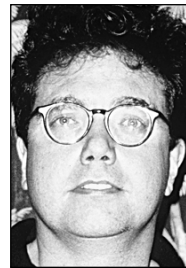


# Warrior Mom returns to 'Trading Spouses'

Since reality TV attracts extroverts, only the most peculiar and outlandish get invited back for second acts.



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Tonight's "Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-PG, D, L) features the return of Marguerite Perrin. Fans of the series may recall her as the self-proclaimed "God warrior," who offered a rather prolonged proclamation against the "dark side" and experienced a major meltdown in front of the cameras.

Disney) tells the tale of a lonely girl who befriends a dog from out of this world.

## Tonight's other highlights

Although memorable, Perrin may not be entirely recognizable. She used money from her first appearance to pay for gastric bypass surgery and dropped nearly 100 pounds since her last appearance.

It's a "Party of Five" reunion as Melinda deals with a not-so-friendly ghost on "Ghost Whisperer" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG, V).

Lacey Chabert guest stars. Former "Five" star Matthew Fox appears on "Late Night With David Letterman," too. Those orphaned Salinger kids sure get around.

Annabeth pokes holes in a widow's defense on "Close to Home" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14, V).

Three players fleece the casino on "Las Vegas" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

Natalie suspects foul play after her parents' neighbors are found dead on "Monk" (9 p.m., USA, TV-PG).

Official pageant judges Delta Burke, Michael Feinstein and Debbie Allen will also visit and submit to a question-and-answer session.

Last Friday, I theorized that basic cable was turning to animals to appeal to family viewers. The trend continues in ways large and small. In fact, you could say Friday nights have gone to the dogs.

## Cult choice

A stellar cast and Paris locations did not save the 1964 fantasy comedy "Paris — When It Sizzles" (8 p.m., TCM) from bad reviews. Starring Audrey Hepburn, William Holden and Noel Coward. Look for cameos by Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis, Marlene Dietrich, Mel Ferrer and Fred Astaire.

## Series notes

Bob Saget hosts "1 vs. 100" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-G) ... Deb saves the day on "Nanny 911" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14, V) ... Bailey suggests a free clinic on "Grey's Anatomy" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) ... Wrestling on "Friday Night SmackDown!" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) ... Kevin falls for a soap star on "Brothers & Sisters" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

## Late night

Clint Eastwood and Matthew Fox appear on "Late Show With David Letterman" (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jay Leno hosts Rebecca Romijn, Bob Saget and Rodrigo y Gabriela on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) ... Vanessa Williams, Ryan Reynolds and Robert Kelly appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (12:05 a.m., ABC).

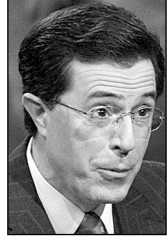
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## ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

### College tries to calm Colbert-Clinton 'feud'

A small Illinois college says it would consider issuing a new, fireproof honorary degree to simmer down last spring's commencement speaker, satirist Stephen Colbert.



COLBERT

The arch-browed comic threatened to burn the honorary doctorate of fine arts he received last year after Knox College landed former President Bill Clinton as next June's graduation speaker.

Colbert fumed that Clinton had stolen his thunder Monday during an installment he calls "Who's Riding My Coattails Now" on his Comedy Central program, "The Colbert Report."

"If you give Clinton the same doctorate you gave me, I will be forced to burn (my degree) on the air," said Colbert, who plays a caricature of a conservative pundit on his show.

Knox College President Roger Taylor said Wednesday that Colbert has nothing to worry about.

"You were awarded an honorary doctorate of fine arts, in recognition of your outstanding work as a political satirist. President Clinton will receive an honorary doctorate of laws," Taylor said in a statement. "It's not the same degree at all."

### Urban to begin U.S. concert dates in June

Keith Urban will launch the North American leg of his world tour June 8 in Phoenix, marking his return to U.S. concert stages after undergoing

treatment for alcohol abuse.

"I'm looking forward to getting back on the road, to reconnecting with everyone and to doing what it is that I love to do," he said in a statement.



URBAN

Other stops on the 33-city North American tour include San Diego, Los Angeles, Seattle, Vancouver, Las Vegas, Dallas, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Memphis, St. Louis, Houston and other cities.

LOS ANGELES

### Singer-actress involved in fatal traffic crash

R&B singer Brandy was involved in a four-car freeway crash last month that left a 38-year-old woman dead, authorities said this week.



BRANDY

The cause of the mishap was under investigation, and no arrests have been made.

The 27-year-old actress-singer (full name: Brandy Norwood) was driving a 2007 Land Rover on the 405 Freeway on Dec. 30, when the collision occurred.

She failed to slow down and struck the back of a 2005 Honda about 65 mph, according to a California Highway Patrol report.

The driver of the Honda was taken to a hospital, where she died of blunt-force injuries, said county coroner's spokesman Craig Harvey. The coroner's office ruled her death an accident.

Brandy was not injured, and she wasn't under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the crash, said her publicist Courtney Barnes.

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# Muslims protest reprised role of terrorists on '24' series

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### CLIFTON, N.J.

Two years ago, Muslim groups protested when the plot of the hit Fox drama "24" cast Islamic terrorists as the villains who launched a stolen nuclear missile in an attack on America.



AP PHOTO

Now, after a one-year respite during which Russian separatists played the bad guys on the critically acclaimed series, Muslims are back in the evil spotlight.

Unlike last time, when agent Jack Bauer saved the day, the terrorists this time have already succeeded in detonating a nuclear bomb in a Los Angeles suburb.

Being portrayed again as the heartless wrongdoers has drawn renewed protests from Muslim groups, including one that had a meeting with Fox executives two years ago over the issue.

"The overwhelming impression you get is fear and hatred for Muslims," said Rabiah Ahmed, a spokeswoman for the Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations.

She said she was distressed by this season's premiere.

"After watching that show, I was afraid to go to the grocery store because I wasn't sure the person next to me would be able to differentiate between fiction and reality," Ahmed said.

After a January 2005 meeting with Council on American-

"24 is a heightened drama about anti-terrorism," the statement read. "After five seasons, the audience clearly understands this and realizes that any individual, family or group (ethnic or otherwise) that engages in violence is not meant to be typical.

"Over the past several seasons, the villains have included shadowy Anglo businessmen, Baltic Europeans, Germans, Russians, Islamic fundamentalists, and even the (Anglo-American) resident of the United States," the network said.

"The show has made a concerted effort to show ethnic, religious and political groups as multidimensional, and political issues are debated from multiple viewpoints."

The current season began with Muslim terrorists waging an 11-week campaign of suicide bombings across America, culminating in the detonation of a suitcase-sized nuclear bomb in Valencia, Calif., about 26 miles north of Los Angeles. Estimated death toll: 12,000.

Watching the show's characters talk about detonating a nuclear weapon a few blocks from where she works unnerved Sireen Sawaf, an official with the Los Angeles-based Muslim Public

Affairs Council, and a self-described huge fan of "24."

"It's a great show, and I do realize it's a multidimensional show that portrays extreme situations," she said. "They have gone out of their way to have non-Muslim terror cells."

"But I'm concerned about the image it ingrains in the minds of the American public and the American government, particularly when you have anti-Muslim statements spewing from the mouths of government officials."

Sohail Mohammed, a New Jersey immigration lawyer who represented scores of detainees caught up in the post-Sept. 11 dragnet, watched the episode depicting the nuclear attack with an Associated Press reporter.

"I was shocked," he said. "Somewhere, some lunatic out there watching this will do something to an innocent American Muslim because he believes what he saw on TV."

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