

# 'High school musical' passable teen viewing

What do you call a musical about kids putting on a musical? Why, "High School Musical" (8 p.m., Disney, TV-G), of course. But this feature-length teen film takes a few potshots at the clichés of the backstage world, and throws in a Romeo and Juliet plot, to boot.



Kevin McDonough

Troy (Zac Efron) and Gabriella (Vanessa Anne Hudgens) meet on vacation at a ski lodge. He's a basketball-obsessed jock and she's a straight-A type who'd rather have her lovely nose buried in a book. Their mothers insist they attend a New Year's Eve teen party. Once there, the DJ pushes them onto a karaoke stage. Within seconds, they are making beautiful, or at least passably "American Idol"-worthy, music together.

ABC, TV-PG) is, how does Master P survive? He had an excuse the first week, since he came in late, with little time for practice.

Compared to his diligent competitors, P "performs" with spectacular indifference. How long will he survive? Can he win?

Last season, John O'Hurley wowed an audience with his Herculean effort. You sensed he would win or die trying. Is this the year of the blasé champion?

## Tonight's other highlights

- A visit to wine country becomes a messy, talky voyage of discovery for two old friends (Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church) in the 2004 drama/comedy "Sideways" (7:45 p.m., Cinemax).

- Murder between teen siblings on "In Justice" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renee Zellweger, Richard Gere and Queen Latifah star in the 2002 film adaptation of the musical "Chicago" (9 p.m., Bravo).
- The murder of a witness in a corporate corruption case on "Numb3rs" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

These two wouldn't dare try out for the school musical, would they?

To do so would not only challenge the rigid clique-driven social order of their high school, but they'd also run up against vain drama queen Sharpay (Ashley Tisdale) and her fey fashion-victim brother, Ryan (Lucas Grabeel). Together, they've had their jazz hands in every school production dating back to kindergarten, and they brook no competition.

This being a Disney movie, the lesson is simple and repeated regularly. In short: Be yourself and don't let others define you. The story of two star-crossed warblers and the obstacles they face is a tad thin to sustain a two-hour spectacle. This "Musical" is shy a subplot or two.

But the cast is game and the costumes fun in an absurd fashion. Even the math team dresses in bright, bold colors.

For a musical about a musical, the songs are surprisingly scarce. "Musical" makes up for this with ambitious choreography, often involving the entire student body in song and dance.

• A rescue dog named Buddy terrorizes his fellow canines. Can "The Dog Whisperer" (8 p.m., National Geographic) save the day and provide Buddy's owner with New Age wisdom along the way? While this fascinating and fun show is essentially about dogs, it's also about select Southern Californians who need "permission" to "actualize" their "inner handler." It's hilariously close to self-parody.

• So far, the biggest question on "Dancing with the Stars" (8 p.m.,

## FRIDAY EVENING

## JANUARY 20, 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	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Minnesota Timberwolves.					Pacers	What I Like	Living With Fran		
WRVT	The Insider (N)	Be a Millionaire	Dancing With the Stars (N) (CC)	In Justice "Confessions" (N) (CC)	20/20 (CC)				News (CC)	Nightline (11:35)		
WISN	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	Ghost Whisperer "The Crossing"	Close to Home "Divine Directions"	NUMB3RS "Calculated Risk" (CC)				News (CC)	Late Show		
WTHR	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Outrageous	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)	The Book of Daniel "Assignment"				News (CC)	Tonight Show		
WFYI	Business Rpt.	Religion-Ethics	Indiana Week	McLaughlin	Wash. Week	NOW Pay gap.			Inside Indiana Business	Lawmakers	Time Goes By	
WNDY	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (CC)						News	Colts Up Close (10:35)	South Park	
WTIU	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	NOW Pay gap.	Sci. Frontiers	Foreign Exchng	Weekly Special			House-History	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	
WHMB	The 700 Club (CC)	Harvest							High School Basketball Eastern Hancock at Lapel.			
WCLJ	ACLJ	Primary Focus	Behind Scenes	Great Souls	Joel Osteen	Frederick Price			Praise the Lord (CC)			
WXIN	The Simpsons	Seinfeld (CC)	Bernie Mac	Bernie Mac	Trading Spouses: Meet-Mommy				News (CC)	Geraldo Large	Seinfeld (11:05)	Drew Carey
WIPIX	Rory and Wendy Show		Mary Higgins Clark's a Crime of Passion						It's a Miracle		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 Jeff Zack. (CC)		Biography "Simon Cowell" (CC)		Tomorrow Never Dies (PG-13) (97) *** Pierce Brosnan, Jonathan Pryce, Michelle Yeoh. Adventure. (CC)							
AMC	Hustle		Uncle Buck (PG) (89) ** John Candy, Jean Louisa Kelly. Comedy.		Friday the 13th: The Final Chapter (R) (84) * (CC) Friday 13-New							
AP	The Most Extreme "Jumpers"		The Planet's Funniest Animals	Animal Report	Animal Rescue	Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix (N)			The Planet's Funniest Animals			
BET	106 & Park	BET.com Count	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	The Corner (CC)				In Living Color	Boss'n Up (NR) (05) Snoop Dogg.		
BRAVO	Skating & Gymnastics		Inside the Actors Studio (CC)		Chicago (PG-13) (02) *** Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere. Musical.					Usual Suspects		
CNBC	On the Money		The Apprentice (CC)		Mad Money				The Big Idea With Donny Deutsch	The Apprentice (CC)		
CMT	Dukes of Hazzard		Cowboy U	Cowboy U	Cowboy U (N)	Cowboy U (N)			40 Greatest Fashion Statements			
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	Premium Blend	Com.-Presents			Com.-Presents	Dave Chappelle	South Park	Drawn Together
DISC	Rameses: Wrath of God or Man?		Rameses: Wrath of God or Man?		Egypt Untold "Rameses the Great" A pharaoh's mummy. (N)					Rameses: Wrath of God or Man?		
EI	EI News (N)	EI News	Jenna Jameson: The El True Hollywood Story (CC)		The Soup (N)	Party-Palms				Saturday Night Live (CC)		
ESPN	SportsCenter (6)	NBA	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Miami Heat. (CC)						NBA Basketball: Lakers at Suns			
ESPN2	Quite Frankly	NFL Matchup	Boxing: Friday -- Pereira vs. Rakkietgym						Tennis Australian Open -- Early Round -- Day 6. (CC)			
FAM	Smallville "Exile" (CC)		Ghost (PG-13) (90) *** Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg. Fantasy. (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	Ham on Street	Emeril Live New York-inspired.		\$40-a-Day	Tasty Travels			Roker on Road	Foodnation	Iron Chef "Angler" Angler battle.	
FOXMOV	The Culppepper Cattle Company (72)		The Man From Snowy River (PG) (82) *** Kirk Douglas. Western.		The Last of the Mohicans (R) (92) *** Daniel Day-Lewis. Adventure.							
FOXSM	Chris Myers	Midwest Sports	Mizzou Basket.	Chris Myers	Rodeo: Sand Hills Rodeo				Best Damn Sports Show Period	Sports Report	Football Prev.	
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 Lem's loyalty to Vic.	
HALL	JAG "Fit for Duty" (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Murder Without Conviction (04) Megan Ward, Patty Duke. Mystery. (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			House Hunters	House Hunters	Debbie Travis' Facelift	
HIST	Modern Marvels "Death Devices"		The Presidents The Gilded Age.		The Presidents "1913-1945" (CC)				Heroes Under Fire (N) (CC)		Shootout! (CC)	
LIFE	What Lies Above (NR) (04) Nicole Eggert, Marc Singer. Suspense. (CC)		Wall of Secrets (03) Nicole Eggert, Dean McDermott. Suspense. (CC)						Will & Grace	Will & Grace		
MSNBC	Hardball (CC)		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct				Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson	
MTV	There & Back	There & Back	ET on MTV (N)	Made "Skateboarder" Skater.	Made "Soccer" Soccer player.	Made "Rapper" Rapper.					R. Wrld Chal.	
NICK	SpongeBob	Catscratch (N)	Avatar-Last Air	The X's (N)	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Full House (CC)			Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	
OXY	Oprah After the	Oprah After the	Secretary (R) (02) *** James Spader, Jeremy Davies. Comedy-Drama.						Secretary (R) (02) *** James Spader.			
SCIFI	John Doe "Pilot" (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Ripple Effect" (N)		Stargate Atlantis "Critical Mass"	Battlestar Galactica "Epiphanies"			Stargate SG-1 "Ripple Effect"			
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Revenge of the Nerds (R) (84) *** Robert Carradine. Comedy.						
TBS	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Erin Brockovich (R) (00) *** Julia Roberts, Albert Finney, Aaron Eckhart. Drama. (CC)	Trapped (02) **						
TCM	The Subject Was Roses (6) (G) (68)		Lord Jim (NR) (65) *** Peter O'Toole, James Mason, Curt Jurgens. Adventure.		The Hurricane (10:45) (NR) (37) *** Adventure.							
TLC	Wild Weddings (CC)		What Not to Wear (CC)		What Not to Wear "Beth" (N)	Ice Diaries "Kiss and Cry" (N)			What Not to Wear (CC)			
TNT	Law & Order "The Wheel"		Law & Order "A Losing Season"		Drumline (PG-13) (02) *** Nick Cannon, Orlando Jones. Comedy-Drama. (CC)					Jerry Maguire (96)		
TOON	Foster's Home	Grim Advent.	Codename: Kid	Cartoon-Toons	Cartoon-Toons	Foster's Home			Grim Advent.	Cartoon-Toons	Cartoon-Toons	Courage-Dog
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 (N) (CC)				House "Occam's Razor" (CC)			
WB	Top 20 Countdown (6) (N)		Heartbreakers Hall of Shame		40 Greatest Pranks						Best Week Ever	Web Junk 20 (N)
WE	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg	Women On Death Row Women's prison.			The Other Side of the Cell					Secret Lives of Women	
WGN	America's Funniest Home Videos		The Vernon Johns Story (PG) (94) *** James Earl Jones. (CC)			WGN News at Nine (CC)					Sex and the City	Becker (CC)
DISN	The Suite Life of Zack & Cody	The Suite Life of Zack & Cody (N)	High School Musical (06) Zac Efron, Ashley Tisdale. Musical Comedy. Students conspire against two teenage singers. (CC)		The Suite Life of Zack & Cody	The Suite Life of Zack & Cody			That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven (CC)
ENC	My Girl 2 (6:15) (PG) (93) ** Dan Aykroyd. Comedy-Drama. (CC)		Raising Helen (PG-13) (04) ** Kate Hudson, Joan Cusack. Comedy-Drama. A woman gains custody of her late sister's children. (CC)		The Notebook (PG-13) (04) ** Ryan Gosling, James Garner. Romance. A man tells a story to a woman about two lovers. (CC)							
HBO	Inside the NFL (CC)		Alexander (R) (04) ** Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie, Val Kilmer. Historical Drama. Macedonia's young king conquers much of the known world. (CC)						Deadwood "Requiem for a Gleet" (CC)			
SHOW	Ghostbusters (PG) (84) *** Bill Murray. Comedy.	SHO Me 1st (8:45) (CC)	Sleeper Cell "Target" Shopping mall attack. (CC)		Masters of Horror "Pick Me Up" (N) (CC)				Boxing ShoBox: The New Generation.			
MAX	Titanic (4:30) (97) **** (CC)	Sideways (7:45) (R) (04) *** Paul Giamatti, Thomas Haden Church, Virginia Madsen. Comedy-Drama. Two friends ponder their lives during a road trip. (CC)			Assault on Precinct 13 (R) (05) *** Ethan Hawke. Action. Gunmen attack a crumbling police station to kill a gangster. (CC)							
TMC	The Waiting Game (6:35) (NR) (00) ** Will Arnett. Comedy. (CC)	The Perfect Score (PG-13) (04) ** Erika Christensen. Students try to steal the answers to their SATs. (CC)	The Reckoning (9:45) (R) (04) ** Paul Bettany, Willem Dafoe, Brian Cox. Mystery. Actors stage a play based on a murder. (CC)			National-Going the Distance						
STARZ	The Village (7:10) (PG-13) (04) ** Bryce Dallas Howard, Adrien Brody. Suspense. Strange creatures menace a 19th-century community. (CC)		Mr. 3000 (PG-13) (04) ** Bernie Mac. Comedy. A baseball star comes out of retirement. (CC)		The Pacifier (10:45) (PG) (05) ** Vin Diesel. A Navy SEAL becomes the guardian of five siblings. (CC)							

## ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

### LOS ANGELES 'Matrix' boss sued after assistant gives birth

Laurence Fishburne's former personal assistant is suing him for allegedly firing her because she was pregnant and single, her lawyer said.



FISHBURNE

Kristal Crews filed the lawsuit against the 44-year-old actor in Superior Court on Tuesday, seeking unspecified damages.

"He told her that he didn't think single women should have children," Crews' lawyer, Nikki Tolt, said Wednesday.

Fishburne's publicist, Alan Nierob, said Wednesday he could not comment on Crews' allegations because he had not seen the lawsuit yet.

Several months after she became pregnant and requested special accommodation for a film shoot in New Orleans, Fishburne told Crews she would be fired, Tolt alleged.

"He told her he was going to fire her on her due date. What a sweetheart," Tolt said.

### LOS ANGELES Lawyer says 'The Client' actor in drug treatment

Brad Renfro pleaded not guilty to attempted possession of heroin after being arrested on charges of trying to buy the drug on Los Angeles' Skid Row.

Renfro, 23, was ordered to return Feb. 23 to see if the case can be resolved without a trial.

The actor's lawyer said he hopes Renfro will be sent to a drug diversion program.

Lawyer Richard Kaplan said Renfro is in drug treatment.

Renfro was arrested Dec. 22 during a police sting targeting drugs along downtown's Skid Row. He is free on \$10,000 bail.

His screen credits include roles in the movies "Ghost World," "The Jacket" and "The Client."

CANBERRA, Australia

### 'Gladiator' star's wife expects second child

Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe says he and his wife, Danielle Spencer, are expecting their second child, a newspaper reported.

"Yes, Dani is pregnant again," Crowe told TV cameras on the red carpet at the 63rd annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday, Melbourne's Herald Sun newspaper reported Wednesday.

Crowe, 41, and Spencer, 34, have a 2-year-old son, Charles Spencer Crowe.

The actor won an Oscar for his role in 2000's "Gladiator."



CROWE

# TCM puts new life into its silent films CALENDAR

By MATT HURWITZ

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## WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.

The image of silent-movie actress Eleanor Boardman flickers on a screen above a scoring stage at Signet Sound Studios. She's watching knights in shining armor comically fall from their horses.

Sitting in the control room, 28-year-old film composer Marcus Sjöwall looks down from the black and white image and listens intently.

An orchestra on the stage is playing the first musical notes for cue M19 of his score for the 1923 silent classic "Souls for Sale."

He grins briefly, although there's not much time to enjoy the triumph; much more work needs to be done.

"It's a nice feeling to hear music that's only been in my head come out of that ensemble," he says.

"But I'm just trying to stay on top of everything and make sure it gets done right." Sjöwall is the sixth winner of Turner Classic Movies' annual Young Film Composers Competition.



AP PHOTO

Marcus Sjöwall, winner of the Turner Classic Movies' Young Film Composers Competition, fine tunes his score in West Hollywood, Calif.

The contest allows composers between the ages of 18 and 35 a chance to write music scores for silent films that originally had only live musical accompaniment in the theater.

The winner receives \$10,000, earns the opportunity to have his or her score broadcast on TCM, and, perhaps most important, gets a chance to break into the exclusive world of film scoring.

Sjöwall's score for "Souls for Sale" premieres on TCM's "Silent Sunday Nights" (midnight), the net-

work's weekly showcase of its extensive silent-film library.

"The world of professional working film composers is a fairly closed circle," explains Katherine Evans, TCM's senior vice president of marketing, who spearheads the program.

"Film directors tend to go back to their favorites, so breaking into that business is tough. This contest helps grow up-and-coming composers in a field where there aren't many opportunities to break through."

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