

'Fat' offers glimpse of life as overweight teen

If tonight's television has a theme, it's looking at life through a new set of lenses, changing perspectives and challenging preconceptions.

• Kaley Cuoco ("8 Simple Rules") stars in the cable movie "To Be Fat Like Me" (9 p.m., Lifetime). She plays a cheerful high-school athlete suddenly sidelined with an accident.

With her hopes for a scholarship dashed, she decides to make a documentary about what it would be like to be an overweight girl.

She arms herself with a fat suit and a video camera and goes about filming at a nearby college where nobody knows the real Aly. Cruelty ensues.

"To Be Fat Like Me" was inspired by a real-life experiment conducted with a New York teen for a 2003 TV documentary.

• The Women's Network also launches a half-hour reality series "Gay, Straight or Taken?" (8 p.m., Lifetime) that tests a single woman's dating intuition.

As the title makes clear, this bachelorette meets three men and must determine which of the trio is available. If she chooses right, she gets to take a romantic cruise with her bachelor. If she chooses the taken guy or the gay guy, then he and his girlfriend (or boyfriend) get the cruise. Smug and predictable in every way.

• Los Angeles police officer Eddie Sutton (Russell Hornsby) throws his family a curveball when he decides to move them into a dangerous neighborhood on the new series "Lincoln Heights" (7 p.m., Family).

On the plus side, they get a big house at a bargain price. Eddie gets to take advantage of the city's incentive plan to move officers into crime-plagued neighborhoods. And he gets to return to the place where he grew up.

The downsides are many. Their neighbors include crack dealers and gang members who are less than thrilled to have a cop in the neighborhood. When the kids confront violence and crime on a regular basis, Eddie's wife, Jenn (Nicki Micheaux), quickly begins to wonder if it was such a bright idea.

"Lincoln" is a real departure for Family, a network better known for shows like "Wildfire," about teens with perfect cheekbones living on horse ranches. But Eddie's role as a crusading cop and neighbor saddles him with a few too many speeches to deliver.

Tonight's other highlights

- The college-football season concludes with the BCS championship game (7:30 p.m., Fox).
- On two episodes of "Heroes"



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(NBC, TV-14), Hiro wants to set something right (9 p.m.), nuclear fear (10 p.m.).

• Natalia falls under suspicion on "CSI: Miami" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14, V).

• Brian and Bridget bond on "What About Brian" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

Cult choice

Disco star Tony (John Travolta, reprising his "Saturday Night Fever" role) sets his sights on Broadway in the unwelcome 1983 sequel "Staying Alive" (8 p.m., VH1 Classic).

Series notes

The gang swaps stories on "How I Met Your Mother" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG, L) ... Howie Mandel hosts "Deal or No Deal" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-G) ... A question of stature on "Wife Swap" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) ... A robbery leads to a pink slip on "Everybody Hates Chris" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) ... An unhealthy obsession on "The Class" (8:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) ... A purse-snatching leads to flirtation on "All of Us" (8:30 p.m., CW, TV-PG).

Berta finds out about Alan and her daughter (Sara Rue) on "Two and a Half Men" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG, D) ... Divorce looms on "Supernanny" (9 p.m., ABC) ... Joan feels left out on "Girlfriends" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) ... Soccer practice on "The New Adventures of Old Christine" (9:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG, D) ... Super sweet 16 excess on "The Game" (9:30 p.m., CW, TV-PG).

Late night

David Arquette and Jennifer Hudson appear on "Late Show With David Letterman" (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jay Leno hosts Kiefer Sutherland and Chris Daughtry on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) ... Courtney Cox Arquette and Twilight Singers appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (12:05 a.m., ABC).

Matt Lauer, America Ferrera and Little Big Town appear on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" (12:35 a.m., NBC) ... Craig Ferguson hosts Ne-Yo and Shawn Colvin on "The Late, Late Show" (12:37 a.m., CBS).

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MONDAY EVENING

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	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	Hates Chris	All of Us (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	The Game (CC)	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Will & Grace
WRTV	The Insider (N)	Extra (N) (CC)	Wife Swap "Lawrence/Caddell" (N)	Supernanny "Swanson Family" (N)	What About Brian (N) (CC)	News (CC)	Nightline (11:35)			
WISN	Inside Edition	Entertainment	How I Met	The Class (N)	Two Half Men	Old Christine	CSI: Miami "Internal Affairs" (N)	News (CC)	Late Show	
WTHR	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)	Heroes "Homecoming" (CC)	Emperors of the Ice (CC)	News (CC)	Tonight Show			
WFYI	Business Rpt.	Across Indiana	Antiques Roadshow (N) (CC)	American Experience (CC)	Emperors of the Ice (CC)	Tavis Smiley	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	Antiques Roadshow (N) (CC)	American Experience (CC)	Anti-Semitism in the 21st Century	Tavis Smiley (N)	BBC World				
WHMB	The Harvest Show News and music.									
WCLJ	Kirk Cameron	Bishop Jakes	Behind Scenes	Mark Chironna	Jentezen F.	Jesse Duplantis	Praise the Lord (CC)			
WXIN	The Simpsons	Pregame (CC)	College Football Tostitos BCS National Championship -- Florida vs. Ohio State. (8:15) (CC)							
WIPX	Growing Pains	Growing Pains	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Charlie's Angels	Time Life Music	Paid Program		
WDTI	Manna-Fest	John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Joni Lamb	Celebration	Jesse Duplantis	Gary Simons	This Is Your Day	Believer's Voice	
A&E	CSI: Miami "Slow Burn" (CC)	CSI: Miami "Open Water" (CC)	Flight 93 (PG-13) (06) ** Jeffrey Nordling, Ty Olsson. Docudrama. (CC)	CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi" (CC)						
AMC	Conan the Barbarian (5:30) (82) **	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)	The Crocodile Hunter (CC)	Alligators (CC)	Miami Animal Police (CC)	The Crocodile Hunter (CC)					
BET	106 & Park	Movie Special	Lockdown (R) (00) ** Richard T. Jones, Gabriel Casseus. Drama. (CC)	Soul Food (CC)	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx				
BRAVO	The West Wing (CC)	Inside the Actors Studio (N) (CC)	Six Feet Under "The Eye Inside" (10:09) (CC)	Six Feet Under						
CNBC	On the Money	Fast Money	The Apprentice: Los Angeles (N) (CC)	The Big Idea	Mad Money					
CMT	Dukes of Hazzard	20 Sexiest Men	20 Sexiest Women	Greatest Moments	Mama's Family	Mama's Family				
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	Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Daily Show	Colbert Report
DISC	Mega Builders (CC)	Dirty Jobs "Plumber" Plumbing.	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)						
EI	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	30 Most Outrageous Celebrity Feuds Notorious Hollywood feuds.	High 90210	Girl Next Door	E! News	The Daily 10			
ESPN	College Gameday (CC)	College Basketball Villanova at Georgetown. (CC)	College Basketball Texas Tech at Kansas State. (CC)							
ESPN2	To Be Announced	Figure Skating Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. From St. Petersburg, Russia. (CC)	Quite Frankly With Smith							
FAM	Lincoln Heights "Pilot" (N) (CC)	Wildfire "The Feud" (N) (CC)	Wildfire "The Feud" (CC)	Lincoln Heights "Pilot" (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	Emeril Live Pizza.	Unwrapped (N)	Unwrapped	Secret Life of	Secret Life of	Good Eats	\$40-a-Day	
FOXMOV	Rookie of the Year (6) (93) ***	Bushwhacked (PG) (95) ** Daniel Stern. Comedy. The Scout (PG-13) (94) ** Albert Brooks. Comedy-Drama.	Point Break (R)							
FOXSM	Totally Football	FSN Live	Poker Superstars Invitational	Best Damn Top 50 Beauties	Totally Football	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Beauties			
FX	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	The Forgotten (PG-13) (04) ** Julianne Moore, Gary Sinise. Suspense.	The Forgotten (PG-13) (04) ** Julianne Moore, Gary Sinise. Suspense.						
HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Mystery Woman: Wild West Mystery (NR) (06) Kellie Martin. (CC)	Matlock: The Billionaire (87) **						
HGTV	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell/Buy Me (N)	Cash in Attic	House Hunters	House Hunters	Open House	What's-House?	My First Place	
HIST	Modern Marvels "Assembly Lines"	UFO Files UFO sightings. (CC)	Engineering an Empire (N) (CC)	Lost Worlds "The Pagans" (CC)	Cities of the Underworld (CC)					
LIFE	Desperate Housewives (CC)	Gay, Straight	Gay, Straight	To Be Fat Like Me (NR) (07) Kaley Cuoco. Docudrama. (CC)	Will & Grace	Will & Grace				
MSNBC	Hardball (CC)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Scarborough Country	MSNBC Investigates	MSNBC Investigates					
MTV	Sucker Free	Exposed	Exposed	Exposed	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Next	Next
NICK	OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Raising Helen (6) (PG-13) (04) ** Kate Hudson.	Raising Helen (PG-13) (04) ** Kate Hudson, John Corbett, Joan Cusack. Comedy-Drama.							Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club
SCIFI	Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)	Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)	Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)	Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)	The Last Starfighter (PG) (84) ***					
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	First Blood (R) (82) ** Sylvester Stallone, Brian Dennehy. Action.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation						
TBS	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)
TCM	Goodbye, Mr. Chips (5:15) (69) **	West Side Story (NR) (61) *** Natalie Wood, Russ Tamblyn. Musical. (CC)	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (10:45) (54) ***							
TLC	Little People, Big World (CC)	Little People, Big World (CC)	Twins, Twins & More Twins	Crazy Kids Clips (N)	Little People, Big World (CC)					
TNT	Charmed (CC)	Charmed "Rewitched" (CC)	Law & Order "Flaw" (CC)	Law & Order "Age of Innocence"	Law & Order "License to Kill"					
TOON	Foster's Home	Foster's Home	Pokemon-Battle	Gym Partner	Camp Lazlo	Squirrel Boy	Xiaolin Show.	Futurama (CC)	Futurama (CC)	Family Guy
TVL	Little House on the Prairie (CC)	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	100 Memorable TV Moments	M*A*S*H "Pilot"	Sanford & Son			
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	WWE Monday Night Raw Is Umaga the new WWE champion? (CC)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)						
VH1	The Flavor of Love (6:30)	The Flavor of Love	I Love New York (N)	The White Rapper Show (N)	I Love New York					
WE	Dharma & Greg	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Who Killed Diana? (CC)	Carolina (PG-13) (03) Julia Stiles, Shirley MacLaine. Romance-Comedy.				
WGN	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine (CC)	Sex and the City	Scrubs (CC)				
DISN	Phil of the Future (CC)	That's So Raven (CC)	Stuck in the Suburbs (04) Daniella Panabaker. Two friends want to reveal a pop star's true persona. (CC)	Hannah Montana	Life With Derek	Phil of the Future (CC)	The Suite Life	That's So Raven (CC)		
ENC	Chances Are (6) (PG) (89) ** Cybill Shepherd. Fantasy. (CC)	The Aviator (PG-13) (04) ** Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett, Kate Beckinsale. Biography. Howard Hughes produces movies and flies airplanes. (CC)								
HBO	Spanish (5:45) (PG-13) (04) *** Adam Sandler, Paz Vega. (CC)	Rome Caesar seeks to consolidate his hold on Rome. (CC)	Munich (R) (05) *** Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Geoffrey Rush. Suspense. Israelis hunt the terrorists behind 1972's Munich massacre. (CC)							
SHOW	The Client (PG-13) (94) *** Susan Sarandon, Mary-Louise Parker. Suspense. A boy with a mob secret hires a lawyer to protect him. (CC)	The L Word "Legend in the Making" (CC)	Where the Truth Lies (NR) (05) ** Kevin Bacon, Colin Firth. Drama. A writer probes a mystery involving a former comedy team. (CC)							
MAX	Hangin' With the Homeboys (6:30) (R) (91) ** Doug E. Doug. (CC)	The Hills Have Eyes (R) (06) ** Aaron Stanford, Kathleen Quinlan, Vinessa Shaw. Horror. Bloodthirsty mutants hunt fresh meat. (CC)	Kindergarten Cop (PG-13) (90) ** Arnold Schwarzenegger. Comedy. A two-fisted L.A. cop poses as a kindergarten teacher. (CC)							
TMC	The Big Heat (6:10) (53) **	Beyond the Sea (7:45) (PG-13) (04) ** Kevin Spacey, John Goodman. Biography. An older Bobby Darin tells his own life story. (CC)	Blood Simple (9:45) (R) (84) *** John Getz, M. Emmet Walsh. Crime-Drama. A jealous husband's plot to kill his cheating wife unravels. (CC)	Crusader (R) (04) Suspense. (CC)						
STARZ	An Unfinished Life (7:10) (PG-13) (05) ** Robert Redford. Drama. A Wyoming rancher shelters his abused daughter-in-law. (CC)	The Matador (R) (05) ** Pierce Brosnan. A businessman becomes an assassin's collaborator. (CC)	Underclassman (10:45) (PG-13) (05) ** Nick Cannon, Shawn Ashmore, Roselyn Sanchez. Comedy. (CC)							

ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK Chase bonds to Ford were more than just humor

Comedian Chevy Chase depicted the late Gerald Ford as a bumbling and accident-prone president 30 years ago on "Saturday Night Live," but he says the two shared a more serious link.



CHASE

Former First Lady Betty Ford's decision to talk publicly about her problems with alcohol inspired him to get treated for his addiction to painkillers, Chase wrote in an essay.

Chase sought rehabilitation at the Betty Ford clinic in the 1980s to kick a painkiller habit after some back problems, and while there his bond with the Ford family grew. The facility was located near the Fords' residence near Palm Springs, Calif., and Betty Ford often stopped to talk to the patients, Chase wrote.

He also noted that the president apparently had a sense of humor about his reputation for klutziness, which Chase exploited in "Saturday Night Live" skits.

During one lunch date between the Ford and Chase families, the former president suggested the couples watch videotape of actors being considered for roles in a TV biopic about his wife.

The hookup for the tape machine was a puzzle, and Betty Ford and Chase's wife, Jayni, got down on their hands and knees trying to figure out the connections.

When Chase suggested the men help out, Ford said: "No, no Chevy. Don't even think about it. I'll probably get electrocuted, and you'll be picked up and arrested for murder."

HOUSTON

Hundreds of hopefuls want to back up Beyonce

A nationwide talent search for dancers fleet-footed enough to back up Beyonce Knowles came to the pop diva's hometown as hundreds turned out to audition for 40 open slots.



KNOWLES

The would-be performers took turns Saturday moving through choreographed routines to such Beyonce hits as "Deja Vu," while cameras recorded their footwork and choreographer Frank Gaston studied their style.

Houston was the third location in the cross-country search, following auditions in Atlanta and Los Angeles. After two more stops, in New York and Chicago, Gaston and Beyonce will review the tapes.

There will be 30 finalists from each city. The finalists get a trip to either New York or Los Angeles, where the numbers will be pared to the final 40.

The selected dancers will earn \$1,500 to \$3,000 a week and get extensive exposure at Beyonce's performances, Gaston said.

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ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 12:30 5:00 7:15

WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) 12:30 7:00

ERAGON (PG) 12:30 5:00 7:30

CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 12:30 5:00 7:15

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At Showtime, the bosses are accustomed to having a narrow window of opportunity.

Like competitor and fellow premium service HBO, Showtime needs edgy, critically acclaimed series to convince customers they're getting more than they would from a broadcaster or basic cable. But they can't be so odd as to eliminate the chance that a large number of people would like them.

So with "Weeds" you get a story about a typical suburban family whose matriarch happens to deal drugs. And on "Dexter" you get an investigator who is expert at studying blood stains to solve crimes yet also happens to be a serial killer.

"It can't just be the greatest forensic cop show," Showtime programming chief Bob Greenblatt said. "It has to be a forensic cop show with a twist, because that twist is going to be what gets us noticed among all the other shows that are out there."

Despite the limitations, Showtime is closer than it has ever been to establishing its own brand for original product.

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BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) 8:30

THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 1:30, 4:50, 8:15

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:10

WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) 2:00, 5:10, 8:10

ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 2:30, 5:50

CHARLOTTE'S WEB (R) 12:20, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50

ERAGON (PG) 1:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8:30

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:30

BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 8:20

THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 1:35, 4:45, 7:45

HAPPY FEET (PG) 12:30, 3:10, 5:45

AMC SELECT

DREAMWORKS (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45

CHILDREN OF MEN (R) / 2:20, 5:15, 8:00

HOLIDAY (PG) 1:35, 4:45, 7:45

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT No passes or discount coupons

Showtime no longer in weeds with original programming



AP PHOTO

lene Chaiken, left, executive producer and creator of "The L Word" and "Word" actress Mia Kirshner talk between scenes during filming in Los Angeles in August. The show is one the Showtime network's original series.

"Weeds" may be a signature series after showing strong growth in its second season this fall. "Brotherhood" drew such laudatory reviews that sister station CBS aired an episode, and the still-growing series "The L Word" is back this month.

Showtime received 19 Emmy nominations this year, the most in its 30-year history. The most important thing for Showtime is an original series so compelling that people feel they must subscribe, said Larry Gerbrandt, general manager of Nielsen Analytics and a cable-industry expert.

"I think 'Weeds' was a surprise hit for them," he said. "It's not that they haven't been trying. They just haven't had anything like 'Sex and the City,' 'Six Feet Under' or 'The Sopranos.' That's what they're striving for."

Ah, yes. HBO. No article about Showtime would be complete without mentioning it. HBO has twice the number of subscribers as Showtime, which has about 14