

ON TV THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

■ **"Poker Superstars Championship"**

Now that a federal law is threatening to end gambling on Tex Hold 'Em online, will the explosion of poker-related TV shows fade out or prove more appealing than ever? (NBC, 1:30 p.m.)

■ **"The Valley of Light"**

This made-for-TV movie hits the sentimental trifecta when it brings together a homeless World War II veteran (Chris Klein), a lonely widow (Gretchen Mol) and a mute boy. (CBS, 9 p.m.)



■ **"The Dresden Files"** Dresden, the Jim Rockford of the paranormal, gets beaten up and pushed around by the cops and the baddies while trying to use his powers to solve cases. (Sci Fi, 9 p.m.)

MONDAY, JAN. 29

■ **"24"** Every wonder why Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) has such steely reserve? Maybe a visit with his dad (James Cromwell) will help explain things. That's if Bauer can take a few minutes away from fighting terrorists (Fox, 9 p.m.)

■ **"Hercules"** George Takei (yes, Mr. Sulu from "Star Trek") guest-stars as the father of Hiro, who is still seeking the samurai sword that will play a part in his future. (NBC, 9 p.m.)

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

■ **"American Idol"** It produced Ruben Studdard and last year's winner, Taylor Hicks. Is Birmingham, Ala., plum out of stars? (Fox, 8 p.m.)

■ **"House"** The prickly Dr. House is forced to do full-time clinic duty. But could there be anybody less suited to dealing with a distraught rape victim (Katheryn Winnick)? (Fox, 9 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

■ **"Deal or No Deal"** Celebrity surprises continue on this Howie Mandel-hosted game show when fishing legend Roland Martin pops in to cheer on a fan. (NBC, 9 p.m.)

■ **"Dominick Dunne's Power, Privilege and Justice"** If you're rich and guilty of a crime, novelist and reporter Dominick Dunne is your worst nightmare. He kicks off a new season by digging into the 1987 slayings of Biloxi judge Vincent Sherry and his wife, Margaret, a one-time politician. (Court TV, 10 p.m.)

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

■ **"Ugly Betty"** Betty (Golden Globe winner America Ferrera) is overwhelmed with a million details surrounding Mode's event during Fashion Week. (ABC, 8 p.m.)

■ **"30 Rock"** Network honcho Jack (Alec Baldwin) takes Liz (Tina Fey) to a party hosted by a prince (Paul Reubens, aka Pee-wee Herman). Just as she's wondering if it's a date, they bump into Jack's ex (Isabella Rossellini). (NBC, 9:30 p.m.)

■ **"ER"** Oscar hopeful Forest Whitaker ("The Last King of Scotland") plays a carpenter who wants revenge on Kovac (Goran Visnjic) for a stroke suffered while under his care. (NBC, 10 p.m.)

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

■ **"Super Bowl's Greatest Commercials"** Any football team would kill to have the record of that Coke ad featuring Mean Joe Greene. It's been voted the top Super Bowl ad five years in a row. Can any ad out there end its streak? Viewers' votes decide. (CBS, 9 p.m.)

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

■ **"Naked Brothers Band"** This family-show mockumentary follows the exploits of the "world-famous" Naked Brothers, played by pre-teens Nat and Alex Wolff, the real-life sons of the show's director and creator, actress Polly Draper ("thirtysomething"). Each episode ends — à la "The Partridge Family" — with a song. (Nickelodeon, 8:30 p.m.)

■ **"College Football All-Star Challenge From Miami"** If you can't wait for the Super Bowl, check out the top NFL prospects from colleges around the country, who compete in contests involving skills and drills in the hope of catching the right coach's eye. You're probably watching future Super Bowl champions somewhere in the mix. (ESPN, 4 p.m.)

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