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## ...and what we're watching!



Sergio "the Latin Snake" Mora overcame Peter Manfreda to claim "The Contender" title.

# Could've been a *Contender!*

This is going to come as a shock to you, but it's the truth: I don't watch a whole lot of TV. It's not that I don't love *Lost* and *American Idol* or *CSI: Miami*. I do, but (and here's where I might get in trouble with my bosses) I spend a lot of my time *here*—helping to put together your new favorite magazine. And by the time I get home, I've got some reality of my own to deal with—in the form of two wonderful boys (and, yes, a pretty cool wife, too).



### MARK W. WRIGHT

**'70s TV crush:** Thelma, from "Good Times"  
**'80s TV crush:** Valerie Bertinelli, from "One Day at a Time"  
**Guilty pleasure I'm not ashamed to admit:** "The Golden Girls"

But on Sundays, I force myself to make time for *The Contender* while my oldest, Max, soaks in the tub. It's the realest reality show on TV. Everything about it is authentic—the people, their stories, and of course, the punches. I get broken up Sunday night after a *Contender*-hopeful gets his hopes dashed,

and has hung up his gloves. I mean, these boys fought for their kids, their mommas, their whole families.

I'm floored that *The Contender* won't be back for a second season. Low ratings—and having to go toe-to-toe with the likes of CBS' *Cold Case* and ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*—doomed it, apparently. But I really don't care what the reason is. *The Contender* is the people's champion of shows, and it deserves another chance to prove its worth to the masses.

So I've got this much to say to Sly Stallone and whomever else holds the key to bringing my favorite TV show back to the ring: Give *The Contender* one more round, and hurry! Max has been in the tub for 45 minutes—and every great fighter deserves a rematch. ●