



Figure 5-11:
The Grid
Guide
displays a
TV Guide-
style layout.

Weaning Yourself from Live TV

Watching TiVo's recorded shows looks the same as watching live TV. There's no visible difference on the screen. The biggest difference between the two is what's *missing* from live TV:

- ✓ You can't fast-forward through commercials.
- ✓ You can't fast-forward through the boring parts.
- ✓ Live TV makes you watch TV whenever your show airs. If you're not home, you miss the show.
- ✓ Biggest of all, though, live TV carries no promise that you'll find something worth watching.

TiVo offers these things only when you're watching recorded TV. That's why most TiVo owners eventually stop watching live TV. Their TiVo lets them control their TV, and it's frustrating when that feeling disappears.

The point? Although TiVo lets you watch live TV, try to wean yourself away from it. After you've owned TiVo for a few days, it will begin stockpiling your favorite shows. Don't keep watching live TV out of habit. Instead, head