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FYI, it's awards season

Emmy-winning NBC correspondent Bob Dotson will be honored next month (May 15) with a Christopher Award for his new book, "American Story," which details the lives of several unsung heroes nationwide. The Christopher Awards recognize work in the media showing how individuals can make a difference. Among the other honorees this year: ABC's "20/20" (for Diane Sawyer's report on 15-year-old Pakistani women's rights activist Malala Yousafzai).

Elsewhere on the rubber-chicken circuit, NBC's Willie Geist will emcee this Tuesday's UJA-Federation of New York's Leadership Awards Dinner, honoring Time Warner Cable CEO Rob Marcus, with a special performance by James Taylor (Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers).

Last, but not least . . .

Monday's Season 3 premiere of "Call the Midwife" on PBS averaged 2.7 million viewers, down from its Season 2 average (3.2 million), but it did spike 42 percent in households over last season's opener . . . "Dancing With the Stars" hooper Derek Hough has choreographed a ballroom ensemble piece for ABT's Misty Copeland, who'll perform it at the Youth American Grand Prix's Gala April 10.

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