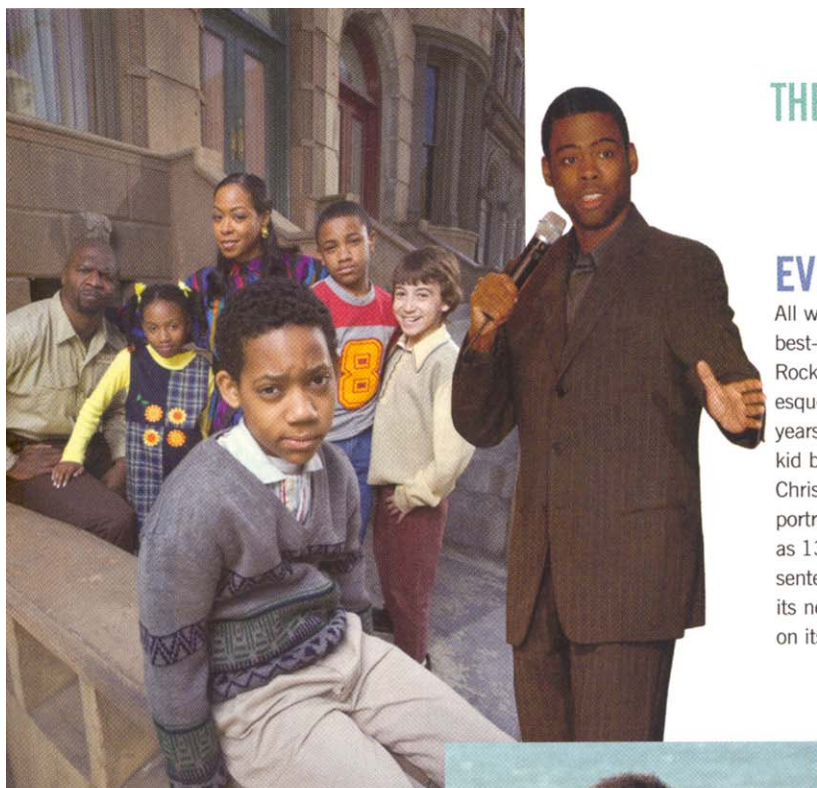


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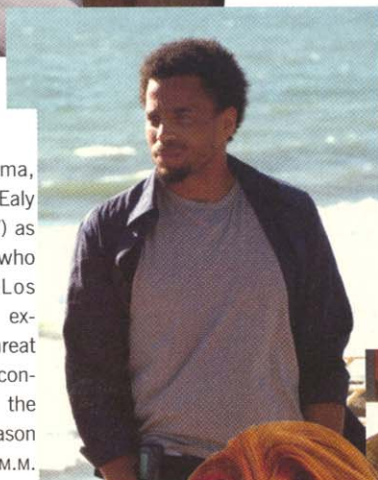
EVERYBODY HATES CHRIS

All we can say is, get ready to fall out. After his hit comedy specials, best-selling books and hilarious comic relief on the big screen, Chris Rock is tackling prime time. He's the narrator in the *Wonder Years*-esque UPN comedy *Everybody Hates Chris*, loosely based on his years growing up in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, as the only Black kid bused to an all-White high school. Tichina Arnold (*Martin*) plays Chris's tough-talking mom, rising star Terry Crews (*The Longest Yard*) portrays his hardworking father, and newcomer Tyler Williams stars as 13-year-old Chris. UPN execs knew they had a hit when Rock presented the pilot to them, after FOX TV passed on adding the series to its network last year. Early buzz is that UPN has *the* must-see show on its hands. Season starts September 22. —SHERRI McGEE McCOVEY



SLEEPER CELL

Showtime's newest crime drama, *Sleeper Cell*, stars hottie Michael Ealy (*Their Eyes Were Watching God*) as a Muslim undercover FBI agent who infiltrates a terrorist cell in Los Angeles. The provocative series explores all sides of the domestic threat and his character's attempt to reconcile his religious beliefs with the actions of Muslim extremists. Season starts in December. —S.M.M.



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THE TYRA BANKS SHOW

Get ready for Tyra five days a week, as the *America's Next Top Model* host extends her Tyra, Inc., brand with an eponymous daytime talk show debuting this month through Warner Bros. syndicates. Aimed at twenty- to thirty-somethings, the show features topics ranging from beauty and body image to celebrity sit-down chats. With an endorsement from the queen of talk, Oprah Winfrey, it seems Miss Tyra can't lose. Season starts September 12; check local listings. —S.M.M.



THE NIGHT STALKER

Think *X-Files* with flavor when the 1970's supernatural TV movies *The Night Stalker* and *The Night Strangler* return with an updated twist. This time around, the lovely Gabrielle Union stars alongside Stuart Townsend (*Queen of the Damned*) as crime reporter Perri Reed, a savvy sister who investigates strange deaths, unexplained phenomena, and the bizarre and mind-bending. Season starts late September on ABC. —S.M.M. ▷

