

Early 'Idol' warning: Judges, please grow up

Four more contestants get the boot on tonight's "American Idol" (8 p.m., Fox). As of this early date, Elliot Yamin and Chris Daughtry appear to be the male singers to beat. Female teens Paris Bennett and Lisa Tucker have talent to spare, but Kellie Pickler's incandescent smile and plucky resilience in the face of a difficult life story cannot be underestimated.



Kevin McDonough

Young Kevin Corvais is surviving as the nonthreatening contestant, a strategy that helped John Stevens stick around for a long time and brought Clay Aiken to the finals.

Hey, Kevin, here's a tip: When girls your age (or Paula Abdul's age) pinch your cheeks and call you "adorable," it's not necessarily a good thing. There's a fine line between flirtatious condescension and downright cruelty.

Speaking of Abdul, let's hope she and her fellow talent scouts keep it together tonight. Let's remember that there are kids on that stage and in your home audience. And for kids there's nothing sadder or more confusing than watching supposedly responsible adults dissolve into brain-addled incoherence.

If a teacher or chaperone behaved similarly in the presence of minors, he or she might get fired. And there's nothing entertaining about a show in which Ryan Seacrest is the voice of reason and maturity. Time to grow up, "Idol" crew.

A camera crew from a reality show follows Grissom's team as they investigate the murder of a successful real estate agent in a posh apartment complex on "CSI" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14, V).

Speaking of "CSI" and documentary film crews, the hit series has an Oscar-winner on its staff. Corinne Marrinan, a producer for "CSI" as well as its spin-offs "CSI: NY" and "CSI: Miami," won an Oscar last Sunday in the category of Best Documentary, Short Subjects.

The film "A Note of Triumph: The Golden Age of Norman Corwin" was made with documentary filmmaker Eric Simonson, who was also honored with a little gold man.

If you were watching closely, Marrinan thanked the Academy for seating her next to George Clooney at a pre-ceremony lunch. She and Simonson also collaborated on the 2000 documentary "On Tiptoe: The Music Of Ladysmith Black Mambazo."

A buttoned-down white lawyer (Steve Martin) befriends a rambunctious black inmate (Queen Latifah) who needs help proving her innocence in the 2003 comedy "Bringing Down the House" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

"House" presents a predictable riff on racial and gender stereo-

types that makes slender use of the talent on hand. Co-star Eugene Levy would go on to make "The Man" with Samuel L. Jackson, a 2005 comedy with similar themes that ran this mini-genre into the ground.

Tonight's other highlights

- A woman discovers her philandering husband's role in an illegal scheme in the 2006 made-for-TV film "Live Once, Die Twice" (7 p.m., Lifetime).

- Jeff Probst hosts "Survivor Panama: Exile Island" (8 p.m., CBS).
- A surfeit of sausages on "Everybody Hates Chris" (8 p.m., UPN, TV-PG, D, L, V).

- Randy's second chance at gridiron greatness on "My Name is Earl" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

- A speed bump for Ryan and Marissa on "The O.C." (9 p.m., Fox, TV-PG, L).

- The grand prize is bestowed on "Beauty and the Geek" (9 p.m., WB, TV-PG).

Cult choice

Jason Robards and JoBeth Williams star in the 1983 drama "The Day After" (9 p.m., Sci Fi).

Series notes

On back-to-back episodes of "Will & Grace" (NBC, TV-14), Cher (8 p.m.), a photo enhancement (8:30 p.m.) ... Martha contracts a mysterious virus on "Smallville" (8 p.m., WB, TV-PG, D, L, V) ... A third wheel on "Love, Inc." (8:30 p.m., UPN, TV-PG) ... One too many on "Eve" (9 p.m., UPN, TV-PG) ... Michael's boorish behavior inspires a seminar on tolerance on "The Office" (9:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

Late night

Ben Roethlisberger and Harrison Ford appear on "Late Show With David Letterman" (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jay Leno hosts Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Larry The Cable Guy and Neko Case on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) ... Salma Hayek, Triple H and Street Drum Corps chat on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" (12:35 a.m., NBC) ... Craig Ferguson hosts Wynonna Judd on "The Late, Late Show" (12:37 a.m., CBS).

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THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 9, 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 "Solitude" (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	Bringing Down the House (PG-13) (03) ** Steve Martin. Comedy. (CC)		Primetime (N) (CC)		News (CC)		Nightline (11:35)	
WISN	Inside Edition	St. Vincent's	Survivor: Panama -- Exile Island		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Without a Trace (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show
WTHR	Wheel-Forune	Jeopardy! (N)	Will & Grace		My Name Is Earl/The Office (CC)		ER "Man With No Name" (9:59)		News (CC)	Tonight Show
WFYI	Business Rpt.	Animusic	Barry Manilow: Music and Passion		His 100th show in Las Vegas. (N)		Tim Janis: Coastal America (CC)			Fools-Horses
WNDY	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Hates Chris		Love, Inc. (CC)		Eve (CC)		Cuts (CC)	News
WTVH	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Weekly Special	Barry Manilow: Music and Passion		His 100th show in Las Vegas. (N)		Julia Child-Chf		Tavis Smiley (N)	Charlie Rose (N)
WHMB	The 700 Club (CC)		Making Healthy Choices				Life Today (CC)		Paired Program	Covenant Conn
WCLJ	Praise the Lord	Around World	Behind Scenes		Michael Yousef		Bishop Jakes		This Is Your Day	Praise the Lord (CC)
WXIN	The Simpsons	Seinfeld (CC)	American Idol "Week 8C" (CC)		The O.C. "The Road Warrior" (N)		News (CC)		Geraldo Large	Seinfeld (11:05)
WIPX	Balderdash	Family Feud	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye "Pilot"		Early Edition (CC)		Doc A patient wakes from a coma.		Time Life	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	Deadly Deception: Hacking		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		Dallas SWAT (CC)			Crossing Jordan (CC)
AMC	A View to a Kill (5:15) (PG) (85) **		The Man in the Iron Mask (PG-13) (98) ** Leonardo DiCaprio, Jeremy Irons. Adventure.		The Man With the Golden Gun (10:45) (PG) (74) **					
AP	The Most Extreme "Poison" (CC)		The Planet's Funniest Animals		The Planet's Funniest Animals		Animal Cops San Francisco (CC)			The Planet's Funniest Animals
BET	106 & Park	BET Style (N)	College Hill		College Hill		Lil Kim Lock.		Comicview	In Living Color
BRAVO	The West Wing (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Conviction "Pilot" (CC)	
CNBC	On the Money		Deal or No Deal (CC)		Mad Money		The Big Idea With Donny Deutsch			Deal or No Deal (CC)
CMT	Dukes of Hazzard		Top 20 Countdown				Trick My Truck			Crossroads Kenny Chesney.
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		Chappelle's		South Park	Drawn Together
DISC	America's Loch Ness Monster		Search-Loch Ness Monster		World's Strangest UFO Stories (N)		A Haunting (CC)			A Haunting (CC)
EI	EI News (N)	EI News	Worst Red Carpet Moments		Fashion: Academy Awards		Girl Next Door		Girl Next Door	Saturday Night Live (CC)
ESPN	College Basketball: ACC First Round -- Virginia vs. Virginia Tech		SportsCenter		College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal					SportsCenter
ESPN2	College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal -- Rutgers vs. Seton Hall vs. Villanova		College Basketball: Big 12 First Round -- Missouri vs. Nebraska							Quite Frankly
FAM	Smallville "Pariah" (CC)		Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (PG) (92) ** Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. 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 Miranda Lambert.		Build a Better Burger		Iron Chef America			Iron Chef "Battle Ayu"
FOXMV	Kagemusha ('80)	Fox Originals	Silver Strike (PG) (76) *** Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor. Comedy.		Point Break (R) (91) ** Patrick Swayze, Lori Petty. Drama.					
FOXSM	Women's College Basketball Big 12 Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA. From Dallas.		Women's College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal -- Teams TBA							Basketball
FX	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Daddy Day Care (PG) (03) ** Eddie Murphy, Steve Zahn. Comedy.		Daddy Day Care (PG) (03) ** Eddie Murphy, Steve Zahn. Comedy.					
HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Love's Long Journey (05) Erin Cottrell, Dale Midkiff. Drama. (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)			M*A*S*H "Kim"
HGTV	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	My First Place		reDesign		Divine Design		Designers'	House Hunters
HIST	Modern Marvels (CC)		Ancient Discoveries "Nemi Ships"		Decoding the Past "Monsters"		Declassified "Ayatollah Khomeini"			Iran: The Next Iraq? (CC)
LIFE	Live Once, Die Twice (NR) (06)		Kellie Martin. Suspense. (CC)		Second to Die (R) (02) Erika Eleniak, Colleen Camp. Suspense. (CC)		Frasier (CC)			Frasier (CC)
MSNBC	Hardball (CC)		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country			Hardball (CC)
MTV	8th & Ocean	The Real World	"Key West" (CC)		The Real World		Wild & Out		Wild & Out	MTV's The Shop
NICK	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob		All Grown Up		Full House (CC)		Fresh Prince	Roseanne (CC)
OXY	The Shrink Is In (6:30) (R) (00)		Courteney Cox. Comedy.		The Object of My Affection (R) (98) ** Jennifer Aniston, Alan Alda. Romance-Comedy.					The Ellen DeGeneres Show (CC)
SCI FI	Post Impact (R) (03) * Dean Cain, Nigel Bennett. Science Fiction. (CC)				The Day After ('83) *** Jason Robards. A small town confronts the aftermath of a nuclear war. (CC)					
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		MXC (N)		MXC		UFC Unleashed	Pro vs. Joes
TBS	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Wild Wild West (PG-13) (99) * Will Smith, Kevin Kline. Western. (CC)			Rush Hour (11:10) (98) *** (CC)
TCM	Bad Bascorb (6) (NR) (46) ** (CC)		Western Union (NR) (41) *** Robert Young. Western. (CC)				The Spoilers (NR) (42) *** John Wayne. Adventure.			Dark Command
TLC	World's Worst Drivers		Sports Disasters (CC)		Sports Disasters (CC)		Beyond the Bull The PBR finals.			Sports Disasters (CC)
TNT	Law & Order "Grief" (CC)		NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers. (CC)				NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Phoenix Suns.			
TOON	Foster's Home	Gym Partner	Grim Advent.		Codename: Kid		Ed, Edd n Eddy		Grim Advent.	One Piece (CC)
TVL	Good Times	Good Times	Little House on the Prairie (CC)		Andy Griffith		Sanford & Son		Good Times	Good Times
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Big Daddy (PG-13) (99) * Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Stewart. Comedy. (CC)		Law/Ord SVU			
VH1	I Love Toys		I Love Toys		I Love Toys		I Love Toys (N)			DMC: My Adoption Journey
WE	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg	Cocoon (PG-13) (85) *** Don Ameche, Willford Brimley, Brian Dennehy. Fantasy. (CC)		Cocoon (PG-13) (85) *** Don Ameche. (CC)					
WGN	America's Funniest Home Videos		The Presidio (R) (88) ** Sean Connery, Meg Ryan. Suspense. (CC)				WGN News at Nine (CC)			Sex and the City/Becker (CC)
DISN	Phil of the Future (CC)	That's So Raven (CC)	Get a Clue (02) Lindsay Lohan. Students sleuth the disappearance of their English teacher. (CC)		The Emperor's New School		The Emperor's New School		Sister, Sister (CC)	The Suite Life of Zack & Cody
ENC	The Best Man (6) (R) (99) *** Taye Diggs. Comedy-Drama. (CC)		Good Will Hunting (R) (97) *** Matt Damon, Ben Affleck. Drama. A young Boston man must deal with his genius and emotions. (CC)		Terminal Velocity (10:15) (PG-13) (94) ** Charlie Sheen. Adventure. A sky diver investigates the mysterious death of a student. (CC)					
HBO	Shrek 2 (6:45) (PG) (04) *** Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz. Adventure. (CC)		Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) (04) *** George Clooney, Matt Damon. Comedy-Drama. Indebted criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe. (CC)		16 Blocks: HBO First Look (CC)		Real Sex 23 An erotic dance company; a pleasurable Paris sex club.			
SHOW	I Am David (6:30) (PG) (04) ** Ben Tibber, Jim Caviezel. Drama.		The Specialist (R) (94) ** Sylvester Stallone, James Woods. Drama. A woman asks a bomb expert to eliminate three gangsters. (CC)		Penn & Teller: Bulls...! "Hair"		Penn & Teller: Bulls...! "ESP"			The L Word Dana seems to be recovering. (CC)
MAX	Collateral (6:30) (R) (04) *** Tom Cruise. Suspense. A contract killer uses a cabdriver for his jobs. (CC)		The Grudge (PG-13) (04) ** Sarah Michelle Gellar. A woman and her boyfriend encounter vengeful spirits.		Another 48 HRS. (R) (90) ** Eddie Murphy. A detective and a convict reunite to catch a drug kingpin.		Intimate Sessions (11:35)			
TMC	Just One of the Guys (6:15) (PG-13) (85) ** Joyce Hyser. (CC)		Saved! (PG-13) (04) ** Jena Malone. Comedy-Drama. A pregnant teenager faces ostracism. (CC)		Final Encounter (9:45) (R) (00) * Dean Cain, Justin Whalin. Science Fiction. Young soldiers become involved in a century-old war. (CC)		Miner's Massacre (11:25) (03) *			
STARZ	Mr. 3000 (6:15) (PG-13) (04) ** Bernie Mac. Comedy. (CC)		Starz the Hollywood		Van Helsing (8:31) (PG-13) (04) ** Hugh Jackman, Richard Roxburgh. Fantasy. A monster hunter battles creatures in Transylvania. (CC)		Dawn of the Dead (10:45) (R) (04) *** Sarah Polley. Milwaukee residents fight zombies in a mall. (CC)			

ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

Court grants odd order against Paris Hilton

A court commissioner has signed off on an unusual restraining order against Paris Hilton, ordering her to stay at least 100 yards away from an event producer who claimed she threatened him, unless they're at a party together.



HILTON

Brian Quintana was granted the three-year restraining order against Hilton last month after he testified that the celebubante harassed and threatened him after their friendship soured. Because Quintana, 37, and Hilton, 25, occasionally attend the same social events, their attorneys drafted an untraditional restraining order that was approved Monday by Superior Court Commissioner Tim Murphy.

LOS ANGELES

Morgan Freeman receives award at UCLA

Morgan Freeman offered sage advice to University of California, Los Angeles, students as he accepted the university's Spencer Tracy Award for outstanding screen performances.



FREEMAN

"Once you've gotten the job, there's nothing to it," the 68-year-old Freeman said Tuesday. "If you're an actor, you're an actor. Doing it is not the hard part. The hard part is getting to it." Students also watched a video retrospective of the actor's career. After struggling to find work during his early years, Freeman went on to turn in a string of heralded performances, winning an Oscar as a boxing trainer in 2004's "Million Dollar Baby." He also was nominated for Oscars for "Street Smart" (1987), "Driving Miss Daisy" (1989) and "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994).

Cast of 'Grey's Anatomy' shows fun side CALENDAR

By SOLVEI SCHOU THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

They joked, they flirted, they even squabbled a bit, and Ellen Pompeo accidentally called her co-star by his character's name, George.

With a fun familiarity that reflects the show, the cast of ABC's hit series "Grey's Anatomy" kicked off the Museum of Television & Radio's 23rd annual William S. Paley Television Festival on Feb. 28.

Ten of the medical comedy-drama's cast members, plus five writers and producers, and the show's creator, Shonda Rhimes, filed onstage at the Director's Guild of America to answer questions from a moderator and audience members following a screening of Rhimes' favorite episode, "Into You Like a Train."

"For us, not having a time slot last year, and now all of you watching ... has been great," Rhimes told the screaming audience, mostly women, at the sold-out event.

Patrick Dempsey, who plays neurosurgeon Dr. Derek Shepherd, aka "Dr. McDreamy," sat between his two love interests: Kate Walsh, who plays his wife, Dr. Addison



AP PHOTO

Ellen Pompeo, an actress on "Grey's Anatomy," listens to a reporter's question during ABC's winter press tour in Pasadena, Calif.

Shepherd, and Pompeo, who is intern Dr. Meredith Grey.

It turned out that Dempsey's real-life heartthrob status made an impression on Rhimes herself.

Dempsey said he had been "completely terrified" of Rhimes during his original audition because she stared at him, "no expression, no warmth," but

Rhimes thought otherwise. "The entire time he was in the room, I thought, 'He's so dreamy,'" she said.

The cast's diversity, which writer Krista Vernoff called "revolutionary," also triggered discussion.

Chandra Wilson waited to try out for the role of feisty surgeon Dr. Miranda Bailey because the script called for a short, blond woman.

But she was perfect, Rhimes said.

"In the surgeon world that she's in, Miranda shouldn't necessarily be there," Wilson said, tearing up. "She's a woman and an African-American. And she doesn't worry about any of that. I hope I have some of that in me."

Afterward, as fans lurched toward the stage for autographs, Pompeo mused about the show's popularity.

"The chemistry between the cast is very important," she said. "We're a family and have respect for each other. And we have fun, which comes across."

Today Meetings

Womens 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.

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