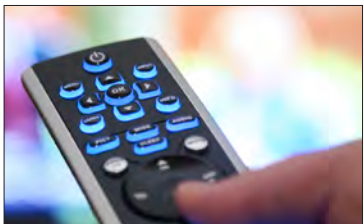




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'Masterpiece' recalls a 'World on Fire' in new WWII drama

BY JAY BOBBIN

Many stories have dramatized World War II, but familiar faces and age-appropriate actors can bring that event into fresh focus again.

"World on Fire" has both elements as the British-American co-production begins its PBS "Masterpiece" run Sunday, April 5 (check local listings). Written by Peter Bowker ("Blackpool") and set in 1939 in several countries that were at the forefront of the conflict – including America and England – the series features Oscar and Emmy winner Helen Hunt ("Mad About You") as a U.S. journalist covering the war. Another major plot involves a love triangle among a would-be diplomat (Jonah Hauer-King), the Polish waitress turned Resistance member he loved and supposedly lost (Zofia Wichlacz), and his more recent interest (Julia Brown).

"Phantom Thread" Oscar nominee Lesley Manville and Sean Bean ("Game of Thrones") also star in the saga, which the BBC aired overseas last fall,

Bowker reports that "World on Fire" was inspired by the acclaimed 1970s documentary series "The World at War," about the same time period. He recalls that when he was approached about devising something similar but fictional, he deemed it "an idiotic idea ... but like most idiotic ideas, it wouldn't go away. It was 2014, I think, when I wrote the first bible for this series. People were investing more in long-run, multi-episodic series, (changing) the way we watch television, so it seemed like a good time to tell something novelistic in its sweep."

As the principal American in the "World on Fire" cast, Hunt explains that she liked the storytelling decision "to choose simple people doing their jobs, and follow their lives and their fears. I sort of play the

audience a little bit, because I'm playing the woman who happened to look over a fence and saw 1,000 German tanks lined up after a period of rumors: 'Is (the war) coming? When is it coming?' And this is the woman who saw it. It was the way I would be if I discovered that the worst nightmare was coming true."

Even before "World on Fire" starts its U.S. telecasts, it's known there will be more of it, since a second season already has been ordered. "We do a lot of World War II homefront dramas that may take in one part of the war," Bowker reasons, "so I just hope (this) will carry on getting recommissioned. I'm not naive enough to suppose that that's a done deal. Hopefully, the longer it goes on, the more people will want to find out what happens next. In my head, there's a huge series bible which I planned out for all these characters, but I take it for granted we will lose some along the way."

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Horoscopes

The luckiest signs this week:
Sagittarius, Capricorn and Aquarius

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ARIES

It's always easier to get along with people you're not emotionally attached to. Impose a little more discipline on your children. They know how to get under your skin.
- ♉

TAURUS

There's an enormous amount of detail to consider. A big promotion is on the horizon at work, but you'll need to negotiate new conditions that put you at an advantage.
- ♊

GEMINI

If you're single, love will come knocking at your door. A person you've been friends with a long time may make a declaration of love. Financially, an unexpected windfall will land at your feet.
- ♋

CANCER

Your plans to move are starting to solidify. You'll put your family's needs first, even if you're very busy in the next few days. The people you love are your priority.
- ♌

LEO

You'll start to think about buying a new car. To avoid undue financial strain, take your time to consider whether you should or not. After a few days of thinking about it, you may change your mind.
- ♍

VIRGO

Affection is important to you. Take the time to talk about the tensions in your relationship so you can restore harmony and reconnect.
- ♎

LIBRA

You'll feel energized and ready to solve any problem that comes your way. Happily, you'll put aside any worries or concerns that previously disturbed your peace of mind.
- ♏

SCORPIO

A health concern will begin to worry you. By taking the situation seriously, you'll get the care you need and recuperate in no time.
- ♐

SAGITTARIUS

You'll be surrounded by people this week. Your friends will invite you along for many exciting adventures and activities, but you may be upset by some people.
- ♑

CAPRICORN

You carry a lot of responsibility on your shoulders, both personally and professionally. Avoid procrastinating and prioritize what matters if you want to move ahead with your projects.
- ♒

AQUARIUS

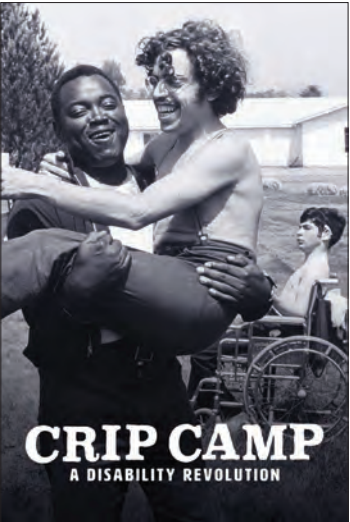
A last-minute trip may be planned this week. You'll discover a new form of spirituality that will make you happy and lead you toward greater physical and mental well-being.
- ♓

PISCES

You're entitled to your emotions. Family and friends will gather to help you through a difficult situation at home. Things will sort themselves out quickly.

New Streaming Movies & Shows

NETFLIX



"Movie: Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution"
This feature-length documentary tells the story of a revolution blossomed in a ramshackle summer camp for disabled teenagers in early 1970s upstate New York, that would transform young lives forever and ignite the disability rights movement. Former camper Jim LeBrecht and Emmy winner Nicole Newnham ("The Revolutionary Optimists") are the directors. (ORIGINAL)



"Marc Maron: End Times Fun"
The comic, podcaster and co-star of the Netflix comedy "GLOW" offers up his observational humor and philosophical rants on vitamin hustlers, evangelicals and grown male nerd children in this stand-up performance recorded at the REDCAT Roy and Edna Disney/CalArts Theater in Los Angeles in October 2019. (ORIGINAL)



"Movie: The Occupant"
From Spain comes this thriller movie about an ad executive who begins stalking the family who moved into the home where he lived until he lost his job. Javier Gutiérrez, Mario Casas, Bruna Cusi and Ruth Diaz star for co-directors Àlex and David Pastor ("The Last Days," "Carriers"). (ORIGINAL)



"Brews Brothers"
From the makers of "The League," "Lab Rats" and "Rob Riggle's Ski Master Academy" comes this half-hour comedy about estranged brothers who must navigate differences in their approaches to brewing and life as they try to run a brewery together. Alan Aisenberg ("Orange Is the New Black"), Mike Castle ("Clipped"), Marques Ray ("Dr. Ken") and newcomer Carmen Flood star. (ORIGINAL)

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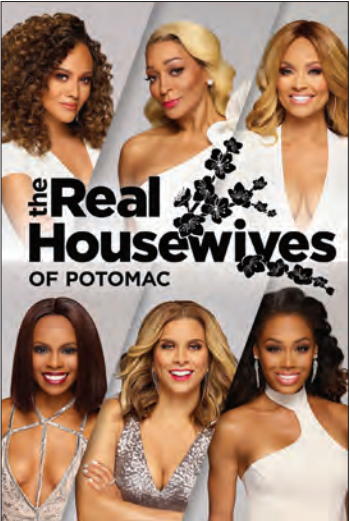
"Love Island Australia"
The second and most recent season of this unscripted series from Down Under brings together 10 attractive Aussie singles together to couple up, try to find love and deal with constant stream of new contestants brought in to test their relationships — and potentially get them kicked off the show. Sophie Monk returns as host.



"Archer"
The 10th and most recent season of this adult animated action series opens with Sterling Archer in a coma and imagining himself as the captain of a space salvage freighter, co-captaining with his ex-wife Lana. Other regular characters play different roles in the season-long space storyline. H. Jon Benjamin, Aisha Tyler, Judy Greer and Chris Parnell are among returning voice cast.



"Movie: Brown Girl Begins"
Sharon Lewis ("Restaurant Makeover") directed this 2017 Canadian fantasy movie about a young woman (Mouna Traoré, "Murdoch Mysteries") who must revive Caribbean spirits and survive a possession ritual to save her people who are confined to an island off of Toronto. Nigel Shawn Williams, Shakura S'Aida and Emmanuel Kabongo also star.



"The Real Housewives of Potomac"
The fourth season of this unscripted series set in suburban Washington, D.C., brings back Season 3 regulars Gizelle Bryant, Ashley Darby, Robyn Dixon, Karen Huger, Monique Samuels and Candiace Dillard to the cast, with Season 1 housewife Katie Rost returning in a recurring role.

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Lost Girl: Season 1-5 - April 16

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LEAVING SOON

My Best Friend's Wedding (1997) - April 30

American Buffalo (1996) - April 30

Cinderella (1960) - April 30

Girls! Girls! Girls! (1962) - April 30

Golden Gate (1994) - April 30

The Bellboy (1960) - April 30

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"Movie: Cantinflas"
The prolific Mexican comedian/producer/writer/singer best known for his role of Passepartout in "Around the World in 80 Days" is the subject of this 2014 biopic from director Sebastian del Amo ("The Mongolian Conspiracy"), which puts Óscar Jaenada ("Loving Pablo") in the title role. Michael Imperioli ("The Sopranos"), Bárbara Mori ("Inspiración") and Adrian Herrera ("The Little Couple") are also in the cast.



"Movie: Night of the Living Dead: Resurrection"
From Great Britain comes this 2012 horror movie about a family struggling to survive when the dead rise during a zombie apocalypse. Sule Rimi, Kathy Saxondale, Lee Bane, Richard Goss and Mel Stevens head the cast of unknowns for director James Plumb ("Silent Night, Bloody Night: The Homecoming").



"The Good Fight"
Season 4 of the Christine Baranski-led legal thriller sees the team navigating a very different landscape. After their founding partner's name is tarnished and they lose their biggest client, Chumhum, Reddick, Boseman & Lockhart is forced to accept an offer by a huge multi-national law firm becoming a small subsidiary.



"Movie: Disneynature: Elephant"
In recognition of Earth Month, Disney+ will debut new Disneynature films.

"Elephant," narrated by Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex, will premiere alongside previously announced "Dolphin Reef," with narration by Academy Award®-winning actress Natalie Portman. Following its theatrical release last year, the Disneynature film "Penguins" will also be available to stream for the first time on Disney+.



"Movie: Man on a Ledge"
This 2012 melodrama stays true to its title, though there's a bit more to it. Sam Worthington plays the man perched on a New York ledge, an ex-cop who's the prime suspect in a diamond theft. As his precarious position draws the attention of the media and a police negotiator (Elizabeth Banks), his brother (Jamie Bell) works across the street on a plan to clear his name and expose the true culprits. Kyra Sedgwick, Ed Harris and Edward Burns also star.



"Movie: A Good Old Fashioned Orgy"
The title indeed describes the central event in this comedy, with Jason Sudeikis ("Saturday Night Live") heading the cast as a fellow whose legendary summer parties are on the verge of ending, for a variety of reasons. He decides to stage a final pull-out-all-stops gathering, but he has trouble getting the usual attendees to commit to return. The acting ensemble includes Sudeikis' former "SNL" crony Will Forte as well as Leslie Bibb, Lake Bell and Tyler Labine.

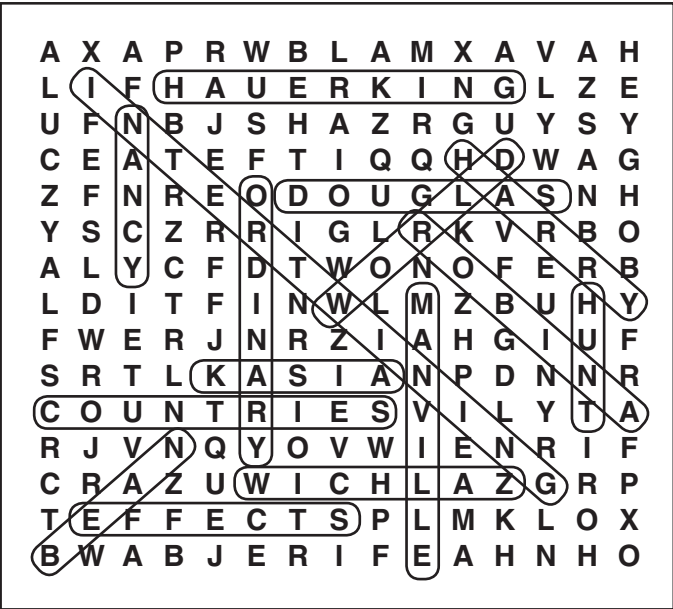
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"World on Fire on Masterpiece" on PBS
(Words in parentheses not in puzzle)

Kasia (Tomaszeski)	(Zofia) Wichlacz	World (War II)
Harry (Chase)	(Jonah) Hauer-King	Intertwining (Fates)
Nancy (Campbell)	(Helen) Hunt	Ordinary (People)
Douglas (Bennett)	(Sean) Bean	(Five) Countries
Robina (Chase)	(Lesley) Manville	Effects (of War)

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LOCAL CHANNELS																									
WIS	10	3	10	Little Big Shots "I May Be Short but My Dreams Are Giant" (N)			The Wall "Essence and Valencia" Essence and Valencia take on the wall. (N)				Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist "Zoey's Extraordinary Silence" Zoey tries to help Mitch's caregiver. (N)				Good Girls "Nana" Beth agrees to pick up a package. (N) (DVS)				WIS News 10 at 11 (N)		(:35) Full Court Press With Greta Van Susteren (N)			(12:05) Paid Program Paid programming.	
WLTX	19	9	9	60 Minutes (N)			ACM Presents: Our Country: At-home acoustic performances.								NCIS: New Orleans "Boom-Boom-Boom" A natural gas explosion at a theater. (DVS)				News 19 at 11pm (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Course Correction" (Joined in Progress) NCIS and FBI investigate a plane crash.				
WOLO	25	5	12	America's Funniest Home Videos Sink-sprayer gags. (N) (DVS)			American Idol "310 (Hawaii Showcase and Final Judgment Part 2)" The contestants showcase their artistry. (N)				The Rookie "The Overnight" A call at auditions of American Idol. (N) (DVS)				ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)		New BISSELL CrossWave is Now Cordless			Elementary An archeologist is murdered.					
WRJA	27	11	14	Somewhere South "American as Hand Pie" Pepperoni rolls and empanadas.			Call the Midwife The team care for a pregnant woman. (N)				World on Fire on Masterpiece: Harry vows to help Kasia flee Warsaw.				The Windermere Children: Young Holocaust survivors are helped.				Growing a Greener World "Bringing Nature Home"			Family Travel With Colleen Kelly			
WACH	57	6	6	The Simpsons Animated. Bart bonds with Ned Flanders.		Bob's Burgers "Three Girls and a Little Wharfy"		The Simpsons (DVS)		Duncanville "Witch Day" (DVS)		Bob's Burgers "Wag the Song" (DVS)		Family Guy "Cat Fight" (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Gamecock Insider University of South Carolina athletics.		Ring of Honor Wrestling (N)			The Big Bang Theory Raj plans a date with Lucy.		
WKTC	63	4	22	How I Met Your Mother "Moving Day"		How I Met Your Mother "Bachelor Party"		Movie				Leverage "The Two Live Crew Job" A crew of thieves.				The Listener "Man in the Mirror" Toby faces a mentally unstable suspect. (DVS)				Movie					

CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	(6:00) ★ "Hitman: Agent 47" (2015) Rupert Friend, Hannah Ware.	★★ "S.W.A.T." (2003, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell, Michelle Rodriguez. A team must protect a criminal.				A Los Angeles SWAT		★★ "The Mummy" (1999, Adventure) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, John Hannah. A mummy seeks revenge for a 3,000-year-old curse.			
AMC	48	180	(6:42) The Walking Dead "What We Become" Michonne takes Virgil home.	(7:54) The Walking Dead "Look at the Flowers" Hilltop reels from the fire.		The Walking Dead "The Tower" Communities prepare for the last battle.		(:02) Talking Dead Paola Lazaro; Khary Payton. (N)		(:02) The Walking Dead "The Tower" Communities prepare for the last battle.		(12:03) Ride With Norman Reedus	
ANPL	41	100	The Aquarium Rare albino gators.	The Aquarium (N)		The Aquarium (N)		(:01) North Woods Law: Uncuffed Wardens handle a rabid pit bull. (N)		The Aquarium		The Aquarium	
BET	61	162	(5:00) ★ "When the Bough Breaks" (2016) Morris Chestnut.	★★ "Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married?" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Tyler Perry, Janet Jackson, Jill Scott. Eight married friends grapple with commitment and betrayal.				Martin		Martin		Martin "Got to Be There"	
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Additional content.	The Real Housewives of Atlanta (N)		Family Karma "Frienemies for Life" Vishal wants to fix his friendship. (N)		Watch What Happens Live		The Real Housewives of Atlanta		Family Karma "Frienemies for Life" Vishal wants to fix his friendship.	
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank A \$4 million investment.	Shark Tank (DVS)		Shark Tank (DVS)		Shark Tank Fitness apparel line.		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	3	80	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N)		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		Newsroom	
COM	57	136	(6:00) ★★ "Shrek Forever After" (2010) Voices of Mike Myers.	★★★ "Shrek" (2001, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. A monster and a donkey make a deal with a mean lord.				★★ "Tommy Boy" (1995, Comedy) Chris Farley, David Spade, Brian Dennehy. An heir tries to save his father's business.		South Park "All About Mormons"		South Park "All About Mormons"	
DISN	18	200	(:10) Raven's Home (:35) Raven's Home	Raven's Home (N) (:23) Disney Fam Jam (N)		(8:46) Just Roll With It (N)		(:40) Coop & Cami Ask the World		(10:55) Raven's Home		(:20) Disney Fam Jam	
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid of Sharks	Naked and Afraid (N)				(:01) Naked and Afraid: Uncensored (N)		(:01) Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
ESPN	26	35	ESPN Original Documentaries	ESPN Original Documentaries				ESPN Original Documentaries		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	27	39	(6:00) eSports	eSports				UFC Unleashed		World of X Games		World of X Games	
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games				Buddy vs. Duff (N)		Beat Bobby Flay		Beat Bobby Flay	
FOXN	37	90	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	Life, Liberty & Levin (N)				The Next Revolution With Steve Hilton		Watters' World		Life, Liberty & Levin	
FREE	20	131	(6:05) ★★ "Pitch Perfect" (2012) Anna Kendrick. College students enter an a cappella competition.	Kendrick. College students enter an a cappella competition.		(:45) ★★ "How to Be Single" (2016, Romance-Comedy) Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson, Alison Brie. Premiere. A wild woman shows her newly single friend how to have fun.		Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson, Alison Brie. Premiere. A wild woman		(:20) ★★ "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" (2008) Jason Segel.		(:20) ★★ "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" (2008) Jason Segel.	
FSS	21	47	3 Wide Life	NBA Basketball From Nov. 12, 2019.				Hawks Postgame		Sports Stars		MLS Soccer From July 17, 2019.	
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "You're Bacon Me Crazy" (2020) Natalie Hall, Michael Rady.	When Calls the Heart Elizabeth goes on a trip with Lucas. (N)		When Hope Calls "Surprise" Gabe tracks down a key waitress. (N)		The Golden Girls "Nice and Easy"		The Golden Girls "The Operation"		The Golden Girls "Adult Education"	
HGTV	39	112	Home Town	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (N)		House in a Hurry		House in a Hurry		100 Day Dream Home (N)		Beach Hunters (N)	
HIST	45	110	American Pickers (DVS)	The Jesus Strand: A Search for DNA: Experts seek to retrieve Jesus' DNA.				God Code: An expert finds a code in the Bible.		Beach Hunters (N)		Beach Hunters (N)	
ION	13	18	NCIS: Los Angeles "Free Ride" Hetty goes on a trip. (DVS)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Drive" A former defendant is targeted. (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "The Price We Pay" Ruzek helps Burgess get retribution.		Chicago P.D. "Different Mistakes" Olin's daughter becomes a witness.		Chicago P.D. "A Material Witness" Olin's daughter becomes a witness.		Chicago P.D. "At Least It's Justice"	
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Mommy Is a Murderer" (2020, Suspense) Bree Williamson.	"Black Hearted Killer" (2020, Suspense) Julie McNiven, Jon Abrahams. Premiere. An organ recipient wreaks havoc on the lives of the donors.				(:03) "My Husband's Secret Wife" (2018, Suspense) Helena Mattsson, Josh Kelly. Avery finds out that her husband, Alex, has another wife.		(:12:01) "Black Hearted Killer"		(:12:01) "Black Hearted Killer"	
MSNBC	36	92	Kasie DC (N)	Dateline Extra "The Silhouette"				Dateline Extra "In the Bedroom" Cara Ryan shot her ex-husband.		Dateline Extra		Dateline Extra	
NICK	16	210	Danger Force	All That				Friends "Friends"		Friends "Friends"		Friends "Friends"	
PARMT	64	153	(:05) Bar Rescue "Gutterball!"	Bar Rescue "Mississippi Rears"				Bar Rescue "Sactown Going Down"		Bar Rescue "Life's a Beach" (N)		(:01) Bar Rescue "Saving Post 6216"	
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) "The Last Sharknado: It's About Time" (2018, Action) Ian Ziering.	★ "Sharknado" (2013, Action) Tara Reid, Ian Ziering, John Heard. A storm leaves Los Angeles flooded and infested with sharks.				★ "Sharknado 2: The Second One" (2014, Action) Ian Ziering, Tara Reid, Vivica A. Fox. Ravenous sharks rain down on New York City.		Futurama (Part 1 of 4)		Futurama (Part 1 of 4)	
TBS	24	156	★★ "Central Intelligence" (2016, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Amy Ryan. A CIA agent recruits an ex-classmate for a top-secret case. (DVS)	The Last O.G. "Scenario"		The Last O.G. "Ladies First"		The Last O.G. "Criminal Minded" (DVS)		The Last O.G. (DVS)		★★ "Central Intelligence" (2016, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Amy Ryan. A CIA agent recruits an ex-classmate for a top-secret case. (DVS)	
TCM	49	186	(5:45) ★★ "The Apartment" (1960) Jack Lemmon.	★★★ "Move Over, Darling" (1963, Romance-Comedy) Doris Day, James Garner. A missing woman returns on the day her spouse remarries.				★★★ "The Thrill of It All" (1963, Romance-Comedy) Doris Day, James Garner. A doctor sees red when his wife becomes a commercial star.		★★ "Scar of Shame" (1927)		★★ "Scar of Shame" (1927)	
TLC	43	157	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days Darcy and Tom finally meet. (N)				(:04) Sister Wives "Baby Steps" (N)		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)		90 Day Fiancé	
TNT	23	158	(5:45) ★★ "2 Guns" (2013) Denzel Washington, Mark Wahlberg. (DVS)	★★★ "Black Panther" (2018, Action) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o. Black Panther springs into action when an old enemy returns. (DVS)				★★ "The Wolverine" (2013) Hugh Jackman. Wolverine confronts the prospect of real mortality. (DVS)		★★ "The Wolverine" (2013) Hugh Jackman. Wolverine confronts the prospect of real mortality. (DVS)		★★ "The Wolverine" (2013) Hugh Jackman. Wolverine confronts the prospect of real mortality. (DVS)	
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	Love- Raymond	Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Questioning a convicted serial killer.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Apocrypha"	Law & Order "American Dream"		Law & Order "Genetic predisposition."		Law & Order		Law & Order "Golden Years"		Law & Order	
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing	

MONDAY EVENING APRIL 6

SP		FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM			
LOCAL CHANNELS																
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Voice "The Battles Part 3" The artists perform dueling duets. (N)			(:01) Manifest "Icing Conditions" (Season Finale) Michaela and Ben attempt a rescue. (N)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon				
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Neighborhood Marty helps Grover create a battle bot.	Bob Hearts Abishola Christina sets her sights on Koto.	All Rise "In the Fights" Lola reprimands Mark's girlfriend. (N)	Bull "Off the Rails" Bull defends a train engineer. (N)		News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert				
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "America's Game" (N)	Jeopardy! "Spring Break College Championship" (N)	Celebrity Family Feud Chrissy Teigen; John Legend. (DVS)		Celebrity Family Feud "black-ish vs. The Goldbergs" black-ish vs. The Goldbergs. (DVS)		Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Secrets & Surprises		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!			
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley "Qatar"	Wild Travels	Antiques Roadshow "Treasure Fever" Lakota Sioux doctor's bag. (N)		Rick Steves Special: European Easter: Spain, Slovenia, Italy and Greece.		Broken Places: How trauma in childhood shapes a person.		Amanpour and Company (N)		Antiques Roadshow Lakota Sioux doctor's bag.		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Penny's family arrives.	The Big Bang Theory "The Weekend Vortex"	9-1-1 "Pinned" An accident at a bowling alley. (DVS)		(:01) Prodigal Son "Eye of the Needle" Ainsley receives a big promotion. (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Mike Hires Chuck"	Last Man Standing Eve's breakup garners opinions.	The Doctors		Judge Jerry	Judge Jerry Disqualified from a competition.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Popular" Teenage sex.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Execution" Condemned man.		The Game Melanie at the Sunbeam Fashion Show.		
CABLE CHANNELS																
A&E	46	130	Jeff Dunham: Talking Heads: The comic makes ventriloquism hip again.			Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On "Part 1" A look into Garth Brooks' life. (Part 1 of 2)			Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On "Part 2" A look into Garth Brooks' life. (Part 2 of 2)			Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On				
AMC	48	180	★ ★ "Caddyshack" (1980, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Rodney Dangerfield, Bill Murray. A vulgar newcomer clashes with the country club set.			Better Call Saul "Bagman" Jimmy is pushed to the limit. (N)			(:15) Dispatches From Elsewhere The players come together. (N)		(:15) Better Call Saul "Bagman" Jimmy is pushed to the limit.					
ANPL	41	100	Alaskan Bush People: Alaskan Grit			Alaska: The Last Frontier- Frozen Edg.			Alaska: The Last Frontier- Frozen Edg.		Alaskan Bush People: Alaskan Grit (N)		Alaska- Last Fr.			
BET	61	162	(6:00) ★ "Juwanma Mann" (2002, Comedy) Miguel A. Núñez Jr., Vivica A. Fox. An ex-NBA player dresses in drag to join a women's league.			BET Star Cinema							Martin			
BRAVO	47	181	Below Deck Sailing Yacht Adam and Jenna's fight is a buzzkill.			Below Deck Sailing Yacht Parker tries to prove himself.			Below Deck Sailing Yacht Capt. Glenn and Jenna meet with Madison. (N)		Watch What Happens Live		Cash Cab	Cash Cab		
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank Entrepreneurial novice.			Shark Tank			Shark Tank (DVS)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank			
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)			Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N)		Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	The Office			The Office (Part 1 of 2)	The Office (Part 2 of 2)	The Office "Inner Circle"	The Office "Search Committee"		The Office "The List"	The Office "The Incentive"	The Office "Lotto"	South Park "Pre-school"		
DISN	18	200	(:05) Raven's Home			(:35) Bunk'd			Shook	(8:55) Disney Fam Jam	Descendants Remix Dance Party	(:10) Coop & Cami Ask the World	(:35) Sydney to the Max	Bunk'd	(:25) Gabby Duran & the Unsittables	(11:50) Just Roll With It
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws: Memphis: Full Throttle			Street Outlaws: Memphis "35 to 1" (N)			Driven Dave finally gets his chance. (N)		(:01) Fast 'N' Loud (N)		(:01) Fastest Cars in the Dirty South (N)		Street-Memphis	
ESPN	26	35	To Be Announced						NFL Live		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	27	39	College GameDay (N) (Live)						EA Sports Madden NFL 20 Classic		Draft: Featured		Draft: Featured		UFC Unleashed	
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games			Spring Baking Championship			Spring Baking Championship (N)		Chopped Sweets "Cake Stakes" (N)		Chopped Sweets		Spring Baking	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)			Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)			Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night With Shannon		Tucker Carlson	
FREE	20	131	(6:00) ★ ★ "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005, Children's) Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore.			★ ★ "Grown Ups" (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, maturity do not, necessarily, coincide.			Chris Rock. Five friends learn that age and				The 700 Club		★ ★ ★ "The Box-trolls" (2014)	
FSS	21	47	Fight Sports: Boxing (N)			College Tennis Nebraska at Oklahoma.									Women's College Tennis	
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Flip That Romance" (2019, Romance) Julie Gonzalo, Tyler Hynes.			"Royal Matchmaker" (2018, Romance) Bethany Joy Lenz, Will Kemp, Brittany Bristow. A matchmaker realizes she is the perfect match for a prince.			The Golden Girls "Big Daddy"		The Golden Girls "The Way We Met"		The Golden Girls "End of the Curse"		The Golden Girls	
HGTV	39	112	Home Town "Moving to Main Street"			Home Town (N) (DVS)			Home Town "A Southern Dream" (N)		House Hunters (N)		House Hunters		Home Town	
HIST	45	110	American Pickers "Tick Tock Frank"			American Pickers (DVS)			American Pickers "We Are Family" (N)		(:03) American Pickers (DVS)		(:05) American Pickers "Big Pickin'"		American Pickers	
ION	13	18	Criminal Minds "A Shade of Gray" Team works on a child abduction case.			Criminal Minds "The Big Wheel" Killer asks the team to help him stop.			Criminal Minds "Roadkill" Vehicular homicides.		Criminal Minds "Amplification" Toxic substance is released.		Criminal Minds "To Hell ..." Border-crossing serial killer.		Criminal Minds "... And Back"	
LIFE	50	145	The First 48 "Fear Factor; Fall Guy" Murder witnesses are unwilling to talk.			The First 48 "Secrets and Lies" A murder victim's friends hide a secret.			(:03) The First 48 Stabbings in New Orleans and Atlanta.		(:03) The First 48 "The Girl Next Door" A feud threatens a neighborhood.		(:03) The First 48 Detectives investigate a double murder.		(12:01) The First 48	
MSNBC	36	92	MSNBC Live: Decision 2020 (N)			All In With Chris Hayes (N)			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob			Danger Force			Young Dylan		All That		Friends		(:35) Friends	
PARMT	64	153	Cops			Cops			Cops		Cops		Cops		Cops	
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) ★ ★ ★ "Mad Max: Fury Road" (2015) Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron. Mad Max must outrun a warlord and his men in a desert chase. (DVS)			Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron. Mad Max must outrun a warlord and his men in a desert chase. (DVS)			★ ★ "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters" (2013, Fantasy) Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton, Famke Janssen. Siblings hunt witches for a living.		American Dad (DVS)		American Dad "Rabbit Ears"		(10:59) Futurama Futurama (Part 2 of 4)	
TBS	24	156	Family Guy (DVS)			Family Guy "Episode 420"			Family Guy "Stew-Roids"		Family Guy "We Love You Conrad"		Family Guy "Three Kings"		Family Guy "Peter's Progress"	
TCM	49	186	(6:00) ★ ★ ★ "Hills of Home" (1948) Edmund Gwenn, Donald Crisp.			★ ★ "The Outlaw" (1943, Western) Jane Russell, Jack Buetel, Walter Huston. Billy the Kid and Doc Holliday become friends.			(:15) ★ ★ ★ "The Paleface" (1948, Western) Bob Hope, Jane Russell, Robert Armstrong. Calamity Jane wins the heart of a mild-mannered dentist.		sMothered "Time to Intervene"		sMothered "Pushing Boundaries"		90 Day Fiancé	
TLC	43	157	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days			90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days			90 Day Fiancé (N)							
TNT	23	158	(5:15) Movie (DVS)			(:45) ★ ★ ★ "Black Panther" (2018, Action) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o. Black Panther springs into action when an old enemy returns. (DVS)					Movie					
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers			Impractical Jokers			★ ★ ★ "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd. (DVS)				Hot One-Game		Hot One-Game	
TV LAND	55	161	Andy Griffith Show			Andy Griffith Show			Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men	
USA	25	132	Chicago P.D. "Assignment of the Year" Asher is killed on Antonio's watch.			WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)							King of Queens		King of Queens	
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds (DVS)			Criminal Minds "Hanley Waters"			Criminal Minds "The Stranger"		Criminal Minds "Out of the Light"		Criminal Minds "Big Sea"		Criminal Minds	
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing			Last Man Standing			Last Man Standing		Almost Paradise (N)		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing	

Mel Brooks' Top 10 Movies

BY JAY BOBBIN

"Robin Hood: Men in Tights" (1993): Cary Elwes plays the Sherwood Forest legend in this Brooks satire, notable for the movie debut of comic Dave Chappelle – playing Ahchoo, son of Robin's prison comrade Asneeze (Isaac Hayes).

"Spaceballs" (1987): "Star Wars" is the obvious target of Brooks' humor here, with Bill Pullman as the Han Solo-ish intergalactic rebel Lone Starr and John Candy as his half-dog sidekick Barf. (Really.)

"To Be or Not to Be" (1983): Possibly because others were the director and writers, Brooks displays more structure than in many of his other films in this remake of a 1942 classic about actors performing overseas during World War II.

"History of the World: Part I" (1981): Several vignettes make up this parody of – as the title suggests – history, with Brooks playing Moses, who carries tablets that state 15 commandments. Until he drops one, leaving "only" 10.

"High Anxiety" (1977): Alfred Hitchcock devotees will have fun spotting the elements Brooks pokes fun at, one of the most obvious and memorable being a certain visual from "Vertigo."

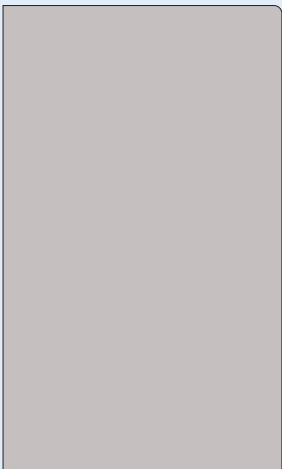
"Silent Movie" (1976): Three perpetually happy pals (Brooks, Dom DeLuise, Marty Feldman) try to save a Hollywood studio in a clever comedy that lives up to its title, having such guest stars as Paul Newman and Anne Bancroft (alias the real-life Mrs. Brooks) refrain from speaking – with mime Marcel Marceau getting the picture's last, and only, word.

"Young Frankenstein" (1974): Using many props from the original screen version of the horror tale, this takeoff is stunningly faithful to that film's look while adding laughs largely supplied by Gene Wilder as a scientist's descendant and Peter Boyle as the synthetic man he gives life to.

"Blazing Saddles" (1974): The movie that made Brooks a mainstream success spoofs just about every Western convention imaginable, with Cleavon Little as the cheerful but challenged new lawman in charge of the town of Rock Ridge.

"The Twelve Chairs" (1970): Finding the diamonds hidden in one of a dozen chairs becomes the quest of several men (Ron Moody, Frank Langella, Dom DeLuise) in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution.

"The Producers" (1967): An Oscar win for his screenplay put the film industry on notice that Brooks had arrived, with Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder as the backers of a musical – "Springtime for Hitler" – that they wanted to fail. Brooks would add success with the tale later by turning it into a stage musical.



MOVIE REVIEW

'Blazing Saddles' still rides with rollicking raunch

BY JAY BOBBIN

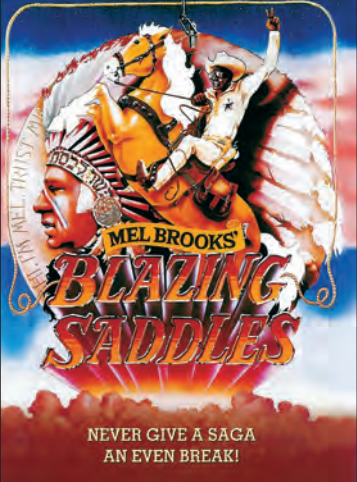
Could "Blazing Saddles" be made today?

The question is valid, since 1974 – when Mel Brooks' famously raunchy Western spoof (now streaming on Hulu) – was a much different time from today. Back then, Warner Bros. executives generally were willing (despite some resistance along the way) to take a gamble on Brooks' unfiltered brand of humor, which still was in its early phase but would get a bigger workout in subsequent years thanks to the financial success of "Saddles."

In relating the saga of Bart (played by Cleavon Little), the unlikely lawman newly appointed to oversee the town of Rock Ridge, director Brooks and his co-writers (who included Richard Pryor) turned every Western convention they could think of on its ear. That was evident right from the opening scene, in which Bart and fellow railroad workers toiling under a glaring sun rebelled against their heartless bosses by ... singing Cole Porter tunes.

Gene Wilder had profited from Brooks' genius earlier in "The Producers," which elevated the actor from supporting player to comedy lead, and he cemented that association further by playing the heavy-drinking gunslinger called "The Waco Kid." His becoming Bart's sidekick put a notable twist on the usual makeup of the "buddy" concept, and it can be lost among the many guffaws what a commentary on race that was/is.

The "Blazing" bounty of wonderful performers on hand also includes Harvey Korman (as master schemer Hedley Lamarr), Madeline Kahn (hilarious as a bored showgirl modeled on Marlene Dietrich), iconic character actor Slim Pickens (who certainly made his share of actual Westerns), Alex Karras (as the brute named Mongo) and a pre-"Magnum, P.I." John Hillerman. And Brooks gives himself multiple roles, including the easily manipulated governor and an Indian chief who speaks



Yiddish. (Hey, it's Mel Brooks, after all.)

For all of those memorable elements, one still has to ask whether "Blazing Saddles" would be deemed too politically incorrect for the cameras to roll on it now. The answer probably would be "Yes," in an age when the Disney studio still refuses to let "Song of the South" be exhibited in any form, even for someone to select privately via the company's Disney+ streaming service.

Not wanting to be that incorrect prevents us from detailing the scenes we're talking about, but anyone who knows "Blazing Saddles" certainly knows them. Thanks in part to the fact that the movie is in the Library of Congress' National Film Registry, its legend will live on for generations to come, even if modern times cause some wincing to greet it.



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TV viewership climbing, thanks to social distancing

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NEW YORK — A fixture on television, actress Julie Bowen of “Modern Family” is doing the same thing as millions of other people during the widespread coronavirus shutdown.

She’s sitting at home, watching more television than she normally would.

In a world turned upside down by disease, TV viewership is growing. It’s a rare bit of good news for an industry that has steadily shrunk, and its executives hope to seize an opportunity by anticipating what a stressed audience wants to see.

Bowen and her children binged on the NBC comedy, “Brooklyn Nine-Nine.”

“I’d never seen it and it’s super fun,” she said. “I’m trying really hard to stay away from anything grim or reality-based right now. I don’t want any heavy drama. Can’t do it.”

Television usage last week was up 8% over what it was in February, according to the Nielsen company. That may not seem like much, but this is the time of year when that statistic usually goes in the opposite direction: with Daylight Savings Time and moderating weather, more people spend time outside and away from the TV.

Not surprisingly, news programming is the biggest beneficiary.

In fact, if you’re looking for breakout coronavirus TV stars, consider David Muir of ABC’s “World News Tonight” or Lester Holt of NBC’s “Nightly News.” Both broadcasts had larger audiences last week than anything shown in the prime-time hours.

Twenty years ago the network evening news was considered on the brink of extinction. But more than 32 million people

tuned into these broadcasts, along with the “CBS Evening News with Norah O’Donnell,” each night for a rundown of the day’s top developments.

Other programs that reported, or talked, about the news hit milestones last week. CBS’ “Sunday Morning” had its biggest audience last weekend since 1994, and “Face the Nation” since 1991. ABC’s “The View” had its most-watched week since January 2019. Same for NBC’s “Today” show.

The original TV star-turned-politician, President Donald Trump, is on cable television nearly every day with news conferences, and reached 4.4 million viewers for a Fox News town hall on Tuesday. The impact of that exposure will be seen in November.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, also on cable nearly every day with coronavirus briefings, has a growing fan club.

“I’ve started laughing at his little jokes,” wrote Rebecca Fishbein on Jezebel. “I catch myself touching my hair (not my face!) when he talks about an increase in testing capacity. I swooned when he told a reporter he had his own workout routine ... I think I have a crush???”

Anayo Michel, who owns a dance studio in Valley Stream, New York, credits her incessant watching of CNN’s Dr. Sanjay Gupta for a decision to ask some of her instructors — before most people realized how disruptive the outbreak would be — to videotape classroom instruction.

“Sanjay for president!” Michel said.

CNN’s daytime viewership last week was up 132% over the same week last year. Fox News Channel (77%) and MSNBC (38%) were also up, Nielsen said.

You can only take so many medical updates, however. Bernadette Scully, who’s retired, said her husband drives her nuts by keeping Fox News on all day at the cottage in Cranberry Lake, New Jersey, where they are self-quarantining.

“It makes me stressed because you hear it all the time,” she said. “My husband says, ‘don’t listen to it.’ But you can’t not listen to it.”

The news is seeping into prime time entertainment in an unexpected way. Broadcast networks see their 8 p.m. shows doing well in part, they suspect, because many are being shown after expanded local news. Fox’s “Last Man Standing” last week, for example, was up 50% in live viewing, Nielsen said.

Otherwise, programmers are waiting to see what these captive viewers want to watch.

“We’re dealing with what everybody in the country is dealing with right now,” said Nancy Daniels, who runs the Discovery Channel, Science Channel and Animal Planet, “which is what will tomorrow bring? What will next week bring? Or next month?”

Animal Planet last week ran 94 straight hours of cuddly animals romping onscreen, figuring busy parents could run it as a pleasing background that’s also safe for the kids.

Daniels said the Discovery-owned networks have shifted daytime lineups to run marathons of some of their most popular shows, reasoning that shut-ins would appreciate the familiarity. On HGTV, that means multiple episodes of “Property Brothers” and “Love it or List it.”

“We want viewers to feel like they’re hanging out with friends,” said Jane Latman, HGTV president.

Fox feels it has an obligation and opportunity to give people a respite from the news with

escapist and hopefully positive fare such as “The Masked Singer,” said Dan Harrison, Fox Entertainment executive vice president for program planning and content strategy.

“We are all assuming that people would be flocking to see whatever they consider ‘comfort food’ when it comes to programming right now,” said Jeff Bader, NBC president of program planning, strategy and research. “For some people that would be comedy, but for other people it could be old movies or reality shows. One of my colleagues likes horror movies to escape reality.”

So far, “Blacklist” is NBC’s biggest coronavirus-era winner. Even a long-running success got a boost: CBS’ “NCIS” drew about 13 million viewers on Tuesday, its biggest audience in more than a year and a 22% increase over the previous new episode, on March 10.

Bowen’s “Modern Family” may benefit. The multiple-E Emmy-winning ABC comedy signs off after 11 seasons on April 8. The network also hopes to gather families with a David Blaine magic special, while CBS will air a James Corden prime-time special.

HBO’s streaming service just had its best week since last summer, as viewers have sought favorites like “Big Little Lies” and “Westworld,” and oldies like “Sex and the City” and “The Sopranos,” said Cheryl Idell, WarnerMedia’s top researcher.

Showtime, sensing an opening, is offering a free 30-day trial to non-subscribers.

Between March 3 and 14, Tivo reported a 600% increase in viewing of pandemic-themed fare, like “12 Monkeys,” “Contagion” and “Outbreak.” The most-requested item on Cinemax’s on-demand platform over the past two weeks has been “Contagion.”

Not everyone is willing to push the pandemic button, however. NBC announced Wednesday that it was yanking an episode of “New Amsterdam” about a flu epidemic in New York City that had been scheduled to run April 7.

Closed schools have been a lifeline for networks aimed at young people, which for years have been hard hit by parents who prefer on-demand viewing or try to limit screen time. Daytime viewing of children’s programming was up 31% last week over the same week a year ago, said the research firm Comscore.

Lisel Doreste-Hamilton, a teacher in Port Orange, Florida, said she just subscribed to Disney programming for her daughter, Celia.

“She’s been watching two Marvel movies a day,” she said.

Even with all the people stuck at home, CBS had fewer viewers in prime time than the same week a year ago. The cancellation of March Madness is the likely culprit.

Then there’s ESPN, left without the chief pillar of its business — live sports programming, and no idea when it will return. It is scrambling to fill the time, importing professional wrestling, airing again its award-winning documentary, “OJ: Made in America,” and negotiating with leagues to rerun old games and events. There’s been a lot of talk about NFL free agency and the upcoming draft.

Then, of course, there was ESPN’s coverage of the Cherry Pit Spitting Championship from Eau Claire, Michigan.

Under the circumstances, ESPN’s drop in viewership from the same week a year ago — 820,000 to 550,000 — could have been worse.

View from the Couch

BY JAY BOBBIN



“Little Women”
Louisa May Alcott’s classic is one of the most-filmed stories of all time, so is another version of it really necessary? Maybe not, but if you love solid and enjoyable moviemaking, you’ll be glad it exists anyway. Tackling the tale was a passion project for actress turned director-screenwriter Greta Gerwig, and her love for it shows in every department, including in the costume design that won an Oscar ... and certainly in the casting, as she enlists her “Lady Bird” star Saoirse Ronan to play Jo, arguably the pivotal sister among the March siblings of 1800s New England. Emma Watson, Florence Pugh and Eliza Scanlan play the other sisters – and while each has her own story to varying degrees, it’s when they’re together that the drama logically draws the most emotional power. Laura Dern also contributes to that as their mother, and there’s a clearly notable turn by Meryl Streep as a rich relative. By definition, this is a tale primarily built for its female characters, but Timothee Chalamet (also working for Gerwig again after “Lady Bird”), Bob Odenkirk and a particularly affecting Chris Cooper are among those playing men in the ladies’ world. DVD extras: six “making-of” documentaries.»» (PG: AS) (Also on Blu-ray and On Demand)

“Cats”
Uh-oh. Herewith, the home-video debut of the movie that recently prompted the

embody felines without camera close-ups forcing the actors to resemble authentic cats. Yes, there’s a certain kick initially in seeing such familiar talents as Taylor Swift, Jennifer Hudson, Idris Elba, Judi Dench, Rebel Wilson, James Corden and Ian McKellen looking like cats but before long, the gimmick starts to wear thin, even souped up by modern movie technology under director Tom Hooper. The story, such as it is, involves the felines trying to earn the chance to ascend to cat heaven and be reborn (you know, cats having nine lives and all that). Elba’s sinister character Macavity wants to remove all of his rivals for that opportunity – among them, a former beauty whose aging leads to the standout song “Memory,” rendered with the expected power by Hudson. With its Andrew Lloyd Webber and T.S. Eliot background and its impressive cast, it’s easy to see where this seemed like a good idea for a film, but “Cats” may well kill your curiosity in this case. DVD extras: 10 “making-of” documentaries.»» (PG: AS) (Also on Blu-ray and On Demand)

“Dolittle”
It probably looked good on paper ... Robert Downey Jr. as the screen’s latest take on Dr. Dolittle, the quirky medic famously known for talking to animals – and them talking back to him. Downey’s long-practiced brand of irony brings something new to the part, but not necessarily what it needs. Instead of exuding warmth, this Dr. Dolittle seems to want the animals to get out of his way, much less talk to him. Mourning the death of his wife, Dolittle has a patron in Queen Victoria (Jessie Buckley), who needs his professional help when she’s

felled by a mysterious illness. He then sets sail to find a cure, but others aren’t keen on his succeeding for various reasons; they include his hostile ex-father-in-law, played by Antonio Banderas. The “animal” voice cast is pretty stellar, marked by Oscar winners Emma Thompson, Rami Malek, Marion Cotillard and Octavia Spencer, plus Ralph Fiennes and John Cena for good and varied measure. In the end, though, this “Dolittle” is quite the mish-mash ... even as directed and co-written by another Academy Award winner, Stephen Gaghan of “Traffic” and “Syriana” fame. DVD extras: six “making-of” documentaries.»» (PG: AS, P) (Also on Blu-ray, 4K Ultra HD and On Demand)

“Madam Secretary: The Final Season”
With Morgan Freeman as one of its executive producers, the CBS political drama ended its six-year run recently, with former Secretary of State Elizabeth McCord (played by Tea Leoni) ascending to the U.S. presidency. Early in her administration, information about her past threatens to interfere with legislation she’s trying to get passed. Hacking, the economy and military involvement overseas are among other issues she faces in this concluding set of episodes. Tim Daly and Zeljko Ivanek, just about the only other regular cast members who lasted the entirety of the show, also star. Among guests in the final stories are Wentworth Miller (“Prison Break”), Stephen Colbert and members of the U.S. women’s soccer team. A “Complete Series” set also is available.»» (Not rated: AS, P)

“The Night Clerk”
Seen recently on “Mr. Robot,” playwright and actor Michael Cristofer wrote and directed

this melodrama, casting Tye Sheridan (“Ready Player One”) in the title role of an evening worker who becomes a murder suspect. The situation affects a guest he gets to know well (played by Ana De Armas, of “Knives Out” and the new James Bond movie “No Time to Die”), and unless he finds the real killer, she may become the next victim. Helen Hunt – who’s done her own share of directing lately – is only an actress for hire here, and John Leguizamo and Johnathon Schaech also co-star.»» (R: AS, N, P, V) (Also on On Demand)

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