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Funny, not funny: Jim Carrey's 'Kidding' mixes comedy and drama

By Kyla Brewer
TV Media

First, there was Howdy Doody. Then came Captain Kangaroo, the beloved Mr. Rogers and so on. Cheerful, wise and kind, children's entertainers such as these have inspired generations of kids. A new Showtime series takes a look at what happens when an iconic children's television personality faces unimaginable tragedy, and it's no laughing matter.

Jim Carrey ("The Truman Show," 1998) returns to prime-time television as Jeff Pickles in the 10-episode comedy-drama "Kidding," premiering Sunday, Sept. 9, on Showtime. Jeff has captured the hearts of millions of children and their parents as the host of the fictional children's TV program "Mr. Pickles' Puppet Time," but his personal life is falling apart and his own heart is breaking.

It's been almost a year since it was announced that the Golden Globe winner had signed on for the project, and more than two decades since Carrey has been seen in a regular television series role. At the time of the announcement, Showtime executive David Nevins had high praise for the star.

"No one inhabits a character like Jim Carrey, and this role — which is like watching Humpty Dumpty after the fall — is going to leave television audiences wondering how they went so long without him," Nevins said.

Created by Dave Holstein ("Weeds") and directed by Michael Gondry ("The Science of Sleep," 2006), the show also stars renowned stage actor and Tony Award winner Frank Langella ("Frost/Nixon," 2008) as Seb, the executive producer of "Mr. Pickles' Puppet Time." Academy Award nominee Cath-



Judy Greer stars in "Kidding"

erine Keener ("Being John Malkovich," 1999) portrays Jeff's co-worker, Deirdre, the show's head puppet maker. Judy Greer ("Arrested Development") plays Jeff's estranged wife, Jill, and young actor Cole Allen appears as their son, Will. Justin Kirk ("Weeds") has landed a recurring role as Jill's new boyfriend. Ginger Gonzaga ("Togetherness") and Grace Song ("High Maintenance") will also appear in recurring roles.

This isn't the first time Carrey and Gondry have worked together. Gondry directed Carrey in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (2004), which earned Gondry an Academy Award for best original screenplay. It's clear that Nevins is confident the dynamic duo will create onscreen magic once again.

"With his 'Eternal Sunshine' partner Michel Gondry on board to direct, we are on our way to a magnetic, volcanic and emotional viewing experience," Nevins said of "Kidding."

In the show, Jeff has guided youngsters and shared important lessons about kindness and love for years, but when his own life begins to implode, no fairytale character shows up to help him through it. As a result, he begins to unravel, which,

according to the official release, is "as hilarious as it is heart-breaking." Onscreen, Jeff may be sweet, but when the lights go dark and the cameras turn off, his pent-up anger begins to surface.

Things look bleak for Mr. Pickles, but, according to Carrey, the message of the series is a positive one. In an official featurette promoting "Kidding," he talked about the meaning behind the show.

"What I love about this whole project is the idea that no matter how bad things may look, there's an innocence inside us that can never be destroyed. It's always there," Carrey said.

The actor seems perfect for the role of Jeff, which was, according to Holstein, written specifically for him. In an interview with the Hollywood Reporter, the show's creator explained that he began writing the script in 2010 with Carrey in mind. It wasn't easy to get the script in front of the Hollywood star, but

when Holstein joined the writing staff of the Showtime series "I'm Dying Up Here," he finally got his chance. Carrey, incidentally, serves as an executive producer on "Dying," a drama about L.A.'s standup comedy scene in the 1970s.

Soap Updates

By Andrew Sawyer
TV Media

For the week of
September 3 - 7

The Bold and the Beautiful

Thorne gives Katie assurances of love and loyalty, which eases her apprehension. Hope and Liam rush to the hospital, worried about their unborn baby. Thorne stands up to Bill after he threatens Katie. Steffy helps Hope and Liam during a difficult time. Ridge announces a decision must be made regarding the future of Forrester Creations. Brooke worries when Steffy and Hope once again are at odds. Bill talks to Brooke about his frustrations with Katie and Will and he asks her for a big favor. Steffy tries to make it clear to Ridge why he should choose the Intimates collection over the Hope for the Future line. Brooke questions Ridge as to which daughter he'll be kicking to the curb. Steffy and Hope argue about whose line should be kept in production at the company.

Days of Our Lives

Paul's very life hangs in the balance. Will and Sonny's future plans hit a snag. Kayla receives some disturbing news about Steve. Kristen turns to an unexpected person for help. John anxiously waits for Marlena to wake up after her surgery. Abigail tells JJ she thinks Gabi is out to get her. Stefan faces a difficult choice. Lani and Eli share a close moment while working together. John finds Marlena in crisis as Valerie tries to save her life. Will is blasted by Brady when Brady overhears him

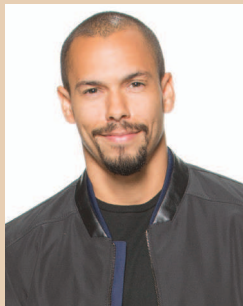
declare his love for Sonny. Eli confesses his feelings to Lani. Gabi and Abigail experience a major confrontation with each other. Eric and Brady try to support John as he worries about Marlena's condition. Belle has some shocking news for Eric about their mother. Will reveals to Paul that he's regained his memory. Bonnie drops a huge bomb on Lucas.

General Hospital

Alexis becomes completely outraged. Julian turns to Drew for some help. Kim feels that she is helpless, but she shares a big secret with someone. Drew is beside himself. Cameron is very upset. Julian seeks out more answers. Nina gets everything in order. Valentin is put on notice. Nina comes up with a crazy idea. Curtis feels split. Jason continues to remain diplomatic.

The Young and the Restless

Sharon remains skeptical of Tessa's intentions, though Mariah is happy she's back in town. Mariah tells Sharon not to worry, but Tessa admits to Mariah that she's in trouble. Sharon becomes suspicious of Rey and she warns Victoria, who is also worried about his motives. Victoria later reaches out to Nate for help when she has a panic attack. Victoria starts to open up to Nate, but soon her walls come back up and she shuts him out again. Sharon worries when Rey makes an effort to befriend Nick after he returns from a business trip. Abby doesn't trust Rey either, and she questions him about his feud with Arturo. Sharon also worries about changes in Nick and thinks he might be turning into Victor. Billy shuts Summer down and hurts her feelings when she tries to seduce him. Later, Summer goes to Kyle and says he won the bet and that she's ready to pay up. Cane and Lily try to hold on to normalcy as long as they can as they prepare for Lily's trial. They spend the night before the trial together and Cane promises to take Lily to Paris once everything is over. Mattie helps to make peace between her brother and Shauna, and the teens reconcile.



Bryton James stars in "The Young and the Restless"

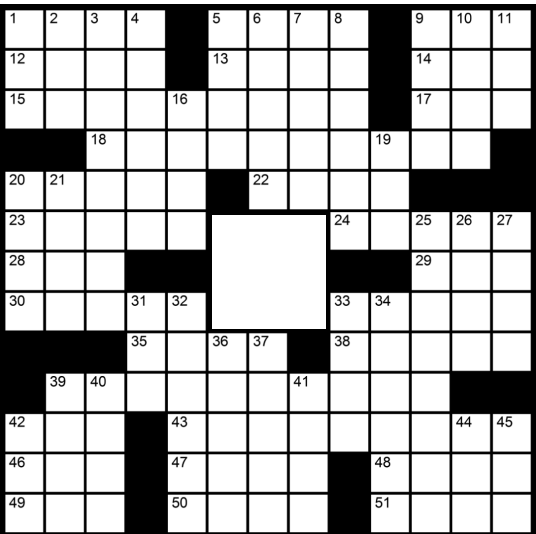
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- 48 Early "Sesame Street" character
- 49 Tell a whopper
- 50 Squabble
- 51 Benchmarks: Abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Consumer protection org.
- 2 U.N. workers' grp.
- 3 Tackle head-on
- 4 With magnitude, but not direction
- 5 Flip out
- 6 Biblical king
- 7 Eccentric
- 8 Factory-built home
- 9 Germany's von Bismarck
- 10 Dale's sidekick
- 11 Jack's inferior
- 16 Heap
- 19 Mormons: Abbr.
- 20 Sagan of "Cosmos"
- 21 Performance halls
- 25 2003 thriller starring Meg Ryan

ACROSS

- 1 Popular pens
- 5 "Little ___ of Horrors"
- 9 Halloween mo.
- 12 Alliance
- 13 Prefix with -itis
- 14 French beverage
- 15 French conqueror
- 17 Like some ears
- 18 Real estate TV series
- 20 Reef material
- 22 Out of juice, as a battery
- 23 Really fancy
- 24 Not the best single, on a record

- 28 "Star Wars" villain Kyo
- 29 Prefix with profit
- 30 Procrastinator's claim
- 33 Meshlike
- 35 "Daddy's Home 2" (2017) star John
- 38 "Hurray!"
- 39 New "American Horror Story" season
- 42 Big part of many modern blockbusters
- 43 Eight-track players
- 46 "Raiders of the Lost ___" (1981 film)
- 47 Big name in newspaper publishing

Solution on page 15

Late Laughs

The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon

An 11-year-old boy in Florida was able to hack into a state elections website and change results in under 10 minutes. So get ready to meet Florida's next governor, Fortnite McDeadpool.

The Late Late Show With James Corden

During an interview yesterday, former Trump aide Omarosa played a secret recording of Chief of Staff John Kelly informing her she was being fired. The firing took place in the White House's Situation Room. Omarosa recorded this herself, which is a first, because usually there's a whole camera crew there when she's getting fired.

Jimmy Kimmel Live

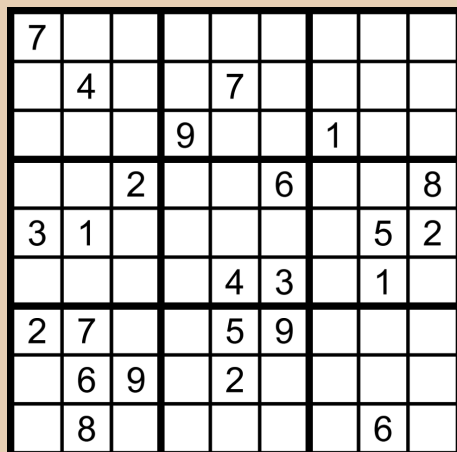
All hell is breaking loose in Washington as the battle between President Trump and his former adviser slash "Apprentice" contestant Omarosa Manigault Newman rages on. I'm not sure who I'm supposed to root for in this. It's like Lord Voldemort versus King Joffrey.

Late Night With Seth Meyers

President Trump had dinner on Friday with Apple CEO Tim Cook. Well, Tim, did you try unplugging him and plugging him back in?

According to Politico, White House aides need to remind President Trump of time zones in different countries on a "constant basis." He forgets that in America, it's 4 p.m., but where he is, it's 1957.

Sudoku



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SUNDAY

3 p.m.
(DSC) (38) Building Off the Grid: Rocky Mountains (CC)

(HGTV) (51) Fixer Upper "Baby's Due Date Causes Rush to Renovate an Outdated Ranch" (CC)

4 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Fixer Upper "Searching for a New Homebuilder's Dream Home in an Old Neighborhood" (CC)

5 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Fixer Upper "Three Generations, One Fixer" (CC)

6 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Fixer Upper "Traditional Goes Ultra Modern" (CC)

7 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Beachfront Bargain Hunt "Getaway on Palm Island, Florida" (CC)

7:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Beachfront Bargain Hunt "Hard-Earned Home on Oak Island" (CC)

8 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Caribbean Life "A Family Adventure" (CC)

8:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Caribbean Life "A New Chapter in the Dominican Republic" (CC)

9 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Island Life "Views of the Sand Dunes" (CC)

9:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Island Life "Goodbye to the Grind and Hello to Pensacola Beach" (CC)

10 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "Home Near Waikiki" (CC)

10:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters International "Trading it all for the Beach" (CC)

MONDAY

3 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Love It or List It "A Hole-in-one Location" (CC)

4 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Love It or List It "Functioning for Four" (CC)

5 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Love It or List It "Tree House Trouble" (CC)

6 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Love It or List It "Picture-perfect Kitchen" (CC)

7 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Love It or List It "A Sentimental Situation" (CC)

8 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Love It or List It "Second Time Selling" (CC)

9 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "Open Space in Colorado" (CC)

9:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters International "Beauty and Tulips in Amsterdam" (CC)

10 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "Starting A Family In Philly" (CC)

10:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters International "New Chapter in Valencia Spain" (CC)

TUESDAY

3 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Fixer Upper "Tight Budgets and Big Dreams" (CC)

4 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Fixer Upper "Rock Star Renovation" (CC)

5 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Fixer Upper Special "Touchdown for a Family in Need" (CC)

6 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Fixer Upper "A Veteran Home Makeover" (CC)

7 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Fixer Upper "Rustic Italian Dream Home" (CC)

8 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Desert Flippers (CC)

8:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Desert Flippers "A Prickly Situation" (CC)

9 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "Blended Family Home in Indianapolis" (CC)

9:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters International "Looking for Change in Chiang Mai, Thailand" (CC)

10 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "Large Space in Sioux Falls" (CC)

10:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters International "City Maus, Country Haus" (CC)

WEDNESDAY

3 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Buying and Selling

With the Property Brothers "Shacking on Up" (CC)

4 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Buying and Selling With the Property Brothers "Stuck in a Suburban Starter" (CC)

5 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Buying and Selling With the Property Brothers "Worth Every Penny" (CC)

6 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Buying and Selling With the Property Brothers "Tiny House Switcheroo" (CC)

7 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Property Brothers "Lakeside Dreaming" (CC)

8 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Property Brothers "Reno Interrupted" (CC)

9 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "More Space for Guitars" (CC)

9:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters International "England Now or Never" (CC)

10 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Property Brothers "Modern Must-Have" (CC)

THURSDAY

3 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "A Dinky Flip" (CC)

3:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Thrifty vs. Glitzy" (CC)

4 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Natural Disaster" (CC)

4:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Doll House Flip" (CC)

5 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Fire Sale Flip" (CC)

5:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Big Money Flip" (CC)

6 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Split-level Falls" (CC)

6:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Hot Market, Fast Flip" (CC)

7 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Fun House Flip" (CC)

7:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Shattered Flip" (CC)

8 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop (CC)

8:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Flip or Flop "Infested Flip" (CC)

9 p.m.
(KAMU) (-) This Old House Hour (CC)
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "Honolulu House Hunt" (CC)

9:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters International "Too Cute in Tulum" (CC)

10 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Rustic Rehab "Panning for Sold"

10:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "Family Searches for a Home in Rural Vermont" (CC)

FRIDAY

3 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Bahamas Life "From Colorado Snow to Exuma Blues" (CC)

3:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Bahamas Life "From Scrubs to Sandals" (CC)

4 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Bahamas Life "From Iowa to Eleuthera" (CC)

4:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Bahamas Life "Sweet Home Abaco" (CC)

5 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Bahamas Life "A New Life in Nassau" (CC)

5:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Bahamas Life "Treasure Cay Stole Their Heart" (CC)

6 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Bahamas Life "From Barrier Reef to Bahamas" (CC)

6:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Bahamas Life "Bahamian Sign" (CC)

7 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) My Lottery Dream Home "Minnesota Millions" (CC)

7:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) My Lottery Dream Home "Mom's Million" (CC)

8 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Tiny Paradise "Tiny Island Escape" (CC)

8:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Tiny Paradise "Tiny House, Mountain Vistas" (CC)

9 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "A Tiny Home Adventure" (CC)

9:30 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters International (CC)

10 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) House Hunters "Friends Find a Beach Bungalow" (CC)

SATURDAY

3 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Property Brothers "Reno Interrupted" (CC)

4 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Property Brothers "Mistress of Her Domain" (CC)

5 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Property Brothers "Striking the Right Chord" (CC)

6 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Property Brothers "Structural Opportunity" (CC)

7 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Love It or List It "Overseas Oversight" (CC)

8 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Love It or List It "Mid Century Maternity" (CC)

9 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation (CC)

10 p.m.
(HGTV) (51) Mountain Life "Searching For A Perch In Estes Park, Colorado" (CC)

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This week's solutions

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