CBS announces 'The Good Wife' to end this season

BY ALEX STEDMAN REUTERS

LOS ANGELES (Variety. com) — The current season of "The Good Wife" is officially its last, CBS announced via a Super Bowl promo spot on Sunday.

The Emmy-winning drama series starring Julianna Margulies has nine episodes to go in its seventh season. CBS announced the May 8 series finale with a promo spot that aired during the network's telecast of Super Bowl 50.

"It's never easy to say goodbye to one of the crown jewels of your network and studio, much less to a show that is among the best on television," said CBS Entertainment president Glenn Geller and CBS TV Studios president David Stapf in a joint statement.

"But it also feels very right to end with the sevenyear story its creators envisioned, and to celebrate the show's final run while at the top of its creative game. It has been CBS's sincere privilege to broadcast and produce 'The Good Wife' for seven extraordinary seasons. We thank and applaud the outstanding cast, led by the impeccable Julianna Margulies, and the consum-

mate writing and producing team, headed by the brilliant Robert and Michelle King, who brought to life a smart, sophisticated series that has delivered audiences so many memorable characters and unforgettable moments. It is a series that will only grow in prestige as its episodes are watched again or discovered by new viewers for many years to come.

"The Good Wife" has been the rare broadcast TV drama series to rank as a contender with cable fare in award races and critical acclaim. The drama, which debuted in 2009, initially focused on Margulies' Alicia Florrick character as a Chicago political spouse trying to rebuild her life after her husband (played by Chris Noth) went to jail on corruption charges.

The end of the series had been up in the air for the past few months after show runners and creators Robert and Michelle King confirmed they would step down from the show after its current season. But Geller told reporters last month during the Television Critics Association press tour that he was confident that the "Good Wife" production bench



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Actress Julianna Margulies of the drama series "The Good Wife" arrives at the Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles in 2012.

to endure after the Kings' departure.

It's clear that conversations with the key players during the past few weeks resulted in a consensus that the show would be best served by ending after the current season.

"'The Good Wife' has been the creative experience of a lifetime," said Robert and Michelle King. "Collaborating with the finest actors, writers, producwas ers, staff and crew on 'The

strong enough for the series Education of Alicia Florrick' has been a dream. We can't imagine working with a more talented, professional, generous lead than Julianna Margulies or more supportive partners than (CBS') Leslie Moonves, David Stapf, Glenn Geller and Nina Tassler at CBS and CBS Television Studios. We're looking forward to using this seventh season to bring Alicia's story to its natural conclusion. We couldn't be more excited and grateful."

tress Emmy Awards in 2011 and 2014 for her work on the series. "Good Wife's" accolades also have included AFI kudos, a Peabody Award, a Television Critics Award for drama series and a WGA Award for episodic drama. The show also nabbed Emmy noms for best drama series in 2010 and 2011. Carrie Preston and Martha Plimpton also earned guest star Emmy kudos for their work on the show. "Being a part of 'The

Good Wife' has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career," said Margulies. "As an actress and a producer, it has been an absolute honor to be a part of a series that, throughout seven years, never settled on being just good... but always strived to be extraordinary. I have witnessed magic happen when Robert and Michelle King put pen to paper, and it has been a privilege to be in the company of their brilliance. To the most amazing and talented cast and crew, there will always be a special place in my heart for our 'Good Wife' family. As we close the book on our beloved show, I am humbled and grateful

Margulies earned lead ac- to know that together, we created and were a part of something truly remarkable."

"Good Wife" has never been a ratings monster by the standards of other CBS dramas, but it brought prestige to the Eye. And syndication deals with Amazon and Hulu were lucrative to warrant series renewals when the show otherwise would have been on the bubble. It's understood that CBS seriously considered the option of giving the show a short pickup for next season in order to maximize "final season" marketing efforts. Just a few weeks ago, when Margulies joked about being "unemployed" soon during an awards presentation, CBS discounted the significance of her statement, calling it a joke.

But with the creators exiting as show runners, CBS brass decided that sooner rather than later was better for the series finale.

In addition to CBS TV Studios, "Good Wife" hails from Ridley Scott's Scott Free Productions. Ridley Scott, Brooke Kennedy, David W. Zucker, Craig Turk and Leonard Dick are executive producers along with the Kings.

Things to Do

BANGOR - Bangor Toastmasters, 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays, Beal College, 99 Farm Road.

BANGOR and ELLS-WORTH - Bangor YMCA's Vegas to Camp adult prom, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, newly winterized Bangor YMCA Wilderness Center at Camp Jordan, 101 Camp Jordan Way, on Branch Lake. Open to people 21 and older, featuring DJ Disco, hors d'oeuvres buffet and cash bar in the center's King Dining Hall; doorto-door shuttle service by reservation. Tickets \$35 per person, \$50 per couple, \$250 for table of 10. Tickets available in advance only at the Y, 17 Second St., Bangor, or online at www.BangorYMCA.org. All proceeds support Y programs and services.

BANGOR - Valentine's Day card making session, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, University of Maine Museum of Art, 40 Harlow St. Free and open to all. Materials provided. 561-3360.

BANGOR - Photographs by artist Leon Vanella, through Thursday, Feb. 11, Robert E. White Gallery in Peabody Hall, Husson University. Leon-Vanella.com.

BANGOR - Bangor Historical Society Victorian Valentines crafting session for children, 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, Thomas Hill House, 159 Union St. \$5, free to children with a family museum membership. To register, 942-1900 or bangorhistoricalsociety.org.

BANGOR - Tuesday Night Coffeehouse and open mic night, 7-10 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Feb. 9, Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, 120 Park St. Perform songs, slam poetry or read a short story. Bring your voice and your instrument, but keep it acoustic. Coffee, tea and baked goods available for purchase. Admission free, but donations accepted.

BELFAST - "Bodies," exhibition of work by nine New York-based artists, Perimeter Gallery, 96 Main St. Through March 10. 338-0555 or perimeter96@gmail.com.

BLUE HILL — Exhibit of colored pencil drawings, "Crystal Gems" by 7-year-old Bean Fitzpatrick, during library hours through February, children's Larchwood exhibit case, Blue Hill Public

Library, 5 Parker Point Road. Libby at 374-

BREWER - Bangor Singles Club dances, 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays, Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave.: Country Mist, Feb. 12; Prairie Dogs, Feb. 19; Wildwoods, Feb. 26. Marilyn, 827-5751.

BREWER - Brewer Firefighters Union A Night of Laughs comedy show featuring three Boston comedians, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Jeff's Catering, 15 Littlefield Road. Benefits firefighter education, youth athletics and scholarships. Tickets available by donation. 221-2995 or brewerfirefighters2016@ gmail.com.

BREWER - Chuck Lakin conducting a workshop on funeral choices, 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, Brewer Public Library. Information or to sign up, 989-7943.

BREWER - Storytime for preschool children and caregivers, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24, Brewer Public Library. Read, sing, do crafts and have a snack with Miss Shelley. 989-7943.

BREWER - Experienced or new knitters, crocheters or needleworkers invited to Brewer Public Library 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays. Bring your own yarn projects and socialize in conference room. 989-7943.

ELLSWORTH - Gilbert and Sullivan Society live production of "Patience," 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12; 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13-14, The Grand. \$21, \$19 seniors

box office, 667-9500 or grandonline.org.

PORTLAND — Planet Dog's annual Valentine's Day Canine Cocktail Party and Dog Kissing Contest, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, The Planet Dog Company Store, 211 Marginal Way. The longest, sloppiest Buddy-to-Human Companion kiss wins a gift basket valued at more than \$75. Entry fee is a \$5 donation to Planet Dog Foundation. Free treats, beer and wine. Fundraiser for Planet Dog Foundation, which supports nonprofit organizations that raise, train and place working dogs who enhance and save human lives.

ROCKLAND - Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge film series highlighting refuges around the country: Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge in Vermont. Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Massachusetts and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Maryland, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, The Art Gallery, 9 Water St. 594-0600.

ROCKPORT — "Telling Our Stories: A Retreat for the Grieving" workshop to develop transformative stories of loss and love, build community and cultivate compassion for the grieving in others in an intimate group setting, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, The Riley School, 73 Warrenton Road. Limited to 10. Fee of \$50 includes coffee, tea, pastries and vegetarian soup lunch. Kali Bird Isis, 602-0872 or abrushwithfire@ amail.com.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR -Writing workshop with playwright Andrea Lepcio, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, Southwest Harbor Public Library. Open to all. Bring something to write on. 244-7065.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR -Dennis Damon talking about Ruth Moore, her writing and her classic Maine novel, "Spoonhandle," 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, Southwest Harbor Public Library. 244-7065.

STEUBEN - "Megamind," 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Henry D. Moore Library and Community Center, 22 Village Road. Free. Refreshments sold by donation. moorelibrary. org or facebook.com/ HenryD.MooreLibrary.

(5:50) *** Jarhead (2005)

Jake Gyllenhaal. (R)

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UNION - Neil Lash, cofounder and director of internationally recognized Heirloom Seed Project at Medomak Valley High School, talking about the project, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, Vose Library, 392 Common Road. Part of Vose Library Plant Series programs. 785-4733 or voselibrarian@voselibrary.org.

YARMOUTH - North Yarmouth Events Committee will hold its first North Yarmouth Cribbage Tournament 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 13, at North Yarmouth Memorial School, 120 Memorial Highway (Route 9), North Yarmouth. In the event of

inclement weather, the tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 20. Entry fees \$10 for the adult division; \$5 for junior division. Cash prizes. Proceeds benefit North Yarmouth Veterans Memorial Park. Register at northyarmouthveteransmemorialpark.org/ events/cribbage; by calling Steve Palmer at 829-5004 or emailing spalmer@northyarmouth.org; or at the town office. For information, contact Palmer, Darla Hamlin at 831-831-0160 or Audrey Lones at 829-4171.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

MOVIES **Tuesday prime time** 7 PM 7:30 8:30 9 PM Hollywood Game Night Chicago Med (N) (HD) Chicago Fire (N) (HD) News 2 NBC 207 Inside Ed. 4 CBC Rick Mercer 22 Minutes Mr. D (N) The National (N) CBC Coronation CBS Big Bang (:01) NCIS (N) (HD) (:02) NCIS: New Orleans (:01) Limitless (N) (HD) Broke Girl CW Family Guy iZombie (N) (HD) Seinfeld 5.2 Family Guy The Flash (N) (HD) News Cougar 6 NBC 207 Inside Ed. Hollywood Game Night Chicago Med (N) (HD) 7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! Fresh-Boat Muppets Marvel's Agent Carter What Would You Do? ₹ WARM FOX The Insider Ent. Tonight New Girl Grand Brooklyn The Grinder Big Bang Big Bang 8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! Fresh-Boat Marvel's Agent Carter What Would You Do? **E** € Finding Your Roots (N) PBS | PBS NewsHour (N) (HD) American Experience IND CSI: Cyber (HD) The Flash (N) (HD) 9 News-Lisa CTV News Marvel's Agent Carter Daily Show 13 CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider (:01) NCIS (N) (HD) (:02) NCIS: New Orleans (:01) Limitless (N) (HD) FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam New Girl Grand The Grinder FOX 22 News at 10 (N) Brooklyn IND M*A*S*H醛 M*A*S*H醛 Hogan Hero Hogan Hero 33 Andy Griffith Andy Griffith Happy Days Laverne C. Burnett IND Big Bang News Coverage - New Hampshire Primary 38 Big Bang NICK Paradise Henry Henry Nicky, Ricky | Full House | Full House | Full House | Full House | Friends | Example 12 | Full House | Full H Bunk'd DISN K.C. Under. Bunk'd & Bunk'd G Austin FREE Pretty Little Liars Pretty Little Liars (N) Shadowhunters (N) 700 Club The Curse of Oak Island Digging Deeper HIST Oak Island: Drilling Down Digging Deeper Wreck Moonshiners 22 DISC Moonshine The Little Couple The Little Couple The Little Couple (N) Rattled (N) FG Couple A&E Married at First Sight (N) (:01) Fit to Fat to Fit (N) Fit to Fat Fit to Fat to Fit Married at First Sight River Monsters River Monsters Monsters ANPI Wild Brazil SportsNet NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks. CSNE SportsNet Celtics Pre. ESPN College Basketball Michigan State at Purdue. (N) College Basketball Georgia at Kentucky. (N) SportCtr ESPN2 College Basketball West Virginia at Kansas. (N) College Basketball Texas-Arlington at Texas State Basketball NBCSF NHL Live (N) NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Minnesota Wild. (N) (:45) NHL Overtime (N) NESN NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Boston Bruins. (N) Sports CNBC The Profit Shark Tank F& Shark Tank The Profit (N) The Profit CNN New Hampshire Primary New Hampshire Primary N.H. Primary New Hampshire Primary FNC America's Election HQ Results of the New Hampshire primary. (N) O'Reilly **MSNBC** Hardball Chris Matthews All In With Chris Hayes All In With AMC ** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997, Adventure) Jeff Goldblum. (PG-13) Lost World Real Housewives/Beverly Real Housewives/Beverly Real Housewives/Beverly | Girlfriends' Guide-Divorce CMT Last Man Last Man Last Man Last Man ★ Mr. Deeds (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler. (PG-13) COM (:24) Tosh.0 (:27) Tosh.0 (:29) Tosh.0 (:01) Tosh.0 Not Safe Daily Show E! News (N)환경 Total Divas Total Divas (N) Just Jillian (N) 12 E! News FG FOOD Chopped 🗃 Chopped Junior Chopped 6 Chopped (N) Chopped C Prometheus *** World War Z (2013, Horror) Brad Pitt. (PG-13) The People v. People GAC Big Sky HALI Appetite for Love (2016, Romance) Taylor Cole. Last Man Last Man The Middle The Middle Golden Girls HGTV Fixer Upper Fixer Upper 🗃 Fixer Upper (N) Hunters Int'l Home Town LIFE Dance Moms (N) (:06) Pitch Slapped (N)FĞ Dance Moms Dance Moms (N) Dance MTV Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Teen Wolf (N) The Shannara Chronicles Ridiculous OXY **Prancing Elites** Prancing Elites Ink Master 🌃 SPIKE Ink Master Ink Master Ink Master (N) Ink Master SYFY (6:00) *** The Conjuring (2013) (R) ** The Box (2009, Horror) Cameron Diaz. PG-13 Colony TBN Potters J. Meyer Praise the Lord TBS Seinfeld 26 Seinfeld 3 Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Conan (N) Big Bang Big Bang *** Cabaret (1972, Musical) Liza Minnelli. (PG) **TCM** (5:45) ★★ Logan's Run (:15) *** Barry Lyndon (1975) (PG) TMC *** Dave Chappelle's Block Party (2005) (ESP) (R) ** State Property 2 (2005) (R) (5:50) ** W. (2008) Castle 3 NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Miami Heat. (N) (L) (ESP) TRAVE Bizarre Foods America Bizarre Foods America Delicious Destinations Bo.- Best Bars Bizarre TRU Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers 10 Things Genius ΓVL Andy Griffith Andy Griffith Everybody Raymond Raymond Raymond Raymond King Raymond USA Mod Fam VH1 Love & Hip Hop 🔣 *** Waiting to Exhale (1995, Comedy-Drama) Whitney Houston. (R) Denzel Washington. (R) WGN-(6:00) ** The Siege (1998) Outsiders (N) (6:15) ★★ Invincible (2006) **** Schindler's List (1993, Historical Drama) (ESP) Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley, Ralph Fi-**ENC** Mark Wahlberg. ennes. A war profiteer saves his Jewish workers from death. R (6:00) Jim: The James Foley ** A Walk Among the Tombstones (2014, Crime Dra-*** Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of H_B0 Story (2016) (NR) *** Lucy (2014, Action) (ESP) Scarlett

(7:55) ** Godzilla (2014) Aaron Taylor-Johnson

60 Minutes Sports (N) III Inside the NFL (N) III

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Godzilla and malevolent foes battle for supremacy

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