

His birthday suit suits him just fine

Pushing the boundaries of traditional stand-up with an absurd mix of songs, sketches and even music videos, the nightclub act "The Naked Trucker & T-Bones Show" (10:30 p.m., Comedy Central) embarks on an eight-episode ride.



Kevin McDonough

Dave Allen ("Freaks and Geeks") plays the Naked Trucker, a frazzled old free spirit who drives his 18-wheeler wearing nothing but an old hat and cowboy boots and a strategically placed guitar. T-Bones Tibbons (David Koechner) entered his life as a hitchhiker, and like a fly stuck to a windshield, he just won't go away.

Sporting dated sideburns and a vicious comb-over, T-Bones is a classic low-life trickster, a seemingly simpleminded freeloader who shows occasional glimpses of cunning, particularly when there is money, free food or booze involved.

The Naked Trucker operates on another plane, living as a highway sage, a man who seems to have seen everything and occasionally puts his wisdom into song.

Avoiding the trappings (and the expense) of producing a traditional sitcom, the two leads tell their story onstage in front of a live audience, accompanied by a country roadhouse band. Their narration involves taped clips of their previous week's activities.

Like a lot of unusual acts, one has to wonder whether "Naked Trucker" is more than one episode deep. But viewers looking for something a tad different should join this Trucker's convoy.

Tough love has a new name. Dr. Una Coales hosts the British series "Turn Back Your Body Clock" (9 p.m., BBC America). If this sounds like a touchy-feely show about drinking tea and doing yoga, think again. In every episode, Coales confronts an over-weight and out-of-shape Briton with a frank assessment of his or her health and diminished life expectancy.

After a rigorous checkup and high-tech body scans, she delivers the bad news with harsh exactitude. Sometimes Coales sounds as though she's auditioning to become the new host for "The Weakest Link."

In the pilot, she tells a hefty salesman that his binge drinking and junk-food diet have turned him into a walking heart attack. She taunts him for his "man boobs" and shows him scans of his damaged heart and bloated liver.

He's reduced to tears when she informs him that his heavy drinking is probably the reason he and his wife cannot conceive a second child. She then shows him a movie of his listless sperm that, when compared to normal sperm, appear to be driving under the influence.

Not to fear: Her subject swears off the bottle and undergoes a rigorous eight-week diet and exercise program. By the end of the half hour, he's a lean and more virile man. He even gets a smile and a hug from the stern Coales.

"Clock" has not been entirely adapted for American viewers, and Coales uses terms like "stone" (14 pounds) to discuss her patient's weight. But don't be surprised if you see an Americanized version of this series coming to a basic cable channel near you. It's brutal but effective.

Tonight's other highlights

- Locked and loaded on "Armed & Famous" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Homecoming day on "Friday Night Lights" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Auditions continue on "American Idol" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-G).
- A serial killer changes spots to stay one step ahead of detection on "Criminal Minds" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

Cult choice

An American reporter (Joel McCrea) becomes embroiled in foreign intrigue on the eve of World War II in "Foreign Correspondent" (10 p.m., TCM).

Series notes

On two episodes of "According to Jim" (ABC, TV-PG), mourning becomes Jim (8 p.m.), anger management (8:30 p.m.) ... Makeover madness on "Beauty & the Geek" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) ... Howie Mandel hosts "Deal or No Deal" (9 p.m., NBC) ... Physical fitness on "Knights of Prosperity" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

Late night

Terri and Bindi Irwin appear on "Late Show With David Letterman" (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jay Leno hosts Meredith Vieira, Ryan Reynolds and Robin Thicke on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) ... Zach Braff, Donald Faison, Shaun White and Naked Trucker & T-Bones appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (12:05 a.m., ABC).

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 17, 2007

	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	Beauty and the Geek (N) (CC)	One Tree Hill (N) (CC)	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Will & Grace		
WRTV	The Insider (N)	Extra (N) (CC)	According-Jim	According-Jim	Knight-Prosop	In Case-Emer	Primetime "Medical Mysteries" (N)	News (CC)	Nightline (11:35)	
WISH	Inside Edition	Entertainment	Armed & Famous (N) (CC)	Criminal Minds "No Way Out" (N)	CSI: NY "Obsession" (N) (CC)	News (CC)	Late Show			
WTHR	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Friday Night Lights (CC)	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)	Medium "The Whole Truth" (N)	News (CC)	Tonight Show			
WFYI	Business Rpt.	Farmers' TV	22nd Century "World Wide Mind"	China From the Inside (N) (CC)	China From the Inside (N) (CC)	Tavis Smiley (N)	Time Goes By			
WNDY	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Wicked Wicked Games (N) (CC)	Watch Over Me (N) (CC)	News	Access H'wood	Bernie Mac	South Park		
WTIU	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	22nd Century "World Wide Mind"	China From the Inside (N) (CC)	China From the Inside (N) (CC)	China From the Inside (N) (CC)	Tavis Smiley (N)	BBC World			
WHMB	The 700 Club (CC)	College Basketball Purdue at Wisconsin.	Life Today	Mount Zion	J. Mack Gospel	Paid Program				
WCLJ	Billy Graham Classic Crusades	Behind Scenes	Grant Jeffrey	Secrets of Bible	Van Impe Pres	Praise the Lord (CC)				
WXIN	The Simpsons	Seinfeld (CC)	American Idol "Week 1B: Auditions"	Singers continue to audition. (N)	News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Scrubs (CC)			
WIPX	Growing Pains	Growing Pains	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Charlie's Angels	Time Life Music	Paid Program		
WDTI	David Reagan	John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Joni Lamb	Celebration	Jimmy, Karen	Wisdom Keys	This Is Your Day	Believer's Voice	
A&E	CSI: Miami "Cop Killer" (CC)	CSI: Miami "Legal" (CC)	The Sopranos	Tony visits Jackie in the hospital. (CC)	CSI: Miami "Bait" (11:10) (CC)					
AMC	Back to the Future Part III (5:30) (90)	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (R) ('03) *** Science Fiction.	Rambo: First Blood Part II (10:15) (R) ('85) ** Sylvester Stallone. Action.							
AP	The Most Extreme (CC)	Blue Planet: Seas of Life (CC)	The Secret Life of Otters (CC)	Animal Cops Detroit (CC)	Blue Planet: Seas of Life (CC)					
BET	106 & Park	Movie Special	The Parkers	The Parkers	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
BRAVO	Top Chef "Holiday Spirit" (CC)	Top Chef "Seven" (CC)	Top Chef "Unhappy Customers"	Top Chef "Sense and Sensuality"	Real Housewives					
CNBC	On the Money	Fast Money	1 vs. 100 (CC)	The Big Idea With Donny Deutsch	Mad Money					
CMT	Dukes of Hazzard	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Cowboy U	Cowboy boot camp.	Coyote Ugly		
CNN	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now (CC)	Larry King Live (CC)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)						
COM	Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park	South Park	Naked Trucker	Daily Show	Colbert Report
DISC	MythBusters "Bullet Proof Water"	Mega Builders	MythBusters "Pirate Special" Pirate ship battles. (N) (CC)	Futureweapons						
E!	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	THS Investigators: Inside the Mind of a Serial Killer	Starveillance	Love Ride	E! News	The Daily 10			
ESPN	College Basketball North Carolina at Clemson. (CC)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs. (CC)								
ESPN2	College Basketball Illinois at Minnesota. (CC)	Tennis Australian Open -- Early Round -- Day 4. From Melbourne, Australia. (CC)								
FAM	Smallville "Lockdown" (CC)	Superman: The Movie (PG) ('78) *** Christopher Reeve, Marlon Brando. Science Fiction. (CC)	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	Essence-Emeril	Tyler's Ultimate	Home Cooking	Barefoot Cont	Good Eats (N)	Good Eats	Challenge A	steak cook-off.
FOXMV	Shock Treatment (6) (PG) ('81) *	The Good Son (R) ('93) ** Macaulay Culkin, Elijah Wood. Suspense.	The Doctor and the Devils (R) ('85) ** Timothy Dalton, Twiggy. Horror.							
FOXSM	Totally Football	FSN Live	The Sports List	Totally Football	PRIDE Fighting Championships	Best Damn Hooters Pageant 2006	Destination Wild	Final Score		
FX	13 Going on 30 (6) ('04) ***	The Hot Chick (PG-13) ('02) * Rob Schneider, Anna Faris. Comedy.	The Hot Chick (PG-13) ('02) * Rob Schneider, Anna Faris. Comedy.							
HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	McBride: Tune In for Murder ('05) John Larroquette. Mystery. (CC)	Diagnosis Murder (CC)						
HGTV	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me	Design-Dime	Design-Dime	House Hunters	House Worth?	Junk Brothers	Haulin' House
HIST	Modern Marvels "Hunting Gear"	Modern Marvels "Containers"	Modern Marvels Rubber. (CC)	Modern Marvels "Balls" (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels "Glue" (CC)					
LIFE	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	The Familiar Stranger ('01) Margaret Colin, Michael Cera. Drama. (CC)	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace		
MSNBC	Hardball (CC)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Scarborough Country	Super Size Me (PG-13) ('04) *** Documentary.						
MTV	Sucker Free	My Super Sweet 16 Reunion	Super Sweet	The Hills	Dance Life (CC)	The Real World	Maui Fever	The Hills	Dance Life (CC)	
NICK	OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Raising Helen (6:30) (PG-13) ('04) ** Kate Hudson. Comedy-Drama.	Tease	Hairstylists compete. (N)	Janice Dickinson Modeling	Janice Dickinson Modeling					
SCIFI	Stephen King's The Langoliers (PG-13) ('95) ** Patricia Wettig. Suspense. Ten airplane passengers awake to find everyone else gone.	The Hitcher II: I've Been Waiting ('03)								
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	World's Most Shocking Moments	World's Most Shocking Moments	World's Most Shocking Moments					
TBS	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	My Boys	Turbulence ('97) *	
TCM	Three Little Words (6) ('50) ***	Casablanca (PG) ('42) *** Humphrey Bogart. Drama. (CC)	Foreign Correspondent (NR) ('40) *** Joel McCrea. Suspense.							
TLC	Amazing Medical Stories (CC)	Joined for Life: Abby-Brittany	Untold Stories of the E.R. (CC)	Born With Two Heads	Joined for Life: Abby-Brittany					
TNT	Without a Trace "Honor Bound"	Without a Trace "The Innocents"	Without a Trace (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	Las Vegas (CC)					
TOON	Foster's Home	Foster's Home	Ed, Edd n Eddy	Ed, Edd n Eddy	Camp Lazlo	Squirrel Boy	Gym Partner	Futurama (CC)	Futurama (CC)	Family Guy
TVL	Gunsmoke "The Returning" (CC)	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	TV Land Myths	I Pity the Fool	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)					
VH1	I Love New York	Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG-13) ('86) *** Matthew Broderick, Mia Sara. Comedy.	Surreal Life Fame Games	The White Rapper Show						
WE	Dharma & Greg	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Dirty Dancing (CC)	Dirty Dancing (N) (CC)	Case Reopened "Black Dahlia"			
WGN	America's Funniest Home Videos	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	WGN News at Nine (CC)	Sex and the City	Scrubs (CC)		
DISN	Phil of the Future (CC)	The Suite Life of Zack & Cody	Comedy ('00) ** Kimberly J. Brown, Don Knotts, Dan Rousuck. Comedy. An only child must adjust to her parents' new quintuplets. (CC)	Life With Derek (CC)	Phil of the Future (CC)	The Suite Life of Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	"Cake Fear"		
ENC	Celtic Pride (6:15) (PG-13) ('96) Damon Wayans. Comedy. (CC)	Ice Princess (G) ('05) ** Joan Cusack. A teen chases her dream of becoming a figure skater. (CC)	Bewitched (9:45) (PG-13) ('05) ** Nicole Kidman. Romance-Comedy. An actual witch stars in a TV remake of the 1960s sitcom. (CC)	State of Grace (R) ('90) ***						
HBO	Billy Madison (6)	Twister (PG-13) ('96) *** Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary Elwes. Action. (PG-13) ('95) * Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. (CC)	Extras (CC)	Inside the NFL (N) (CC)	Rome "Passover" Mark Antony makes plans to leave the city.					
SHOW	Only You (6:15) (PG-13) ('92) ** Andrew McCarthy. Comedy. (CC)	Scream 2 (R) ('97) *** David Arquette, Courteney Cox. Horror. A psychotic slasher rampages through an Ohio college town. (CC)	The L Word "Livin' La Vida Loca" (CC)	Alfie (R) ('04) ** Jude Law, Omar Epps. Comedy-Drama. (CC)						
MAX	The Constant Gardener (5:45) (R) ('05) *** Ralph Fiennes. (CC)	The Last Boy Scout (R) ('91) *** Bruce Willis. Private eye and ex-quarterback team up on dirty case.	MAX on Set: King Kong (9:45)	16 Blocks (PG-13) ('06) *** Bruce Willis. A world-weary cop protects a witness from assassins. (CC)	Bikini Chain Gang (11:45) ('05)					
TMC	Blood Simple (6:15) (R) ('84) *** John Getz. Crime Drama.	The Wood (R) ('99) ** Omar Epps, Richard T. Jones. Drama. A missing groom sends friends on a trip down memory lane. (CC)	Tamara (R) ('05) Jenna Dewan. Horror. A high-school girl returns from the grave to exact revenge. (CC)	Crusader (11:40) (R) ('04) (CC)						
STARZ	The Fog (7:15) (PG-13) ('05) ** Tom Welling, Maggie Grace, Selma Blair. Horror. A malevolent mist enshrouds a seaside community. (CC)	An Unfinished Life (PG-13) ('05) ** Robert Redford, Jennifer Lopez. Drama. A Wyoming rancher shelters his abused daughter-in-law. (CC)	Die Hard With a Vengeance (10:50) (R) ('95) *** Bruce Willis.							

ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

Los Angeles: Aniston to join friend Cox on FX show 'Dirt'

Jennifer Aniston is rejoining Courteney Cox on prime time, but this time they're anything but friends.



ANISTON

Aniston, 37, guest stars in the season finale of Cox's new FX Networks show, "Dirt," the network said Monday. She plays Tina Harrod, a rival magazine editor of Cox's ruthless tabloid queen, Lucy Spiller.

The episode, which airs March 27, marks the first time the two "Friends" stars have worked together since the long-running sitcom went off the air in 2004.

"Dirt" takes a dark look at the relationship between the entertainment industry and the tabloids as it follows Cox, 42, as the hard-charging editor of a celebrity rag.

Warren, Ohio: Scout delivers cookies on DeGeneres show

A northeast Ohio Girl Scout is helping comedian Ellen DeGeneres satisfy a big cookie craving.

Alexis Moyers, 10, of Geneva, delivered 1,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to DeGeneres on Monday during a taping of The Ellen DeGeneres Show. The show aired Tuesday.

Alexis and her mother, Rachael, are fans of the talk show and had sent an e-mail asking DeGeneres to buy some Girl Scout cookies to help pay for a trip to New York for Alexis' Girl Scout troop, said Lorilyn Shandor

of the Girl Scout's Lake To River Council based in Niles. The troop, based in Ashtabula, is part of the council.



DEGENERES

Show publicist Melissa Little said DeGeneres placed her order with Alexis during a telephone call that aired during Thursday's show.

"She wanted an assortment," Shandor said. Little said DeGeneres accepted the delivery on the show and presented Alexis with a check for \$3,500.

AUGUSTA, Ga.

Singer's will written prior to wedding, son's birth

James Brown's will, which was read last week and excludes his partner, Tomi Rae Hynie, and their 5-year-old son, was drawn up 10 months before the child's birth and more than a year before their marriage, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The will was signed Aug. 1, 2000, Strom Thurmond Jr., Brown's probate attorney in Aiken, S.C., told The Augusta Chronicle.

Brown, who died last month in Atlanta at age 73, married Hynie in December 2001. James Brown Jr. had been born six months earlier.

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PASADENA, Calif.

Makers of the tropical island drama "Lost" say they're talking with ABC executives about setting an end date for the series.

There's no sense the finale is coming anytime soon. But knowing they have a deadline will help writers of the convoluted drama lay out how they want the story to end, producers said Sunday in a meeting with TV critics here.

"Once we figure out when that will be, a lot of the questions will go away," said Carlton Cuse, an executive producer. "Lost" is in its third season.

The producers, citing Fox's "The X-Files," said they didn't want to wear out their welcome. "That was a great show that probably ran two seasons too long," Cuse said. "That is a cautionary tale for us."

"Lost" is due back on ABC's schedule next month following an extended hiatus after the season's first six episodes and will air uninterrupted through May. The schedule was a direct result of fans' complaints about reruns disrupting their concentration in past seasons, producers said.

It's likely next year that all 22 episodes will run consecutively, much like Fox is doing with "24."

One prominent critic — ABC Entertainment President Stephen McPherson — said he thought the first six episodes this season concentrated too heavily on the sto-



Yunjin Kim, left, L. Scott Caldwell, center, and Sam Anderson star on ABC's "Lost." The series' producers are discussing with ABC a possible end date for the tropical-island drama.

ries of Jack, Kate and Sawyer at the expense of other members of the large cast.

The producers said that will be rectified right away for the season's second half as "Lost" goes back to the beach.

"Lost," which is shifting back an hour to 10 p.m. time Wednesdays, has seen a 14 percent drop in its audience this year, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Producers say the numbers are deceptive because of a comparison with the second season, when "Lost" was a cultural sensation.

The producers concede that it's a demanding story for viewers to keep up with and not one that people can join in the middle.

"We want them back," executive producer Damon Lindelof said of the lost fans. "We really believe in the show and the audience we're getting. But if we write towards getting them back, we may alienate the audience that we already have."

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