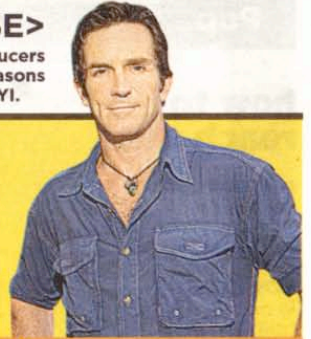


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'SURVIVOR' SUSPENSE

And speaking of reality racial stereotypes ... those fiendish "Survivor" producers worked their magic on us. We're more curious than we've been in several seasons about tonight's premiere. Check out Aaron Barnhart's reaction Saturday in FYI.



the no-guarantee weekend forecast

FRIDAY | 85 ▲ 69 ▼ | Partly cloudy
 SATURDAY | 89 ▲ 68 ▼ | Scattered storms
 SUNDAY | 71 ▲ 54 ▼ | Isolated storms

Preview Extra

Let our online version stroll down the runway of your modem. She comes standard with smoky eyes and painted-on pout, but what she lacks in waifishness we made up for in substance. Go to KansasCity.com, scroll down to e-newsletters and hit subscribe.

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the scout



★ **MEREDITH VIEIRA:** She has finally debuted on "Today," and perhaps the hype will stop. That alone is enough to earn star status.

★ **"WELCOME TO THE BLACK PARADE":** We cannot get enough of this song from My Chemical Romance. Cannot!

↔ **"DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES":** They're desperate to persuade us that Season 3 will be much improved. We're not sure we care.



★ **LEGOS:** Rebuilding the "Star Wars" relationship destroyed by Sith.

▲ **FALL:** New TV and cool weather. What more do you need?

▲ **RHINO RIOT:** The fashion show, concert and more raise awareness of domestic violence. Details about the Sept. 18 show at Hrhino.com.

THE KEY

- ▲ Upgrade.
- ▼ Downgrade.
- ★ Star of the week.
- ↔ We're waffling.
- * We're over it.



GOOD KNIGHT

Oh, Michael Knight, how we love thee!

Kudos to Knight and "Project Runway" producers for breaking the unfortunate reality show stereotype of angry, villainous or over-the-top black men and women. He loves and respects his mom (and whole family), he listens to show mentor Tim Gunn, and he's smart and thoughtful about

his designs.

Michael, we're pulling for you! (Except those of us who like Jeffrey. His clothes at least.)

Friday is the "Project Runway" finalist showing during New York Fashion Week. Three finalists and one decoy will show collections. The winner will be announced Oct. 18 on cable's Bravo.

Look for more coverage of runway shows Saturday in the FYI section and at KansasCity.com. | Sharon Chapman, The Star

MARK ABRAHAMS | BRAVO



quote

"I've fired every agent in town. ... Those guys are the most fraudulent, lazy, incompetent people in show business. I work for a living, you know? They should try it."

| Steven Van Zandt of E Street Band, "Sopranos" and FM radio fame ("Little Steven's Underground Garage")

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