

Under surveillance

'Big Brother' returns to CBS

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Under surveillance: Everyone knows it's not really summer until "Big Brother" premieres on CBS, so mark your calendars for the show's two-night premiere beginning Tuesday, June 25. The 21st season of the hit reality competition series returns with an as-yet-unannounced cast of strangers who officially become Houseguests when they move into the Big Brother house.

They are completely isolated from the outside world — no books, magazines, phone calls or internet browsing allowed — while cameras and microphones record their every move and utterance. One could ask why anyone would choose to put themselves in inescapably close quarters that forces relationships and confrontations with complete strangers. The answer, of course, is the generous cash prize of \$500,000 reserved for the last Houseguest standing.

Each week, Houseguests vote on who will be evicted from the house, and following the vote, the remaining members compete in a challenge to determine that week's Head of Household, or as it's commonly referred to, the HOH. Major perks are awarded to the HOH (privacy being the most coveted), who is also responsible for determining the two Houseguests who will be up for eviction next.

Returning as "Big Brother" host for the 21st season is Julie Chen, who has been with the show since its inception in 2000. Fans and critics of the show had been speculating whether Chen would return as host for this season, as she dropped out of her spot on the daytime talk show "The Talk" after her husband and former CBS

chairman Les Moonves was accused of sexual assault in late 2018. Chen infamously signed off as "Julie Chen-Moonves" from an episode of "Big Brother" at the time, making her allegiance to her husband clear to both fans and detractors.

While Chen is a constant for the show, there's no word yet on what the twist for season 21 might be — because there's always a twist. Don't miss the season premiere of "Big Brother" airing Tuesday, June 25, on CBS.

The rest is still unwritten: A long-awaited reboot of a formative reality television series finally has its premiere date. On Monday, June 24, "The Hills: New Beginnings" debuts on MTV, bringing back some of the original "The Hills" series cast members. Returning are Heidi Montag, Spencer and Stephanie Pratt, Audrina Patridge, Whitney Port, Jason Wahler, Brody Jenner, Frankie Delgado and Justin "Bobby" Brescia. Plus, in an obvious choice (by Hollywood standards), Brandon Thomas Lee, son of Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee, joins the cast.

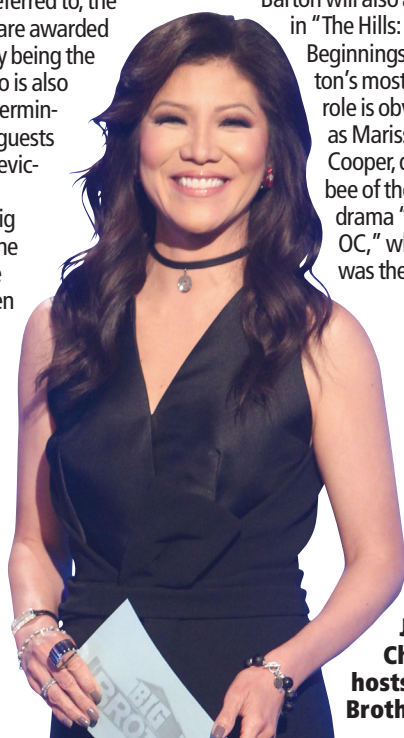
Thanks to a spider's web of casting connections, Mischa Barton will also appear in "The Hills: New Beginnings." Barton's most iconic role is obviously as Marissa Cooper, queen bee of the teen drama "The OC," which was the di-

rect inspiration for MTV's reality series "Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County." It was that show that ultimately spawned "The Hills" after its star, Lauren Conrad, graduated high school and took the show on the road to Los Angeles; it followed her as she worked her way up through the fashion scene.

Conrad, unfortunately, isn't returning for "New Beginnings," and has generally stayed away from reality television since leaving "The Hills" during its fifth and penultimate season. When Conrad left the series, Kristin Cavallari stepped into her shoes and was the show's lead until its finale. Cavallari won't be returning for the reboot, either, but she is still in the reality television realm — her newest series, E!'s "Very Cavallari," documents her own new beginnings as she establishes her flagship lifestyle goods boutique, Uncommon James, in Nashville, Tennessee, and has been renewed for a third season by the network.

Fans of the original series know already that the cast of "New Beginnings" will undoubtedly bring the drama. Trouble follows Jenner everywhere he goes, so it will be interesting to see what exactly has changed in the nearly nine years since we saw him in the finale of "The Hills." The Pratt siblings are in an endless family feud that will surely feel like picking up right where we left off. Patridge and Port have both spent the past 10 years building their careers in entertainment and fashion, respectively, and while the two were never the source of the most explosive drama on "The Hills," they were integral members of team Conrad when Lauren and Heidi's friendship dissolved.

Barton's role in "New Beginnings" is easily the most anticipated aspect of the series as it's unclear how exactly she will fit in with this group of frenemies that has so much history. Lee, being much younger than the rest of the cast, seems like the bridge that will carry in a new generation of fellow Los Angelinos trying to make it in Hollywood.



Julie Chen hosts "Big Brother"

Late laughs

The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon

The Department of Agriculture just recalled over 60,000 pounds of raw beef due to concerns about E. coli. Anyway, enjoy those Memorial Day barbecues, everybody!

It is Fleet Week here! Almost 3,000

members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard are here in New York — and almost three of them will remember it.

There are a lot of ships docked in the city right now, including the USS New York. You can tell which ship's the USS New York 'cause it's the one pointing and laughing at the USS New Jersey.

This Sunday is the Indianapolis 500! So between Memorial Day travel and the Indy 500, it's a great time for people who love being stuck in a car.

Tonight, our entire audience is filled with servicemen and women. So everyone have fun, but go easy, because when you're hung over, the last place you wanna be is on a boat.

Tomorrow, President Trump is flying to Japan for a four-day trip. That's right, Japan. It's all part of his plan to get as far away as possible from Nancy Pelosi.

The Late Late Show With James Corden

A woman in England was searching a farm with a metal detector when she found what she thought was a foil-wrapped chocolate coin, only to find out later that it's a 1,500-year-old solid gold pendant worth a fortune. Yeah, unbelievable — to get that close to finding chocolate only to be disappointed.

The drug store CVS has announced it will change the music it plays while you're on hold, which is big news, because they haven't changed the music in 20 years. In their defense, "Genie in a Bottle" is still a really good song.

Jimmy Kimmel Live

President Trump was in Japan for the holiday weekend. The trip was a success in that we are now not currently at war with Japan as a result of it.

The NBA Finals are underway. The Golden State Warriors are in it again, taking on the Toronto Raptors. This is big for the players on both of these teams. You know, if they don't do well on their NBA Finals they won't be able to get into a good college.



At this point, the Warriors are like the Avengers. We all know they're going to win, we just have to spend three hours to find out how.

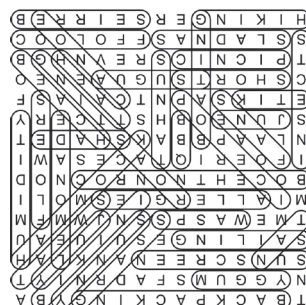
Did you know that basketball was invented by a Canadian? That is right. A Canadian-born doctor and physical educator named James Naismith invented the sport in 1891 at the YMCA in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he coached a young player named LaBernie Sanders, who went on to become the Senator from Vermont. It's a true story.

As per tradition, the mayors of the cities of Oakland and Toronto made a bet on the series. Here's how it will go: if the Warriors lose, the mayor of Oakland sends over a gross of Rice-A-Roni. If Toronto loses, they're sending a case of off-brand thyroid medicine. So everybody wins in a way.

Late Night With Seth Meyers

England announced yesterday it will ban plastic-based Q-Tips. Said Prince Charles, "It's fine, I use a shovel."

After several public fights with President Trump yesterday, Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer said in an interview today, quote, "The presidency is not just a reality show." Said Trump, "You're lucky you have immunity this week."



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