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It takes luck to hear Julianne at Junior's bar

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Julianne Hough and boyfriend Chuck Wicks arrive at the 44th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 5, 2009. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. is bringing in a country sweetheart to help celebrate his popular bar's anniversary.

Country cutie (and "Dancing With the Stars" pro) **Julianne Hough** will perform a free concert at Junior's Whisky River bar on June 17 – but getting a ticket may be like finding a needle in a haystack. If your name isn't on the VIP list

along with **Jeff Gordon** and Junior himself, your only chance to snag a ticket is by listening to 96.9 The Kat (WKKT-FM) or by hitting the EpiCentre bar from 7 to 10 p.m. this Friday or June 12, when 50 pairs of tickets will be given away. You can also register to win tickets on The Kat's Web site, www.wkktfm.com.

Boyle better; Cowell offers help

Susan Boyle is getting better after an anxiety attack caused by the pressures of her overnight fame, and celebrity judge **Simon Cowell** plans to help her launch a professional career, Cowell's spokesman said Tuesday.

The Scottish songbird who finished second in the "Britain's Got Talent" competition landed in a London hospital Sunday after suffering what one of her brothers described as severe anxiety.

Show judge **Amanda Holden** and Max Clifford, who represents Cowell, both said Boyle should recover her equilibrium fairly quickly now that she is getting treatment.

The show continued to draw criticism in the British press Tuesday for its cavalier attitude toward the well-being of participants, and Britain's independent Ofcom agency, which handles complaints about broadcasting, said an investigation is possible. But attention shifted to speculation about Boyle's future, with most predicting commercial success but some saying she would have a hard time attracting a paying audience. Associated Press

Conan O'Brien brings in viewers

Conan O'Brien has reason to smile after his debut as "Tonight Show" host. His first Nielsen Media Research report card shows a 7.1 rating and 17 audience share in the nation's biggest media markets. The numbers indicate more people checked out O'Brien's show out than watched **David Letterman's** "Late Show" and ABC's "Nightline" combined.

A typical "Tonight" show this season had a 4.0 rating. Each ratings point represents 1 percent of the nation's homes with TV, which means 7 percent of homes had someone watching O'Brien on NBC.

The network, meanwhile, said "The Jay Leno Show" will premiere Sept. 14. The new prime-time hour starring the former "Tonight Show" host will air weeknights at 10. Associated Press

Miley ready for more 'Hannah'

After three seasons of "Hannah Montana," teen superstar **Miley Cyrus** isn't ready to let go of her Disney alter ego.

Disney Channel spokeswoman Hope Diamond said Tuesday that 16-year-old Cyrus has signed up for a fourth season of the family-friendly sitcom. Associated Press

Birthdays

Actor **Tony Curtis**, 84. TV producer **Chuck Barris**, 80. Actress **Irma P. Hall**, 74. Author **Larry McMurtry**, 73. CNN host **Anderson Cooper**, 42. Tennis player **Rafael Nadal**, 23.

This day in history June 3

1888: The poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published, in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

1968: Pop artist Andy Warhol was shot and critically wounded in his New York film studio by Valerie Solanas, an actress and self-styled militant feminist.



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He doesn't even like girls.

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He needs to invite Kellie Pickler there. She is AWESOME and from North Carolina.

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Maybe she can help Junior find his pit stall lol

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