

BEHIND THE TIMES

**A SATIRICAL FAMILY SITCOM
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GET UP TO SPEED ON THE WELLS FAMILY

MEET THE WELLS FAMILY

Father Ron, mother Linda, son Brian, and daughters Melissa and Amy. They look just like so many other families we know and love: the Bradys, the Keatons, the Nelsons, the Seavers, and dozens of other sitcom families who defined the genre.

THE ONLY DIFFERENCE?

It's 2021, and the Wellses still live like that.

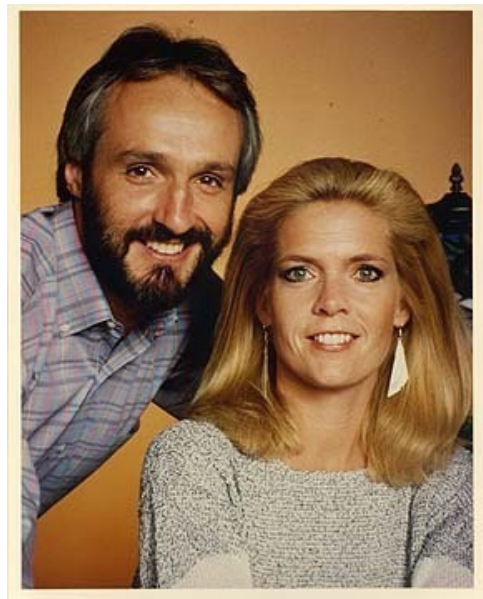
The residents of Anytown, USA (a small suburb of the San Fernando Valley) are used to Ron, Linda, Brian, Melissa, and Amy's old-school lifestyle and plucky sitcom outlook. But when Beverly Krazinsky, a recent retiree, moves into the neighborhood, she's troubled by what she sees. What's the deal with the Wells family? How are they always that perky? And did they actually walk out of a classic sitcom? Mrs. K, as she's quickly dubbed by the family, is determined to find out.

A contemporary sitcom satirizing classic sitcom families, *Behind the Times* is a lighthearted and happy multicam about family, being true to yourself, and solving all of your problems in 22 minutes.

A FATHER AND A MOTHER, TWO SISTERS AND A BROTHER

RON WELLS (40S, MALE)

Like every good TV patriarch, Ron Wells lives to give an inspiring speech to his family (or, frankly, to just about anyone). A happy middle manager, Ron is a true television dad whose values include teamwork, positivity, and old-fashioned hard work.



LINDA WELLS (40S, FEMALE)

Linda lives to keep her home clean and family happy! She's always got her pearls and heels on when vacuuming, and her happiness comes from knowing that dinner is always ready when her husband returns from work. She's the friendliest mom in the neighborhood, with a plate of brownies prepared for any visitor.

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BRIAN WELLS (16, MALE)

Brian's a charmer and a bit of a ladies' man—or perhaps, he would be, if this were 1976. Brian is a slacker and a class clown, but he's nowhere near as cool as he thinks he is. While he may not be the brightest in the bunch, it's impossible not to love the family heartthrob.



AMY WELLS (10, FEMALE)

Amy is cute because she's little. She's precocious and a bit devious, but absolutely adorable...for now. In about two years, Amy won't be cute enough to sustain interest anymore, potentially leading to a case of Cousin Oliver Syndrome and a new younger sibling.

MELISSA WELLS (15, FEMALE)

For Melissa, it's all about grades, grades, and grades. She's a perfect student, but if she were being graded on social skills, she'd get an F. Far from popular, Melissa is a classic nerd who loves to show off her smarts—especially around her older brother.



THE NEW GAL IN TOWN

MRS. K (60S, FEMALE)

Mrs. K (actually, Beverly Krazinsky) just moved into the neighborhood after retiring from a moderately successful career as a hairdresser. She's not one for drama or mysteries (well, except for the occasional Mary Higgins Clark paperback), but the Wells family makes absolutely no sense to her. How are they so out-of-touch, so, well, behind the times? Mrs. K wants to know, and when she finds out, who knows what she'll do! Much like her legendary TV predecessor, Mrs. Kravitz from *Bewitched*, Mrs. K is a busybody and ready to catch her suspicious neighbors in the act...whatever the act may be.



ON NEXT WEEK'S EPISODE...

Behind the Times, like the many family sitcoms before it, takes things week by week. Episodes don't necessarily follow a serialized plot structure (although the world isn't entirely reset for every episode), but they do follow the classic tropes of television comedy, with the children of the family learning valuable life lessons and the Wellses continuing to "outwit" Mrs. K in her quest to understand how a 20th century sitcom family landed in Anytown. Along the way, there'll be Very Special Episodes (in homage to the After School Specials of the '80s and '90s) and, eventually, a new little sibling so the audience can "ooh" and "ahh" at a cute baby (who will miraculously become a precious toddler in just a few short episodes!). But through it all, the Wells family will remain the tight-knit, loving, almost too-perfect family that gives us a chance to relive our love of classic sitcom families...while also reminding us just how hilariously absurd traditional TV families are.





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