

'Nixon' just in time for President's Day

I freely admit to being a Richard Nixon junkie. I can't read enough books or watch too many documentaries about Nixon, arguably the most tortured and contradictory soul to ever enter the White House.



Kevin McDonough

Tonight's other highlights

- Earl's birthday party brings back bad memories on 'My Name is Earl' (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
Back to business school on 'The Office' (8:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
Elizabeth Reaser guest stars on 'Grey's Anatomy' (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

Cult choice

The preachy feel-good 2000 drama 'Pay it Forward' (10 p.m., TBS), starring Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt and Haley Joel Osment caused many unintentional snickers in audiences. Now it's playing on TBS, a network devoted to comedy.

Series notes

Old film negatives prompt buried secrets on 'Til Death' (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG, D, L) ... Lex exploits Tobias's inner vision to find super freaks on 'Smallville' (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG, D, L, V) ... Martin Mull guest stars on 'The War at Home' (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) ... A new view on 'Scrubs' (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) ... The brothers call on help from Bobby on 'Supernatural' (9 p.m., CW, TV-14, V).

Late night

Sienna Miller, Jim Barber and Nas appear on 'Late Show With David Letterman' (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jay Leno hosts Jim Carrey and Gov. Tom Vilsack, D-Iowa, on 'The Tonight Show' (11:35 p.m., NBC) ... Kate Walsh, Jackie Earle Haley and Incubus appear on 'Jimmy Kimmel Live' (12:05 a.m., ABC).
Nicolas Cage and John Mulaney chat on 'Late Night With Conan O'Brien' (12:35 a.m., NBC) ... Craig Ferguson hosts Jennifer Love Hewitt, John Cena and Three Days Grace on 'The Late, Late Show' (12:37 a.m., CBS).

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Table with columns for time slots (7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTV, WRV, WISH, WTHR, WFI, WNDY, WTIU, WHMB, WCL, WXIN, WIPX, WDTI, A&E, AMC, AP, BET, BRAVO, CNBC, CMT, CNN, COM, DISC, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FAM, FNC, FOOD, FOXMV, FOXSM, FX, HALL, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, MSNBC, MTV, NICK, OXY, SCIFI, SPIKE, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TOON, TVL, USA, VH1, WE, WGN, DISN, ENC, HBO, SHOW, MAX, TMC, STARZ) listing their respective programs.

ACCENT ON PEOPLE

The Associated Press

Barrymore won't repeat desktop dance for Dave

David Letterman can't forget the night Drew Barrymore flashed him nearly 12 years ago.



BARRYMORE

In a 'Late Show' appearance in 1995, the actress famously danced on Letterman's desk for his birthday and briefly bared her breasts with her back to the camera. Letterman reminded her of this when they chatted on Monday's CBS late-night talk show, saying, 'You've got a birthday coming up. ... You know, I've got a birthday coming up as well.' 'I remember celebrating your birthday one year,' said Barrymore, who turns 32 on Feb. 22. 'That was great,' replied Letterman, who will be 60 on April 12. 'Now is there a chance

that you might do anything like that again?'

Barrymore said that's not likely. 'Turning 32, I think I'm not a different person 'cause I'm certainly, you know, as wild and free-spirited as ever, but I'm just really glad I had that opportunity and got that out of my system.'

LOS ANGELES

McGraw-Hill mansion in Hollywood burglarized

The Hollywood Hills mansion of Tim McGraw and Faith Hill was burglarized over the weekend, police said Tuesday.



MCGRAW

The home was broken into between Friday and Monday when no one was home, said police Sgt. Lee Sands. A person arriving at the house Monday morning discovered the crime and called police, he said. Police would only say an unspecified amount of money was taken and they had no immediate suspects.

Actor finally outgrows best-friend roles

By Terry Morrow THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's hard to believe someone as virile as actor Jason Isaac started out playing wimps.



ISAAC

Fresh out of drama school, his real-life 'people pleaser' demeanor immediately got him into British television playing less-than-heroic roles.

'I was everybody's best friend ...,' he says. 'Everybody else was having sex but me. I was everybody's best friend.'

That's all changed. The British star, best known to American audiences as Lucius Malfoy in the 'Harry Potter' movies, can now be seen as the heroic Sir Mark Brydon in the six-part miniseries 'The State Within' (debuting 9 p.m. Saturday on BBC America).

Isaac plays a British ambassador who's in the thick of an international mystery after a British airliner is blown to bits in Washington. The act of terrorism sets off a chain of betrayals and lies within the highest politi-

cal offices of England and America.

'State' is part 'West Wing' and part '24.' Brydon is 'State's' Jack Bauer, a man dodging bullets as well as deceit from shadowy figures and those closest to him.

Playing such a take-charge type is certainly a huge change from the roles Isaac was offered 20 years ago when he started out.

'If you are cast as a hero and shot as a hero and do heroic things on-screen, people think of you as a hero,' he says. 'When you're cast as wallpaper, it's the same thing. You disappear.'

'I was up for a role one time as a soldier, and my agents were told, 'We don't buy him as a soldier. (He) doesn't look tough

enough, but he's a very nice guy.'

In the same week Isaac got the role as a 'damaged nice guy' in 1992's 'Civvies,' playing a war veteran struggling to find peace in his life. Acclaim from that turned his career around.

'Suddenly I had a new career as a tough guy,' he says. Later, Isaac found meatier roles in films such as 'Event Horizon,' 'Armageddon' and 'Black Hawk Down.'

Isaac said he read the script for 'State' and was hooked.

'Once my stomach went down, I thought it was a fantastic script,' he says. 'It's the most fantastic page turner I have read ... It's a cracking, old-fashioned, seat-of-your-pants conspiracy thriller.'

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