

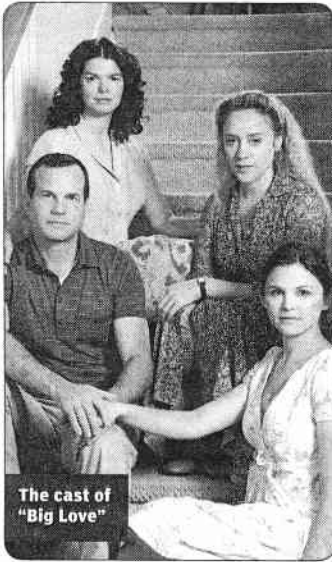
ON TV THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUG. 26

■ **"Teen Choice 2007"** Hilary Duff and Nick Cannon host this totally awesome awards show, with guests including Fergie (she is awesome!), Shia LaBeouf (omigod!), Kelly Clarkson (is she a little chunkier?), Steve Carell (he is SO funny), and Michael Cera of "Superbad" (who's, like, supercute in a nerdy way). Is it too soon to give an award to "High School Musical 2"?! (Fox, 8 p.m.)

▶ **"Big Love"** This polygamy social satire/drama has somehow morphed into a show about the Mormon mafia (Mitt, are they looking at you?), but it still has one of the best casts on TV, as proven in the season finale. (HBO, 9 p.m.)

■ **"Army Wives"** The biggest hit show in Lifetime channel history celebrates the end of Season 1. (Lifetime, 10 p.m.)



■ **"The Week Diana Dies"** This new BBC documentary about the final days of the people's princess — as well as her life and legacy — is the finale to a daylong series of specials on the BBC starting at 3 p.m. And who better to cover the 10th anniversary of Diana's passing? (BBC America, 8 p.m.)

■ **"The Kill Point"** The first miniseries from Spike TV reaches the finale with Donnie Wahlberg as the good guy trying to solve the hostage crisis once and for all and John Leguizamo as the big bad Mr. Wolf staying one step ahead. (Spike, 9 p.m.)

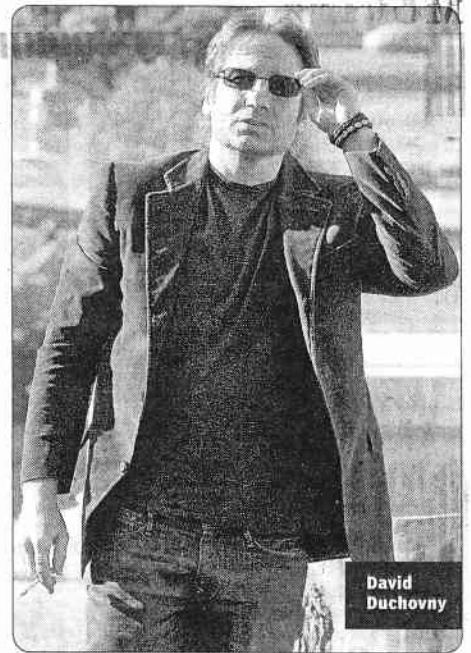
■ **"Track and Field World Championships"** American sprinter Tyson Gay hopes to win the men's 100-meter dash in Osaka, Japan. In his case, life actually is a sprint, not a marathon. (NBC, 12:30 p.m.)

MONDAY, AUG. 27

▶ **"Californication"** David Duchovny — never shy about mocking his image — is having a blast here as a sex addict who tangles first with the director of the film based on his book, then a woman he mocked on a blind date. (Showtime, 10:30 p.m.)

■ **"America at a Crossroads"** Why is the U.S. so unpopular among our allies in Europe? This new documentary talks to people in Ireland, France, Poland and the U.K. and discovers they all have their own unique reasons. Is that supposed to make us feel better? (PBS, 10 p.m.)

■ **"Ocean Force: Panama City"** The police strive to maintain order amid the revelries of Spring Break 2007 — that's right, make sure those T-shirts are wet enough, officer. It's like "Cops" with a lot more drunken kids on their hands. (Court TV, 8 p.m.)



TUESDAY, AUG. 28

■ **"The Universe"** Is there life out there? On the off chance that ET is phoning us instead of phoning home, scientists listen in to signals from space with the SETI program. Plus, the possibility of life on planets and moons looks real — if Mars had water, Mars probably had life. Now's the time to build that spaceship in your backyard. (History, 9 p.m.)

■ **"Dirty Jobs"** Herding geese in Alaska by plane doesn't sound so dirty — until you realize that someone has to clean those planes off. (Discovery, 9 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

■ **"Rescue Me"** Goofy cutie Amy Sedaris continues her hilarious guest turn as a truly memorable date for Denis Leary's Tommy. Did someone say Emmy nomination? (FX, 10 p.m.)

■ **"Tyler Perry's House of Payne"** This sitcom gets the "Cosby" blessing when Keshia Knight-Pulliam (fyi, the youngest person to ever be nominated for an Emmy award, at age 6, for her work on "The Cosby Show"), guest-stars. (TBS, 9 p.m.)

■ **"Baseball: Red Sox vs. Yankees"** A nail-biter of a season means the American League East title is still within reach for the Yankees so the middle game of this three-day matchup is as crucial as any for Derek Jeter, Andy Phillips and the rest of the squad. (ESPN2, 7 p.m.)

■ **"Power of Ten"** Now this is how to do a game show — simple, easy to understand and play along, fast-moving and with a host in geek glasses who loves giving away lots and lots of money. "The Price Is Right" is in good hands with Drew Carey. (CBS, 8 p.m.)

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

■ **"Live From Abbey Road"** This

mellow, fun concert series tops itself with the legendary Paul Simon on the same bill as the wonderfully talented newcomer Corinne Bailey Rae. Settle in. (Sundance, 10 p.m.)

■ **"Late Show With David Letterman"** Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton stops by to chat with Dave and humanize her no-nonsense demeanor. (CBS, 11:30 p.m.)

■ **"Baseball: Red Sox vs. Yankees"** A nail-biter of a season means the final game of this three day match-up is as crucial as any for Derek Jeter, Andy Phillips and the rest of the team. It's more important than the World Series AND it may determine who gets there. (YES, 1 p.m.)

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

■ **"Real Time With Bill Maher"** Bill Maher is back and already the world seems a little bit saner, funnier and perhaps ... a little buzzed. (HBO, 11 p.m.)

■ **"Tak and the Power of JuJu"** Another video game-turned-TV show makes its debut. "Tak" has a goofy, innocent air that parents tired of violent games and post-apocalyptic worlds should readily embrace. (Nickelodeon, 8 p.m.)

■ **"Meerkat Manor"** Carlos settles in with the Starsky clan.

But no sign of the Hutch clan, not even when the Meers stand up. (Animal Planet, 8:30 p.m.)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

▲ **"U.S. Open"** Labor Day weekend is the perfect time to start focusing on tennis and Roger Federer's beautiful game that is dominating the men's field. (CBS, 11 a.m.)

■ **"Track and Field World Championships"** Freud would understand the appeal of the men's pole vault — at least to the competitors. But we're looking forward to the finals of the men's and women's 4 by 100-meter relay. You love it during the Olympics; why not check it out in Osaka? (NBC, 2 p.m.)

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