

Playing ball with CBS

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Actor Shemar Moore of "Criminal Minds" speaks during the 2007 Winter Television Critics Association Press Tour for CBS on January 18, 2007 in Pasadena, California. Photo by Frederick M. Brown/Getty Images

There's so little happening with the CBS schedule that the network's day was pretty thin. After the morning stuff, my friend Susan Young (Oakland Tribune) and I drove over to Burbank to have lunch with our pal Bryan Burk, whom we got to know when he was an anonymous person at an ABC event several years ago. Turns out, he's the executive producer of "Lost" in charge of all post-production and works closely with J.J. Abrams' in his Bad Robot Productions. J.J. is now with Warner Bros., and they are involved in all kinds of interesting things, including the "Star Trek" movie (Bryan was saying NOTHING about that) and the possible new series for HBO about people with cancer. CBS had a "Happy Hour" to mark its broadcast of the Super Bowl and invited only talent from shows that will have SB-themed episodes — "Criminal Minds" (which airs after the game), "How I Met Your Mother" and, gosh, you'd think I'd remember, but I don't. I took **Jessica Radloff**, a St. Louis girl-makes-good who's on the series "Campus Ladies" for Oxygen. She came out for an interview (and brought fabulous cupcakes from a trendy LA bakery called Sprinkles!) and I rewarded her by letting her eat pigs in blankets and dry mini-burgers while not meeting anybody very famous. She did get to see Shemar Moore, whom she worked with on "The Young and the Restless" (she was in a teen storyline some years ago) and who claimed to remember her. She's very cute, so he may have just been flirting.