

ON TV THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

■ **"Curb Your Enthusiasm"** In the sixth-season premiere of this self-lacerating comedy of discomfort, Larry David continues to place himself in miserable circumstances alongside guest stars like Richard Lewis and Ted Danson. Don't worry, despite the acclaim, "Curb" will likely remain a cult hit and David can nurture his inferiority complex. (HBO, 10 p.m.)

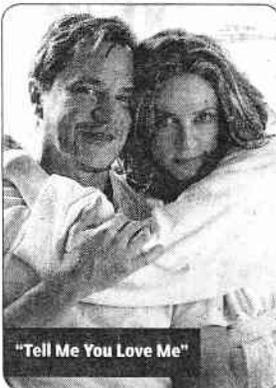
■ **"Alive Day Memories: Home From Iraq"** In James Gandolfini's first post-"Sopranos" project, he interviews heroes who survived serious injury in Iraq and celebrate that moment every year as their "Alive Day." In other words, he honors the veterans not by hiding them away, but by placing their sacrifices front and center. (HBO, 10:30 p.m.)

▶ **"Tell Me You Love Me"** This new psychodrama (literally) follows four couples in marriage counseling, from the couch to the bed. Tune in for the naughty bits and all-too-true raw talk, stay for the surprising intimacy that it all creates. (HBO, 9 p.m.)

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

■ **"Oprah"** David Letterman begged and begged for Oprah to come on his show, and the result was such a talk-host love fest that Big O is reversing the dynamic and features Letterman on the premiere of her new season, which takes place live from New York City. (WABC 7, 4 p.m.)

■ **"Greek"** This lighthearted and charming drama ends its first season with a scandal in the Greek system exposed by the school paper. (ABC Family, 9 p.m.)



■ **"George Lopez"** The most successful Latino comedy in prime-time history gets the ultimate accolade of acceptance: Its six seasons join the Nick at Nite lineup, cable TV's version of an ongoing museum retrospective. (Nick at Nite, 10 p.m.)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

■ **"Mega Disasters"** In "Krackatoa's Revenge," this series about catastrophes looks at the havoc caused by the deadliest volcano eruption in history, as experts gauge the destruction a new eruption would do — \$10 someone says the word "Pompeii." (History, 10 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

■ **"Inside the NFL"** Bob Costas, Dan Marino, Lewis Black and the rest put on the shoulder pads and challenge each other with their take on the new season of America's winter pastime. (HBO, 10 p.m.)

■ **"Most Daring"** Rather than crooks and car wrecks, this new series focuses on videos featuring real-life heroes (like cops and firefighters) in daring rescues. Tonight, a person is trapped at Niagara Falls, fire fighters go into action and a lion tamer tries to rescue his brother. Is the brother's head stuck in the lion's mouth? (Court TV, 8 p.m.)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

■ **"It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"** The third season of this acerbic, amiable sitcom begins in typical style: The guys find a baby in a Dumpster and decide to raise it ... and decide to use the baby to raise some easy money. Hey, no one said philanthropy couldn't also be cuddly. (FX, 10 p.m.)

■ **"Biography"** A profile of groundbreaking rapper and Oscar-nominated actress Queen Latifah, on the eve of the Sept. 25 release of her jazz album. Be good to momma, she'll be good to you. (Biography, 9 p.m.)

■ **"Mad Men"** The ad agency feels the heat during their Nixon campaign when the opposing Kennedy campaign comes up with better spots. Of course, they didn't have to deal with Tricky Dick's 5 o'clock shadow. (AMC, 10 p.m.)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

■ **"Nashville"** In this reality show, newcomers hoping to break into the music biz and wanna-be movers and shakers trying to make a name for themselves are followed as they work the Music City scene. Somewhere, Chet Atkins and Patsy Cline are wishing they'd been dogged by cameras, too. (Fox, 9 p.m.)

■ **"Out of Jimmy's Head"** In the first live-action series from Cartoon Network, junior high-schooler Jimmy is given the brain of a world-famous cartoonist and starts seeing animated high jinks everywhere. Matt Groening, call your lawyer. (Cartoon, 8:30 p.m.)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

■ **"Yankees at Red Sox"** In what might be the climax to a tumultuous season, the Yankees face the Red Sox in Boston for the second of a potentially decisive three-game series. (Fox, 3:30 p.m.) *Michael Giltz*