

NETFLIX this week

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WHAT'S NEW:

"Klaus"

Christmas comes early when heartwarming holiday story premieres Friday, Nov. 15. "Klaus" tells the story of a postman named Jesper (Jason Schwartzman, "Wine Country," 2019). He was the postal academy's worst student, and therefore is stationed in the town of Smeerensburg in the Arctic Circle after graduation. Smeerensburg is far from a friendly place, and the locals are perfectly content to be live in a town known as the "unhappiest place on Earth." Their status begins to change when Jesper discovers the reclusive toy maker Klaus (J. K. Simmons, "Spider-Man: Far from Home," 2019), and sets a series of good deeds in motion. He asks Klaus to donate some of his toys to the children in town, and offers to deliver them himself. The children are overjoyed, and they begin to write letters to Mr. Klaus to thank him for his generosity. However, the adults in town are unmoved, and they strongly oppose Klaus and Jesper's efforts. They try to stop the charitable duo by destroying as



A scene from "Klaus"

many the toys as possible, but love and kindness are not so easily squashed. Sure to become a classic holiday film, "Klaus" is filled with heart and humor that is great for the whole family. Get in to the holiday spirit when it premieres this week.

"The Earthquake Bird"

On Friday, Nov. 15, you can stream this psychological suspense drama. Based on the novel of the same name by Susanna Jones, the film stars Alicia Vikander ("Tomb

Raider," 2018) as Lucy Fly, an introverted Swedish translator living in Tokyo in the 1980s. When the dismembered body of her best friend, the extroverted American Lily (Riley Keough, "Logan Lucky," 2017), is discovered in Tokyo Bay, Lucy is picked up by police and brought in as the prime suspect. As she is subjected to an intense interrogation, the story of their friendship unfolds, and we see that Lucy's introduction to Lily happened shortly after her arrival in Tokyo. As Lucy starts dating Teiji (Naoki Kobayashi, "Tatara Samurai," 2016), a photographer she met in the street, things become tense between her and her friend. As Lucy's feelings for him start to get obsessive, Lily begins to flirt with him, and suspicion and jealousy invades their friendship, creating a twisted love triangle. This intense, modern film noir focuses on the fine line between love and dangerous obsession. Watch as



Alicia Vikander, Naoki Kobayashi and Riley Keough in "The Earthquake Bird"

relationships are pushed to their breaking point the drama premieres this Friday.

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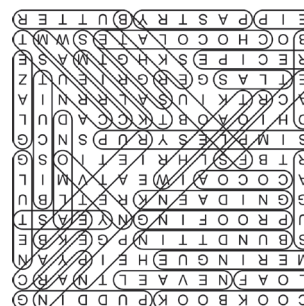
"F Is for Family"

If you're a fan of the comedic rantings of Bill Burr, you've probably checked this one out. The famously un-PC comedian co-created the animated sitcom with Michael Price, who's done award-winning work on "The Simpsons." It's loosely based on Burr's own upbringing, and he voices the family patriarch, Frank Murphy. Burr has been steadily rising in the entertainment world. He's been on the standup circuit for more than 25 years and has hosted the hilarious Monday Morning Podcast since 2007. Burr co-founded the All Things Comedy network with former "Daily Show" correspondent Al Madrigal, and you may recognize him from a few TV and film roles, including a memorable run as henchman Patrick Kuby in "Breaking Bad." His "F Is for Family" character is loosely based on

his own father, and the material is taken from his days growing up in the Massachusetts suburbs in the '70s — a time, as Burr fondly told the New York Daily News, when "you could smack your kid, smoke inside and bring a gun to the airport." Frank is a hot-tempered Korean War vet and father of three for whom life isn't all it's cracked up to be, though he's a loving (if somewhat ornery) family man. There's a lot of famous voice talent in the cast besides Burr: Laura Dern ("Jurassic Park," 1993) voices Frank's wife, Sue; Justin Long ("Tusk," 2014) plays delinquent teen and eldest child, Kevin; Sam Rockwell ("Seven Psychopaths," 2012) play jolly, womanizing neighbor, Vic; and cartoon veteran Debi Derryberry ("Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius") provides numerous voices, including youngest child Maureen. Vince Vaughn ("Wedding Crashers," 2005) joined the most recent season as Chet Stevenson, a new neighbor of the Murphys'. It's a raunchy, swearsy comedy that's definitely not for kids, but it has a surprising amount of heart, too.



Kevin Murphy (voiced by Justin Long) in a scene from "F Is for Family"



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