

## Television

## PILOTS

*How to find quirky new TV shows on the Web that haven't yet hit the networks*

TELEVISION NETWORKS are now rolling out their pilots for new fall shows, but starting next week, audiences can watch a different crop of pilots—episodes that writers and producers have made on their own, in hopes of selling them to networks. These will screen next week at the New York Television Festival, an event devoted to independently produced TV pilots, modeled on the film world's Sundance festival. Three pilots from last year's festival were picked up, including the fishing series "Versus," which will have its premiere this month on the cable channel OLN. This year, the 22 pilots in competition will also play on the Web, where viewers can watch them free, beginning Wednesday. Below, three comedies in the lineup.

HOW TO FIND IT: Go to [www.tv.msn.com/nytvf](http://www.tv.msn.com/nytvf).

—John Jurgensen



#### ◀ A/V Club

The show focuses on an awkward teen named Beth, who transfers to a new school and finds refuge among the obsessed members of the school's audio-visual club. Stars and creators include Rebecca Feldman, one of the creators of the Broadway musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," and Sarah Saltzberg, who stars in the musical.



#### ◀ Free Love Forum

Created by a New York comedy troupe, this show is made up of sketches, including one about a therapy group based on "mandatory sharing" and a commercial for "Muttonopoly," a board game played with cuts of meat.



#### ◀ Pizza Time

A spoof of the hit Fox series "24," this show about a pizza parlor trying to deliver its pies in its guaranteed delivery time uses split screens and a ticking clock to ratchet up the drama. One of its producers, Todd Holland, was also a producer of the Fox comedy "Malcolm in the Middle."