

Does 'Go Kinky' cross the reality-show line?

What happens when an off-beat singer-songwriter-novelist runs for governor? "Go Kinky" (11 p.m., CMT) presents a whimsical documentary about singer Kinky Friedman's quixotic quest for the Texas governor's mansion.



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needs help on "Monk" (10 p.m., USA, TV-PG).

The most popular and peculiar Internet clips, videos and e-mailed ephemera enjoy their nanosecond of fame on "Web Junk 20" (11:30 p.m., VH1), hosted by comic Patrice O'Neal.

Tonight's other highlights

A grieving fiance gets solace from beyond the grave on "Ghost Whisperer" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG).

Coverage of the XX Winter Olympic Games (8 p.m., NBC) continues.

Troubled canines seek counseling from "The Dog Whisperer" (8 p.m., National Geographic).

After the collapse of her marriage, an attractive American (Diane Lane) finds fulfillment in Italy in the 2003 comedy "Under the Tuscan Sun" (8 p.m., Family).

Cult choice

Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman star in the 1994 prison drama "The Shawshank Redemption" (9 p.m., Spike).

Series notes

Parallel wives on a two-hour helping of "Trading Spouses" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) ... The results are read on "Dancing with the Stars" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

Wrestling on "WWE SmackDown" (8 p.m., UPN) ... Mother-in-law woes on "What I Like About You" (8 p.m., WB, TV-PG, D) ... Tricks trump treats on "Living with Fran" (8:30 p.m., WB, TV-PG, D, L).

Does "Go Kinky" offer unfair publicity to one candidate at the expense of his opponents? Is Friedman's campaign entirely farfetched? Let's ask former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura.

The standup showcase "Comedy Central Presents" (9 p.m., Comedy Central) enters its 10th season. Since 1998 the series has introduced viewers to Wanda Sykes, Mario Cantone, Lewis Black, Dane Cook, Greg Giraldo and Stephen Lynch.

The issue of life takes center stage in the presidential campaign on "Battlestar Galactica" (10 p.m., Sci Fi). John Heard guest stars. Lucy Lawless will appear in 10 episodes of "Battlestar" when it enters its third season.

A figure from Adrian's past

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Olsens don designer duds for ad campaign

Mary-Kate Olsen and her twin sister, Ashley, known for their casual, layered, bohemian style, will wear red carpet-ready couture gowns in an ad campaign for Badgley Mischka.



AP PHOTO

Ashley Olsen, left, and Mary-Kate Olsen will appear together in a series of print ads for the luxury fashion label Badgley Mischka.

BERLIN

Actor pleased with response to movie

Heath Ledger says "Brokeback Mountain," nominated for eight Oscars, has exceeded what he expected from the film.

The Ang Lee-directed movie about a longtime affair between two cowboys is nominated for best director, best picture and best actor for Ledger.

Other nominations include best supporting actress for Michelle Williams and best supporting actor for co-star Jake Gyllenhaal.

"The movie's already exceeded any expectations," Ledger said at the Berlin International Film Festival.

Actress a smart choice for first lady CALENDAR

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LOS ANGELES

Jean Smart knows a bit more than "24" fans about the future of first lady Martha Logan, the character she plays on the Fox series. But not much more.

Nobody on the round-the-clock thriller, notorious for its high body count, can ever be sure if they'll survive until the final second of the entire season is ticked off.

On this day, Smart is shooting the 17th and 18th hours of federal agent Jack Bauer's latest struggle to save the country from terrorists in just 24 hours, so she knows she's made it that far. But come next week, she could easily become the late Martha Logan.

"I just hope if she goes, she goes in a real big way and takes a few people with her," Smart laughs, noting her teenage son, Connor, is "disappointed I haven't shot anybody yet."

Smart says she believes the show's writers when they say "they kind of do it on the fly," without a predetermined story line for the entire season.

In fact, the following day, co-executive producer Howard



AP PHOTO

Actress Jean Smart plays the troubled and troublesome Martha Logan on Fox's "24." She has won Emmy Awards for performances on "Frasier."

Gordon announced the writing team had just come up with "something that actually reverses very much where we were going."

He explained they're re-scripting the final four episodes because "what's wonderful about this show is the end usually lies somewhere that's not in the obvious places."

But a comment Gordon makes about the Logans' discordant

marriage being "one of the highlights of this year" seems to imply that she'll make it to the season finale — at least to the first commercial break, anyway.

Smart, 46, is best known on TV as Charlene Frazier-Stillfield of the Southern belles sitcom "Designing Women."

More recently, she won back-to-back Emmys for her guest appearances on "Frasier" and had a recurring role in the crime series "The District."

The troubled and troublesome Martha Logan has been compared to Martha Mitchell, the outspoken wife of Nixon-era Attorney General John Mitchell, who was trashed as delusional for not keeping her mouth shut during the Watergate scandal.

Although the producers acknowledge that influence, Smart says it didn't really figure into her interpretation.

"How did that get started?" she puzzles. "I hope I don't remind people of Martha Mitchell, bless her heart, wherever she is."

All she really remembers about her is "a big, blonde bee-hive and a kind of Martha Raye smile."

But like that Martha, who died in 1976, this one always needs to speak her own mind, even if she's labeled crazy for doing so.

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Advertisement for AMC Greenwood Park 14, listing movies like 'The Pink Panther' and 'When a Stranger Calls'.

Advertisement for Katharine Szymone Case, featuring a portrait and the text 'LOVE, YOUR FAMILY'.

Advertisement for Winter Clearance at Meridian Parke Shoppes, offering 60% to 80% off on clothing.

Advertisement for ShowPlace 16, listing movies like 'The Pink Panther' and 'When a Stranger Calls'.

Advertisement for Matinee Movie Magic for Moms (and Dads), listing movies like 'The Pink Panther' and 'When a Stranger Calls'.