

TELEVISION

CBS aims high with 'Supergirl' and 'Angel'

CBS took center stage Monday at the Television Critics Association summer tour in Beverly Hills. The network talked about superheroes and otherworldly creatures on its fall lineup. Here are highlights:

MAKE ROOM FOR 'SUPERGIRL'
Television's superhero crowd will get bigger this fall with the arrival of *Supergirl* Oct. 26.

Executive producer Greg Berlanti says he "grew up worshipping" Richard Donner's *Superman* films "and their magic and their fun. We'd like to bring just a smidgen of the magic those films had."

Supergirl stars Melissa Benoist as Kara Zor-El, who at 24 takes a job at a media empire ruled by Cat Grant (Calista Flockhart). One of her colleagues is James Olsen (Mehcad Brooks), no longer a cub reporter as originally conceived but now a nationally acclaimed photographer and friend of Superman's.

Benoist is able to display "the strength, hope, heart (and) humor" of the character and has "instant likability," executive producer Andrew Kreisberg says.

CBS Entertainment chairman Nina Tassler says no crossover episodes with CW's *Arrow* or *The Flash* are planned.

Red Tornado, a DC Comics character, will appear in the show, as will Non, a character from Donner's film, but don't expect to see Superman.

Benoist is enjoying the role, including doing Supergirl's super-powered stunts: "It's exciting to feel like you're flying."

—Bill Keveney

JUST CALL HER 'ANGEL?'

Jane Lynch plays a guardian angel who comes into the life of Allison, a young woman played by Maggie Lawson. Sounds great for Allison, or it would be if this angel weren't a rude, crude drunk.

The *Angel From Hell* script was written for two women the same age, Lynch says. But she read it, loved it and told her agent to ask the producers of they could "see someone as old as Jane Lynch in the role." And yes, they could.

And why not? She's an Emmy-winning, in-demand actor who's thrilled to be working. But she's more thrilled at the moment just to feel satisfied with who she is,



RICHARD CARTWRIGHT, CBS

Kara Zor-El (Melissa Benoist), with James Olsen (Mehcad Brooks), embraces her abilities in *Supergirl*.

to feel "settled" in her person.

"I'm really grateful and I try to stay open. ... I've come to believe what I'm meant to be doing is right in front of me. I don't go searching for it."

Does she believe she has a guardian angel? Yes. "If you're open to it, I think there's help around us and love around us."

Of course, even though Lynch

believes in angels, that doesn't mean *Angel* does. So, is her Amy an angel or just unbalanced? Obviously, creator Tad Quill knows the answer, but he's not telling.

"It's never in doubt that Amy believes she's an angel," Quill says. "But it's also consistent with a 50-year-long manic phase. So we always keep that open."

—Robert Bianco

'DOME' DEVELOPMENTS

Under the Dome will escape it when the summer series' third season ends Sept. 10. The question is whether the show itself survives the Chester's Mill town-folks' newfound freedom.

"The dome is coming down at the end of the season, but that opens up a whole host of storytelling possibilities," Tassler says. But she wouldn't say whether the show will be renewed for a fourth season, adding that the decision will be made by early fall.

Although the series is among summer's top-rated network dramas, its audience has dropped sharply from its big first season. *Dome* also has been critically lambasted of late for overextending the premise of the Stephen King novel on which it is based.

Tassler also talked up Stephen Colbert, whose *Late Show* premieres Sept. 8.

"He is certainly the smartest guy in the room, has a great imagination, but he really does enjoy performing," she says. "We are coming into an election year. Who are you going to want to hear from? Who are you going to want to watch? It's going to be Stephen."

—Gary Levin

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- ACROSS**
- Altar settings
 - H.S. requirement
 - Entertaining copycats
 - Not even-tempered
 - L.A. necessity
 - Pastoral poem
 - Former P.M. Tony
 - Move it along quickly
 - Miss Hawkins of Dogpatch
 - Absentminded one's excuse
 - Kind of ball or fellow
 - Boat accoutrement
 - Driveway endings, often
 - Climbed awkwardly
 - "Gone With the Wind" plantation
 - "___ bad!"
 - Block letter's lack
 - Indian officer's club
 - Middle name of 4-Down
 - Pelvic bones
 - Green or lima
 - Round components?
 - Brenda of the comics
 - Breed
 - Brook
 - In a regal manner
 - Busy fellow in a gold rush
 - A Beagle wife
 - "Cool" amount
 - Ignorant one's excuse
 - Newbie, of sorts
 - Acquired
 - Not domesticated
 - Runs easily
 - ___ Today
 - Bit of dandruff
- DOWN**
- Early Christian pulpit
 - A designer label
 - It may be in a bar
 - "The Wizard of Menlo Park"
 - Some Fertile Crescent residents
 - Cave ricochet
 - Brand of hair remover
 - Shorthand innovator
 - Cold, dry European wind
 - A first name among first ladies
 - Homework avoider's excuse
 - Say "y'all," e.g.
 - Gravity-powered toys
 - Common side order
 - ___ Park, Colo.
 - Moray, e.g.
 - Wanda of comedy
 - Morsel for American Pharaoh
 - Spirited steed
 - Use a dagger
 - Ozone problem
 - Late one's excuse
 - Parts of history books
 - Official pronouncements
 - German "Mrs."
 - Campus building
 - Like an octopus's defense
 - Opera solo
 - Specialized vocabulary
 - Foxy trait?
 - Spring flood causes
 - Zodiac lion
 - One way to be responsible
 - Hardly scanty
 - Airtight storage buildings
 - Scalawag
 - It smells good
 - And others, for short
 - Yiddish "trash" (var.)
 - Defensive spray
 - The "E" of BPOE
 - Drone, e.g.

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Monday's Answer

MALE SCOTT AWAY
IRIS HONOR DIRE
SEETHENEWEYEARIN
CANOE SNOWPEA
PALS SUET
BAR ROCS TREMOR
EGO TRITE ROLE
SAWTHEFUNNYSIDE
EPEE INDIA REV
TENNIS SUCH ENE
DOTE PEWS
SLEWING EMECEE
SEENANDNOTHEARD
ERIC GUANO AMID
EASY SETON RENO

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WORD ROUNDUP

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek 8/11

- Find and Circle:
Seven metals (four-letter min.)
Jane ___
Lemonlike fruit
Two of spades, for one ___
___ Neeson
- Monday's answer: TWO FOUR SIX EIGHT TEN TWELVE TWENTY THIRTY FORTY / ATHENS PARIS ROME / PEACH PLUM PEAR / COLD HOT / CHAT

QUICKCROSS

By John Wilmes 8/11

Toppers
Samoan capital
Chrysler engine
Fires
Joke response
Summit

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SLOE
PUIG
ARLO
MESS

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LEEVESJMCMP
CESILVERKIUA
LIAMDEUCETIU
FRVDCOPPERDL
GOLDMZIPNCOOE
TNNYAUSTENSY
JKEDGOODALLJ
KSNZACURTINB

UP & DOWN WORDS

By David L. Hoyt and Russell L. Hoyt 8/11

1. COUGH

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

BY

Clues:
1. Type of suppressant
2. Stop by for a quick visit
3. Visiting Acapulco, say
4. Country capital at 7,550 feet
5. Mayor's office, often
6. 2011 Owen Wilson movie
7. Elapse, as time

Monday's Answer
GIVE TO STAY STAY INSIDE STRAIGHT TALK BIG SPENDER

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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).

4		9	5	8				
	8		3					9
9	1	2	4	6				
3				1	7			
	7		6		9			
	9	3						1
			6	7	9	3	5	
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1	2	4
2	5	1
6	3	1
1	3	4
5	1	4
3	6	5

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Monday's Answers

5	9	1	3	7	8	2	4	6
3	4	6	2	9	5	1	7	8
8	7	2	4	6	1	3	9	5
9	3	7	8	1	2	5	6	4
6	2	5	9	3	4	8	1	7
4	1	8	7	5	6	9	3	2
1	8	4	6	2	9	7	5	3
2	5	3	1	4	7	6	8	9
7	6	9	5	8	3	4	2	1

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TXTPERT-

Across
2. 738
4. 45587466
6. 7653
9. 7529
10. 5444B

Down
1. 67444625
3. 27666
5. 32623
7. 527478
8. 444

Today's theme: **Performing arts**

Use the phone keypad to decode the clues. For example: 2 could be A, B or C... and 5/6/7 could be LOST

M I C K O B U S
N A I L P
A M I L E A
U S
A H L A R S E
L A K I
F L U G E
J E T E N

DON'T QUOTE ME

Musician Count Basie offers this advice to performers.

Rearrange the words to complete the quote.
FEET IF PERSON PLAY TAP TUNE TUNE

“ YOU _____ A _____ AND A _____ DON'T _____ THEIR _____, DON'T PLAY THE _____ ”

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Monday's Answer: "In my sex fantasy, nobody ever loves me for my mind." - Nora Ephron