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NEW SERIES & SEASONS

(P) Denotes: Premieres

THE PAYNES

Series Premiere Tuesday, January 16 (Two back-to-back half-hour episodes 10 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. ET/PT and 10:30 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT)

In Tyler Perry's new comedy series "The Paynes," Cassi Davis and LaVan Davis reprise their roles as Ella and Curtis Payne from the hit series "House of Payne." As Curtis and Ella are enjoying their retirement, a death in the family takes them on the road to Florida, where Curtis is roped into a real estate deal that will tumble their lives like clothes in a dryer – with plenty of laughs and life lessons along the way. "The Paynes" also stars Emmy-winner Jackée Harry, Stephanie Charles, Markice Moore, JD McCrary, Sanai Victoria and Anthony O. Dalton.

(P) Tuesday, January 16 (10 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: A Surprise For The Paynes

Curtis (LaVan Davis) and the rest of the Payne family take a road trip to Florida where Ella (Cassi Davis) receives a stunning surprise. The series also stars Emmy-winner Jackee Harry as JoAnn.

(P) Tuesday, January 16 (10:30 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Revelations Of Payne

Ella (Cassi Davis) is fuming after Curtis (LaVan Davis) makes a life-changing decision without her input. Meanwhile, Curtis discovers that he has been duped into a bad investment. The series also stars Emmy-winner Jackee Harry as JoAnn.

THE HAVES AND THE HAVE NOTS

Season Premiere Tuesday, January 9 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT)

Tyler Perry's "The Haves and the Have Nots," starring John Schneider and Tika Sumpter, portrays the ongoing drama between the wealthy Cryer and Harrington families and the poor Young family. The most explosive season yet, season five picks up with no one unscathed by scandal, destruction, life-threatening moments and even death. The series also stars Angela Robinson, Renée Lawless, Crystal Fox, Peter Parros, Aaron O'Connell, Tyler Lepley and Gavin Houston.

(P) Tuesday, January 9 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Afraid of Flames

In the season five premiere of "The Haves and The Have Nots", Hanna (Crystal Fox) is in mourning after a deadly shooting. Candace (Tika Sumpter) rejects Benny's (Tyler Lepley) pleas to help her. Veronica (Angela Robinson) and Melissa (Antoinette Robertson) find themselves in danger.

(P) Tuesday, January 16 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Searching For A Mother's

Love

Benny (Tyler Lepley) and Mitch (Brett Davis) risk their lives to save victims of a horrific auto accident. Justin (Nicholas James) professes his love and lust for Jeffery (Gavin Houston).

(P) Tuesday, January 23 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Undercover Vice

David (Peter Parros) discovers Jeffrey's (Gavin Houston) whereabouts. Hanna (Crystal Fox) and Benny (Tyler Lepley) confront Candace (Tika Sumpter).

(P) Tuesday, January 30 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: The Lion

Hanna (Crystal Fox) reveals a deep, dark secret. David (Peter Parros) calls Katheryn (Renée Lawless) for help with Jeffrey (Gavin Houston).

IF LOVING YOU IS WRONG

Season Premiere Wednesday, January 10 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT)

Tyler Perry's "If Loving You Is Wrong," delves into the lives of neighbors and friends-turned-frenemies Alex (Amanda Clayton), Kelly (Edwina Findley Dickerson), Marcie (Heather Hemmens), Esperanza (Zulay Henao) and Natalie (April Parker-Jones). Season three continues to unfold as the neighborhood that once was the perfect picture of suburban life is still dealing with the repercussions of the scandalous affair that tore apart two marriages, and jeopardized every friendship the couples held close. The series also stars Joel Rush, Eltony Williams, Aiden Turner, Charles Malik Whitfield, Denzel Wells and Jay Hunter.

(P) Wednesday, January 10 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: A Dame in Distress

Randal (Eltony Williams) enacts a twisted game of revenge against Eddie (Joel Rush). Eddie must call upon Lushion (Charles Malik Whitfield) for help.

(P) Wednesday, January 17 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: The Porch Light

Lushion (Charles Malik Whitfield) reluctantly comes to Eddie's (Joel Rush) rescue. Eddie vows revenge against Randal (Eltony Williams) and his attorney Larry (guest star Donovan Christie Jr.).

(P) Wednesday, January 24 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: The Papers

Kelly (Edwina Findley Dickerson) discovers she has been betrayed by her attorney. Steven (Ryan Haake) continues his pursuit of Esperanza (Zulay Henao).

(P) Wednesday, January 31 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Hanging In The Balance

Eddie (Joel Rush) enacts a horrific game of revenge against attorney Larry (guest star Donovan Christie Jr.).

CONTINUING SERIES

(P) Denotes: Premieres

(F) Denotes: Finales

OPRAH'S MASTER CLASS

(P) Monday, January 15 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: John Lewis

Featuring unprecedented first-person insight into the brilliant minds of entertainers and public figures we love, respect and admire, "Oprah's Master Class" tells the stories you've never heard from the people you thought you knew best. From award-winning musicians and box-office busting actors to groundbreaking leaders, true modern masters share the greatest

lessons they've learned along the way, including their successes, failures, triumphs, disappointments and heartbreaks. Before he was a U.S. Congressman, John Lewis was one of the pioneers of the Civil Rights Movement. Lewis reflects on his life of activism and his friendship with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and offers wisdom for the ongoing fight for justice and equality.

WELCOME TO SWEETIE PIE'S

Saturdays (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT)

The 1960's backup singer and former Ikette, Miss Robbie Montgomery, had to hustle to keep her family afloat, so she whipped out her mother's recipes and turned her second love of cooking into a soul food empire. "Welcome to Sweetie Pie's" follows the fun-loving, musical Montgomery family through their highs and lows as they work to expand their business. This season, as Miss Robbie and Tim struggle to mend their relationship, they each decide to open separate new restaurants. Monique, Charles and Chloe strap on their boots and head to Houston, and Miss Robbie contemplates her legacy as retirement looms on the horizon.

(P) Saturday, January 6 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Keep on Pushin'

While Miss Robbie grapples over choosing which family member will manage her newest venture, Hamburger Heaven, Tim faces a major decision with his restaurants in Los Angeles. Meanwhile, Charles is ready to set out on his own and leave the nest for good.

(F) Saturday, January 13 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: I Can't Stand the Rain

Miss Robbie and Michelle hustle to finish the final touches for Hamburger Heaven's opening. In Houston, with Chef Clark out of town, Bruce makes sweeping changes at Sweet Times restaurant, and Hurricane Harvey tears through the city forcing Tim to evacuate the staff.

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