

TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



TROY CONRAD/NETFLIX

Tom Segura: Ball Hog (Netflix) The stand-up comedian gives advice on how to win arguments with your mother, following your dreams and steps to take to improve the environment.

The Conners (ABC at 8) Harris is newly unemployed and just moved back into the house. Becky struggles to find affordable child care.

NCIS (CBS at 8) The body of a popular Navy technician is found floating in a lake.

The Resident (Fox at 8) Nic helps a patient in need of a lung transplant.

Empire (Fox at 9) Teri becomes more and more fearful of Andre.

FBI (CBS at 9) Jess LaCroix and his team come to help O.A. find a fugitive.

Schitt's Creek (Pop at 9) Johnny, Stevie and Roland head to New York for their pitch meeting.

Black-ish (ABC at 9:30) Dre is guilted into volunteering at Jack and Diane's school carnival.

— Nina Zafar

PREMIERE

Council of Dads (NBC at 10) A drama series loosely based upon the Bruce Feiler novel of the same name about a husband and father who enlists his friends to serve as backup dads for his children after he is diagnosed with cancer.

SPECIAL

East Lake Meadows: A Public Housing Story (PBS at 8)

Learn the history of East Lake Meadows, a former public housing community in Atlanta, through stories from residents. They also raise critical questions about race, poverty, and who is deserving of public assistance.

RETURNING

Dark Side of the Ring (Vice TV at 9) Season 2.

One Day at a Time (PopTV at 9:30) Season 4.

LATE NIGHT

Daily Show/Noah (Comedy Central at 11) The Daily Social Distancing Show with Trevor Noah.

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BROADCAST CHANNELS

3/24/20	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	• News	• Hollywood	• Ellen's Game of Games	• This Is Us			(10:02) • Council of Dads		News	• J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	The Munsters	The Munsters	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	Fox 5	• TMZ	• The Resident	• Empire			Fox 5 News at 10		News	The Final
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	• Wheel	• J'pardy!	• Conners	• Bless This	• mixed-ish	• black-ish	• For Life		News	• Nightline
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	Q&A	• ET	• NCIS		• FBI		• FBI: Most Wanted		9 News	• Late-Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	La Rosa de Guadalupe	Ringo (Live)		Amor eterno (Live)			Sin miedo a la verdad		Noticias	Noticiero
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	• Family Feud	• Family Feud	Fox 5 News	• Family Feud	Fox 5 News	• Extra	Big Bang	Big Bang	• Chicago P.D.	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	Farm-Harvest	Outdoors	• East Lake Meadows: A Public Housing Story		• Frontline		• Frontline		• Amanpour-Co	
26.4 WETA (PBS)	PBS NewsHour		East Lake Meadows: A Public Housing Story		Frontline				Amanpour-Co	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	DW News	• Old House	America ReFramed	Veterans in			Democracy Now!		World News	2nd Opinion
50.1 WDCW (CW)	• black-ish	• black-ish	• The Flash		• DC's Legends of Tomorrow		Friends	• Seinfeld	Mike & Molly	Two Men
66.1 WPXW (ION)	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	

CABLE CHANNELS

A&E	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48: Homicide	The First 48: Homicide	(11:06) The First 48
AMC	Movie: The Matrix ★★★ (1999)			Movie: The Matrix Reloaded ★★★ (2003)	
Animal Planet	Peterson	Peterson	Coyote P	Coyote P	Treehouse Masters
BET	(6:00) Movie: Diary of a Mad Black Woman ★★ (2005)			Movie: Meet the Browns ★★ (2008)	Martin
Bravo	Vanderpump Rules	Vanderpump Rules	Vanderpump Rules	Family Karma	Watch What
Cartoon Network	Gumball	Apple	Home Movies	Burgers	Rick, Morty
CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront	Anderson Cooper 360	Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight
Comedy Central	The Office	The Office	The Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
Discovery	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Master Distiller
Disney	Raven	(7:35) Bunk'd	Sydney	Coop	Gabby Duran
E!	(6:30) Movie: Fifty Shades of Grey ★★ (2015)			Movie: Fifty Shades of Grey ★★ (2015)	
ESPN	O.J.: Made in America			O.J.: Made in America	SportsCenter
ESPN2	Peyton's	Peyton's	Peyton's	Peyton's	SEC Storied
Food Network	Chopped			Chopped	Supermarket Stakeout
Fox News	The Story With Martha	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity		The Ingraham Angle
Freeform	(6:00) Movie: E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial	Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy ★★★ (2014)			The 700 Club
FX	Movie: Transformers: The Last Knight ★★ (2017)			Movie: Transformers: The Last Knight ★★	
Hallmark	(6:00) Easter Under Wraps	Movie: Royal Matchmaker (2018)		Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	Flower Shop Mysteries	Matchmaker Mysteries			Murder, She Wrote
HBO	Enthusiasm (7:40) Movie: Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw ★★ (2019)			Women of Troy	Westworld
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Love It or List It	Unsellable	Unsellable
History	The Curse of Oak Island	Digging Deeper	Curse-Island	Project Blue Book	
Lifetime	Grey's Anatomy	Movie: Magic Mike XXL ★★ (2015)			A Predator's Obsession
MASN	ESPNEWS	ESPNEWS	Nationals Classics		Coach K
MSNBC	Decision 2020	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	The 11th Hour
MTV	Teen Mom OG	Teen Mom OG	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
Nat'l Geographic	Port Protection Alaska	Life Below Zero: Port	Life Below Zero: Port	Life Below Zero: Port	Life Below Zero: Port
NBC SportsNet WA	To Be Announced			Caps	DC Sports
Nickelodeon	The Crystal Maze	Young Dylan	All That	Friends	Friends
PARM	Two Men	Movie: Grown Ups ★ (2010)			Ink Master
Syfy	Fantastic	Movie: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ★★★ (2001)			Harry Potter-Chamber
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
TCM	An Enemy of the People	Movie: Be Natural: The Untold Story of Alice Guy-Blaché			(10:15) The Ocean Waif
TLC	My Big Fat Fabulous Life	My Big Fat Fabulous Life			Little People, Big World
TNT	Run All Night	Movie: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies ★★ (2014)			(10:15) Movie: Taken 2 ★★ (2012)
Travel	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures			Portals to Hell
TruTV	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Hot Ones
TV Land	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	One Day
TV One	Fam. Matters	Fam. Matters	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	The Biggest Loser	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
VH1	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out
WNCN	GE Washington	Govt. Matters	ABC 7 News	Sports	ABC News
WGN	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs • High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★ Excellent ★★ Good ★★ Fair ★★ Poor No stars: not rated

As the cameras stop rolling, thousands of crew members feel the pinch

BY SONIA RAO

Heather Fink got her big break just as the coronavirus outbreak began to ramp up across the United States. The independent film director, who works more consistently as a sound utility and boom operator, was hired to make her second feature after three months of disability leave for a work-related knee injury. She was set to travel to Oklahoma on Monday to begin the preproduction stage.

"I became terrified of having to fly out and go to Oklahoma," said Fink, 38. "I was about to change, right before this happened, into doing more of what I had built my whole life to do. I believe it will happen. I do believe it will happen. I just don't know how long it's going to take."

Like Fink, who last worked a few weeks ago on the set of "Grey's Anatomy," thousands of people in the entertainment industry have lost or paused work due to production shutdowns. The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, a union representing crew members, among others, estimated the number of jobs lost by members to be around 120,000 — or 80 percent of its total membership.

Below-the-line crew members are the backbone of the industry, often working sporadically and, in some cases, living paycheck to paycheck. The irregular schedules mean they don't always qualify for traditional unemployment benefits, leading more than 80,000 IATSE members and supporters to urge Congress to include them in a federal aid package. On Thursday, Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.) and three dozen lawmakers sent House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy a letter advocating for entertainment worker protections in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

"We're in a situation where it's painfully obvious how important, socially, the work that we do is," said Zachary L., a 29-year-old actor and costume technician who asked not to be identified by his full name, fearing online backlash. "People desperately need to be entertained and distracted right now. They're bingeing their TV shows and movies, comics, whatever, and the artists who made



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Heather Fink on the set of "Inside You," her first feature film. Like thousands in the entertainment industry, her work is at a standstill.

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Heather Fink, who works in various film and television crew positions

work. Schedules can change abruptly, but whenever he's set up work, he takes meetings to set up his next gig.

"Now, you can't take meetings," he said. "There are no meetings to set up."

Akhtar, who was in the middle of directing an episode of NBCU's "Saved by the Bell" reboot, qualifies for health-care coverage through the Directors Guild of America, which is based on earnings over a 12-month period. But some other plans operate on six-month windows, leading many to worry about the short- and long-term effects of indefinite production suspensions.

Unions like IATSE have tried to assuage worries, expressing an in-

attention to work with the organizations behind benefits plans to help members who might not accrue enough hours. IATSE also donated \$2.5 million to three entertainment charities last week. More informal efforts to provide immediate relief have emerged as well, including a GoFundMe for "support staff" organized in part by #PayUpHollywood, a movement formed last year to promote fair pay for assistants.

Jamarah Hayner, a media consultant who runs #PayUpHollywood with former assistants Liz Alper and Deirdre Mangan, said they raised \$200,000 within a few hours of launching the GoFundMe last week. The relief fund was also organized by the YEA! organiza-

tion and "Scriptnotes" podcast, which is co-hosted by "Chernobyl" creator Craig Mazin. A number of prominent industry figures followed Mazin's lead in donating, with several television creators — Shonda Rhimes, Damon Lindelof, David Benioff, Lisa Joy and Jonathan Nolan among them — committing to match up to \$25,000 each.

By Friday evening, Hayner said that the fund, including matches, had collected more than five times its initial goal of \$100,000, providing organizers with the ability to increase the one-time stipend amount applicants could receive from \$900 and \$450 to \$1,050 and \$600, respectively.

"These are people who love what they do... but it comes at a high cost," Hayner said. "Those stresses were magnified by a thousand in the past few weeks. There are humans on the other end of this. These are parents, these are people supporting their family members, maybe caretakers for their parents. It's not like these are

[always] kids who can just move back home."

Payment issues for furloughed workers are far from resolved, but some major studios, such as Warner Bros. and Disney have reportedly committed to two or three weeks of pay for full-time employees. In a company blog, Netflix chief Ted Sarandos announced Friday that the company had created a \$100 million fund to help "the hardest hit workers" on Netflix productions around the world. Roughly \$15 million of that sum will be allocated to third-party causes and relief funds, he added.

Sarah Stipanowich, a 22-year-old production assistant who had been working on an HBO Max pilot, said the company has encouraged employees to reach out if they're struggling financially.

"I think that's really rare in Hollywood," she said. "There are going to be a lot of people applying for unemployment. I feel lucky enough where, even though I live paycheck to paycheck — and I think most PAs do, and a lot of crew members — I am lucky that I don't have a family to support. It's a scary time."

Everyone who spoke with The Washington Post made an effort to frame their own struggles within a larger framework. Some, like Stipanowich, pointed out that they have to provide only for themselves. Other said they were grateful to have had a job when productions were shut down; those who were between gigs might be having an even harder time. Most noted that the coronavirus outbreak has been devastating for other industries besides their own.

Fink said she was "deeply uncomfortable financially" weeks ago but, because of her tax refund and the first portion of her directing fee, will be fine for now. She hopes the industry will be able to bounce back, because "especially in our modern world, where people are bingeing like crazy, there's an appetite for more." At the moment, she is most concerned about the health of her parents and older relatives.

"The only thing you can get from devastating events that change everything is perspective," she said. "That's a huge thing that's happening for everyone here."

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