'Idol' dropout hires a lawyer

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NEW YORK -- Mario Vazquez is no longer contending for the "American Idol" crown, but he is following in the footsteps of one of its most famous alumni -- Clay Aiken.

Vazquez has hired Aiken's lawyer, Jess L. Rosen, who sprung Aiken from the contract binding him to 19 Entertainment, the company owned by the "American Idol" creator, Simon Fuller.

Neither Vazquez nor Rosen was available for comment yesterday, according to a Vazquez publicist, Matt Shelton. Shelton did say that Vazquez hired Rosen before he quit "Idol" on Sunday.

Vazquez, 27, of New York, stunned "Idol" watchers when he bolted from the show last week for reasons he described as "personal." A fan favorite, he was considered a top contender. Vazquez's hiring of Rosen was reported on foxnews.com.

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Glenn Close adds to shine of 'Shield'

The addition of Glenn Close to "The Shield" attracted some curious viewers Tuesday, resulting in fairly strong ratings for the show's fourth-season premiere.

About 3.9 million people tuned in to the FX series Tuesday night, giving "The Shield" the second-biggest audience on cable for the evening (behind a "Law & Order" rerun on TNT). More than half of the audience fell in the 18-49 demographic.

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Hugh Jackman to have Tony encore

It seems as if they can't hold the Tony Awards without Hugh Jackman. A Tony winner last summer for his lead performance in "The Boy From Oz," Jackman will host the theater awards telecast for the third consecutive year.

The 59th Annual Tony Awards will air June 5 from New York's Radio City Music Hall. CBS will broadcast the event.
and Alyson Lee, of The Container Store, on tools for spring cleaning.

4 p.m.: "Around the Globe"

6:30 p.m.: "New England Business Day"

8 p.m.: "NewsNight"

Schedule is subject to change.

Radio highlights

9 a.m. WCRB-FM (102.5) -- Mozart's Symphony No. 30 in D, K. 202.

Noon WUMB-FM (91.9) -- "Live at Noon." Guest: Tom Brosseau.