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The intelligent game show, if indeed there ever was such a creature, has nearly disappeared from the airwaves. "Jeopardy," with Art Fleming, who talked too much but steered us through the hardest categories with elan, is long gone. Now ditto for "Password," which began disintegrating a year or more ago when it began adding gimmicks and more money to its simple format of out-synonyming your opponent. Another favorite, "Split Second," has also recently gone the way of the boards.

Somewhere out there in syndication land there may be game shows which pique the intellect and stimulate the nerve center, but if so we're not getting them in Rochester. Instead, the emphasis is on physical hi-jinks, gambling themes and showcases for celebrity guests. After watching a few of them in recent weeks, the advice here to those who might feel the need to stay home from the office and nurse a bug: Don't. Lying on the sofa and watching some of the shenanigans will only make you more miserable.

Some of the entries:

Showoffs, replacing Password on Channel 13 weekdays at 12:30 p.m. Bobby Van took over when Larry Blyden who had been tapped for emcee of this antic-filled show succumbed to an auto

accident. Billed as "a game of body language for the uninhibited," "Showoffs" in reality is another game of charades with teams competing to guess the same clues. The contestants are both celebrities and people taken from the audience who have ostensibly demonstrated ability to become hyper in front of the camera. They may be having fun but very little is enjoyed by the TV fan. On a scale of 1 to 10 this one gets a 2.

Musical Chairs is seen at 4 p.m. on Channel 10, replacing Tattle Tales, which has moved to an 11 a.m. slot. With Adam Wade as emcee this show has contestants trying to guess the next line of a song. To help them along singers belt out two or three sets of lyrics, all of which sound plausible if you don't know the right words. This one rates a 3.

Rhyme and Reason, seen afternoons at 2:30 on Channel 13, has stars finishing rhyming couplets hoping to hit upon three pre-selected words. It requires a little more mental ability on the part of the celebrities than say "Showoffs" but not much. This gets a 3 also.

The Magnificent Marble Machine, seen at noon on Channel 8, makes no sense to me whatsoever. I only watched it once but was too bored to try it again. Art James is the star of this dog.

There are other new ones, but after having seen the above four this viewer was too dispirited to look at any more game shows. For the rest, you're on your own.

PORT BYRON FETE

Port Byron — A bazaar and chicken barbecue at St. John's Church will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. Father Bernard Kuchman, new pastor, and Charles Burke, as co-chairmen, will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Verdi, Sharon Seamans, Josephine Van Acora, Ethel Cobb, Rosemary Hearn, Lena Van Acora, Bob Seamans, Theresa and Marie Van Detto and Marjorie Darrow.

TV Specials Win Prizes

New York [RNS] — The writers of "Larry," a CBS special about a man wrongly believed to be retarded and episodes of NBC's "The Law" and "Sunshine" series have been named winners of the first Humanitas Prizes.

The prizes, totalling \$50,000, were presented by the Human Family Educational and Cultural Institute, funded by the Lilly Endowment.

Purpose of the awards is to encourage television to grapple with its "humanizing responsibilities," according to Father Ellwood Kieser, CSP, a board member.

Holy Family Players

Father Philip Bilotte will make his debut with the Holy Family Theatre, Aug. 8. The associate pastor will appear as the father of the boy friend of the flighty teenager in *The Impossible Years*.

Donna Katz, Rick Reber, Joe Frank, Angela Uttaro, Judy Ryan, Brian Doran, Steve Stone, Arthur Brunette, Charlie Noto and John Curtis.

Teresa Ringholz will play the part of the girl, and Al Colavecchia will be her father, a psychiatrist who knows all about bringing her up.

The play will be presented in the parish auditorium at 8 p.m. Aug. 8, 9, 15 and 16. A seat costs \$1.50, and for 25 cents more can be reserved by calling Mrs. Maeder at 328-2820.

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