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Is it time to send search and rescue for '9-1-1: Lone Star'?

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You have questions. I have some answers.

Q: I have loved both "9-1-1" programs. I know the original one has moved from Fox to ABC, but "9-1-1: Lone Star" has not shown up anywhere. Has it been canceled? I hope not.

A: After the Hollywood strikes threw a wrench into TV scheduling, Fox decided to hold "9-1-1: Lone Star" back for its fall 2024 lineup. It will be on the network on Monday nights. The original "9-1-1" will also be

back, leading off Thursday nights on ABC.

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Q: I just finished watching season one of "Maxton Hall." Will there be a second season?

A: Yes. Amazon Prime Video has ordered another run of the international hit — fully titled "Maxton Hall: The World Between Us." Here's Prime's description: "The series is based on Mona Kasten's bestseller 'Save Me.' When Ruby unwittingly witnesses an explosive secret at Maxton Hall private school, the arrogant millionaire heir James Beaufort has to deal with the quick-witted scholarship student for better or worse: He is determined to silence Ruby. Their passionate exchange of words unexpectedly ignites a spark."

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Q: I remember that there was a pilot for an evening show called "Ocean Liner." It was a cross between "Hotel" and "The Love Boat." Robert Stack was the captain of an ocean liner, and there were several stories interwoven with different actors. I'm not confusing this with the Robert Stack movie "The Last Voyage." This was a TV show. Did it go past the pilot airing?

A: You are remembering a TV movie called "Adventures of the Queen," which originally aired in 1975. It was the pilot for

a TV series, but the series did not happen. Stack indeed starred, with the cast including David Hedison, Ralph Bellamy, Bradford Dillman and Francine York. (By the way, since you mentioned "Hotel" and "The Love Boat," it's worth noting that Stack later guest-starred on both of those shows.)

Finally, an answer to one of my answers.

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Q: In a column, you mentioned that several Gene Roddenberry-connected projects in the '70s — "Genesis II," "Planet Earth" and "Strange New World" — never became a series. In fact, the concept did eventually become a series with Kevin Sorbo, as "Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda." It was obviously in development hell for 15 or 20 years, but it's definitely the same show.

A: When I researched this, I relied on a text that came out before this show aired from 2000-05. I should have dug deeper. My apologies. And you can find "Andromeda" on Blu-ray, DVD, digital and streaming on Tubi, the Roku Channel, Freevee and elsewhere.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited. Individual replies are not guaranteed.