

hollywood q&a

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Q: When is “Doctor Who” coming back? It is coming back, right?

A: There will be new “Doctor Who” episodes airing well into our future, which is great news for fans, but also a bit of a problem, because they also don’t start until well into the future.

The most recent episode aired on New Year’s Day of this year, and the network announced at the time that Season 12 wouldn’t premiere until “early 2020.”

Of course, there’s speculation that that means New Year’s Day again — the show has a tradition of doing a holiday season episode every year, and the producers have been keen to keep that sort of continuity up amid the other changes the show’s going through.

Those changes include a new actor (Jodie Whittaker, “Broadchurch”) playing the Doctor — the first time a woman’s stepped into the role — and a new showrunner (Chris Chibnall, “Gracepoint”) who is keen to make the show as accessible to newcomers as he can.

BBC has shown some faith in Whittaker and Chibnall, reportedly renewing the show all the way through Season 15.

In other good news for fans, Chibnall has said he’s willing to loosen up his original rule against borrowing from old “Doctor Who” lore for plot points — expect to see more beloved enemies like Daleks, Cybermen and more in the coming season(s).

Q: Why can’t I find new episodes of “The Steve Harvey Show” anymore?

A: I think you’re already expecting the answer you’re about to get, but you probably don’t know about all the hard feelings that resulted from the cancellation of “The Steve Harvey Show.”

Cancellations are usually pretty reserved affairs. Broadcasters sometimes don’t mention them at all — it’s up to journalists and fans to



Jodie Whittaker in “Doctor Who”

get the message when new schedules are released with no mention of the canceled show. And when the stars who have lost their jobs say anything, it’s usually just a few comforting words about how much they enjoyed the experience and how excited they are for what’s next.

But, not for the first time in his life, Steve Harvey isn’t following the script.

The official cancellation of “The Steve Harvey Show” came in May, with industry pundits saying it was dropped to make room for a new talk show hosted by pop star Kelly Clarkson. But months earlier, Harvey already suspected the end was coming, and he wasn’t afraid to talk about it.

He was a headline speaker at a major entertainment biz conference in January, and he said then that NBC was going to drop his show in favor of Clarkson’s. He also said that he wasn’t happy about how it went down.

“I thought it would’ve been nice of them to come to me — as being the only dude that’s survived [in daytime TV] for them for seven years — and say, ‘Steve, we’re thinking about doing this.’ But no, they just made an announcement. So when you do that, I gotta make announcements, too.”

He made one more announcement about it, this time on Instagram, the day before his final episode. The message this time was a little more positive.

Q: In the TV series “Yellowstone,” Kevin Costner’s son planted a bomb on their enemy’s plane. But then the plot carried on from there and [spoiler omitted]. What happened to the bomb planted on the plane?

A: I removed a major plot point from your question so that I can warn other readers here: I’m about to spoil the heck out of Season 2 of “Yellowstone.” If you haven’t already seen it but plan to, you should stop reading.

With that out of the way, I can now say that you’re right — the bomb that Kayce planted on the Becks’ plane at the beginning of the second-to-last episode was made moot by the fact that they went ahead and shot all the Becks in the finale instead.

It’s hard not to think that, amid all the tense things going on in the last few episodes of “Yellowstone,” the writers just sort of forgot about the plane. (There was also a kidnapping, a couple of fathers dying, and a lot of relationship drama to get through in just a couple of hours.)

Of course, that’s not to say the plane plot was wasted. One conflict that ran throughout this season has been the one within Kayce Dutton’s soul — will he grow into a wise and kind man, or a vengeful and hard one? His decision to plant a bomb in the plane was a big swing toward the bad side.

But there’s still hope for him. The season ended with Kayce’s tearful reunion with his son after rescuing him from danger, and Luke Grimes, who plays Kayce, said in a teaser video for Season 3 that the upcoming season will be a chance for his character and family to “heal” after all this violence.

So stay tuned. Season 3 is already in production and is likely to air next summer, in keeping with the past two.

Have a question? Email us at questions@tvtabloid.com. Please include your name and town.

Late laughs

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

In the next few days, top White House aides are going to present Trump with an impeachment response strategy. Just in time! That’s like the captain of the Titanic being like, “Ah we should have taken a left, I’m sorry. Is it too late?”

It’s officially October, and stores are already putting up their Halloween decorations. Unfortunately, those aren’t fake cobwebs at Forever 21.

They’re even putting up Halloween decorations at the White House. Just to frighten President Trump, instead of a scarecrow they’re using a cardboard cutout of Nancy Pelosi.

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

Bill Barr is traveling the world trying to prove that all of Trump’s conspiracy theories are true. He’s going to find Obama’s birth certificate! He’s going to find all the people that aliens abducted from Trump’s inauguration crowd! And finally, he’ll bring help to hurricane-ravaged Alabama!

The Late Late Show with James Corden

The way to look at it is like this: the Democrats are Oprah, and subpoenas are free cars. “You get a subpoena! You get a subpoena! You get a subpoena!”

According to a new study, living close to the water is good for your mental health. Those who live less than a mile away from the ocean are less

likely to have depression or anxiety — yeah, because you’re rich!

Researchers are saying that people who live close to water have lower levels of anxiety ... unless, of course, that water is a trench filled with snakes or alligators.

Jimmy Kimmel Live

If Trump had been putting all his calls in this special classified server or system or whatever, that would be one thing. But he only put a few in, so you know those were the bad ones. It’s like putting magazines under your mattress. There are no Popular Mechanics under there!

A new book cites multiple sources in the administration who say Trump wanted a moat. He wanted snakes, he wanted alligators, he wanted an electrified wall with spikes on top to keep immigrants out. Not only did Trump tweet a denial, he yelled at a reporter who asked him about it. It was a lie! He didn’t want alligators, he wanted dragons!

Late Night With Seth Meyers

House Democrats this afternoon subpoenaed Rudy Giuliani for documents related to his communications with Ukraine. Said Rudy, “Sure, anything to help!” I’m kidding. He turned into a bat and flew into a window.

President Trump today continued to defend his controversial phone call with the president of Ukraine, tweeting that it, quote, “could not have been nicer, warmer, or better.” Hey man, you’re

not getting impeached over bad phone manners. You solicited a bribe. If a bank robber says, “Put the money in the bag, please and thank you,” he still goes to jail.

In an interview released today, Mayor Pete Buttigieg said the superhero he most identifies with is Spider-Man because he is, quote, “kind of a nerdy guy who finds himself in a position of power.” And Joe Biden said he most identifies with Aquaman, because he’s been treading water for months.

According to the Washington Post, President Trump has privately suggested that U.S. forces form a human wall to prevent people from crossing the border. I don’t want to say the president is a child, but his immigration policy is literally “Red rover, red rover, send nobody over.”

Weekend Update with Colin Jost and Michael Che

The New York Metropolitan Opera announced that singer Plácido Domingo has stepped down after accusations of sexual misconduct. He will be replaced by his far less sexually aggressive understudy: Flaccido Domingo.

A Little Late With Lilly Singh

I’m trying my best to limit my time on social media. It’s because I recently read a study that said too much social media can impact your posture. It can make you look up to an inch or two shorter — seems completely counterintuitive to how most men use their phones.