

9. DIANA READS THE NEWS

Diana is at her desk reading the papers as her researcher talks to her.

SCHLESINGER

There are four outlines submitted by
Universal for an hour series.

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The first is set in a large eastern law school, presumably Harvard, and is irresistibly called "The New Lawyers" The running characters are a crusty but benign ex-Supreme Court Justice, a beautiful girl graduate student and a local district attorney who is brilliant but sometimes cuts corner.

DIANA

Next.

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"The Amazon Squad"

The characters are a crusty but benign police lieutenant who is always getting heat from the commissioner a hard nosed hard drinking detective who thinks women belong in the kitchen and a beautiful young girl cop who...

Diana puts up her hand to indicate STOP. Silence.

DIANA

~~The Arabs have decided to jack up the price of oil another ten percent, the CIA have been accused of opening Senator Humphrey's mail, there are 3 separate wars in the middle east, New York City is facing default and the whole front page of the Daily News is Howard Beale. There is also a two column story on page one of the New York Times, the LA Times and the Washington Post. I need to see Hackett.~~

~~10. DIANA MAKES A PITCH~~

~~Hackett in his office:~~

~~DIANA (CONT'D)~~

~~Last night Howard Beale went on the air and yelled bullshit for two minutes and we've got press coverage you couldn't buy for a million dollars. Did you see the overnights on the Network News? It has an 8 in New York and a 9 in LA and 27 share on both cities.~~

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