

The following updates were provided by the author. You may choose to include some or all of the following suggestions to make your show more topical.

"GAME SHOW" Updates

ACT ONE

PAGE 7

*Add the following to Brad's speech at the bottom of the page. This portion of speech was erroneously omitted during the original printing.

"...and they love your support. But, please, don't yell out an answer. We'll have to throw the question--and you--out. Okay?...Beautiful. You'll be a great audience. See you in a bit. (*BRAD exits L.*)

PAGE 9

*Kathy: replace "soap" with "show" ("King of the Mountain," by necessity, has become a nighttime show and would not compete against a soap opera.)

*Kathy: replace "All My Children" with "Ally McBeal" (Note: Kathy's favorite program must now be a nighttime show. If "Ally McBeal" is no longer in favor, use another nighttime show that a young, intelligent female might like to watch.)

*Larry: replace "All My Children" with "Ally McBeal."

*Larry: replace "\$25,000." with "A Million dollars?" (Prize money for the game show has been bumped up to be competitive with "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?")

*Kathy: replace "\$25,000." with "A Million dollars?"

*Larry: replace "wins \$25,000." with "wins a million dollars. It was \$100,000--til 'Millionaire' came along."

PAGE 11

*William: replace "'All My Children.' Which, by the way, picked up another tenth of a Nielsen." With "'Ally McBeal'--which, by the way, got its highest share ever last week."

PAGE 12

*Larry: replace "Vietnam" with "Afghanistan" (Sergeant much more likely to have served in a more recent conflict. "Gulf War" could also be used.)

*Larry: replace "North Hollywood" with "Hollywood" (actually, a gay male is more likely to live in West Hollywood than North Hollywood, but most audiences wouldn't know this)

PAGE 14

*Nedra: replace "the stakes are \$25,000" with "I can win a million dollars."

PAGE 15

*Larry: replace "\$25,000" with "a million dollars?"

*Nedra: replace "\$25,000" with "a million"

PAGE 16

*Replace Ethel/Kathy dialogue with the following (because Jim Palmer underwear ads are no longer running on TV):

Ethel: Not hardly. The only sport I like is the WWF.

Nedra: Pro wrestling is no sport--it's a joke.

Dolly: Don't tell that to The Rock, honey. He'll pile-drive you all the way to China.

Ethel: You like The Rock, too, Dolly?

Dolly: Are you kidding? The Rock rocks.

PAGE 20

*Steve: replace "working a switchboard" with "delivering pizzas." (These days, not likely that a young adult would use "working a switchboard.")

PAGE 23

*Steve: replace "Masters?" with "Master's" (Grammatical error in original printing.)

PAGE 26

*Alter portion of dialogue referring to Edgar Buchanan (because Edgar Buchanan would really be an obscure reference in the new millenium).

Kathy: No. Edgar Buchanan was a movie actor; played in a lot of Westerns. Big beard; funny guy.

Steve: You're thinking of Gabby Hayes.

Kathy: No, I'm not. I know movies.

Steve: So do I. And I never heard of a cowboy star named Edgar Buchanan.

Kathy: I didn't say he was a star.

And insert "(quickly)" before Larry's next speech beginning "Speaking of actors..." (to show Larry acting quickly to avoid any bloodshed between Kathy and Steve).

PAGE 27

*Delete following dialogue referring to Edgar Buchanan to jibe with previous changes:

Nedra: Edgar Buchanan died April 4, 1979.

Steve: See, I told you.

Kathy: You said he was still alive.

Steve: Who asked you?

*then continue with Bill's speech beginning "Hey, Nedra, let me see your book..."

PAGE 28

*Nedra: replace "\$25,000" with "million dollars"

*Larry: replace "\$25,000" with "a million dollars"

PAGE 29

*change "movie dialogue" as follows (to be more contemporary):

Steve: In 1982, "Chariots of Fire" won the Oscar. In 1981, it was "Ordinary People." In 1980, "Kramer vs. Kramer." Bill, you should know 1979--it was about the army.

Bill: "Saving Private Ryan!"

Steve: No. Bill! '79--not '97! Besides "Private Ryan" didn't win Best Picture.

Kathy: Yes, it did.

Steve: No, it didn't. "Shakespeare In Love" did. See, you don't know everything.

Nedra: Gimme my almanac!

PAGE 30

*Nedra: replace "\$25,000" with "million"

*Ethel: replace "\$25,000" with "a million bucks"

PAGE 31

*Steve: replace "Howard Cosell's" with "William Shatner's" (Cosell has passed away.)

PAGE 33

*William: replace "served in Vietnam" with "served in Afghanistan" (or "the Gulf War.")

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*William: replace "\$25,000" with "a million dollars"

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*Larry: replace "the \$25,000" with "money"

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*William: replace "\$25,000" with "lots of money" and "All My Children" with "Ally McBeal"

ACT TWO

PAGE 41

*Larry: replace "Phil Donahue." with "Alex Trebek." (Phil Donahue no longer an M.C.)

*Alter William/Brad/Larry dialogue beginning with "Phil Donohue" in the middle of the page.

William:	<i>(pausing)</i> Jerry Springer
Brad:	Springer? He's not an M.C. He's a ...ringmaster!
William:	Brad, why won't you just get laser surgery?
Brad:	I told you, my trainer nearly went blind from laser surgery...Besides my vision isn't bad.

PAGE 52

*Larry: replace "\$25,000" with "big bucks"

PAGE 54

*Larry: replace "over five hundred dollars worth." with "there's a trip to Hawaii with your name on it." (A fed-up Larry has become more benevolent with show's consolation prizes.)

*Dolly: insert "(brightening) Really?" in front of "I never look a gift horse in the mouth. Thanks, Larry."

PAGE 59

*Brad: replace "old television show recently made into a movie" to "classic television show" (More than "recently" since "The Twilight Zone" was made into a movie.)

PAGE 60

*Brad: replace "for you ladies of the evening, I mean, ladies of the '80's...from Mean Jeans." With "from Mean Jeans. The designer denim that fattens your asses...(frowns, then squints) I mean, flatters your assets." ("ladies of the '80's" is now outdated.)

PAGE 62

*Delete Larry's 3rd and 4th speeches and Bill's 4th and 5th speeches (because of change in dialogue on following page)

PAGE 63

*change Bill/Larry dialogue at starting in middle of page (to reflect a more gracious Larry and a not-so-devious Bill).

Bill: I doubt it. I wanted to win some college money for the kids--and I end up with Rice-A-Roni.

Larry: *(pause)* Actually, Bill, the consolation prizes are fantastic this week.

Bill: Nothing I could use, I'm sure.

Larry: Could you use a houseful of new furniture?

Bill: What?

Larry: Including a top-of-the-line computer with printer, scanner, copier and digital camera. The whole shebang.

Bill: You're kidding.

Larry: Dead serious. I bet that computer will help your kids get to college.

Bill: I've never been able to afford a computer. *(pause, then skeptical)* Consolation prizes? Larry, are you sure?

Larry: Hey, I'm the contestant coordinator. I should know.

Bill: *(walks toward Larry)* Larry, you're the greatest. Thanks...For everything.

Larry: You're welcome. *(They hug.)*

PAGE 64

*Bill: after they hug, change "(moving to exit R) That broad gets tomato--" to "(exasperated, as moves to exit R) That witch gets tomato--"

*Nedra: change "seventeen" to "thirty-six"

*Nedra: change "the names of every astronaut on all eleven Apollo Missions." to "the full names of every President--and Vice-President." (More than 11 Apollo Missions since first printing AND original text mistakenly suggests astronauts were on all of the first 11 missions.)

PAGE 69

*Larry: change "All My Children" to "Ally McBeal."

PAGE 70

*Steve: change "\$25,000" to "some serious money"

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*Larry: change "\$25,000...." to "a million bucks...."

*Larry: change "Tic-Tac-Dough." to "Millionaire."

PAGE 74

*Brad: change "a man so mean he makes John McEnroe look like a nice guy" to "a man so mean he makes Dr. Evil look like a saint" and "the man who's now in charge of phony tears for 'All My Children'" to "the man who's now in charge of casting for 'Ally McBeal'"