FRIDAY PRIMETIME/LATE NIGHT — AUGUST 30, 2013

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CBS KELO 11 3 11	Dr. Phil (In Stereo) CC		The Dr. Oz Show Healthy-food mistakes; Bob Harper.		News	CBS Evening News	News	Entertainment Tonight	Undercover Boss Lynne Zappone. (In Stereo) CC		Hawaii Five-0 A TV host spends a day with the team. CC		Blue Bloods A devout young woman is murdered. CC		News	Sports Zone	Late Show With David Letterman (N) (In Stereo) CC	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson CC			News	omg! Insider (N) CC
ABC KSFY 13 7 13	Jeopardy! CC	Be a Millionaire	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (In Stereo) CC		KSFY News at 5 in HD	ABC World News	KSFY News at 6 in HD	Wheel of Fortune CC	Last Man Standing CC	The Neighbors	Shark Tank A rent-a-live Christmas tree service. CC		20/20 (N) (In Stereo) CC		KSFY News at 10 in HD	Jimmy Kimmel Live Josh Duhamel; Adam Perry Lang.		Nightline (N) CC	Paid Program	Extra (N) CC	Motive A link between a killer and a victim. CC (DVS)	
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FOX KTTW 21 9 7	Maury Kendra allows her friends to move in. CC		America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo) CC		Steve Harvey Mike Tyson; recipes with a twist. CC		How I Met Your Mother	How I Met Your Mother	Bones A TV producer is murdered. CC (DVS)		The Following Roderick makes a shocking decision.		The Office CC	The Office "Ben Franklin"	Dish Nation (N) CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Baggage CC	New Adv./Old Christine	New Adv./Old Christine	Excused CC	Excused CC
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HBO 17 401	★★★ "Spanglish" (2004) (In Stereo)		★★ "Rise of the Guardians" (2012) Voices of Chris Pine.			★★★ "Madagascar" (2005) Voices of Ben Stiller. CC			Hard Knocks: Training Camp With		Boardwalk Empire "Sunday Best"		Boardwalk Empire "The Pony" CC		Boardwalk Empire (In Stereo) CC	The Newsroom "Red Team III"			Hard Knocks: Training Camp With		★★ "The Beach" (2000) (In Stereo)	
HBO2	★★★ "Fearless" (1993) Jeff Bridges.				★★ "Won't Back Down" (2012) CC				★★ "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch.				Board	★★ "Savages" (2012) Taylor Kitsch.				★★★ "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves. CC			
MAX 420	★★★ "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005)		★★ "Taken 2" (2012, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace. (In Stereo) CC				★★★ "Prometheus" (2012, Science Fiction) Noomi Rapace. (In Stereo) CC				Strike Back (In Stereo) CC		Strike Back	Strike Back (In Stereo) CC		Confidential	Confidential	"Carnal Awakening" (2013) Reena Sky. (In Stereo) CC			★★ "Hide and Seek" (2005) CC	
MAX2	★★ "Reality Bites" (1994)			★★ "In Time" (2011) Justin Timberlake.				"The Presence" (2010) CC			★★★ "G.I. Jane" (1997) Demi Moore.				★★ "The Man With the Iron Fists" CC				★★ "The Island" (2005) (In Stereo)			
SHOW 18 435	Dick Cheney		★★ "Every Day" (2010)			★★★ "Sling Blade" (1996) Billy Bob Thornton.					★★ "Man on a Ledge" CC			Access	Ray Donovan		★★★ "Born on the Fourth of July" (1989) CC					Mike
SHOW2	★★★ "Little Fish"		★★ "Flypaper" (2011) CC			★★★ "The Help" (2011) Viola Davis. (In Stereo)					Homeland CC		Homeland CC		Homeland "Marine One" CC			Polya	★ "Public Sex" (2009) Luke Treadaway.			
TMC	War Hrse	★★★ "Intolerable Cruelty"			★★ "Gone" (2012) Amanda Seyfried.				★★ "W." (2008) Josh Brolin. (In Stereo)				★★★ "Gangs of New York" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC						★★ "No Holds Barred" CC			C'mon
CABLE STATIONS																						
A&E 57 41	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dads	Dads	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC 41 54	★★★ "Bad Boys" (1995)			★★ "Next of Kin" (1989) Patrick Swayze.					★★★ "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. CC								★ "Mission to Mars" (2000) Gary Sinise. CC					Alien
ANPL 19 43	Off Hook	Off Hook	Off Hook	Off Hook	Off Hook	Off Hook	Hillbilly Handfishin'		Hillbilly Handfishin'		Hillbilly Handfishin'		Hillbilly Handfishin'		Hillbilly Handfishin'		Hillbilly Handfishin'		Hillbilly Handfishin'		Hillbilly Handfishin'	
BRAVO 25 55	★★ "Unbreakable" (2000)			★★★ "Panic Room" (2002) Jodie Foster.					★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000, Comedy)				★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000, Comedy)				★★★ "Panic Room" (2002) Jodie Foster.					Million
CMTV 38 77	Hell's Kitchen CC		Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.						Cops	Cops	★★ "Footloose" (1984) Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer.					Fat Cops
CNBC 53 52	Closing Bell		Fast Mny	Options	Mad Money (N)		The Kudlow Report		Millions	Millions	The Profit		American Greed		Mad Money		The Profit		American Greed		Paid	Paid
CNN 33 49	Jake Tapper		The Situation Room (N)				E. B. OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper		Stroumboulopoulos		Anderson Cooper		Great Expectations		Cheshire Murd	
COM 45 61	Futurama CC		Futurama	Sunny	★★ "Idiocracy" (2006) Luke Wilson.				★★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder"				Tosh.0	Tosh.0	J. Oliver	★★★ "I Love You, Man" (2009) CC				The Comedy Central Roast		
CSPAN 49 17	Politics & Public Policy Today								Politics & Public Policy Today													
DISC 34 44	Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush - The		Gold Rush (N) CC		Saint Hoods (N)		Gold Rush CC		Saint Hoods CC		Gold Rush - The		Gold Rush CC	
DISN 64 36	ANT	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Good	Jessie	Good	Austin	"Teen Beach Movie" (2013)			Dog	Dog	Good	Jessie	Austin	ANT	Austin	Jessie	Good	Austin	Stuck
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E!TV 51 62	★★ "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow.					Bikinis	E! News (N)		Music Awards		Fashion Police (N)		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	Fashion Police		Chelsea	Bikinis
ENC 480	★★★★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990) (In Stereo)					★★★ "Rush Hour" (1998)			★★★ "The Patriot" (2000, War) Mel Gibson. (In Stereo) CC						★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro. CC					"Legend-Drunken Mastr"		
ESPN 28 24	NFL Live (N) CC		Around	Pardon	SportsCenter (N)		Coll. Football Live		College Football Texas Tech at Southern Methodist. (N) CC						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2 29 25	2013 U.S. Open Tennis						2013 U.S. Open Tennis Men's Second Round and Women's Third Round. (N) (Live)								Olbermann (N)		Baseball Tonight		Nine for IX		NFL	NFL
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FAM 62 40	'70s	'70s	'70s	'70s	★★★ "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton.					★★★ "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton.					The 700 Club CC		Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
FX 23 56	★ "Bride Wars"		Mother	Mother	Two Men	Two Men	★★ "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007)				"Alvin and Chipmunks: Squeakquel"				★★ "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy)				★★ "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back"			
FXNWS 50 48	Neil Cavuto		The Five (N)		Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		Greta Van Susteren		The Five	
FOXSP 35 27	Triathlon		Icons of Coaching		Cllege Football		Vikings	Twins	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Texas Rangers. (N) (Live)						Twins	NFL Preseason Football: Titans at Vikings						Vikings
GOLF 55 310	PGA Tour Golf				Central	LPGA Tour Golf				PGA Tour Golf				PGA Tour Golf Deutsche Bank Championship, First Round. (N)						Central	19th	PGA Golf
HALL 22 33	The Waltons CC		The Waltons CC		Little House/Prairie		Little House/Prairie		"Puppy Love" (2012, Romance) CC				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV 54 34	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Urban Oasis 2013		Water Homes		Cool Pools (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Cool Pools CC		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl
HIST 46 47	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	Restoration		American	American	American	American	American	American	Restoration		American	American	American	American
KAUN 15 22	Movin' On		Naked City		Tarzan	Cis. Kid	Hopalong	McCoys	Hillbillies	Ozzie	Highway to Heaven		The Saint		Route 66		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cold Case Files		Cold Squad	
KWSD 12 14	Dragnet	Adam-12	Emergency!		Rifleman	Rifleman	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Bewitch	Jeannie	Mary	Rhoda	V. Dyke	OddCple	Gallery	Perry Mason CC		Kojak		Honeym	Mission: Impossible	
LIFE 58 29	Wife Swap CC		Wife Swap CC		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC	
MSNBC 66 50	Martin Bashir (N)		Hardball Matthews		PoliticsNation (N)		Hardball Matthews		All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NICK 32 37	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Teenage Mut.		Turtles	Rabbids	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George Lopez		George
RFDTV 131	BootDad.	Country	RFD-TV Live		Farmwk.	Gilley's	Jimmy	Porter	Family Reunion		JoeyRory	Reporter	Profess.	Rodeo	Penny G	TruCoun	Paid	Paid	Paid	American	BootDad.	Paid
SOAP 120	Beverly Hills, 90210		Veronica Mars		Veronica Mars		General Hospital		Days of our Lives		General Hospital		Days of our Lives		General Hospital		Days of our Lives		All My Children		All My Children	
SPEED 63 28	NASCAR	Hub	Crowd Goes Wild		FOX Football Daily		NASCAR Racing			College Football North Dakota State at Kansas State. (N) (Live) CC							FOX Sports Live (N)		FOX Sports Live (N)		FOX Sports Live	
SPIKE 30 60	Gang	★★★ "Kick-Ass" (2010, Action) Aaron Johnson.					★★ "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage. (In Stereo)					★★ "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage. (In Stereo)					★★★ "Kick-Ass" (2010, Action) Aaron Johnson.					Ways
STARZ	"That's My Boy"		★★ "Guess Who" (2005) Bernie Mac.				★★ "Think Like a Man" (2012) CC				★★★ "Smashed" (2012)				The White Queen	★ "That's My Boy" (2012) (In Stereo)				"The Bourne Supremacy"		
SYFY 44 46	Continuum		Continuum		Continuum		Continuum		WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				Continuum (N)		Haven		Continuum		Heroes of Cosplay		Heroes of Cosplay	
TBS 36 57	Friends	Friends	Friends	King	King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★★★ "Shrek" (2001) CC (DVS)				★★ "Shrek the Third" (2007) CC				There	There	There	There	"Lara Croft Tmb"	
TCM 76 53	★★★ "The Hook" (1963)			★★ "The Way West" (1967) CC				Carson	★★★★ "Paths of Glory"			★★★ "Act of Love" (1953) CC				★★★★ "Lust for Life" (1956) Kirk Douglas.					"The Big Sky" CC	
TLC 43 45	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear		Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT 37 59	Castle "Knockout"		Castle "Rise" CC		Castle CC		Castle CC (DVS)		★★ "Red" (2010, Action) Bruce Willis.				★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998) Tommy Lee Jones. CC (DVS)						★★★ "Face/Off" (1997) John Travolta.			
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UNI 69	El Gordo y la Flaca		Primer Impacto (N)		Casa	Notic.	Corazón Indomable		Porque el Am.		La Tempestad (N)		Qué Bonito Amor		Impacto	Noticiero	Familia-Suerte		Zacatillo, un		Con	Casa
USA 31 58	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		"A Serious Man"	
VH1 39 76	Holly	Tough Love: Co-Ed		★★★ "Breakfast Club" (1985) Emilio Estevez.					★★ "Sixteen Candles" (1984) CC				Miss U	Tough Love: Co-Ed	Miss U		Basketball Wives		Saturday Night Live CC		SNL	
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Is Hollywood Getting Too Animated?

Film Companies Are Cranking Out More Animated Movies Than Ever, But Is It Getting Too Much?

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LOS ANGELES — When it comes to computer-animated movies, studios seemingly can't get enough of talking animals, planes, cars, monsters, cavemen, snails and little blue creatures who live in mushrooms.

But there are signs that the abundance of animated movies may be nearing a saturation point as family audiences confront a growing number of choices over what they choose to spend their movie dollars on.

"We're all sitting at a very delicate point," said Chris Meledandri, chief executive of Illumination Entertainment, which produced the hit "Despicable Me" films. "Everybody has been able to survive so far, but as more films are planned, it's inevitable that there will be more acute cannibalization off each other."

This year will see the wide theatrical release of 11 animated movies — up from six a decade ago — including six studio movies in the summer alone, making it one of the most congested periods ever for computer animated movies. In total, 75 animated movies have been released since 2008, according to Hollywood.com. And an additional 13 movies are slated for release in 2014, not counting films released in fewer than 500 theaters.

"There's a huge number of animated films coming out," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of the box-office division of Hollywood.com. "There's no question studios are going to commit huge resources to animation, but I think there's a learning curve about how audiences react to films and how often they are released."

The flood of computer-animated movies is reminiscent of the late 1990s, when Disney blockbusters such as "The Lion King" spurred others to jump into the business — only to fail with a string of box-office clunkers, such as "Iron Giant," that led to widespread layoffs.

Most of the recent movies, however, have fared well at the box office, some hugely so. Universal scored a massive hit with "Despicable Me 2." Since its release July 3, the Universal sequel, produced for $76 million, has raked in more than $750 million, making it the most profitable movie in the studio's history.

Disney also produced a hit with Pixar Animation Studios' "Monsters University," which has pulled in more than $658 million in ticket sales since its release in June.

But there also have been some high-profile stumbles.

DreamWorks Animation, one of the industry leaders, had an unexpected misfire this summer with its computer-animated release "Turbo," released just two weeks after "Despicable Me 2."

The film made $21 million in its opening weekend, less than half what the Glendale studio pulled in for the opening weekend of its prior movie, "The Croods." Just five months earlier, DreamWorks took an $87-million write-down on its holiday movie "Rise of the Guardians," which helped trigger the first-ever layoffs at DreamWorks this year.

Chief Executive Jeffrey Katzenberg has cited market overcrowding in explaining the weak opening for "Turbo."

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Disney/Pixar's "Monsters University" has made more than $658 million in ticket sales since its release in June. It is one of several animated features that have hit the movie theaters in recent months.

"We just ran into a perfect storm of way too many movies," Katzenberg recently told analysts. "We've never experienced this level of animation congestion in a period of time."

Katzenberg, however, said he expects "Turbo" will be profitable because of international ticket sales. Upcoming releases, he noted, won't face such problems next year and in 2015 because they will be spaced further apart from rival animated films.

DreamWorks, Disney and Pixar used to dominate the animation movie industry but now face growing competition from other studios. Sony, Paramount, Universal and Fox, which owns "Ice Age" creator Blue Sky Studios, each have animation divisions with several movies in the pipeline.

In addition, Warner Bros. announced this year it would return to the animation business, producing one animated feature a year starting in 2014, including an animated movie based on the "Lego" toys.

Disney's latest animated release, "Planes," had a soft landing at the box office during its opening weekend this month. But the movie, originally intended to go straight to DVD, cost only about $50 million to make and the studio already has approved a sequel.

Some of the newer studios have been squeezed by the animation crunch.

Sony had a weaker-than-expected opening for "Smurfs 2," a hybrid of live action and animation that earned just $17.5 million in its opening weekend — less than half what the first Smurfs movie grossed in its opening weekend. Still, the movie has made up ground overseas and the studio expects the film will generate a healthy profit. A sequel is planned for 2015.

Since its launch more than a decade ago, Sony's animation unit has had a mixed track record, with costly misfires such as "Arthur Christmas," along with hits such as last year's 3-D movie "Hotel Transylvania." Next month the unit will release a sequel to the 2009 movie "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs."

Some industry veterans say Hollywood may be saturating the market with too many animated movies, with characters and story lines that begin to look too familiar.

"As things go in Hollywood, something is seen as successful and everyone jumps onboard," said Wade Holden, an analyst with research firm SNL Kagan. "When there are more choices and families only have a certain amount of dollars, they're going to throw their money behind one film or the other and that's why we're starting to see some of these big (computer-generated) films miss."

But Holden says the genre is here to stay, noting that animated films typically outperform other types of movies at the box office. In an analysis of average box-office grosses by genre, SNL Kagan found that animation consistently ranked second behind action movies in each of the last five years. Animated movies also are appealing because they generate more revenue from DVD and toy sales than any other genre.

"Despite the fact that some movies fail, overall the animated genre is one of the most consistently performing," said Dergarabedian, the Hollywood.com executive. "It's been a pretty mighty profit center. As long as families keep making kids, studios are going to keep making these movies."

Industry pioneer John Lasseter, chief creative officer of Walt Disney's and Pixar's animation studios, isn't worried about overcrowding.

"The pool is big," Lasseter told *The Times* in April. "The water's warm. The more the merrier. Some come in and make a bad movie. I like healthy competition. I'd much rather be in a healthy industry than be the only player in a dead industry."

Los Angeles Times staff writer Rebecca Keegan contributed to this report.

RibFest

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and books bands. As a result, the younger Sprague grew up meeting blues bands and watching performances in clubs and other venues. The exposure eventually led to Brandon's performances on stage with big names.

Over the years, Brandon Sprague has shared the stage with blues greats like Eddy Clearwater, Kenny Neal and Gene Taylor as well as B.B. King. Sprague has also opened or performed with artists such as Chicago, the Doobie Brothers, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Joe Walsh (at the 2012 Jazzfest in Sioux Falls), Neville Brothers, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, George Thorogood, Joan Jett, .38 Special, Edgar Winter and Blood, Sweat & Tears.

All of the artists are memorable, but the tour and reunion with B.B. King stand out, Sprague said.

"(King) was just the kindest man you could ever imagine. He was humble. And there were the words he said to you and the encouragement he gave you," Sprague said. "Earlier in his career, (King) was on the road over 200 days a year. He may have had 10 days off in a year. He slowed down (in recent years), but he was still on the road."

King offered powerful lessons at the time for a young musician, Sprague said. King's stage presence provided many unspoken messages.

"It was more about the music, just what (King's) band was doing. I loved working with his band every night," Sprague said. "You talk about going to school — it was like taking notes, seeing what he did and listening intently."

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When not traveling, the Brandon Sprague Blues Band serves as the house band at the Deadwood Tobacco Company and Cigar Bar. The band has also played at a number of other Deadwood venues.

The band .38 Special heard Sprague at his club gig in Deadwood and asked, "Where in the hell have you been!" The band proceeded to jam with him the rest of the night at the club.

Sprague has co-produced and recorded two CD releases. The more recent disc, "Edge of the World," was released in 2010 and was recorded at Flash Point Studios in Austin, Texas. The CD will be sold at RibFest, and copies can also be ordered from Sprague.

"It was just a great experience to be in Austin of all places. It's the mecca of the blues world," he said. "It was a great CD with a lot of great songs."

The CD is based on a true-life haunting experience, featuring soulful blues guitar and vocals by Sprague. Of the 10 songs on the CD, seven are new original compositions written, composed and arranged by Brandon and Rylan Sprague.

"We are talking about, in September, actually recording another CD," Brandon Sprague said.

Next week's RibFest appearance may inspire some of those songs, he said. "The stage is where it happens, where we come up with new ideas."

In that respect, the Brandon Sprague Blues Band has found plenty of inspiration while working the circuit.

"During the summer time, this whole area around here, within a 500-mile area — they really take care of us and treat us well," he said.

For more information on the Brandon Sprague Blues Band, visit online at rocknrecords.us.

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