FRIDAY PRIMETIME/LATE NIGHT — DECEMBER 28, 2012

	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30
BROADCAST STATIONS																						
PBS KUSD 2 8 (2)	Arthur (CC) (DVS)	WordGirl (N) (CC) (DVS)	Wild Kratts (CC)	The Electric Company	Martha Speaks	Nightly Business Report	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) (CC)		Washington Week (N) (CC)	Need to Know (N) (CC)	McLaughlin Group (N)	Market to Market (CC)	American Masters "Joffrey: Mavericks of American Dance" History of the Joffrey Ballet. (N)			BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N) (In Stereo) (CC)		Tavis Smiley (CC)	America's Heartland	American Masters History of the Joffrey Ballet. (CC)	
KTIV 4 4 (4)	Jeff Probst Sh.		Ellen DeGeneres		News 4	News	News 4	Ent	Go On	Go On	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo) (CC)				News 4	Jay Leno		Jimmy Fallon		Daly	News 4	Extra
NBC KDLT 5 5 (5)	The Doctors (In Stereo) (CC)		Judge Judy (CC)	Judge Judy (CC)	KDLT News (N) (CC)	NBC Nightly News (N)	KDLT News (N) (CC)	The Big Bang Theory	Go On (In Stereo) (CC)	Go On (CC) (DVS)	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo) (CC)				KDLT News (N) (CC)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (In Stereo) (CC)		Late Night With Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo) (CC)		Last Call With Carson Daly	According to Jim (CC)	Paid Program
KCAU 9 6 (9)	Dr. Phil (CC)		The Dr. Oz Show		News	ABC	News	Inside	Shark Tank		Back to the Beginning-Amanpour				News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Paid	Inside	Paid	Bra
CBS KELO 11 3 (11)	Dr. Phil (In Stereo) (CC)		The Dr. Oz Show (In Stereo) (CC)		News	CBS Evening News	News	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Undercover Boss (In Stereo) (CC)		Undercover Boss (In Stereo) (CC)		Undercover Boss (In Stereo) (CC)		News	Late Show With David Letterman (In Stereo) (CC)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson (In Stereo) (CC)		News	The Insider (N) (CC)	Weather NOW
ABC KSFY 13 7 (13)	Jeopardy! (N) (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 (N) (CC)	Shark Tank An entrepreneur seeks a second chance.		Back to the Beginning With Christiane Amanpour (N) (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2) (CC)				KSFY News at 10 in HD	Nightline (N) (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (In Stereo) (CC)		Paid Program	Extra (N) (CC)	Best Gift Ever!	Paid Program
KMEG 14 13 (6)	The Doctors (CC)		Jdg Judy	Jdg Judy	KMEG 14	CBS	Jeopardy	Wheel	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		News	Letterman		Ferguson		Paid	Paid	Paid
FOX KTTW 21 9 (7)	Steve Harvey (In Stereo) (CC)		Anderson Live Stephen Colbert; co-host Keke Palmer.		America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo) (CC)		How I Met Your Mother	How I Met Your Mother	Dragons: Gift-Night Fury	Ice Age: Christmas	Kitchen Nightmares La Galleria 33 in Boston is revamped.		The Office "New Boss"	The Office (CC)	Dish Nation (N) (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Baggage (CC)	Maury Results of paternity tests. (CC)		Excused (CC)	Excused (CC)
KLKN	The Dr. Oz Show		Dr. Phil (CC)		News	ABC	News	Ent	Shark Tank		Back to the Beginning-Amanpour				News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Katie (CC)		Paid	Dog
KOLN	Ellen DeGeneres		First Four	Jeopardy	10/11	CBS	News	Wheel	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		News	Letterman		Ferguson		Paid	Inside	Weather
KPTH	Jerry Springer (CC)		Maury (N) (CC)		Big Bang	Two Men	Big Bang	Two Men	Dragons	Ice Age	Kitchen Nightmares		News	30 Rock	Office	Office	30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Paid	American	American
KSCB 97	S Ade	Winston	Love-	Drenda	Zola Lev.	Creflo D.	Dr. Nasir	J. Hagee	Parsley	Joni L.	Celebration		Van Impe	Franklin	FLC	Copeland	Life To	J. Meyer	Sound	EVO	Ventures	Celebra
KSIN 99 (12)	Arthur	Martha	Wild	WordGirl	Curious	PBS NewsHour (N)		Inside	Wash.	Iowa Pr's	Market	American Masters (N) (CC)			Business	Keep Up	Albert Paley		(Off Air)			
KXNE (8)	Curious	Super	Arthur	WordGirl	Wild	Electric	PBS NewsHour (N)		Stories	Stories	Wash.	Need	American Masters (N) (CC)			loopdiver	Served?	Served?	(Off Air)			
PAY CHANNELS																						
HBO 17 (401)	"Project Nim"	★★★ "Rio" (2011) Voices of Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg. (In Stereo) (CC)				Fight Game	REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel		Game of Thrones (In Stereo) (CC)		Game of Thrones (In Stereo) (CC)		Game of Thrones "Blackwater" (CC)		Boxing's Best	Boxing's Best of 2012 (N) (CC)		This Is 40: 1st	★★ "Contraband" (2012) Mark Wahlberg. (In Stereo) (CC)			"The Art of War"
HBO2	In Vogue	"My Big Fat Greek Wedding"			★★★ "Field of Dreams" (1989) (CC)				★★ "Safe House" (2012) (In Stereo) (CC)				★★★ "Collateral" (2004) Tom Cruise.				★★★ "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves. (CC)					Pave
MAX (420)	"Valley of Elah"	★★★ "Garden State" (2004, Comedy) Zach Braff, Ian Holm. (In Stereo) (CC)			★ "Dream House" (2011) Daniel Craig. (In Stereo) (CC)				★★★★ "Alien" (1979) Tom Skerritt, Sigourney Weaver, John Hurt. (In Stereo) (CC)				★ "The Sitter" (2011, Comedy) Jonah Hill. (In Stereo) (CC)			Lingerie (CC)	Life on Top Feature 1: Innocence (In Stereo) (CC)			Sin City Diaries	★ "End of Days" (1999) (In Stereo)	
MAX2	★★★ "The River" (1984) Mel Gibson.				★★ "Career Opportunities"			★ "Surviving Christmas" (CC)			"Very Harold & Kumar 3D"			"Busty Housewives"			★★ "Road House" (1989) (In Stereo)				"Rising Sun" (1993)	
SHOW 18 (435)	★★★ "Fair Game" (2010) Naomi Watts.				★★★ "Source Code" (2011)			★★ "Beastly" (2011) (CC)			★★★ "Fright Night" (2011) (In Stereo)				★★ "Scream 4" (2011) Neve Campbell.				Jim Rome, Sho		Inside the NFL (CC)	
SHOW2	Fightville	★★ "The Fighting Temptations" (2003)			★ "The Three Musketeers" (2011) (CC)					★★★ "The Help" (2011) Viola Davis. (In Stereo)					Old Porn	Next	★ "The Samaritan" (2012)			★★★ "Tupac: Resurrection"		
TMC	First	"Love's Kitchen" (2011) (CC)			★★★ "Ondine" (2009) Colin Farrell. (CC)				★★ "Die Another Day" (2002, Action)				"The Devil Dared Me To" (CC)			"Tim and Eric's Billion"			"Stripped" (2002) Devon. (CC)			Citizen
CABLE STATIONS																						
A&E 57 (41)	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC 41 (54)	★★ "Predator 2" (1990) (CC)			★★★ "Predator" (1987) Arnold Schwarzenegger.					★★★ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) (CC)						★★★ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) (CC)						★★ "Predator 2"	
ANPL 19 (43)	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters: Unhooked (CC)				Mermaids: The Body Found (CC)				Mermaids: The Body Found (CC)				River Monsters: Unhooked (CC)			
BRAVO 25 (55)	"Meet Joe Black"		★★ "Meet Joe Black" (1998) Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins.						★★★ "A Few Good Men" (1992) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson.						★★★ "A Few Good Men" (1992) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson.						★★ "Accepted"	
CMTV 38 (77)	Rose.	Rose.	Roseanne (CC)		Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	★★ "Grumpier Old Men" (1995, Comedy)				★ "Son-in-Law" (1993) Pauly Shore, Carla Gugino.					Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear
CNBC 53 (52)	Closing Bell		Options	Money in	Mad Money (N)		The Kudlow Report		Millions	Millions	Crime Inc.		American Greed		Mad Money		Crime Inc.		American Greed		Paid	Paid
CNN 33 (49)	The Situation Room (N)						E. B. OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		E. B. OutFront	
COM 45 (61)	Comedy	Futurama	Futurama	Sunny	Sunny	South Pk	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	★★ "Jackass: The Movie" (2002) (CC)				★★ "The House Bunny" (2008) (CC)				★★ "Waiting..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds.			
CSPAN 49 (17)	Politics & Public Policy Today								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 (CC)		Gold Rush (CC)		Bering Sea Gold		Gold Rush (CC)		Bering Sea Gold		Gold Rush (CC)		Gold Rush (CC)	
DISN 64 (36)	Good	Gravity	Gravity	Gravity	Phineas	Good	Jessie	Jessie	Neigh	Neigh	Neigh	Neigh	Dog	Good	Gravity	Gravity	Gravity	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Phineas	Cow
DISXD 65 (103)	Phineas	Kickin' It	"Hatching Pete" (2009) Jason Dolley.				Ninja	Slug	Zeke	Zeke	Zeke	Zeke	Zeke	Zeke	Phineas	Suite Life	Fish	Fish	Buttowski	Buttowski	Fish	Kid
E!TV 51 (62)	Kardas	Kardas	Miami	Kourtney	Love You	The Soup	E! News (N)		E! Investigates		Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Fashion Police (N)		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	Fashion Police		Sex-City	Sex-City
ENC (480)	Kin	★★ "Duplex" (2003) Ben Stiller. (CC)				★★★ "Midnight in Paris"			★★★ "Holes" (2003) Sigourney Weaver.				★★ "When a Stranger Calls"			★★ "Wild Things" (1998) Kevin Bacon.				"Wild Things 2" (2004) (CC)		
ESPN 28 (24)	College Football			College Football Russell Athletic Bowl -- Rutgers vs. Virginia Tech. (N)							College Football: Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas							SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC)			SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2 29 (25)	NFL Live (N) (CC)		NFL32 (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (N)		NFL Kickoff (N)		College Basketball Baylor at Gonzaga. (N)				College Basketball Missouri at UCLA. (N)				SportCtr	NFL Live (CC)		Sport Sci.	College Football	
EWTN 74 (65)	Christ	Christmas Flower		Family	Church	StarRise	Daily Mass		Life on the Rock		Campus	Rosary	Hill of Redemption				Daily Mass		Life on the Rock		Campus	Defend
FAM 62 (40)	"Alice-Wonder."		★★★ "Hercules" (1997) Josh Keaton				★★ "Pocahontas" (1995) Judy Kuhn				★★★ "Mulan" (1998) Lea Salonga				The 700 Club (CC)		★★ "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (2010)				Paid	Paid
FX 23 (56)	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	★★ "Reign of Fire" (2002) Premiere.				★★ "Reign of Fire" (2002, Fantasy)				★★ "The Karate Kid" (2010, Drama) Jaden Smith, Jackie Chan.					
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)	The Movement		Action Sports		Game	Fox Sports Prep Zone (N) (Live)				Gopher	Fox Sports Prep Zone (N) (Live)				Gopher	Golf Life	Action Sports		Fox Sports Prep Zone			Gopher
GOLF 55 (310)	2012 Ryder Cup Day One. (Taped)				Golf	PGA Tour Golf Arnold Palmer Invitational, Final Round.								Golf	PGA Tour Golf Arnold Palmer Invitational, Final Round.								
HALL 22 (33)	★★ "Twice Upon a Christmas" (2001)				★★★ "Annie Claus Is Coming to Town"				"The Christmas Heart" (2012) Teri Polo.				"Christmas Magic" (2011) Lindy Booth.				★★★ "Cancel Christmas" (2010) (CC)				"Princess Chrst"	
HGTV 54 (34)	Income	Income	Property	Property	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Giveaway	Million	Home Strange		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Home Strange		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl
HIST 46 (47)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		American Eats (CC)		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		How the States		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
KAUN 15 (22)	Movin' On		Naked City		Robin Hd	Cis. Kid	Hopalong	McCoys	Route 66		Highway to Heaven		I Spy		The Saint		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cold Case Files		Cold Squad	
KWSD 12 (14)	The Wild, Wild West		Emergency!		Rifleman	Rifleman	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Remington Steele		MTMoore	Van Dyke	Cheers	Newhart	Zone	Perry Mason (CC)		Kojak		Gallery	Mission: Impossible	
LIFE 58 (29)	Hoarders (CC)		Hoarders (CC)		Hoarders (CC)		Hoarders (CC)		Hoarders (CC)		Hoarders (CC)		Teen Trouble (CC)		Teen Trouble (CC)		Hoarders (CC)		Hoarders (CC)		Teen Trouble (CC)	
MSNBC 66 (50)	Martin Bashir (N)		Hardball Matthews		PoliticsNation (N)		Hardball Matthews		The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		Documentary		Documentary		Documentary		Documentary		Documentary	
NICK 32 (37)	Parents	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	iCarly	Figure It	iCarly	iCarly	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George Lopez (CC)	George	
RFDTV (131)	Wilburn	Pop!	RFD-TV Live		Farmwk.	California	Jimmy	Porter	Family Reunion		JoeyRory	Reporter	TruCoun	America	Wst.	Heritage	Paid	Paid	Del	American	Wilburn	Pop!
SOAP (120)	Beverly Hills, 90210		Veronica Mars (CC)		Veronica Mars (CC)		Young & Restless		Days of our Lives		General Hospital		Young & Restless		Days of our Lives		General Hospital		All My Children		All My Children	
SPEED 63 (28)	On Edge	Truck U	Chop Cut	Gearz	Hub	Pinks	PassTime	PassTime	Road Champ.		Road Champ.		Road Champ.		Countdown to UFC		Road Champ.		Road Champ.		Unique Whips	
SPIKE 30 (60)	★★ "Jurassic Park III" (2001) Sam Neill.				★★ "Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace" (1999)						★★ "Star Wars: Episode II -- Attack of the Clones" (2002)						Gangland (CC)		Gangland (CC)		Gangland (CC)	
STARZ	★ "Zookeeper"		★★ "Van Helsing" (2004) Hugh Jackman. (CC)					"Underworld: Awakening" (CC)			Boss (CC)		Spartacus: Ven.		Camelot (CC)		Torchwood		★ "The Smurfs" (2011) Hank Azaria. (CC)			
SYFY 44 (46)	★★ "Jeepers Creepers" (2001) (CC)				★★ "Jeepers Creepers 2" (2003) (CC)				WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (CC)				★★★ "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" (1986)					★★★ "Starship Troopers" (1997) Casper Van Dien.				
TBS 36 (57)	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	King	King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Worse	Worse	★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. (CC)					★★ "Drillbit Taylor" (2008) Owen Wilson.				Married
TCM 76 (53)	PeopleDr	"Dr. Kildare's Wedding Day"			★★ "Dr. Kildare's Victory" (1942) (CC)				★★★★ "Ninotchka" (1939) Greta Garbo.				★★★ "To Be or Not to Be"			★★ "That Lady in Ermine" (1948)				★★ "That Uncertain Feeling"		
TLC 43 (45)	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Vegas	Vegas	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Vegas	Vegas	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT 37 (59)	Law & Order		Law & Order		The Mentalist (CC)		The Mentalist (CC)		★★ "Sherlock Holmes" (2009) Robert Downey Jr.					Rizzoli & Isles (CC)		★★ "Clash of the Titans" (2010)				★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002)		
TOON 42 (38)	Adven	Adven	Adven	Adven	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Cartoon Planet		King/Hill	King/Hill	American	American	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua	Squidbill.	American	American	Fam. Guy
TRAV 24 (42)	Hotel Impossible		Hotel Impossible		Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files (N)		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		The Dead Files	
TRUTV 52 (63)	Most Shocking		Most Shocking		Cops	Cops	Wipeout (CC)		Wipeout (CC)		Killer Karaoke (N)		Wipeout (CC)		World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest...		Killer Karaoke		World's Dumbest...	
TVFN 56 (31)	Chopped		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
TVLND 47 (39)	Bonanza (CC)		Bonanza (CC)		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	Cleve	Cleve	'70s	'70s
UNI (69)	El Gordo y la Flaca		Primer Impacto (N)		Casa	Notic.	Corona de Lágrimas		Por Ella Soy Eva (N)		Amores Verdaderos		Amor Bravío (N)		Impacto	Noticiero	Al Diablo		Mar de Amor (N)		La Jaula	Par Ases
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		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1 39 (76)	Gremlins	★★★ "Groundhog Day" (1993) Bill Murray.					100 Greatest Artists		100 Greatest Artists		100 Greatest Artists		100 Greatest Artists		100 Greatest Artists		★★★ "The Doors" (1991) Val Kilmer.				★★ "54" (1998)	
WE (30)	Rose.	Rose.	Ghost Whisperer		Charmed (CC)		Charmed (CC)		★★★ "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants"					★★★ "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants"					★★★ "Emma" (1996) Gwyneth Paltrow.			
WGN 16 (18)	Walker, Tex. Ranger		Law Order: CI		Chris	Chris	Funny Home Videos		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		Funny Home Videos		Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs	30 Rock	Sunny

Playlist

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from the Bible's Book of Revelation to hail the Second Coming. Cash, as close to the voice of God as you'll get, goes out strong right until the end. "The whirlwind is in the thorn tree/It's hard for thee to kick against the pricks."

4. The End of the World, Skeeter Davis (1962). The question Davis asked in her plaintive soprano — "Why do the birds go on singing?/Why do the stars glow above/Don't they know it's the end of the world?" — was about the aftermath of a broken romance. But to a planet that just a month earlier had been holding its collective breath over the Cuban Missile Crisis, the lyrics resonated in a different way.

3. The Merry Minuet, Kingston Trio (1959). A jolly ode to man's inhumanity to man: "The whole world is festering with unhappy souls/The French hate the Germans, the Germans hate the Poles/Italians hate Yugoslavs/South Africans hate the Dutch/And I don't like anybody very much!" But don't worry, help is on the way: "For man's been endowed with a mushroom shaped cloud/And we know for certain that some lovely day/someone will set the spark off and we will all be blown away."

2. It's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine), R.E.M. (1987). Michael Stipe's chipper tumble of words begins, "That's great, it starts with an earthquake, birds and snakes, an aeroplane." And by the time you finish singing along four minutes and seven seconds later you'll be so breathless the end of the world will feel like blessed relief.

1. Real Thing, WBEN (1953). At the height of the Cold War, Buffalo radio station WBEN had one of its announcers cut a record that the DJ could slap on the turntable if he saw a mushroom cloud outside the station: "We interrupt our normal program to cooperate in security and in civil defense measures as requested by the United States government ... . Normal broadcasting will now be discontinued for an indefinite period..." Happily, it was never used, but Bear Family Records found a copy a few years ago and included in the CD box set "Atomic Platters: Cold War Music From The Golden Age Of Homeland Security." Not too danceable, but it's great for makeout sessions if your honey is a nihilist or necrophiliac.

Anyway, good luck on Friday. Normal newspaper feature-writing will now be discontinued for an indefinite period.

Television

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terworks with a heartbreaking breast-cancer story line that coaxed Emmy-caliber performances from Monica Potter and Peter Krause. Where other shows might have come across as mawkishly heavy handed, "Parenthood" brought emotional depth and an eye for detail to the subject. Fortunately, the series also continued to find ways to display a sense of humor amid the poignancy. Along those lines, Ray Romano proved to be a great addition as a grouchy photographer with a crush on Lauren Graham.

8. "Louie" (FX) — Season 3 of this idiosyncratic comedy featured a little more continuity and cohesiveness than usual, but creator-star-writer Louis C.K. still took joy in defying convention and taking us to unexpected places as his lonely hangdog character embarked on compelling journeys of self-discovery. "Louie" is that unique little gem that can be bleak, yet sweet, and sad, yet gut-bustingly hilarious. And this season, the gem gave off even more of a shine, thanks, in part, to notable guest turns by Parker Posey, Jerry Seinfeld, Melissa Leo, Sarah Silverman, David Lynch and others.

9. "Game of Thrones" (HBO) — Sometimes we just need the small screen to whisk away from humdrum everyday life to big imaginary worlds full of mystery and mysticism, spectacle and scope. So we continue to thank the TV gods for blessing us with this massive medieval fantasy. "Thrones" can feel unwieldy at times with its multitude of power-hungry characters and tangled storylines. But when it's at its best — as with the extraordinary "Blackwater" episode — I gladly lap up every bit of its epic awesomeness and visual majesty.

10. "New Girl" (Fox) — What started out looking like a sitcom mainly tied to the perky-quirky charms of Zooey Deschanel has become an exceptional ensemble piece, thanks to the efforts of Max Greenfield, Jake Johnson and Lamorne Morris, each of whom brings his own specific comedic style to the party. Fortified with great chemistry, the entire cast in an irresistible force, spouting goofy one-liners that put us in constant crack-up mode. They're super-weird and unpredictable yet very relatable.

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