

## Jericho

8 p.m. ET, A-Channel/CBS

**What's it about?** Following a possible nuclear accident, the people of a small U.S. town are left stranded with little information about the state of the outside world. Will the townspeople work together to survive or start attacking each other?

**Who's in it?** Gerald McRaney (*Deadwood*), Pamela Reed, Skeet Ulrich (*Miracles*), Ashley Scott (*Birds of Prey*) and Erik Knudsen (*Blue Murder*).

**What's good?** Unlike most disaster shows, we know nothing more than the characters of *Jericho*, which creates a real sense of mystery and foreboding. Ulrich is as pretty as ever in yet another role which requires him to play injured – he's so good at that. Knudsen's troubled teen character makes an impression with little screen time.

**What's bad?** Empty characters, predictable scenes and



**You think you've had a bad day? Here's Ulrich (l) and Scott before the world ends**

boring speeches pepper this pilot. It also reminds us a lot of *Invasion* – you know, the disaster show that got cancelled last season.

**Bottom line** If the writers capitalize on the strong premise and unique storytelling, *Jericho* could be a great show – we hope the network lets this drama last long enough for them to try. **DEBUT: SEPT. 20**

## Justice

9 p.m. ET, CTV/Fox

**What's it about?** This is a Jerry Bruckheimer (*CSI*, *Cold Case*, *Without a Trace*) produced series that looks at a dream team of defense attorneys and how high-profile court cases are tried in an age where much of the case is made in the media.

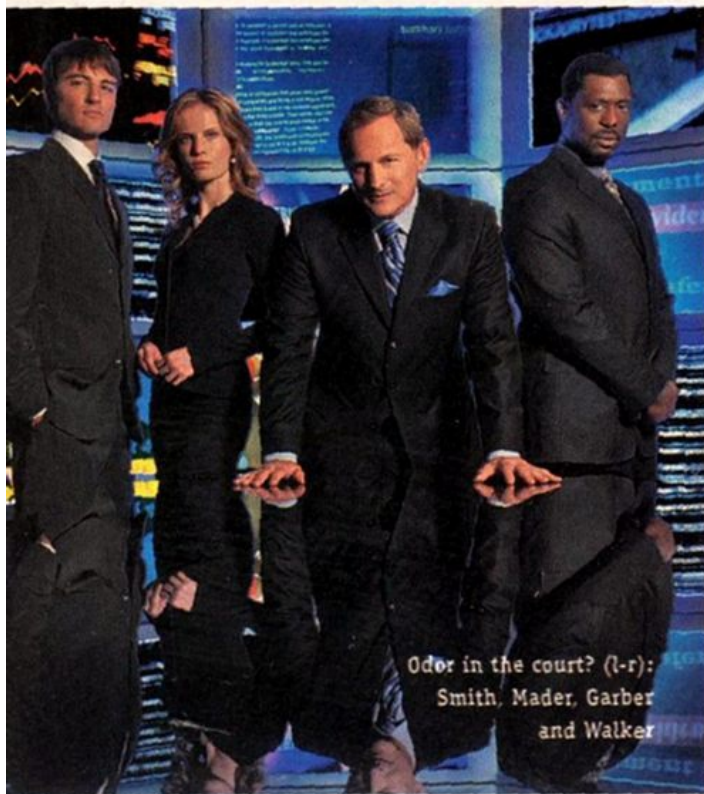
**Who's in it?** Victor Garber (*Alias*), Kerr Smith (*Dawson's Creek*, *Charmed*), Eamonn Walker (*Oz*) and Rebecca Mader (*The Devil Wears Prada*).

**What's good?** It moves at a good clip, and in a season when increasing numbers of shows are serials, having a new legal show that wraps everything up in one hour could work to *Justice's* advantage.

**What's bad?** *Justice's* cynicism. If this is really how the police, the prosecution and the defense operate, then let's lynch 'em all.

**Bottom line** Will *Justice* end up like last year's Jerry Bruckheimer entry, *Just Legal* – with a mercifully quick death – or will this drama's existence be justified?

**DEBUTED: AUG. 30**



Order in the court? (l-r):  
Smith, Mader, Garber  
and Walker