

ON TV THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

■ **"The Amazing Race"** With three teams left for the season finale, our money is on the father-daughter duo of Ronald and Christina. Surely she deserves something for handling his constant putdowns with grace and optimism. (CBS, 8 p.m.)

■ **"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition"** Always good for a cry, and this new episode is no exception. A newly widowed woman who runs a home for ailing horses gets a new facility, a new indoor riding ring and a refurbished barn. (ABC, 8 p.m.)

MONDAY,
JANUARY 21

■ **"Charles Burnett Festival"** Celebrate Martin Luther King Day with a powerhouse collection of films by director Charles Burnett. His landmark 1977 film, "Killer of Sheep," is followed by "My Brother's Wedding" and two shorts. (Turner Classic Movies, 8 p.m.)

TUESDAY,
JANUARY 22

► **"American Idol"** Okay, ratings are still huge but not as big as they used to be. All it will take is some major talent to spike the audience. Will tonight's auditions reveal the next Kelly or Carrie? (Fox, 8 p.m.)

■ **"The Real Hustle"** In this new series from the formerly named Court TV, New Yorkers who pride themselves on their street savvy might be surprised to see how easily hustlers can lift wallets, steal identities, rip off a jewelry store under the unsuspecting eyes of employees and even con a parking attendant into giving them a car. (TruTV, 10 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 23

■ **"American Idol"** More auditions from the kinder, gentler "Idol" that tries not to be too heavy-handed when making fun of performers. But not when it comes to the judges: Simon has been merciless in teasing Paula about always agreeing with Randy. (Fox, 8 p.m.)

► **"Moment of Truth"** A new game show combines grilling sports pros about their personal lives with a lie-



"AMERICAN IDOL"



"MOMENT OF TRUTH"

detector test. Yankee pitcher Roger Clemens will not be the first contestant. (Fox, 9 p.m.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

► **"Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?"** Sure, but are you dumber than a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader? Find out when the football rah-rah squad shows up to serve as "helpers" for contestants squaring off with those darn kids. (Fox, 8 p.m.)

■ **"Chuck"** Hey, not every show burned through all the new episodes. This amiable spy series about a nerdy store clerk turned super secret agent returns with Chuck (Zachary Levi) taking on Russian arms dealers. (NBC, 8 p.m.)

FRIDAY,
JANUARY 25

■ **"Garth Brooks — Live in L.A.!"** He hasn't put out a new album in more than six years (in fact, he insists he is retired), but Brooks is still just about the biggest act around, with a string of smash albums that most acts can only dream of and enough pull to get on prime time to celebrate them. (CBS, 9 p.m.)

■ **"Flash Gordon"** Flash (Eric Johnson) is stranded in the snow fields of Frigia, where he must rescue the Frigian Queen and fulfill the Prophecy — all without trying not to be distracted by wondering if she might not be as icy as her name and the conditions would suggest. If you think this is cold, Flash, try playing for the Giants in Green Bay. (SciFi, 8 p.m.)

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 26

■ **"Super Bowl's Greatest Commercials"** Jim Nantz and Daisy Fuentes host this look at the ads that stood out in the frenzy of Super Bowl hype — look for that famous "1984" Apple ad, lots of beer and car spots and a whole lot of talking animals. (CBS, 8 p.m.)

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"5TH GRADER"