

Highlights

Rescue Me 10/9c, FX Tommy and Janet spend a weekend at Katy's prep school. (Poor kid: Even algebra would be better than that!)

Without a Trace **SEASON FINALE** 10:01/9:01c, CBS The team deals with personal distractions—Danny and Elena's wedding, Sam's baby daddy drama, the appearance of Jack's dead father (Martin Landau)—as they search for a missing diver.

LATE-NIGHT GUESTS

DAVID LETTERMAN 11:35/10:35c,

cbs *Piedmont Bird Callers*, country singer *Kenny Chesney*

Wednesday 5/20

American Idol **SEASON FINALE** 8/7c, FOX The votes are in! Yep, it's the end of Season 8, and may the best person who will never be as good as Kelly Clarkson win!

The New Adventures of Old Christine **SEASON FINALE** 8/7c, CBS It just wouldn't be a wedding without an ill-conceived hookup! Maid of honor Old Christine and

father-of-the-bride Papa Jeff (Scott Bakula) are happy to do the honors on Richard and New Christine's big day.

Gary Unmarried **SEASON FINALE** 8:30/7:30c, CBS Gary and Allison hit the sheets—again and again—in an attempt to relieve stress. Um, wouldn't yoga have been easier?

Criminal Minds **SEASON FINALE** 9/8c, CBS A two-hour finale is a double dose of gross when a killer abducts victims in Detroit and has his way with them in Canada.

Thursday 5/21

So You Think You Can Dance **SEASON PREMIERE** 8/7c, FOX Fire up the Hot Tamale Train! The fifth edition kicks off with a new batch of breakers and b-boys braving the always intense (and often hilarious) audition process.

Ugly Betty **SEASON FINALE** 8/7c, ABC The two-hour finale includes the unexpected death of a *Mode* editor, Betty and Marc competing for a job and—uh-oh!—the return of Henry.



Will Madea be making an appearance this season on *Meet the Browns*? "I got to be honest: I'm really tired of the costumes," says Perry. "But who knows?"

Meet the Browns **SEASON PREMIERE** Wednesday (5/27), 10/9c, TBS

THE KING OF COMEDY

"Busy" would be an understatement. This year, in addition to a laundry list of other projects, writer-producer-actor Tyler Perry plans to direct 70 episodes of *Meet the Browns*, his retirement-home comedy. Here's how. —*Rochell D. Thomas*

C'mon! Seventy episodes in one year? Yeah. We shoot three or four a week. It's unheard of. Most actors are like, "Are you kidding?" But [two years ago], we did 100 *House of Payne* episodes in nine months. So this is a vacation.

What's an average day like? I start at about 5:30am working out. At 8am, we begin our table read. Around 2:30, we shoot the show. We're done by 5, and I try to be in bed by 7:30. I can only do it for three months at a time, then I take a month off.

Will Mr. Brown get a love interest this season? That's scary! There are two people who will never have a love interest: Brown and [Cora's mother] Madea. The only way Madea could be with a man is if I'm playing him. I don't wanna watch that!

Any surprise guest stars this season? Oprah Winfrey.

Really? No, I'm totally kidding. I don't impose on my friends. But she did *30 Rock*.



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Clean House: Search for the Messiest Home in the Country **SERIES PREMIERE** 10/9c, STYLE Get the pooper-scooper ready! Niecy Nash begins her quest to find America's biggest pigsty with a visit to a St. Louis crib overrun with dogs and birds and monkeys (oh, my!).

LATE-NIGHT GUESTS

DAVID LETTERMAN 11:35/10:35c, CBS Stephen Colbert, indie-rock group Grizzly Bear
JIMMY KIMMEL 12:05am/11:05c, ABC Ben Stiller, Dancing With the Stars winner, No Doubt

Southland **SEASON FINALE** 10/9c, NBC It's no day at the ballpark when the officers find a body outside Dodger Stadium. Death by Dodger dogs?

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DAVID LETTERMAN 11:35/10:35c, CBS Folk singer Jean Redpath
JIMMY KIMMEL 12:05am/11:05c, ABC Tim Daly, Common, singer-songwriter Ben Harper

Friday 5/22

Hollywood Sings Country 9/8c, CMT Didja know Kevin Costner