



Bill Cosby returns to prime time this fall as a pediatrician on "The Bill Cosby Show." Daily Nebraskan File Photo

New shows offend critic's eye

Hello, and welcome to Taste Tube. I'm your host, Mark Holt. Join me today and each week as I wear out my channel selector and pursue the TV Guide in an effort to bring you, readers and viewers, a detailed report on what's good, bad and pathetic on television.

Mark Holt

The commercial networks have dished up their usual servings of cop shows, doctor shows, high-tech pursuit shows, fashion shows, sitcoms and people-do-the-dumbest-things shows. Since limited space makes it impossible to comment on each one, I'll pick a few of my favorites that I think have the most (or least) potential. Shall

we begin?

You loved one in "Wonder Woman." You adored the other in "WKRP." Linda Carter and Loni Anderson join forces at NBC for the latest cute-girls-light-crime show.

Scott Baio, of "Happy Days" is back for one's viewing pleasure. Wonder no more what this blossoming young actor will sink his teeth into next. "Charles in Charge" will feature Baio in its leading role. I guess Joanie doesn't love him anymore. Anyway, Baio has been cast as Charles, a live-in domestic helper hired by a family with 11-zillion kids. Think nutty. Think whacky. Keep trying.

ABC's "Call to Glory" sounds interesting. The promotions give it the appearance of a drawn out "Winds of War." (Could "Winds of War" be drawn out anymore?) James Sikking, whom ABC rudely

stole from NBC's "Hill Street Blues," will lend his talents to this one. Give'em heck, James.

For those of you who aren't up early enough on Saturdays to catch "Fat Albert," Bill Cosby is pouring his energies into a new sitcom — "The Bill Cosby Show." Original? You bet. Don't get me wrong. Bill and I go back a long way and he means a lot to me. I just hope he's doing this because he has something new to offer and not because his house needs a new heating and cooling system. Keep it zany and offbeat, Bill, and don't take the Nielsens off your Christmas card list.

Since most season premiers still are waiting in the wings, I'll save most of my judgments for future use. There will be plenty of time for compliments, criticism and mortal blows — the prime time for prime time has begun.

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Docent training begins

Sheldon Art Gallery will have a docent training course Sept. 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the gallery auditorium, 12th and R streets.

A docent is a person who conducts or guides a group of people through a museum and discusses the exhibitions, said Suzanne Wise, Sheldon's education specialist.

"Although 'docent' is a Latin word that means to teach, a docent is not expected or required to be an artist or an art expert. A desire to look and learn about art and communicate with others is far more important for being a successful docent than possessing an ability to remember Georgia O'Keeffe's birthday," she said.

The training course includes lectures, art film, attendance and

Sheldon gallery and sculpture garden tours. Docents familiarize themselves with the permanent collection, and learn communication and touring techniques. Plans for field trips to other institutions of interest, such as Joslyn Museum in Omaha, also are being considered, Wise said.

"Looking at art is such a positive experience that I can almost guarantee anyone who is willing to take a few hours a week to work with children or adults at the gallery will find the experience very rewarding and worth the effort," Wise said.

Anyone interested in volunteering time to join Sheldon's education program should contact the Sheldon Art Gallery for more information.

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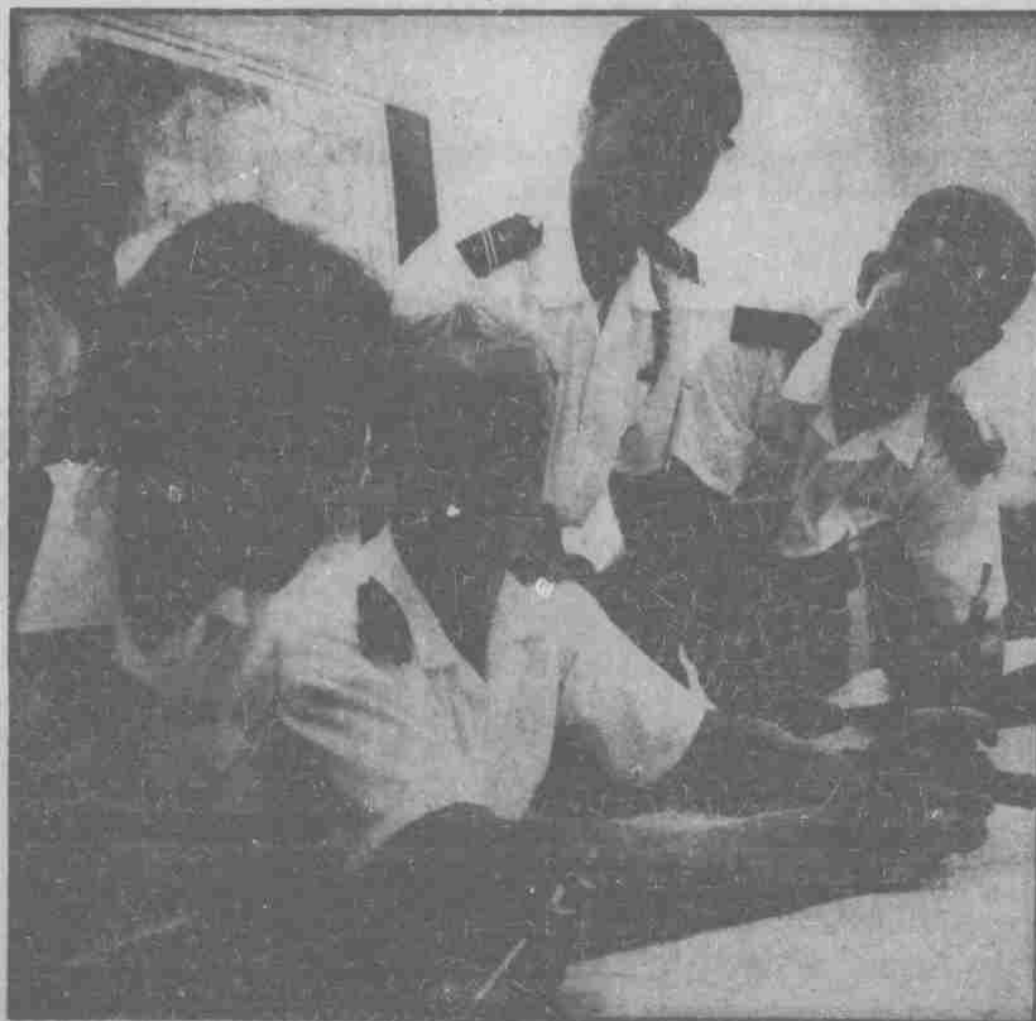
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