitation that we start," she said. Wilson said that many people with spinal cord injuries are able to do nearly everything but walk. The book, written by a paraplegic, tells the stories of 54 people and how they cope with their disabilities. "Our expectations of paraplegics are higher because more barriers have been removed," she said. "More apartment complexes are accessible to the handicapped, and more employers are willing to hire them. As a result, many are living as well as people without disabilities."

Wilson said the transition from a rehabilitation program to the home can be difficult. "The real world is not like 'rehab' where there are a lot of people there to help and support you," she said.

Organizations that offer specialized resources ease the transition. Wilson suggested the following list, which is by no means comprehensive. Appearance of this list does not constitute endorsement by Duke University Medical Center.

National Spinal Cord Injury Association, 140 California St., Newton, MA 02458. "Options: Spinal Cord Injury and the Future" is available from this association.

"Access, North Carolina" is a free written and travel guide for disabled persons. Write the NC Division of Travel and Tourism, Dept. of Commerce, Raleigh, NC.

Brian Nesbit Completes Training

Navy Vietnam Brian T. Nesbit Jr. of Statesville, N.C., has completed recruit training at the Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Fla. During Nesbit's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's basic fields.

Nesbit's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. He also became eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

A 1987 graduate of South Iredell High School, near Barium Springs, he joined the Navy in July 1987.

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