

'Nashville Star' finds talent in new season

'Nashville Star' (10 p.m., USA) kicks off its fourth season.

Wynonna and Cowboy Troy will host the eight-episode talent search.

Scheduled guest judges include Big & Rich, Gretchen Wilson and the comic Larry the Cable Guy.



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Girls' (8 p.m., WB, TV-PG).

Gary Oldman and Winona Ryder star in the opulent 1992 adaptation of 'Bram Stoker's Dracula' (9 p.m., Sci Fi), directed by Francis Coppola.

The hunt for a fallen space probe on 'The Unit' (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG, V).

On back-to-back episodes of 'Scrubs' (NBC, TV-14), little Miss Perfect (9 p.m.), Clay Aiken guest stars (9:30 p.m.).

Russian nesting dolls test the patience and skills of competitors on 'Amazing Race 9' (10 p.m., CBS).

A school shooting on 'Law & Order: Special Victims Unit' (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

Tax evasion and civil disobedience on 'Boston Legal' (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

Lem mulls a plea on 'The Shield' (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

Cult choice

A virus concocted in a lab turns everyone it infects into vicious killers in the gripping, hyper-violent 2002 shocker '28 Days Later' (7:30 p.m., FX, TV-14, V).

Series notes

On two episodes of 'According to Jim' (ABC, TV-PG), a failure to communicate (8 p.m.), the swearing o' the green (8:30 p.m.) ... Tyra Banks hosts 'America's Next Top Model' (8 p.m., UPN, TV-PG) ... A reluctant gesture of support on 'Sons & Daughters' (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG, D, L) ... Electrifying developments on 'Supernatural' (9 p.m., WB, TV-14, L, V).

Late night

Natalie Portman and Al Franken appear on 'Late Show With David Letterman' (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jay Leno hosts Wanda Sykes, Rainn Wilson and the New Cars on 'The Tonight Show' (11:35 p.m., NBC).

Adam Brody, John Cena and Juvenile appear on 'Jimmy Kimmel Live' (12:05 a.m., ABC) ... Vin Diesel, Jamie-Lynn Sigler and We Are Scientists are booked on 'Late Night with Conan O'Brien' (12:35 a.m., NBC).

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ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

Olympic skater Cohen goes Hollywood

Could there be Oscar gold ahead for Olympic silver medalist Sasha Cohen?

Fresh from the Turin winter games, where she came back from a fall to take second place in figure skating, Cohen has taken a spin into the Hollywood arena.



COHEN

The diminutive brunette served as a special correspondent for TV's 'Inside Edition' at Sunday's Academy Awards and the star-studded parties that followed.

Actor-comedian Ben Stiller approached her at the Vanity Fair party to talk about his next project: a comedy focusing on figure skating, Cohen said.

'I want to do it,' she said. 'It's not like it would be a stretch and hopefully I'll get to be funny.'

Cohen, 21, said the world of competitive skating should provide ample comedic material.

'There are a lot of characters in skating,' she said.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. Rapper arrested after shootout in Miami area

Young Jeezy was arrested after a reported shootout in South Beach involving some of his friends, police said.

men involved in a fight about 5:30 a.m. Friday, according to a police report.

When a passer-by filming the fight refused to hand over his video camera, one of the men in the group began shooting, the report stated.



YOUNG JEEZY

Jenkins and about nine men fled the scene in two separate sport utility vehicles, police spokesman Robert Hernandez told The Miami Herald.

Official doesn't like actor's implication

Colombia's ambassador to the United States is criticizing Bruce Willis for comments he made during a news conference to promote his new film, '16 Blocks.'

The actor said the United States should consider 'going to Colombia and doing whatever it takes to end the cocaine trade.'

In a harshly worded letter, Andres Pastrana told the actor that the source of the lucrative cocaine trade was an 'enormous appetite for drugs, in particular in the United States and Europe.'

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LOS ANGELES

If any businessman can lay claim to soul, it's Don Cornelius. It's in the baritone rumble of his ex-disc jockey's voice, his coolly unflappable manner and, most of all, in his 'Soul Train' franchise that brought a slice of black culture and music to the snow-white TV landscape more than three decades ago.

Even in the midst of mild chaos, when the staff at his Sunset Boulevard office was recently scurrying to finish plans for this year's Soul Train Music Awards, Cornelius looked and sounded relaxed.

But if his tone didn't reflect excitement over the 20th anniversary ceremony, his words did.

'We can't make it important to anybody else,' Cornelius said. 'Some of the audience we serve doesn't really care about what you did yesterday and you have to be cognizant of that. ... But it's important to us.'

The ceremony, taped earlier this month and then aired in syndication at various times, including Saturday and March 18 and 19 on VH1, celebrates the work of artists in R&B, hip-hop and gospel.



AP PHOTO

Former disc jockey Don Cornelius is the force behind the Soul Train Music Awards, which celebrates music in the hip-hop, R&B and gospel genres.

Performers include the Black Eyed Peas, who also are among the leading nominees; Charlie Wilson; John Legend and Chris Brown. R. Kelly, Mariah Carey, Kanye West and Gwen Stefani are among the nominees.

Jamie Foxx and Destiny's Child were recipients of the Quincy Jones Award for career achievement, while Legend received the Sammy Davis Jr. Award.

A new award for songwriting, named in honor of Stevie Wonder, was presented to Kelly by the legendary singer-songwriter. 'We just seem to be surrounded on this anniversary show by all of our personal favorites,' Cornelius said.

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