

Almost Home

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 Connie Ray

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Badly out of focus – but possibly that's a blessing

Source: Daily Mirror

Daily Mirror note:

“Remember that loveable series **"The Torkelsons"**? Here's the sequel. Country-woman Millicent T. (Connie Ray) has had to sell her home, but a widowed businessman observes her common sense and wonderful spirit and asks her to become nanny to his teenaged children. She takes her three youngsters and moves into the man's home in Seattle. There country meets city and Millicent's sunny approach to life guides all of them through a series of adventures.”

“Two tribes: the Torkelson clan meet up with the Morgans of Seattle with hilarious consequences.”

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“...A spinoff from **"Webster"** called **"Almost Home"**, about a group of orphans, is also on the fall schedule...”

[no listing in "Halliwell's Television Companion", "History of Television", "Television's Greatest Hits" or "25 Years of ITV - 1955-1980"]

No further information currently available. Since when does anybody – even in Seattle – hire a live-in “nanny” for their teenage kids? But who are we to question the mysteries of that parallel world where the sitcoms dwell. It's another "**Brady Bunch**", isn't it? Perhaps with a dash of "**Who's the Boss?**" for added zing. "**FAMILY OF STRANGERS**", "**BATTLE OF THE VILLA FIORITA**", "**YOURS, MINE AND OURS**" – all took the theme of two families summarily welded together (usually by marriage) and wrung what comedic or dramatic situations they could from a sorely limited scenario. Which is not, of course, to say that this might not be very funny. What counts in sitcoms is the wit of the writing, not the ingenuity of the core situation, as shows like "**Cheers**" and its own spinoff "**Frasier**" (also set in Seattle) illustrated very well.

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