

# 'Warrior Queen' gives true taste of history

A screenwriter trying to combine "Xena: Warrior Princess" with "Braveheart" could not have invented a story more compelling than "Warrior Queen Boudica" (8 p.m., History).



Kevin McDonough

A true tale of first-century Britons rebelling against Roman occupation, "Boudica" combines interview footage, computer graphics and often-rousing battle-scene re-enactments involving thousands of actors in Roman centurion garb as well as ragged get-ups of Britons and Celts.

After Caesar's legions first occupied Britain, tribes, including Boudica's Icenic people, cut deals with Rome that allowed them to retain their sovereignty, dignity and ancient ways. But after the death of Boudica's royal husband, the Romans took a tougher stance with the Icenic.

When Queen Boudica balked, she and her two daughters were seized, raped and flogged publicly.

Rather than intimidate the Icenic, this humiliation inflamed their passions. The queen raised an army of 70,000 that quickly routed a local Roman force and burned several cities, including ancient London, to the ground. She and her forces came close to expelling all imperial forces from Britain.

Calling on historical sources ancient and modern, this tale of cultural clashes, occupation and insurgency still resonates.

A special "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" (12:30 a.m., NBC) offers highlights of his state visit to Finland. For those who haven't been paying attention, O'Brien has fixated on his supposed resemblance to Finland's President Tarja Halonen.

O'Brien has made several fake commercials endorsing his female double. For their part, Finns have embraced Conan's tongue-in-cheek interference with their internal politics. He was greeted at the airport with placards declaring, "Halonen is our president. Conan is our king!"

Three cheers for King Conan. It takes a refined sense of absurdity to pull off something so elaborate and ridiculous. It also demonstrates O'Brien's faith in his audience.

It reminds us that he worked on "The Simpsons," a show where writers are never afraid to challenge viewers with obscure references, oddball juxtapositions and a continual bombardment of allusions and gags that may sail straight over some people's heads.

O'Brien's Finnish vacation proves that sometimes you have to be smart to be truly silly.

Laura (Mary McDonnell) contemplates stealing the election to defeat a Cylon collaborator on the 90-minute season finale of "Battlestar Galactica" (10 p.m., Sci Fi) • The Discovery Channel kicks off three nights of survival-

themed programming, beginning with "I Shouldn't Be Alive: Trapped by a Boulder" (9 p.m.) and "Ultimate Survival" (10 p.m.).

- Denise Richards ("Starship Troopers") turns to the "Dog Whisperer" (8 p.m., National Geographic) to restore domestic tranquility and help her get through her three-dog nights.

### Tonight's other highlights

- An angry magician learns about his less-than-stellar exit on "Ghost Whisperer" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG)
- "Tweens in bright-colored clothes go on spring break in the hour-long "Zoey 101" (8 p.m., Nickelodeon), starring Jamie Lynn Spears. Just wondering: When you go to a beachside prep school that looks nicer than the La Costa Spa, what, exactly, do you need a break from?
- Cliques clash in the singing-and-dancing 2006 bauble "High School Musical" (8 p.m., Disney). The movie's soundtrack has become a big seller.
- An ex-con is accused of an explosive break-in on "Close to Home" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14, V).

### Cult choice

Death (Brad Pitt) takes a long time to claim a widower (Anthony Hopkins) in the 1998 fantasy "Meet Joe Black" (8 p.m., WE).

### Series notes

Howie Mandel hosts "Deal or No Deal" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) ... Slovenly conditions on "Nanny 911" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) ... Tom Bergeron hosts "America's Funniest Home Videos" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) ... Val contemplates intimacy on "What I Like About You" (11 p.m., WB, TV-PG, D).

### Late night

Hannah Teter, Jimmy Fallon and She Wants Revenge appear on "Late Show With David Letterman" (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jay Leno hosts on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) ... John Lydon and Jim Gaffigan appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (12:05 a.m., ABC) ... Craig Ferguson hosts David Arquette and Cowboy Troy on "The Late, Late Show" (12:37 a.m., CBS).

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## FRIDAY EVENING

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
WTTV	College Basketball: Big Ten Quarterfinal			Post-Pre Game		College Basketball: Big Ten Quarterfinal			What I Like	Living With Fran
WRTV	The Insider (N)	Be a Millionaire	America's Funniest Home Videos		In Justice "Badge of Honor" (N)		20/20 (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (11:35)
WISH	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	Ghost Whisperer "Miss Fortune"		Close to Home "Escape" (N) (CC)		NUMB3RS "Mind Games" (N)		News (CC)	Late Show
WTHR	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Deal or No Deal (CC)		Las Vegas "Lyle & Substance" (N)		Conviction "Denial" (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Tonight Show
WFYI	Business Rpt.	Religion-Ethics	Indiana Week	McLaughlin	Wash. Week	NOW (N) (CC)	Inside Indiana Business		Lawmakers	Live Concert
WNDY	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	WWE Friday Night SmackDown!	(N) (CC)			News	Access H'wood	Frasier (11:05)	South Park
WTIU	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	NOW (N) (CC)	Rich Dad's Guide to Wealth With Robert Kiyosaki		Tim Janis: Coastal America (CC)			
WHMB	The 700 Club (CC)		Harvest		Lester Sumrall	Paid Program	Life Today (CC)	Inside-Indians	Paid Program	June Israel Tour
WCLJ	ACLJ	Primary Focus	Behind Scenes	Great Souls	Joel Osteen	Frederick Price	Praise the Lord (CC)			
WXIN	The Simpsons	Seinfeld (CC)	Nanny 911 "Delaney Family" (N)		Trading Spouses: Meet-Mommy		News (CC)	Geraldo Large	Seinfeld (11:05)	Drew Carey
WIPX	Balderdash	Family Feud	Before I Say Goodbye (PG-13) (03) ** Sean Young. Suspense.		It's a Miracle	David Jeremiah	Time Life		Paid Program	
WTBU	Bill Purvis	John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Joni Lamb	Celebration	Van Impe Pres	Balanced Living	This Is Your Day	Believer's Voice	
A&E	American Justice		Biography: Jeff Foxworthy		Biography "NASCAR: Countdown to Sunday" The world of NASCAR.		NASCAR-Win		NASCAR-Win	
AMC	Hustle Chef con. (CC)		Random Hearts (R) (99) ** Harrison Ford, Charles S. Dutton. Drama.		Species II (10:45) (R) (98) * Michael Madsen. (CC)					
AP	Horse Power: Road to the Maclay		The Planet's Funniest Animals		Amazing Animal Videos (CC)		Animal Cops San Francisco (CC)		The Planet's Funniest Animals	
BET	106 & Park	Lil Kim Lock.	College Hill	Obstacles (R) (00) E-40, Brian Hooks. Crime Drama.		Cornicview		In Living Color	In Living Color	
BRAVO	Outrageous Moments		Top Chef (CC)		Project Runway "Finale" (CC)		Project Runway "Reunion" (CC)		Outrageous Moments	
CNBC	On the Money		Heads-Up Poker Champ.		Mad Money		The Big Idea With Donny Deutsch		Heads-Up Poker Champ.	
CMT	Dukes of Hazzard		Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	NASCAR Greatest Comebacks (N)		True Grit "Junior Johnson" (N)		Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck
CNN	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now (CC)		Larry King Live (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)			
COM	Com.-Presents	Reno 911! (CC)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Com.-Presents	Ron White: They Call Me Tater Salad (CC)		South Park	Drawn Together	
DISC	The FBI Files "Family Secrets"		The FBI Files "Sniper at Home"		I Shouldn't Be Alive (N)		Ultimate Survival (N)		Tsunami: Wave of Disaster (CC)	
EI	EI News (N)	EI News	Number 1 Single	Love Gone Bad	The Simple Life	The Simple Life	The Soup (N)	10 Ways (N)	Saturday Night Live (CC)	
ESPN	College Basketball Big East Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA.				College Basketball Big East Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA.				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal				College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal -- Boston College vs. Georgia Tech or Maryland				Quite Frankly	
FAM	Smallville "Recruit" (CC)		Flight of the Navigator (PG) (86) *** Joey Cramer. Fantasy. (CC)		Whose Line? Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)			
FNC	Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Hannity & Colmes (CC)		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
FOOD	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Emeril Live "Irish Pub Grub"		\$40-a-Day	Tasty Travels	Roker on Road	Foodnation	Iron Chef "Battle Sea Urchin"	
FOXMV	Tony Rome (6) (NR) (67) ***		The Sicilian Clan (GP) (69) ** Alain Delon, Lino Ventura. Crime Drama.		Predator 2 (R) (90) ** Danny Glover, Ruben Blades. Science Fiction.					
FOXSM	Poker -- Learn	Gamenight	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at New Orleans Hornets.				College Basketball		Basketball	
FX	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	The Shield "Smoked" (CC)	
HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger "Something in the Shadows" (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)
HGTV	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Get Color (N)	Design Remix	Double Take (N)	FreeStyle (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Debbie Travis' Facelift	
HIST	Modern Marvels (CC)		Warrior Queen Boudica (N) (CC)				Inside the Great Battles (CC)		Digging for the Truth (CC)	
LIFE	California Firestorm (PG) (01) Janet Gunn, Dean Stockwell. Action. (CC)		Earthquake in New York (98) Greg Evigan, Cynthia Gibb. Suspense. (CC)				Frasier (CC)		Frasier "Ooops"	
MSNBC	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Lockup: Inside San Quentin		MSNBC Investigates		Headliners & Legends	
MTV	The Real World "Key West" (CC)		The Real World 8th & Ocean		Cribs Block Party		Cribs Block Party		R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.
NICK	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Zoey 101 Beachside vacation. (N)		Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Full House (CC)	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show
OXY	Oprah After	Oprah After	Bunco (N)		The Object of My Affection (R) (98) ** Jennifer Aniston, Alan Alda. Romance-Comedy.		Ellen Show			
SCIFI	John Doe "Idaho" (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Camelot" (N) (CC)		Stargate Atlantis "Allies" (N) (CC)		Battlestar Galactica "Lay Down Your Burdens" (N)		Stargate SG-1	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Pros vs. Joes		MXC	MXC
TBS	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Shanghai Noon (PG-13) (00) *** Jackie Chan, Lucy Liu. Comedy.		Turner & Hooch (11:15) (89) **			
TCM	My Man Godfrey (6:15) (36) ***		Come Blow Your Horn (NR) (63) *** Frank Sinatra. Comedy.		Pillow Talk (NR) (59) *** Rock Hudson. Romance-Comedy. (CC)					
TLC	Wild Weddings (CC)		What Not to Wear (CC)		What Not to Wear "Ellen E." (N)		Log in for Love (N)		What Not to Wear (CC)	
TNT	Law & Order "Embedded"		Saving Private Ryan (R) (98) *** Tom Hanks. War. U.S. troops look for a missing comrade during World War II. (CC)		Good Morning					
TOON	Foster's Home	Grim Advent.	Camp Lazlo (N)	Ben 10	My Gym Partner Hi Hi Puffy Ami	Foster's Home	Camp Lazlo	Grim Advent.	Ed, Edd n Eddy	
TVL	Good Times	Good Times	Little House on the Prairie (CC)		Andy Griffith	Sanford & Son	Good Times	Good Times	Happening!	Cheers (CC)
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Monk Monk suspects a dentist. (N)		House "Histories" (CC)	
VH1	I Love Toys	I Love Toys	I Love Toys		I Love Toys	Celebrities count down treasures 20-1.			Best Week Ever	Web Junk 20 (N)
WE	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg	Meet Joe Black (PG-13) (98) ** Brad Pitt, Claire Forlani. Fantasy. The Grim Reaper assumes the form of a recently deceased man.							
WGN	America's Funniest Home Videos		Delta Force 2 (R) (90) ** Chuck Norris, Bobby Chavez. Adventure. (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City		Becker (CC)	
DISN	The Suite Life of Zack & Cody		High School Musical (06) ** Zac Efron, Ashley Tisdale. Musical Comedy. Students conspire against two teenage singers.		Phil of the Future "Phillin' In" "For the People"		Sister, Sister		The Suite Life of Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
ENC	Eddie (6:15) (PG-13) (96) ** Whoopi Goldberg. Comedy. (CC)		Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle (R) (04) ** John Cho, Kal Penn, Paula Garcés. Comedy. (CC)		Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (R) (03) *** Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu, Vivica A. Fox. Action. An assassin seeks vengeance against her attackers. (CC)		Dead Presidents (R) (95) ** (CC)			
HBO	Speed 2: Cruise Control (6:45) (PG-13) (97) * Sandra Bullock, Jason Patric. Action. A madman seizes the helm of a luxurious ocean liner. (CC)		Deadwood Jarry fears that Bullock and Hearst will support Montana.		Deadwood George Hearst arrives in camp; tensions boil over. (CC)		Real Time Actor Larry Miller. (CC)			
SHOW	D2: The Mighty Ducks (5:45) *		The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (PG) (04) *** Voices of Tom Kenny, Clancy Brown. Comedy. (CC)		Sleeper Cell "Hijack" The cell hijacks a chemical truck. (CC)		Open Water (R) (03) *** Blanchard Ryan. Scuba divers become stranded in shark-infested waters. (CC)		WEEDS Added Value (11:40)	
MAX	The Peacemaker (5:20) (97)		Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) (04) *** Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Fantasy. The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. (CC)		Full Metal Jacket (R) (87) *** Matthew Modine, Vincent D'Onofrio. Drama. Stanley Kubrick's harrowing portrait of the Vietnam War. (CC)					
TMC	Mind the Gap (5:45) (R) (04) ** Alan King. Comedy-Drama. (CC)		Hard Rain (R) (98) * Morgan Freeman, Randy Quaid. Suspense. Bank robbers try to outwit an evil sheriff during a flood. (CC)		Below Utopia (R) (97) * Justin Theroux, Ice-T. A man and his girlfriend witness his family's murder. (CC)		Office Killer (R) (97) * Carol Kane.			
STARZ	Last Man Standing (5:35) (96) **		Cursed (7:20) (PG-13) (05) ** Christina Ricci. Siblings search for the werewolf that attacked them. (CC)		White Chicks (PG-13) (04) ** Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King. Comedy. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites. (CC)		A Lot Like Love (10:50) (PG-13) (05) ** Ashton Kutcher. (CC)			

## ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

### Beatle to governor: No animal testing out West

Paul McCartney, in a letter to the governor of Arizona, says he doesn't want drug developer Covance Inc. to open an animal testing lab in the state, where he owns a ranch.



MCCARTNEY

Covance submitted plans in October to build a 400,000-square-foot facility for clinical animal testing on a 38-acre parcel in Chandler. The company says the testing is mandated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for new drugs.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, however, claims that an undercover video filmed last year shows abuse of monkeys in Covance's Vienna, Va., laboratory.

That video is posted online at www.CovanceCruelty.com.

"Arizona has a special place in my heart," McCartney writes in the letter to Gov. Janet Napolitano. He explains that his Arizona ranch is where his wife Linda spent her last days before she died of breast cancer in 1998. "It is for her and all of us who

want to protect animals from harm that I am writing to ask you not to let Covance, an animal testing laboratory, set up shop in Chandler," the former Beatle writes in a letter dated March 3.

LOS ANGELES

### Former 'Baywatch' star's divorce gets messier

Less than a month after filing for divorce, the estranged wife of David Hasselhoff has filed for a court order on a claim of domestic violence by the former "Baywatch" star, according to court records.



HASSELHOFF

Actress Pamela Bach, 42, made the filing Monday against Hasselhoff, 53, in Los Angeles Superior Court, summary records on the court's Web site show.

At a private hearing, Bach also asked for a temporary restraining order against the actor, but a judge denied the request, instead instructing the two to stay away from each other.

"The court indicated that she should stay where she is, and he should stay where he is," Hasselhoff's attorney, Melvin Goldsman said by phone, declining to comment on the allegations.

By SANDY COHEN

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### LOS ANGELES

Call it Charlie Brown with a twist.

Brothers Keenan Ivory, Shawn and Marlon Wayans, of "Scary Movie" and "In Living Color" fame, have created a series of animated children's shows, with books and toys to follow.

Its name: "Thugaboo."

The series of three specials will premiere on Nickelodeon, then air on the network's all-animation channel, Nicktoons, a network spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Inspired by the Wayans brothers' favorite childhood cartoons, "Thugaboo" follows the misadventures of nine kids growing up in the inner city.

"It's like hard meets soft," Shawn Wayans said. "The thug is how they dress, kind of street, but they're good kids and they make the right decisions."

Three specials are planned — an hourlong show and two half-hour programs — centered on important times in children's lives.

The first episode, set to air in August, will have a back-to-school theme, said Nickelodeon spokeswoman Marianne Romano.

The second will focus on the holidays, she said. The third, called "Don't Judge a Boo by its Cover," addresses how appear-



AP PHOTO

Shawn, Marlon and Keenan Ivory Wayans are launching a new animated cartoon on Nickelodeon. "Thugaboo" will be the first animated children's project for the trio of acting brothers.

ances can be misleading, Shawn Wayans said.

The aim of the specials, Marlon Wayans said in a statement, is to get kids laughing "by creating characters they can relate to while entertaining their parents at the same time."

The Wayans brothers are all parents, Shawn Wayans said.

"I wanted to make the show that I want my kids to watch," he said.

Known for their irreverent comedy, the Wayans brothers

most-recent film project, "White Chicks," featured co-writers Shawn and Marlon as race-swapping, cross-dressing FBI agents. Keenan Ivory directed and co-wrote the film.

"As a parent, I think it's important for kids to have a source of entertainment that deals with life in positive and comedic ways," said Keenan Ivory Wayans.

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AQUAMARINE (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 2:20, 5:00, 8:15, 10:25

MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:00, 7:15