

# Will Casaya tribe lose powers on 'Survivor?'

Years ago, a friend of mine worked with a woman who fancied herself a songwriter. She even paid to have a record made of her ditty, "I'm a Human Hand Grenade — Lord Don't Pull That Pin!"



Kevin McDonough

I don't recall hearing the recording, but I've never been able to put that title out of my mind. It occurred to me recently while watching "Survivor: Panama — Exile Island" (8 p.m., CBS) that if anyone qualifies as a human explosive, it's Shane Powers, the gaunt, unshaven, tastelessly tattooed and wrapped-too-tight competitor now assigned to the Casaya tribe.

Last week he freaked out and asked everyone to vote him off. Then he changed his mind.

Claiming to miss his son, complaining about lack of water and admitting to all that he'd given up a three-pack-a-day cigarette habit to outlast, outwit and outrage, Shane looks like he could suffer spontaneous human combustion, much like Krook, the alcoholic packrat on PBS's adaptation of Charles Dickens' "Bleak House," still running Sunday nights on "Masterpiece Theatre."

Even the affable Jeff Probst asked Powers if he were treating "Survivor" as his own private detox clinic. It's not a pretty sight.

Tonight marks the first head-to-head competition between "Survivor" and coverage of the "XX Winter Olympic Games" (8 p.m., NBC). Just why anyone would give up real sports to watch contrived manipulation and a supper of snake meat is beyond me. Hey, it's a free country with 500 channels.

And speaking of the Olympics, am I the only one watching the games on an old-fashioned television, and the only one who finds the high-definition footage a tad glaring?

The contrasts are brutal, particularly in bright-light situations, which are pretty much every competition shot on snow or ice. People's hair appears to quaver in funky iridescence. Clips of Shaun White give new meaning to the phrase "flaming red hair."

Is this NBC's way of suggesting we all run out and replace our sets with HDTV monitors? It wouldn't be the first time. Way back when "The Wonderful World of Color" ruled the Disneyfied airwaves, owners of mere black-and-white televisions were made to feel like second-class citizens. I'm getting an old, familiar feeling.

"Everybody Hates Chris" (8 p.m., UPN, TV-PG, D, L, V) continues its celebration of old-school popular culture when Chris defends his reputation as the neighborhood's best

"Asteroids" player. Reminding viewers of a time when gaming meant getting out of one's house and playing at a local store or arcade, "Chris" also exults in the charms of its pre-rap soundtrack. It's a pleasure to tune in just to hear which vintage records make the cut.

The same can be said of "My Name is Earl," another show in which the music helps set a comic mood but is never employed as an emotional crutch or used to tell viewers how they are supposed to feel.

The use of emotionally manipulative music began in earnest on WB teen soap operas and has since infected sitcoms, most notably "Scrubs" and "Crumbs." In some ways it has become as intrusive as the laugh track.

## Tonight's other highlights

• Mitch bonds with Billy's girl-friend (Ileana Douglas) on "Crumbs" (9:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG). Postponed from last week.

• The son of hard-working immigrants vanishes on "Without a Trace" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-PG, V).

## Cult choice

A couple arrives in a weird village of fish people who engage in sacrificial rites in the 2001 shocker "Dagon" (7 p.m., Sci Fi).

## Series notes

The bridge of cyborgs on "Smallville" (8 p.m., WB, TV-PG, D, L, V) ... A difficult assignment on "Love, Inc." (8:30 p.m., UPN, TV-PG) ... Date strategies on "Beauty and the Geek" (9 p.m., WB, TV-PG) ... Jeremy comes clean about his kids on "Cuts" (9:30 p.m., UPN, TV-PG).

## Late night

Jay Leno hosts Billy Crystal on "The Tonight Show" (12:05 p.m., NBC) ... Jack Osbourne appears on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (12:05 a.m., ABC) ... "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" is pre-empted ... Craig Ferguson hosts Kiefer Sutherland and Rocco DeLuca on "The Late, Late Show" (12:37 a.m., CBS).

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## THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 16, 2006

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
WTTV	Friends (CC)	Every-Raymond	Smallville "Cyborg" (N) (CC)		Beauty and the Geek (N) (CC)		Sex and the City	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Will & Grace
WRTV	The Insider (N)	Be a Millionaire	Dancing With the Stars (CC)			Grey's Anatomy (CC)		Primetime (N)	News (CC)	Nightline (11:35)
WISH	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Panama — Exile Island		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Without a Trace	"Honor Bound"	News (CC)	Late Show
WTHR	Jeopardy! (N)	Olympic Zone	XX Olympic Winter Games (CC)							
WFYI	Business Rpt.	Communities	The This Old House Hour (CC)		Antiques Roadshow (CC)		Austin City Limits (N) (CC)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Time Goes By
WNDY	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Hates Chris	Love, Inc. (N)	Eve (N) (CC)	Cuts (N) (CC)	News	Access H'wood	South Park	South Park
WTIU	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Weekly Special	Across Indiana	Globe Trekker (CC)		National Geographic: Dawn		Tavis Smiley (N)	Charlie Rose (N)
WHMB	The 700 Club (CC)		The 21st Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards	Vickie Winans.			Life Today (CC)	Paid Program	Covenant Conn	Wisdom Keys
WCLJ	Praise the Lord	Praise the Lord	Behind Scenes	Michael Yousef	Bishop Jakes	This Is Your Day	Praise the Lord (CC)			
WXIN	The Simpsons	Seinfeld (CC)	Legally Blonde (PG-13) '01	** Reese Witherspoon. Comedy. (CC)			News (CC)	Geraldo Large	Seinfeld (11:05)	Drew Carey
WIPX	Pyramid (CC)	Family Feud	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye (CC)		Early Edition "Gifted" (CC)		Doc "Arsenic & Old Spice" (CC)		Gaither Gospel	Paid Program
WTBU	Dr. Jerry	John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Joni Lamb	Celebration		Jentezen F.	It's Supernatural	This Is Your Day	Believer's Voice
A&E	The Dark Side of Parole (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		Dallas SWAT (CC)		Crossing Jordan	"Blue Moon"
AMC	Octopussy (5:15) (PG) '83	***	Live and Let Die (PG) (73)	*** Roger Moore, Yaphet Kotto, Jane Seymour. Action. (CC)			The Man With the Golden Gun (PG) (74)	** (CC)		
AP	The Most Extreme "Eaters" (CC)		The Planet's Funniest Animals		The Planet's Funniest Animals		Animal Cops Detroit (CC)		The Planet's Funniest Animals	
BET	106 & Park	BET Style (N)	The Parkers	The Parkers	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Top 25 Hottest Black Couples		In Living Color	In Living Color
BRAVO	The West Wing (CC)		Inside the Actors Studio "Dave Chappelle" Dave Chappelle. (CC)				Project Runway "Makeover" (CC)		Project Runway (CC)	
CNBC	XX Olympic Winter Games (5)		On the Money		Mad Money		The Big Idea With Donny Deutsch		On the Money	
CMT	Dukes of Hazzard		Top 20 Countdown				Trick My Truck		Evening Shade	Evening Shade
CNN	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now (CC)		Larry King Live Roseanne. (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)			
COM	Com.-Presents	Reno 911! (CC)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's	South Park	Drawn Together	Distraction (CC)	Daily Show	Colbert Report
DISC	Wild and Weird Rockets (CC)		Black Sky: Winning the X Prize		Space Shuttle: Countdown		How High Can You Fly? (CC)		Supersonic Speed Demos (CC)	
EI	EI News (N)	EI News	50 Best Chick Flicks: Sex, Cries and Videotape Movies.				Lindsay Lohan: True Story		Saturday Night Live (CC)	
ESPN	2006 NFL Pro Bowl Skills Competition From Honolulu. (CC)		College Basketball Georgetown at Marquette. (CC)						SportsCenter (CC)	
ESPN2	Interruption	SportsCentury	Women's College Basketball Tennessee at Georgia. (CC)				College Basketball San Diego State at UNLV. (CC)			
FAM	Smallville "Talisman" (CC)		Never Been Kissed (PG-13) '99	** Drew Barrymore, Michael Vartan. Comedy. (CC)			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 Pizza recipes.		World Pizza Championship		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef Asparagus dishes.	
FOXMV	Towering Infer.	Fox Originals	Down Relescope (PG-13) '96	** Kelsey Grammer. Comedy. (CC)			Porphy's (R) '81	** Dan Monahan, Scott Colomby. Comedy. (CC)		
FOXSM	Knockouts	Midwest Sports	St Louis	Knockouts	Monte Carlo Millions		The Sports List	College Basketball Arizona at California.		
FX	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	Cops "Texas"	Cops "Texas"	King of the Hill	King of the Hill
HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger "6 Hours"		Walker, Texas Ranger "Wedding Bells" (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)
HGTV	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	My First Place	reDesign	Divine Design	Designers'	House Hunters	House Hunters	Design Inc. (N)	Small Space
HIST	Modern Marvels "Hoover Dam"		Ancient Discoveries "Warfare"		Decoding the Past "Lost Worlds"		Declassified "Viet Cong" (N) (CC)		Zero Hour "Terror in Tokyo" (CC)	
LIFE	Patent 14 (R) '04	Costas Mandylor, Lucy Jenner. Science Fiction. (CC)	Saving Emily '04	Alexandra Paul, Michael Riley. Drama. (CC)			Will & Grace		Will & Grace	
MSNBC	Hardball (CC)		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson	
MTV	Direct Effect		MTV's The Shop	MTV's The Shop	Wild & Out	Wild & Out	Wild & Out (N)	MTV's The Shop	Jay-Z and Nas	Ult. Mash-Ups
NICK	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Romeo! (CC)	Full House (CC)	Fresh Prince	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Cosby Show
OXY	The Object of My Affection (6) (R) '98	** Alan Alda	Chances Are (PG) '89	** Cybill Shepherd, Robert Downey Jr., Ryan O'Neal. Comedy. (CC)					The Ellen DeGeneres Show (CC)	
SCIFI	Dagon (R) '01	** Ezra Godden, Raquel Merono. Horror. (CC)	House of the Dead 2 (R) '05	** Emmanuelle Vaugier. Horror. (CC)			Night of the Creeps (R) '86	**		
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (PG-13) '97	** Comedy. (CC)			MXC (N)		Videogames	
TBS	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Home Alone (PG) '90	*** Macaulay Culkin. Comedy. (CC)			Grumpier Old Men (11:10) '95	**
TCM	A Stolen Life (6) (NR) '46	** (CC)	Sahara (NR) '43	*** Humphrey Bogart, Dan Duryea. War. (CC)			The Lives of a Bengal Lancer (NR) '35	*** Gary Cooper. Adventure. (CC)		
TLC	14 Children and Pregnant Again!		Amazing Families (N)		The Family Makers (N)		Beyond the Bull "Under the Knife"		Amazing Families	
TNT	NBA Pregame	NBA Basketball	Philadelphia 76ers at Chicago Bulls.	From the United Center in Chicago.			NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Phoenix Suns. (CC)			
TOON	Foster's Home	Juniper Lee	Grim Advent.	Codename: Kid	Ed, Edd n Eddy	Grim Advent.	One Piece (CC)	Dragon Ball Z	Family Guy	Futurama (CC)
TVL	Good Times	Good Times	Little House on the Prairie (CC)	Andy Griffith	Sanford & Son	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Happening!	Cheers (CC)
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	WWE Thursday Night Raw (CC)						Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	
VH1	America's Next Top Model (CC)		America's Next Top Model (CC)		America's Next Top Model (CC)		America's Next Top Model (CC)		InsideOut	Hip Hop Vid.
WE	The Lemon Sisters (6) '89	** (CC)	9 to 5 (PG) '80	*** Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton. Comedy. (CC)			Bridesmaids '89	** Shelley Hack. Drama. (CC)		
WGN	America's Funniest Home Videos		The Mod Squad (R) '99	** Claire Danes, Omar Epps. Drama. (CC)			WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker (CC)
DISN	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven (CC)	Life Is Ruff '05	Kyle Massey, Calvin Wheeler, Kay Panabaker. Comedy. (CC)			The Emperor's New School	Sister, Sister (CC)	The Suite Life of Zack & Cody	That's So Raven Dentist visit.
ENC	Blues Brothers 2000 (5:45) (PG-13) '98	** Dan Aykroyd. (CC)	Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) '04	Faithful (9:35) (R) '96	** Cher. Comedy. A hit man wages a war of words with his intended victim. (CC)		Postcards From the Edge (11:15) (R) '90	*** Meryl Streep. (CC)		
HBO	Blankman (6:15) (PG-13) '94	** Damon Wayans. Comedy. (CC)	Real Sports		The Upside of Anger (R) '05	*** Joan Allen. Comedy-Drama. An ex-ballplayer befriends a woman whose husband left her. (CC)			Sex Inspectors: Breakin' All the Real Sex	Breakin' All the Real Sex (11:35) '04
SHOW	Off the Map (6:30) (PG-13) '03	*** Joan Allen. An IRS agent impacts the lives of a New Mexico family.	The Cookout (PG-13) '04	** Ja Rule. An athlete's mother has a wild barbecue at his mansion. (CC)			Penn & Teller: Bulls...! (CC)	Penn & Teller: Bulls...! (CC)	The L Word "Lifesize" Tina struggles with her feelings. (CC)	
MAX	Spartan (6) (R) '04	** Val Kilmer, William H. Macy. Suspense. (CC)	2 Days in the Valley (R) '96	** Danny Aiello. A hit man takes an art dealer and his assistant hostage.	Final Destination 3		The Jacket (R) '05	** Adrien Brody. An amnesiac has flashbacks and visions of the future. (CC)		The Chronicles of Riddick **
TMC	The Paper (6:05) (R) '94	** Michael Keaton. Drama. (CC)	The Faculty (R) '98	** Jordana Brewster, Laura Harris. Horror. High-school students suspect that their teachers are aliens. (CC)			Strike Force (R) '04	William Forsythe. The search for her missing sister leads a woman to vigilantes. (CC)		Ball in the House (11:40) '02
STARZ	Outside Providence (6:50) (R) '99	** Shawn Hatosy. A working-class teen is packed off to a prep school.	Starz the Hollywood		The Incredibles (PG) '04	*** Voices of Craig T. Nelson. Adventure. Animated. A former superhero gets back into action. (CC)			Pulp Fiction (R) '94	*** John Travolta. Crime Drama. (CC)

## ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

### TomKat denies pair has lost that lovin' feeling

Not true: That was Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' response Tuesday to a Valentine's Day report by Life & Style magazine claiming that the Hollywood superstar and his pregnant paramour have split up.

"It should be known that the story is 100 percent false," Arnold Robinson, a publicist for the couple, said in a statement. "Mr. Cruise and Ms. Holmes are still engaged and are moving forward with their wedding plans, as well as planning for the arrival of their child."

The Feb. 27 issue of the magazine, which will be on newsstands Friday, says in a cover story that the public pair plan to keep up the charade of their romance until after their baby's birth this spring.

### Willie Nelson records cowboy love song

Willie Nelson sang "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow up to Be Cowboys" and "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys" more than 25 years ago.

The 72-year-old singer released a different sort of cowboy anthem this Valentine's Day. "Cowboys Are Frequently, Secretly (Fond of Each Other)" may be the first gay cowboy song by a major recording artist. But it was written long before this year's Oscar-nominated "Brokeback Mountain" made gay cowboys a hot topic.

Available exclusively through iTunes, the song features choppy Tex-Mex style guitar runs and Nelson's deadpan delivery of lines such as "What did you think all them saddles and boots was about?" and "Inside every cowboy there's a lady who'd love to slip out."



AP PHOTO

Tom Cruise and his fiancée, Katie Holmes, arrive for the premiere of "War of the Worlds" in June. They said reports of them splitting are false.

NEW YORK

### Colin Farrell to star in NYC cop movie

The New York police officer shot by an on-duty patrolman last month will be honored in a film starring Colin Farrell.

Eric Hernandez was attacked Jan. 28. Following the beating, the dazed officer pulled a gun on a man in the parking lot.

He was shot by a patrolman arriving on the scene, who didn't know Hernandez was an officer.

Hernandez, 24, will appear as an extra in "Pride and Glory," which is now in production.

By LYNN ELBER

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### LOS ANGELES

Judith Sheindlin, familiarly known as television's Judge Judy, fixes the law-breaker with her trademark brace-yourself-buddy judge.



SHEINDLIN

"You're drinking my tea?" she says to Jerry Sheindlin, her husband of 29 years, who's lurching alongside her during a production break on her court show. Not bothering to appeal, he stops pouring from her cup into his and returns the property to its rightful owner.

For Judge Judy Sheindlin, marking her 10th season as the star of one TV's top-rated syndicated shows, watched by 10 million people daily, enforcing justice is a full-time job. Her grandchildren may enjoy some slack; all others, watch out.

That unforgiving approach to small-claims disputes culled from courts nationwide is what draws viewers. When Phil McGraw barks at an errant spouse or par-

ent on "Dr. Phil," he's reflecting the influence of Sheindlin's decade of TV toughness.

"Accept responsibility for what you do in everything," the former New York family court judge said in an interview. She was referring to her own expectation of how judges should behave and, in a more expansive view, the world.

At one point, she interrupts herself to search her purse for a stash of newspaper clippings, reports on a series of violent deaths of New York children that have raised questions about city government oversight.

"All these articles, you know who they blame? They blame the Administration for Children's Services. Now, I'm not absolving them. ... But that's not where the fault is, really," she said.

"The people who are supposed to protect children are their parents."

Her unshakable mantra is personal responsibility. It's a position that played well when her show began and may be even more beguiling in a time vexed by the forces of war and terror. The real power is yours, Sheindlin tells us; who wouldn't want to believe?

While new judges crowd into the TV courtroom, including "Judge Alex" and the upcoming "Judge

Maria Lopez," Sheindlin remains the queen bee with ratings that put her in the company of top syndicated performers including Oprah Winfrey and "Wheel of Fortune."

"I think Judge Judy is, like Oprah, sort of the star of her genre," said analyst Stacey Lynn Koerner of New York-based media agency Initiative.

"She lays it on the line and she doesn't let you get away with anything. ... She stands out as an ethical voice that speaks to the common man."

## CALENDAR

### Today

#### Meetings

- Women's Big Book Meeting, noon, 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin
- 50 Plus of Greater Whiteland, 1 to 3 p.m., New Whiteland Town Hall, 401 Mooreland Drive, euchre
- Woodmen Club, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, Shelby Street, Greenwood. Information: 888-6146
- Edinburgh Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Lions Club building, South Walnut Street
- Xi Zeta Sigma chapter, 7 p.m.
- Sertoma Club of Greenwood, 6:45 p.m., Southern Dunes clubhouse, State Road 37 and Wicker Road

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CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 1:20 3:40 6:30 8:50  
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 12:00 2:20 4:40 7:50 10:20  
FIREWALL (PG-13) 1:40 4:10 7:30 10:10  
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 11:40AM 2:10 4:45 7:00 9:40  
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) 12:30 3:20 6:10 9:25  
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) 12:10 2:00 2:30 4:20 4:50 7:10 7:40 9:30 10:00  
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) 12:15 2:40 5:00 7:20 9:35  
THE MATADOR (R) 12:50 3:00 5:15 8:00 10:15  
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 1:45 4:15 6:45 9:10  
THE NEW WORLD (PG-13) 9:00PM DAILY  
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 12:40 3:30 7:45 10:30  
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 11:50AM 2:50 6:50 9:45  
HOODWINKED (PG) 1:30 4:00 6:40  
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 11:45AM 3:10 6:15 9:15  
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) 12:20 3:15 6:20 9:20

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