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O, hush: Denver edition of "Big Give" a big secret

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Boti Bliss, who plays a lab tech on "CSI: Miami," is single, but she has met her "Boy."

"Oprah's Big Give" gives big tonight in Denver.

Local nonprofits — including Denver Health'

s "Newborns in Need" program, Denver Children's Home and the Denver Broncos Boys & Girls Club in Montbello — get exposure and green from the "Big Give" contestants.

Nine contestants and host Nate Berkus invaded Denver for the episode. It was shot here last summer. And it's all very secretive.

"We came through Denver fast and furious," Berkus tells me. "And this episode Sunday is intense. The biggest twist in the whole series happened there."

Look for contestant Kim Prentiss . When she helps out the Boys & Girls Club, she gets a hand from the Broncos' Jay Cutler and Tony Scheffler and former player Preston Parsons .

The show, a ratings smash in its March 2 debut, is on Channel 7 at 8 p.m.

Boti call.

Boti (pronounced Bo-tay) Bliss grew up outside Aspen in a tepee. Now she's a featured actress on "CSI: Miami" — as lab tech Maxine Valera.

Last year I interviewed Bliss, who told me she was grateful for her hippy-kid upbringing in Aspen. "All I need is a tarp and some twine and I can survive. It keeps me grounded in L.A.," she said.

Now she's on the cover of Colorado Singles magazine, although her time in Colorado is very

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limited, so don't expect to be hitting on her at Elway's on Thursday night.

"I'm not too keen on meeting people in bars, as I haven't found the type of people I want to date hanging out in bars," she tells the mag.

Another problem: She says she lives with "the love of my life," Blair Hayes , director of the 2001 movie "Bubble Boy." Sorry to burst yours.

Pole dancing.

Aron Ralston , the Aspen hiker who amputated his lower right arm after being trapped by a boulder in Utah, is on board to climb Mount Everest with Eric Larsen as part of the Save the Poles Expedition. Larsen will also go to the North and South poles. All three jaunts are to raise awareness of climate change.

But calling it Save the Poles? Sounds like a fundraiser for strippers.

Mountain movies.

"Entourage" star Adrian Grenier will receive the Blue Sky Award for Environment Activism at the Vail Film Festival, April 3-6. Also, Tim Daly ("Private Practice," "Sopranos," "Wings") will get an acting award.

City spirit.

Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki will be honored at the Denver Athletic Club's

Athlete of the Year Banquet on May 21. Last year, Matt Holliday took home the trophy . . . Joe and Debbie Sakic and comic Josh Blue head up the Bringing Hope to the Table Celebration in August . . . "Talking with Dr. Daddio" is on KKZN-760 AM starting 3-6 p.m. today . . . AIX restaurant is offering the \$52.80-dinner-for-two deal any Wednesday in March . . . Sez who: "The science is clear. The global-warming debate is over." Arnold Schwarzenegger *Bill Husted's column appears Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Husted also appears Tuesdays and Fridays on "Good Day Colorado" on Fox 31. You can reach him at 303-954-1486 or bhusted@denverpost.com . Take a peek at Husted's next column at [blogs. denverpost.com/husted](http://blogs.denverpost.com/husted) .*

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