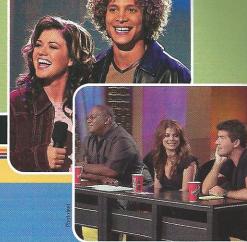


Cynical Simon Cowell and company stir up big ratings for Fox's "American Idol" and big record sales for winner Kelly Clarkson, a waitress from Texas.

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- After a two-year hiatus, Leonardo DiCaprio returns to the big screen with two holiday blockbusters, Gangs of New York and Catch Me If You Can.
- Chicago, a film adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, wins three Golden Globes, including Best Picture: Musical or Comedy, and receives 13 Oscar nominations.



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- HBO Films' comedy Real Women Have Curves promotes positive self-image with the dazzling debut of Latin-American actress America Ferrera.
- CBS scores a ratings doubleheader with a pair of forensic investigation dramas, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "CSI Miami."

