

Family feuding

Stars of '90 Day Fiancé' get their own spinoff series

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Family feuding: TLC's family of "90 Day Fiancé" spinoff shows will grow by one on Monday, July 22. "The Family Chantel" is noteworthy for being the first spinoff of the main series that follows one couple rather than a set of different couples, and it's positioned to give viewers a massive dose of series stars Chantel Everett and Pedro Jimeno.

With six seasons in the books, "90 Day Fiancé" has proven to be popular with fans of overcharged relationship-centric reality TV drama. The series follows couples that consist of an American citizen and a foreign significant other, and each pair must get married within a 90-day span or the non-American spouse gets sent back to their home country.

The series' popularity has spawned several satellite shows. "90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?" follows couples that appeared on the original show as they continue their married lives together, and "90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days" features couples early in their relationship, before they begin the process of acquiring a visa. "90 Day Fiancé: What Now?" is another variant of the "updates from previous couples" format, and "90 Day Fiancé: Pillow Talk" is a companion show that allows cast members to react to episodes of the main series.

"The Family Chantel" focuses on Chantel Everett, a nursing student from Atlanta, Georgia, and her husband, Pedro Jimeno, a native of the Dominican Republic. The pair first appeared in Season 4 of "90 Day Fiancé" in 2017 and have been a regular presence on the franchise's update shows ever since.

The first season of "The Family Chantel" kicks off with a healthy dose of drama. In some of their most recent appearances on TLC, Chantel and Pedro have been part of a near-brawl at Chantel's parents' house, during which Pedro and Chantel's brother locked horns, and participants in an awkward

vacation back to the Dominican Republic, during which Chantel followed Pedro after he insisted on taking a solo trip to visit his family. While in the Dominican Republic, Pedro's family bickered with Chantel, and she was shown a provocative video of him dancing with another woman, which Chantel struggled to deal with.

Far-flung foods: Celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay adds yet another television series to his enormous body of work when "Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted" premieres Sunday, July 21, on Nat Geo.

The new series aims to take Ramsay out of his comfort zone in the kitchen and dispatch him to various destinations around the globe to learn about the food and culinary traditions of diverse communities. Chef Ramsay finds and harvests the unique local ingredients required for the dishes he encounters, and learns about local techniques and flavors.

This isn't the first time Ramsay has gone international. In his series "Gordon's Great Escape," Ramsay visited locations that included India, Thailand and Vietnam. That series was billed as more of a personal journey of discovery in which Ramsay pursued knowledge of cuisines that already fascinated him. "Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted" seems to have a more random and freewheeling itinerary, with stops in Alaska, Hawaii, Laos, Morocco, New Zealand and Peru.

Early news releases about the show teased Ramsay participating in competitions against the locals that pit his versions of dishes against their

Chantel Everett and Pedro Jimeno star in "The Family Chantel"



traditional recipes. After some internet backlash that criticized that format for having nasty colonialist roots — depicting a wealthy Englishman traveling around the world to outdo locals at preparing their own specialties — Nat Geo issued a statement begging critics not to prejudge the content of the show, which hadn't even gone into full production at the time.

It's still unclear how much of the competitive aspect has made it into the final version, but footage of Ramsay climbing trees and cliffsides for rare ingredients confirms that the ingredient-hunting element of the adventure has been preserved.

The new series also took some heat for its timing following the 2018 death of Anthony Bourdain, a celebrity chef/host who also produced series involving international travel to participate in regional food scenes. After the death of Bourdain, people began to worry that the wildly successful formula he developed on "No Reservations" and "Parts Unknown" would be copied by other networks but would lack the irreplaceable qualities that made Bourdain's shows feel non-exploitative and ethical.

Late laughs

The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon

A new study found that drinking coffee can help burn fat. America was like, "Great! I'll have TWO mocha frappuccinos with whipped cream and sprinkles."



Last night, the brother-sister team the Flying Wallendas walked across a tightrope 25 stories above Times Square. Even more impressive — they were stuck behind a slow-walking group of tourists.

The very first Democratic debates are this week down in Miami. Most of the candidates are busy with debate prep, while Bernie Sanders spent the day on the beach with a metal detector.

Tomorrow the big names are Elizabeth Warren and Beto O'Rourke. If things go well for Warren, she might catch Biden in the polls, and if things go well for Beto, ABC might make him "The Bachelor."

Things are getting ugly between the U.S. and Iran. I guess after Iran insulted him today, Trump tweeted, "Iran's very ignorant and insulting statement, put out today, only shows that they do not understand reality... ." Trump was like, "No one understands reality better than your reality star president."

The debate was right here on NBC, and there was a lot of excitement in the building. It felt just like the Super Bowl. You know, if 20 teams played the game over two nights and the winner wasn't decided for another year.

Trump tweeted and called the debate "boring," but he still watched, even though he called it a, quote, "very unexciting group of people," as opposed to the rock stars he usually hangs with like Mike Pence and Steve Mnuchin.

I think I know why Trump's upset. He's probably jealous of the Democrats, if you think about it. They got to be on TV, they got to talk about themselves, and they got to be in Florida.

We are coming to you live from New York City, and Nicki Minaj is my guest tonight! Nicki's going to be on live, which means right now the NBC censor is breathing into a paper bag.

There was a 40-year age difference between tonight's candidates, ranging from 37 to 77. With Pete Buttigieg next to Biden, it looked like Take Your Kid to Work Day.

Speaking of Buttigieg, he said Democrats need to move the party forward, and claimed his opponents want to "return to the 1990s." Hey Pete — the top movies right now are "Toy Story," "Men in Black," and

"Aladdin" — we're already back in the '90s.

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

While we're in the middle of a humanitarian crisis on our border, in these detention facilities, this afternoon, we learned that Customs and Border Protection commissioner John Sanders is expected to step down. You know what they say: when the going gets tough, the tough go, "Good luck with that, sucks to be you."

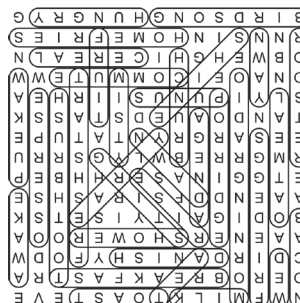


The Late Late Show With James Corden

In California recently, a woman was arrested for shoplifting at a Target store after she went into one of their dressing rooms and drank an entire six-pack of the store's beer. Without a doubt, this is the most K-Mart thing to happen in a Target.



A man in South Carolina was so dissatisfied with how his Mexican pizza was made at a Taco Bell that he stormed into the kitchen and made his own. He then took off, and is wanted by the police. Yeah, I hate when Taco Bell Mexican pizza doesn't have that authentic Mexican pizza taste.



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