



THE MAD POLLING BOOTH MAY 8, 2002

Every spring, just when the weather starts to get nice, the networks make their end-of-season push to keep everyone inside watching TV. Programming strategies include more crazy stunts than a typical episode of *Jackass*, and often the results are even more gruesome! This year, competition from the warmer weather (brought on by global warming) and blockbuster movies like *Terminator 3* (brought on by Arnold Schwarzenegger's desperate need for a comeback) is making TV executives more desperate than ever. Fearing the worst, we must ask...

What May sweeps TV show would you least want to watch?

POLL RESULTS

A two-hour <i>Veronica's Closet</i> made-for-TV movie	9.8%
FOX's <i>When Priests Molest</i>	15.8%
An AFI Tribute to Mike Tyson	6.4%
The <i>Bob Patterson</i> Cast Reunion Special	7.1%
Robert Downey Jr.'s <i>Cocaine — Live and Uncut</i>	4.5%
<i>Behind Behind The Music</i>	10.9%
<i>Dawson's Creek</i> Crosses <i>Gilligan's Island</i>	20.7%
Anything hosted by Geraldo	24.5%



It's a whole new season of the national pastime! (No, not threatening other countries with war — we're talking about baseball!) And two things are certain — you can't tell the players without a scorecard, and you can't skip this article if you want to find out...

WHO'S WHO ON BASEBALL'S OPENING DAY



Deadbeat dad trying to undo ten years of neglect by taking his son to this one ballgame



Protecting himself just in case Roger Clemens starts hurling splintered bats around again



Used to be CEO of a dot-com company

ARTIST: SCOTT BRICHER

WRITER: GREG LEITMAN

Alex Rodriguez singing the national anthem in drag while backed by a klezmer band, as stipulated in his new contract for some strange reason



George W. Bush trying to look presidential while Dick Cheney throws out the first pitch



Works professionally as a social behavior counselor



Gay immigrant unwed mother hoping to razz John Rocker



Hoping to be ejected so he can beat the traffic home



Employee who didn't wash his hands before returning to work

