

WHAT'S WORTH WATCHING

Tonight's TV Best Bets



Wormwood Netflix

New Miniseries!

Filmmaker Errol Morris (*The Thin Blue Line*, *The Fog of War*) directed this miniseries that combines Morris' famed interview style of his documentaries with a virtuoso performance by Peter Sarsgaard to tell the story of one man's 60-year quest to identify the circumstances of his father's mysterious death.

Trollhunters Netflix

Season Premiere!

Mark Hamill (*Star Wars*), Lena Headey (*Game of Thrones*) and David Bradley (*Game of Thrones*, *Doctor Who*) will be part of the voice cast of Guillermo del Toro's animated *Trollhunters* series for its second season. They join the already established cast that

includes Kelsey Grammer, and Steven Yeun.

Jean-Claude Van Johnson Amazon

Action-movie star and martial artist Jean-Claude Van Damme stars as a fictional version of himself who operates under the alias of "Johnson" a dangerous undercover operative. Unhappily

retired, he now whiles away his days in superficial Hollywood until he is forced back into to fight a Bulgarian drug cartel.

Rusty Rivets: "Rusty Learns to Skate/ Rusty's Rustic Adventure" Nickelodeon, 12:30pm

In the first of two new wintry episodes, instead of learning how to skate, Rusty decides to build rocket skates. His plan backfires when the skates cut up the ice and strand all of his friends. Then Rusty and Ruby help Liam search the woods for Liam's missing toy. But when they get lost, they have to find a way home without Rusty's help.

Christmas With the Kranks FX, 6pm

FX airs a pair of holiday films starring Tim Allen, beginning with 2004's *Christmas With the Kranks*, followed by 2002's *The Santa Clause 2*.

NBA Basketball ESPN, beginning at 7pm Live

Paul George and the Oklahoma City Thunder are at the Philadelphia 76ers in the first game of an

ESPN twin bill. The second game features in-state rivals as the San Antonio Spurs visit the Houston Rockets.

The Exorcist FOX, 8pm

Season Finale!

In tonight's finale, Alfonso Herrera's Father Tomas comes up with a plan to offer Andy (John Cho) some supernatural backup in the battle against a demon disguised as his late wife (Alicia Witt). Marcus (Ben Daniels) is forced to OK Tomas's potentially fatal Plan B once the classic Roman ritual fails to do the trick. And that's even *with* the recent arrival of Marcus's former love, Mouse (Zuleikha Robinson), the gun-toting exorcist with her own style of salvation.

Stalked by My Ex Lifetime Movies, 8pm

Original Film!

After learning that her abusive ex-husband Sam (Yves Bright, *Animal Kingdom*) is about to be released from prison, Chloe (Tamara Braun, *Days of Our Lives*) flees with her teenage daughter Olivia (Brytnee Ratledge, *Only the Brave*) to her hometown. Once there, Chloe finds herself faced

with the same obstacles that led her to leave in the first place. Meanwhile, Sam is determined to find them in order to execute his ultimate plan for a life that does not include Chloe.

Blindspot NBC, 8pm

Tonight's episode is endearing as Weller (Sullivan Stapleton) and Jane (Jaimie Alexander) celebrate the holiday with his daughter.

Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Rolando Villazón PBS, 9pm

Celebrate the holidays with the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir. This season's cross-cultural spectacular features the world's leading tenor, Rolando Villazón, and seasonal favorites.

Lidia Celebrates America PBS, 10pm

Chef Lidia Bastianich salutes "Hometown Heroes" with this special that looks at military veterans who have traded fighting for farming, including a former Marine running an 80-acre property complete with its own distillery.

This Week IN THEATERS



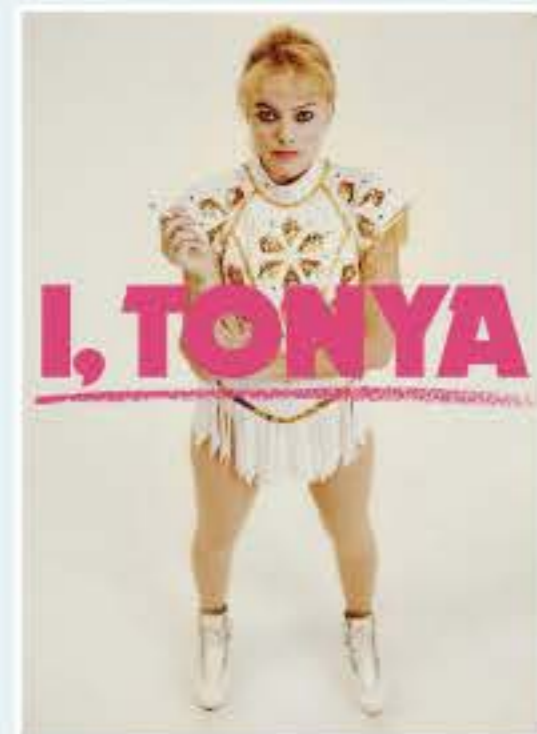
Just Getting Started

Rated PG-13

Stars: Morgan Freeman, Tommy Lee Jones, Rene Russo

Director: Ron Shelton

Duke Diver is the manager and de facto king of a luxury resort in Palm Springs until Leo moves in. While the two vie for the alpha male title, Duke's past comes calling, and Duke and Leo must put aside their differences to save everything.



I, Tonya

Rated R

Stars: Margot Robbie, Sebastian Stan, Allison Janney

Director: Craig Gillespie

Tonya Harding rises in the ranks at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. But after her chief rival is attacked and Tonya comes under suspicion, the resulting media storm reveals that the life she has led differs greatly from everyone's expectations of the perfect champion.

CHEERS & JEERS

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CHEERS TO THE TOYS THAT MADE US

for making the docu-series fun again. After so many small town murderers, secret-keeping church scandals and other darkly grim topics, Netflix's bouncy, insightful look at the histories of He-Man, Barbie and G.I. Joe is a plastic-wrapped blast of childhood nostalgia.



CHEERS TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY LIVE! LADIES.

Sure, it's about a kid who wants a Red Ryder BB gun, but it was *Saturday Night Live* vets Maya Rudolph and Ana Gasteyer and Broadway-trained Jane Krakowski (above) who fired up Fox's sadly low-rated musical.

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JEERS TO THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF BEVERLY HILLS

for hiding poor Grammer. Original cast member Camille Grammer returned for the season opener's Vegas trip, only to be overshadowed by newbie Teddi Mellencamp Arroyave's blathering about her famous father. Ain't that America, though?



JEERS TO RIVERDALE

for that shady reveal. After months of sleuthing, Betty (Lili Reinhart) and Archie (KJ Apa) realized the town's masked killer was—gasp!—the now-deceased school janitor? You'd have to be high on Jingle Jangle to believe that's not a red herring.



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ASK MATT

HOW ABOUT A NEW GOLDEN GIRLS?



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Question: Can someone remake *The Golden Girls*? A great cast would be: Goldie Hawn as Rose, Diane Keaton as Dorothy, Kim Cattrall as Blanche, and Linda Lavin as Sophia. — Arthur

Matt Roush: Nice try, Arthur, and I love *The Golden Girls*, too, but while the immortal Betty White is still with us, and let's hope for many years after, this feels to me like sacred ground. Recapturing that classic vibe would not be easy, and as long as the original can thrive in syndication, I'm content to bask in the glow of those who created these roles. It does seem overdue, though, for TV to provide a vehicle for underused talents of the AARP generation. Just not this one. (Although if it could rescue the great Linda Lavin from the mediocrity of *9JKL*...)

Question: *The Librarians* is one of the rare quality shows on TV that you can actually watch with your family. TNT seems to be burning off the episodes, which has me nervous about the prospects for Season 5. Why would they just "throw away" a great show that has an A+ cast? — Unsigned

Matt Roush: As we've often discussed, regarding other shows from TNT's earlier regime, the network is in a rebranding mode, and where this upbeat fantasy fits into TNT's overall programming scheme is hard to figure. It's obviously not a show of confidence.