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Week of June 15, 2003



Bishop Thomas O'Brien of Phoenix is arrested in connection with a fatal hit-and-run accident, just two weeks after admitting to a cover-up in the sexual abuse scandal that has rocked his diocese.

A series of U.S. raids across Iraq target anti-American forces, marking the beginning of major military operations there.

U.S. forces capture Saddam Hussein's most trusted aid – Gen. Abid Hamid Mahmud Tikriti, described as “the Condoleezza Rice of the Baath Party.”

Faced with a growing backlog in Iraq's criminal courts – a new central court is announced to speed the handling of the caseload.

A charter boat carrying 19 for recreational fishing capsizes in heavy surf off of northern Oregon. At least 9 are dead and two are missing.

Sports – Defending champs Lleyton Hewitt and Serna Williams are seeded No. 1 for Wimbledon.

Clothes trend – Teen boys long pants sales are in the dumper. Many are opting for the sagging shorts look, cargo pants or older jeans. Shorts are up by some 20%.



Technology – Blow to Real Networks? AOL and Microsoft have entered into an agreement that allows the Internet provider to use Microsoft's Windows Media 9 and digital-rights management and technologies. AOL also has an alliance with Real Networks, but the long-term future of that relationship could be in question.



Entertainment Trends – More than ever, MTV is featuring star power – but necessarily from the music world. The channel says it stems from the channel's audience and its insatiable appetite for celebrities, despite saturation from other media and channels such as E! The latest trend is “at home with” featuring the likes of Ozzy Osbourne and family. This week, the channel debuts **Snoop Dogg's** comedy-variety series “Doggy Fizzle Televizzle” and Magic Johnson's street basketball

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show – “Who’s Got Game?” Also, MTV debuts its first late-night talk show with comedian Tom Green and look for another season of Sean P Diddy Combs’ “Making the Band.”



Big launch party for Kind World’s new fall talk show “Living it Up! With Ali & Jack.” He’s ABC journalist Jack Ford and she’s actress-comedian **Ali Wentworth**, who’s married to ABC’s **George Stephanopoulos**.

Another TV trend – Some cable channels are serving-up surveillance/behind the curtain type shows – working lives of paparazzi photogs. E!’s “Celebrity Uncensored” is one. Look for these offerings this summer:
“The Hollywood Hunt Club” on AMC.

“Red Hot Red Carpet” – VH1
“On the Record” - HBO

For the first time – DVD’s pass VHS tapes in rentals. An estimated 28.2 million digital videodiscs were rented for the week ending June 15, outpacing 27.3 million VHS rentals.



Television news – Fox pulls the plug on production of “**Cedric The Entertainer**” but remaining shows are on the new Fox fall schedule.

MTV Networks plan to relaunch TNN as a men’s channel called “Spike TV.” But there’s a problem – director Spike Lee has launched an injunction for the name change. He won the first round, but the network says it will quickly try to overturn the court order. TNN was once known as “The Nashville Network” but as soon as Viacom bought the

channel, the shelved the format and renamed it “The National Network” but it had no personality. Spike Lee claims the public links the name “Spike” with him.

A spin-off of the WB’s “Gillmore Girls” is shelved. The series was to have revolved around character Jess Mariano and his reunion with his estranged dad.

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The Sopranos will go into a sixth season. Creator David Chase has agreed to go beyond the planned 5th season and the cast will remain.



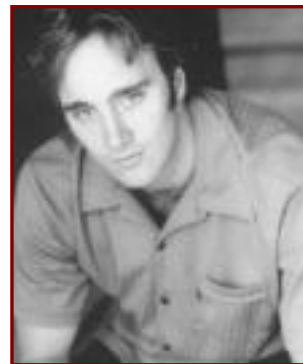
“The **Orlando Jones** Show” debuts on FX late night. He’s been part of Mad TV and comedy films “Double Take,” “Say it Isn’t So” and other projects. He began as a writer-producer on “A Different World.”

For the first time – an “American Idol” runner-up is becoming the bigger star. Clay Aiken hits the best-selling charts with “This Is the Night” – selling almost 400,000 copies in its first week in stores. Champ

Ruben Studdard meanwhile is a distant second with his “Flying Without Wings.”

TV ratings –

CSI – 14.58
Everybody Loves Raymond – 13.99
CSI: Miami – 12.82
Law & Order – 12.39
Still Standing – 12.03
NBA Finals Game 6 – 11.57
Without a Trace – 11.37
Dateline NBC (Mon.) – 11.20
48 Hours Investigates – 10.77
Law & Order: SVU – 10.49
Friends – 10.39
Law & Order #2 – 10.27
Yes, Dear – 9.84
Last Comic Standing – 9.72 (**Jay Mohr**)
60 Minutes II – 9.70
King of Queens – 9.67
NBA Finals Game 4 – 9.66
Law & Order: Criminal Intent – 9.59
Will & Grace – 9.51
60 Minutes – 9.45
NBA Finals Game 5 – 9.31
According to Jim – 9.11
For The Love or Money - 8.91
American Juniors – 8.73
Frasier – 8.56
Crime and Punishment – 8.56



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Scrubs – 8.47

Thursday night television –

CBS – The Amazing Race 4, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Without A Trace, Late Show

NBC – Friends, Scrubs, Will & Grace, Frasier, ER, Tonight Show

ABC – Movie-28 Days, PrimeTime Live, Nightline

Fox – Stupid Behavior Caught On Tape, 30 Seconds To Fame, The Pulse

WB – Movie - Dumb and Dumber

Sci-Fi – Hell Swam, Event Horizon, Crossing Over with John Edward

FX – Buffy The Vampire Slayer, Grumpy Old Men, Secrets of Street

Magicians, Orlando Jones

PBS – Frontline

Discovery – Superhero Science

Will & Grace – Will believes Barry is taking his place in the eyes of Jack's life.



Without a Trace – A woman vanishes shortly after taking her marriage vows.

Late Show w/ David Letterman – Sarah Jessica Parker and the Dead perform.

Tonight Show – Drew Barrymore, Mark Valley, Justin Timberlake join Jay Leno.

Pop music this week in 2003 –

21 Questions – 50 Cent/Nate Dogg

I Know What You Want – Busty Rhymes

Get Busy – Sean Paul

Can't Let You Go – Fabolous/Mike Shorey

Bring Me To Life – Evanescence

Ignition – R. Kelly

Rock Your Body – Justin Timberlake

Crazy In Love – Beyonce/Jay-Z

When I'm Gone – 3 Doors Down

Not Letting Go – Wayne Wonder

Unwell – Matchbox Twenty

In Da Club – 50 Cent



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So Gone – Monica
Picture – Kid Rock/Sheryl Crow
Drift Away – Uncle Kracker/Dobie Gray
Rock Wit U (Awww Baby) – Ashanti
Snake – R. Kelly/Big Tigger

Modern Rock –

Like A Stone – Audioslave
Headstrong - Trapt
Send the Pain Below – Chevelle
Seven Nation Army – White Stripes
Somewhere I Belong – Linkin Park
Price to Play - **Staind**
Stupid Girl – Cold
Times Like These – Foo Fighters
Minerva – Deftones
Bring Me To Life – Evanescence



Top Jazz –
One Quiet Night – Pat Metheny
Live in Paris – Diana Krall
But Beautiful: Standards Vol. 1 – Boz Scaggs

Top Country –

Beer For My Horses – **Toby Keith/Willie Nelson**
My Front Porch Looking In – Lonestar
I Believe – Diamond Rio
Love You Out Loud – Rascal Flatts
What A Beautiful Day – Chris Cagle
Three Wooden Crosses – Randy Travis
Almost Home – Craig Morgan
Speed – Montgomery Gentry
Raining on Sunday – Keith Urban
Red Dirt Road – Brooks & Dunn



Top albums this week in 2003 –

Get Rich Or Die Tryin' – 50 Cent
How The West Was Won – Led Zeppelin
The Lizzie McGuire Movie – Soundtrack
Some Sway With Me – Norah Jones

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Thankful – Kelly Clarkson
Fallon – Evanescence
The Very Best of Cher – Cher
2 Fast 2 Furious – Soundtrack
14 Shades of Grey – Staind
Deftones – Deftones
Body Kiss – Isley Brothers/Ronald Isley
Matrix Reloaded – Soundtrack
Meteors – Linkin Park
Chocolate Factory – R. Kelly
On and On – Jack Johnson
American Idol Season 2



Top Hip-Hop –

Magic Stick – Lil' Kim/50 Cent
21 Questions – 50 Cent
So Gone – Monica
Can't Let You Go – Fabolous/Mike Shorey/Lil' Me
Crazy in Love – Beyonce/Jay-Z
Put That Woman First – Jaheim
Snake – R. Kelly/Big Tigger
Say Yes – Floetry
4 Ever – Lil Me/Fabolous
Never Scared – Bone Crusher/Killer Mike & T.I.
Get Busy – Sean Paul
Rock Wit U (Awww Baby) – Ashanti
Pump It Up – Joe Budden
I Wish I Wasn't – Heather Headley



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Top movies this week in 2003 –

Finding Nemo

Fast 2 Furious
Bruce Almighty
Rugrats Go Wild
Hollywood Homicide
Dumb and Dumberer
The Italian Job
The Matrix Reloaded
Daddy Day Care
X2: X-Men United
Wrong Turn
Bend It Like Beckham
The In-Laws
Mambo Italiano
Down With Love



DVD Rentals –

Antwone Fisher
Catch Me If You Can
Analyze That
Two Weeks Notice
Star Trek: Nemesis
Adaptation

