

PBS' 'Country Boys' show as real as life

'Frontline' and filmmaker offer 'Country Boys' (9 p.m., PBS), a six-hour, three-night story of two teenagers growing up in a forgotten town in rural Kentucky.



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With his long black coat, tinted hair and painted nails, Cody Perkins may seem like just another high school 'freak,' but his story has a dark prologue. His mother killed herself while consumed with post-partum depression.

A dozen years later, Cody's father also took his own life. But not before killing his new wife (his seventh). Now raised by his former stepgrandmother, Cody sings about his father and his sadness in the Christian-rock-goth-metal songs he composes on a steady basis.

tiful for this role. Add this mis-casting to 'Emily's' generic take on the 'Sex and the City' formula and you have sufficient reasons why not to watch 'Emily.'

Tonight's other highlights

- On back-to-back episodes of 'House' (Fox, TV-14,V), home-less and incurable (8 p.m.), one enemy too many (9 p.m.).
Dennis Miller hosts 'The 11th Annual Critics Choice Awards' (8 p.m., WB).
A brand-name restaurant attracts the quick and the dead on 'Las Vegas' (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
Exotic domiciles on display on 'World's Most Extreme Homes' (9 p.m., HGTV).
Peri Gilpin and Teri Polo star in the 2006 drama 'For the Love of A Child' (9 p.m., Lifetime). Based on a true story.

Cult choice

Norma Shearer stars in the 1930 drama 'The Divorcee' (11:30 p.m., TCM). Very shocking in its time.

Series notes

Doug wants to be a father in the worst way on 'The King of Queens' (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG, L) ... Laura and Rich flee on 'Surface' (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) ... Lives changed and exchanged on 'Wife Swap' (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14) ... Envy on 'One on One' (8 p.m., UPN, TV-PG, L) ... A wedding derails on 'How I Met Your Mother' (8:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) ... Therapy on 'All of Us' (8:30 p.m., UPN, TV-PG) ... Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (8:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG, D) ... Pursued by a gray fox on 'Girlfriends' (9 p.m., UPN, TV-14).

Late night

Albert Brooks and Kristin Cavallari appear on 'Late Show With David Letterman' (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jay Leno hosts Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lane on 'The Tonight Show' (11:35 p.m., NBC) ... Dominic Monaghan and Lil' Wayne appear on 'Jimmy Kimmel Live' (12:05 a.m., ABC).

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MONDAY EVENING

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Table with columns for time slots (7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels and programs like Friends, The Bachelor, CSI, and House.

ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

Singer doesn't pay mortgage, loses home

Courtney Love lost the historic bungalow she bought in the late 1990s to a Los Angeles mortgage company after a foreclosure auction generated no bids.



LOVE

WMC Mortgage filed a lawsuit last year in Thurston County (Wash.) Superior Court, seeking foreclosure after Love stopped paying the bills.

The debt on the house totaled \$386,000, which includes court costs, sheriff's fees and interest, said sheriff's Sgt. Dan McLendon. Love could have prevented Friday's auction by paying off the debt.

Love, widow of Nirvana front-man Kurt Cobain, bought the property in 1997 for Cobain's family.

NEW YORK

Comedian pleased with latest film's premiere

Albert Brooks says he wasn't looking to bring world peace, he was doing just what his new film's title said: 'Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World.'

At its world premiere at the Dubai International Film Festival, Brooks said he was concerned Abdullah bin Zaid al-Nahayan, the minister of information of the United Arab Emirates, would lead the audience out of the theater.

Instead, 'they went crazy. I thought, 'I passed the test, it's OK. The sheik is laughing.' And no one walked out," Brooks told The New York Times for Sunday editions.

In the film, Brooks is assigned a high-level government mission and must write a report on what makes Muslim's laugh.

LONDON

Prince of Wales begins training for Army

Prince William began his training Sunday at the elite Sandhurst academy, joining the army and carrying on a family tradition of military service.

William, 23, the eldest son of Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana, becomes one of the 270 recruits taking the 44-week course.

William, who graduated from Scotland's St. Andrews University in June, will be the most senior royal in recent memory to attend the academy.



PRINCE WILLIAM

Spanish-language soaps at home in Miami CALENDAR

By LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI

Three nights a week, aspiring actors at the International Actor Formation Center Luz Columba gather to run through scenes filled with adultery, prison escapes, romance and revenge, the kind of drama you'd only see in a soap opera.

That's because the scenes they're running are from soap operas, Spanish-language ones to be exact. The school, which opened in 2004, is dedicated to grooming aspiring actors to become stars in the fast-growing world of U.S.-made telenovelas.

The recent boom in these dramas comes as producers and advertisers seek to tap into the more than \$6 billion in purchasing power of the nation's growing Hispanic market.

Besides the acting school, a program for Spanish-language soap writers opened last year in Miami and received 4,000 applications for its first semester. Telenovelas, which are broadcast in the United States on TV networks geared toward Hispanics, are even being adapted for American audiences. Spanish-language soap operas,



AP PHOTO

Aspiring actress Mirella Grisales, left, grabs Natalia Trejos as they work on a scene from a Telemundo soap opera, 'Prisionera,' at the International Acting Formation Center Luz Columba in Miami. Spanish-language soaps are taking off in the area.

which generally follow a sexy heroine who rises from poverty to find love and fortune, have long been popular around the world and are dubbed into languages including Hebrew and Japanese.

The melodramas are three- to six-months long, unlike the continuously evolving American soap. Until recently, they focused on the

Latin American experience.

Now, as producers seek to attract a U.S. audience, they are not only beginning to film in the United States, but they are looking for themes that the country's estimated 40 million Hispanics can relate to.

'When you leave your country, you have a different set of issues, a different set of needs. We thought, 'Why not produce our own stories that address our own issues?'' said Mimi Belt, the Miami-based vice president of artistic development for the NBC Universal-owned Telemundo cable network.

Telenovela star Eric Elias, who emigrated from Mexico, says the fact that so many actors in these shows are immigrants helps them better relate to U.S. fans.

'We go out to meet fans,' Elias says, 'and there is a bond because we are all in the same boat.'

Telemundo now produces nearly 10 shows a year in its Miami studios and has produced at least one in Texas.

Today Meetings

- Greenwood Rotary Club, noon, Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:45 p.m., Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave. Information: 889-0272

WHIPLASH



Whiplash most commonly occurs when the head is suddenly jerked back and forth beyond its normal limits such as car accidents and traumatic slips and falls. The resulting instability of the spine and soft tissues can result in headaches, dizziness, blurred vision, pain in the shoulder, arms and hands, reduced ability to turn and bend, and even low back problems. As the body attempts to adapt, symptoms may not appear for weeks or even months later. Chiropractic adjustments restore proper motion and position on spinal bones. If caught early enough, inflammation can be reduced and scar tissue can often be minimized. Dr. Burle has successfully treated patients with whiplash.



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GREEN OWENS Insurance advertisement with contact info for Connie Hawkins, Jim Wise, Harley Owens, Brad Roberts.

AMC GreenWood Park 14 movie listings including The Producers, Grandpa's Boy, Hostel, etc.

CANARY CREEK CINEMAS advertisement listing movies like Hostel, Memoirs of a Geisha, Rumor Has It, etc.

FIVE BUCK MOVIES? advertisement for ShowPlace 16 with movie listings for January 9-12.