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special writer

When was it instilled in us that the appropriate demeanor for conduct must exclude a sense of humor?

As we venture into the arena of on-camera participation, we strive to do our best. We imagine our spot to be the highlight of the television show. We are taking a challenging step either for personal education, helping a local organization or for self satisfaction. Therefore, we prepare and attempt to create a positive image.

The tape is played back after the shoot. Our feelings toss between pride and disappointment. Suddenly the "we" turns into "I." "Do I really look like that? That is not what my voice sounds like. When I was on camera, it went so fast... why does the segment now seem to last so long?"

A favorite analogy of mine for this situation is that television is just like planning a vacation. Anticipation does wonders for speeding up time while you are on vacation and critiquing the aftermath experience slows down time.

We also become so aware of the difference between performing/acting and the realistic personality. A minute

in a day relative to a week is minuscule. A minute on a television show flies by; however, it may be packed with hundreds of words and a myriad of facial expressions and body gestures. One of the most important ways to overcome timing and impact variables is through the fluid use of one's natural sense of humor. You own personality traits unconsciously understand timing, pacing, voice, intonations and dramatic expression. My advice to our residents who are beginning to learn on-camera skills is to prepare your topic so that your thoughts are organized, then sit back, relax and enjoy the benefits that the real "you" will add to the television screen.

Watch the dynamics of your show improve so that the audience will look forward to Channel 12 again. Keep smiling.

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Monday, March 25

- 12 noon — Harrison High Financial Aid Seminar.
- 2 p.m. — Let's Dance. Ballet.
- 2:30 p.m. — Duel of Knowledge.

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Farmington vs. Harrison.
Tuesday, March 26
• 12 noon — S. Farmington baseball.

• 1:30 p.m. — Cooking with Class. Zucchini and cabbage.
• 2 p.m. — Insight. Fred Lichtman, host.
• 6 p.m. — S. Farmington baseball.

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The meeting, at Botsford Inn, will be at 8 p.m. Thursday.

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