

"Tabatha Coffey: A Day in the Life,"
www.bravotv.com/tabatha-takes-over/tabatha-coffey-a-day-in-the-life

In the original Web series, the hairstylist and host of Bravo's "Tabatha Takes Over" allows viewers to follow her behind the scenes, from office meetings for her new wig line to dress fittings, happy hour and a red-carpet event.

"The Scientific Method," blip.tv/scientificmethod

In this animated series, a physics professor (Bart Maddux) and his three misfit students (Tacho, Cory Heart, Michael Pope) defend Edge Wood University from

a variety of bizarre threats, including apparitions, demons and science experiments gone horribly wrong.

"Fr. Pontifex,"
www.frpontifex.com/videos/

Working under the stage name Father Pontifex, the Rev. Claude Burns, a Roman Catholic priest, began rapping as a teenager in the Midwest. Ordained in 2002, he found a way to combine his love of hip-hop and the church. He's best known for his spoken-word Web videos, shot in dramatic fashion and dealing with social and political issues from a faith standpoint.

WEBLINKS

Returning Sunday on TNT for a third season, "Falling Skies" introduces new alien allies for the 2nd Mass. Learn more and see a preview at www.fallingskies.com/

CBS televises the 67th Annual Tony Awards on Sunday, with host Neil Patrick Harris helping pay tribute to Broadway. Check out the nominees at www.tonyawards.com/index.html

FEATURED THIS WEEK

Ike makes move on 'The Butcher,' Havana as 'Magic City' returns

By George Dickie

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If Season 1 of Starz's stylish 1950s mob drama "Magic City" was about establishing the dynamic between suave Miami Beach hotelier Ike Evans (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) and his silent but brutal business partner, mobster Ben "The Butcher" Diamond (Danny Huston), Season 2 will be about blowing it up.

As the season opens on Friday, June 14, Ike is sitting in a jail cell after having been framed for a murder. He con-

cludes he can no longer function with this association in his life, and he hatches a plan to rid himself of his glowering nemesis once and for all. It involves Ike's pride and joy, the Miramar Playa, along with Fidel Castro, the hotels and casinos in Havana, and a Chicago mob boss by the name of Sy Berman (Oscar nominee James Caan, "The Godfather"), who happens to be Ben's boss.

Once cleared of the charges, Ike puts his plan in motion.

"He comes up with this idea in Episode 1," Morgan explains, "which is he's going

to go to Sy with the idea that 'I'll take over the Cuban hotels and casinos, give you all the money that I make out of those hotels.' These are all hotels that Sy and the mob were running until Castro cleaned it all out. So these hotels, we find out now, are a wasteland at this point. So Ike goes to Cuba and strikes a deal with Castro that 'I'm going to bring these hotels back to life, I'll do a 50/50 split with you,' ... and Ike wants to give all his money to the mob here just to get Ben Diamond out of the Miramar."

And the man in Chicago whose help Ike seeks, Sy, has the distinct advantage of being able to make the evil Ben quake in his beach sandals.

Caan, who as a young man worked as a lifeguard in Miami around the time when the regime of Fulgencio Batista fell in the Cuban Revolution of 1959 that brought Castro to power, says that in creating Sy, he took inspiration from some of the Jewish mobsters who were running the Havana casinos at the time, such as Meyer Lansky, whom he knew.