

EVENTS

‘Fuller House’ revives ‘Full House,’ with a few twists

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Before Peak TV and binge-viewing, before live tweeting and streaming sites, there was a long-running series that found one of its highest-rated episodes in the story of a 4-year-old girl who set the class bird free, then suffered bruised emotions after her pipsqueak preschool classmates got upset with her.

That show was “Full House.”

The ABC family sitcom, about widower Danny Tanner raising his daughters with the help of brother-in-law Jesse and best friend Joey, was the embodiment of wholesome, cheesy and squeaky clean TV during its eight-season run from 1987 to 1995.

Not exactly attributes one might associate with Netflix’s roster of high-profile, original programming. But that’s exactly why Netflix is revisiting the series.

The streaming giant, which has established its presence in the TV world with decidedly unwholesome shows such as “House of Cards” and “Orange Is the New Black,” is attempt-

ing to diversify its slate of scripted original series to include family-friendly programs.

The result is “Fuller House,” a 13-episode spinoff launching Feb. 26 that inverts the formula of the original. In the updated version, Candace Cameron Bure’s character, D.J. Tanner, is recently widowed. Her younger sister and aspiring musician Stephanie Tanner (Jodie Sweetin) and her childhood best friend, Kimmy Gibbler (Andrea Barber), along with Gibbler’s feisty teenage daughter, Ramona, move in to help D.J. raise her three sons — rebellious 12-year-old Jackson (Michael Campion), neurotic 7-year-old Max (Elias Harger) and her months-old baby, Tommy (played by twins Fox and Dashiell Messitt).

The series, once again backed by Warner Bros. and production companies under its banner, is helmed by original “Full House” creator Jeff Franklin. Franklin will serve as an executive producer of the series, along with returning producers Robert L. Boyett and Thomas L. Miller. John Stamos, who played bad-boy heartthrob



Jodie Sweetin (from left), Candace Cameron Bure, Andrea Barber, Bob Saget, Lori Loughlin, John Stamos and Dave Coulier appear on “Fuller House.”

Uncle Jess on the original, is a producer on the series.

And which of those old familiar friends would be waiting just around the bend was of high importance for fans tracking news of the revival. A nearly full-fledged reunion unfolds in the first episode, with Stamos, Bob Saget (Danny Tanner), Dave Coulier (Joey) and Lori Loughlin (Aunt Becky) all reprising

their roles. (They each appear sporadically in subsequent episodes.)

“There were a lot of chills going on through the whole thing,” Saget said of the experience. “I don’t have that much hair on the back of my neck, but whatever hair I do have left stood up. I never thought there’d actually come a point where this would be a reality.”

Stamos, who headlines Fox’s “Grandfathered,” is just happy gravity has been kind to the cast.

“Thank God, whatever happened, we all drank a special potion that we don’t look that much older,” he said. “I say we’re sort of like the ‘Star Wars’ of sitcoms, but our cast aged better. No offense, but I think we did.”

Of course, noticeably ab-

sent are Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, who alternately played America’s favorite little sister and catchphrase tyke Michelle Tanner. The show addressed Michelle’s whereabouts by saying she’s busy being a fashion designer in New York City — a wink to the Olsen twins’ real-life careers.

Last we saw the Tanners and company, D.J., dressed in a slinky gold gown, was about to head off to the prom with her former flame, Steve (Scott Weinger, who also reprises his role in the spinoff), and Michelle had just regained her memory after temporarily losing it after a horse-riding accident. Of course, it closed out with a heartfelt note of getting through things as a family and, naturally, there was hugging.

The ending of the popular sitcom, which had become a pillar of ABC’s #TGIF programming block, had come as a surprise to the cast and producers.

With no time to write a series finale, the show’s season finale served as its farewell. Warner Bros. discussed moving the sitcom to its new WB network, but that didn’t pan out.

Things to Do

BANGOR — “Search Images,” woodblock prints by artist Amy Guadagnoli, through April 14, Robert E. White Gallery, Husson University. Amy Guadagnoli, 370-9202 or art@amyguadagnoli.com; or Kathi Smith, smithk@husson.edu.

BANGOR — Coffee With a Cop, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Bangor Grange hall, 1192 Ohio St. Meet Bangor police officers, chat and enjoy homemade treats. 973-3976.

BAR HARBOR — “Long-Term Climate Dynamics Provide Surprising Clues about Maine’s Future” with Dr. George Jacobson, former Maine state climatologist and professor emeritus of biology, ecology and climate change, University of Maine, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Jesup Library. 288-4245 or kchagnon@jesuplibrary.org.

BAR HARBOR — Music by James McMurtry with special guest Micah Blue Smaldone, 8-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 1932 Criterion Theatre, 35 Cottage St. Doors open, 8 p.m.; music, 9 p.m. Tickets \$25 orchestra, \$30 balcony. Special pricing for students. 288-0829.

BATH — “Visiting Mr. Green” by Jeff Baron, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St. Staged in Curtis Room. Advance tickets \$12; \$15 at the door. 442-8455 or info@chocolatechurcharts.org.

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

BLUE HILL — Inklings Book and Movie Club for ages 8 and up, 2-4 p.m. last Saturday of the month, starting Feb. 27, Blue Hill Public Library. February’s book is “Coraline” by Neil Gaiman. Books available for borrowing. Discuss the book, watch movie based on the book, make a craft and have snacks in theme of the book. 374-5515.

BREWER — Bangor Singles Club dances, 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays, Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave.: Wild-woods, Feb. 26. Marilyn, 827-5751.

BREWER — Experienced or new knitters, croch-

ers 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.

CAMDEN — Knitting circle for adults of all abilities, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Camden Public Library. Bring a project, learn new skills. Group meets second and fourth Thursdays of each month. 236-3440.

EASTPORT — Sunday Afternoons at the Eastport Arts Center series, 3 p.m. Sundays, except Easter: Benjamin Brigham, “Maine Educators and the Golden Door: Working Toward an Outstanding Education for All,” Feb. 28. Free and open to all. Hot drinks and refreshments offered. Donations accepted.

ELLSWORTH — High-definition simulcast performance from The National Theatre of London of Shakespeare’s “As You Like It,” 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. General admission tickets — \$17, \$16 seniors, \$15 Grand members, \$13 students, \$10 age 12 and under — available by calling 667-9500, or visit grandonline.org.

ELLSWORTH — Judy Pancoast: Weird Things Are Everywhere!, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 The Grand. General admission tick-

ets \$10, \$5 age 12 and under. 667-9500 or grandonline.org.

PORTLAND — Paul Sacaridiz, executive director of Haystack Mountain School of Crafts on Deer Isle, speaking, noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Osher Lecture Hall, Maine College of Art, 522 Congress St. 775-3052 or info@meca.edu.

PORTLAND — Author, professor of history and former professional mariner W. Jeffrey Bolster discussing black mariners in the 18th century, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Wishcamper Center, University of Southern Maine. Free and open to all. spiritsalive.org.

PORTLAND — “Focus:Printmaking,” invitational group show featuring Maine printmakers, through Feb. 27, Greenhut Galleries. 772-2693 or info@greenhutgalleries.com.

ROCKLAND — Snow Day Camp for ages 5-10 on days school is canceled because of snow, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks. Organized activities. Deposit of \$15 per child to reserve space and \$15 per child per snow day. If there are no snow days, the deposit will be returned. Limited to 30.

370-7887 or uursnow-daycamp@uurockland.org.

SOUTH PORTLAND — Reza Jalali, writer and essayist, discussing challenges a displaced writer faces in writing about “home,” 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, McKernan Center, Southern Maine Community College, 2 Fort Road. 773-5051 or info@mainehumanites.org.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR — Brenda Merritt paintings “A Tribute to Dad,” through February, Southwest Harbor Public Library. Art sold during exhibit will support

library’s children’s programs. 244-7065.

TRESCOTT — Free talk and discussion with Paula Kovecses of The Way It Grows, followed by potluck lunch, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Cobscreek Community Learning Center, 10 Commissary Point Road. Bring food to share. cclc.me/articles/55-623/permaculture-design-course/14.

UNION — Ashwood Waldorf School early childhood teacher Beth Lunt leading seasonal puppet play, simple morning circle and-or simple craft activity for young children, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 26, April 8 and 29, and May 6. Free and open to the public. 785-4733 or voselibrarian@voselibrary.org.

UNITY — “Barbara Peabody: On the Water and in the Woods,” a show of paintings, through April 1, Leonard R. Craig Gallery, Unity College Center for the Performing Arts, 42 Depot St. Refreshments provided. Free and open to all. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment. 509-7239 or bpotter@unity.edu.

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

Thursday prime time

MOVIES

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	You, Me and		The Blacklist (N) (HD)		(:01) Shades of Blue (N)	News		
	4 CBC The Nature of Things	Firsthand (N)		The National (N)		CBC Coronation	At the Table		
	5 CBS Big Bang Broke Girl	Big Bang Life in		(:01) Mom	Broke Girl	Elementary (N) (HD)	News		
	52 CW Family Guy DC's Legends			The 100 (N) (HD)		News Seinfeld	Cougar		
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	You, Me and		The Blacklist (N) (HD)		(:01) Shades of Blue (N)	News		
	7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal (N) (HD)		Get Away With Murder	News		
	WAGM FOX The Insider Ent. Tonight	American Idol The top 10 finalists perform. (N)		News		Big Bang	Big Bang		
	8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal (N) (HD)		Get Away With Murder	News		
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	Doctor Blake Mysteries		Masterpiece Classic		Good Vibes	C. Rose		
	9 IND Get Away With Murder	Big Bang DC's Legends		Goldbergs		News-Lisa	CTV News	Daily Show	
KIDS	13 CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider	Big Bang Life in		(:01) Mom	Broke Girl	Elementary (N) (HD)	News		
	22 FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam	American Idol The top 10 finalists perform. (N)		Happy Days	Laverne	FOX 22 News at 10 (N)	Mentalist		
	33 IND M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H		Andy Griffith	Happy Days	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	38 IND Big Bang Big Bang	The Mentalist (HD)		The Mentalist (HD)		WBZ News (N) (HD)	Seinfeld		
	NICK Paradise Henry	** Monsters vs. Aliens (2009, Comedy) (PG)				Full House	Full House	Full House	
	DISN Best Fr. Austin	*** Meet the Robinsons (2007) (G)		(:40) Jessie		Liv-Mad.	K.C. Under.	Girl Meets	
	FREE (6:10) *** Freaky Friday (2003) (PG)	(:20) *** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)		Matthew Broderick.		700 Club			
	HIST Pawn Stars Pawn Stars	Join or Die	Join or Die	Vikings		Vikings (N)		Join or Die	
	DISC Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan	
	TLC My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life		Extreme Weight Loss		Fat Chance			
LEARN	A&E The First 48	The First 48		The First 48: Detective		The First 48: Detective		The First 48	
	ANPL River Monsters	River Monsters		(:01) River Monsters		(:02) River Monsters		Monsters	
	CSNE Celtics Pre. NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics. (G)			Celtics		Celtics	SportsNet	Check	
	ESPN College Basketball Florida State at Duke. (N) (G)			College Basketball Indiana at Illinois. (N) (G)		SportCtr			
	ESPN2 College Basketball Southern Methodist at Memphis.			College Basketball UCLA at California. (N) (G)		Basketball			
	NBCSP NHL Live (N) (G)	NHL Hockey Nashville Predators at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) (G)		(:45) NHL Overtime (N)					
	NESN Women's College Basketball: Tar Heels at Cavaliers			Fight Sports MMA (N)		Sports	Red Sox	Sports	
	CNBC American Greed	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Greed	
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Cooper 360 CNN Republican Presidential Debate (N) (G)						Post Debate	
	FNC Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (N)		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N)		Kelly File	
NEWS	MSNBC Hardball	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		Hardball	
	AMC (5:00) Enemy of the State	*** The Patriot (2000, War)		(ESP) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Joely Richardson. (R)					
	BRV Top Chef (Part 2 of 2)	Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Recipe for Deception (N)	Happens		
	CMT Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man		Party Down South (N)		Redneck Island (N)	Down South		
	COM South Park South Park	Tosh.0	(:27) Tosh.0	Tosh.0	(:29) Tosh.0	Workaholics	Idiot'sitter	Daily Show	
	E! El News (N)	Hollywood Medium		Hollywood Medium		Just Jillian		E! News	
	FOOD Chopped	Chopped		Chopped		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
	FX (5:30) The Internship	** The Hangover Part II (2011) Bradley Cooper. (R)				Baskets	Baskets	Baskets	
	GAC You Live in What?	You Live in What?		You Live in What?		You Live in What?		You Live?	
	HALL Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man		The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls	
VARIETY	HGTV Flip or Flop Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop Flip or Flop		Flip or Flop Flip or Flop		Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Five Day	
	LIFE Project Runway All Stars	Project Runway All Stars		Project Runway All Stars		Child Genius: Battle	All Stars		
	MTV Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.		Ridiculous. Ridiculous.		Ridiculous. Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.	
	OXY Sex-City (:40) ** Legally Blonde (2001) Reese Witherspoon.			(:45) ** Legally Blonde (2001) Reese Witherspoon.					
	SPIKE National * Red Dawn (2012) Chris Hemsworth. (PG-13)			Lip Sync Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync		Lip Sync	
	SYFY (6:30) *** The Mummy (1999) Brendan Fraser.			** The Mummy Returns (2001) Brendan Fraser. (PG-13)					
	TBN Drive Potters	Trinity	Joel Osteen	Prince	Hillsong TV	Praise the Lord			
	TBS Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Big Bang	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Conan (N)	
	TCM (4:30) **** Giant (G)	*** The Longest Day (1962, War) John Wayne, Robert Mitchum. (G)						Red River	
	TMC (6:15) ** Exorcismus	** The Giver (2014) Jeff Bridges. (PG-13)		(:40) ** The 6th Day (2000) (PG-13)					
PREMIUM	TNT Castle	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at New Orleans Pelicans.		NBA Basketball					
	TRAVEL Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at the Castle		Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at	
	TRU Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers	Those Who	Imp. Jokers	
	TVL Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	
	USA Law & Order: SVU	WWE SmackDown! (N)				Colony (N)		Mod Fam	
	VH1 Hip Hop	*** Bad Boys (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. (R)				(:05) ** Get Rich or Die Tryin' (2005)			
	WGN-A Elementary	Elementary		Elementary		How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	
	ENC (6:20) ** Johnson Family Vacation (2004) (ESP)	*** Courage Under Fire (1996, Drama) (ESP) Denzel Washington, Meg Ryan, Lou Diamond Phillips. (R)				** All About the Benjamins (2002, Action) (ESP) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. (R)			
	HBO (6:20) *** Blades of Glory (2007) Will Ferrell.	* Blended (2014) (ESP) Adam Sandler. Two single-parent families are stuck together at a resort. (PG-13)				Together-ness	Girls (ESP)	Mike Nichols	
	MAX (5:55) ** The Jacket (2003, Fantasy) (ESP) Eric Bana, Sam Elliott. Scientist Bruce Banner transforms into a powerful brute. (PG-13)					** Snakes on a Plane (2006, Horror) (ESP) Samuel L. Jackson. (R)			
SHOW	(5:55) The Salvation (R)	Meru (2015) Three elite climbers struggle to climb Mount Meru. (R)				Shameless Carl struggles with Nick's absence.		Dark Net (N)	
	(:10) ** Pixels (2015, Comedy) (ESP) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Michelle Monaghan. (PG-13)					** Eraser (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A government agent protects a witness from gunrunners. (R)		Day-Tomorrow	

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