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EVENTS

DIY Movie Night

7:00 p.m. September 10

The Aquadome

Two movies will be shown – "Dither: the DIY Sound," a short documentary and "Wrong Did," a film by an Aquadome regular, nicknamed Little Ruckus.

Live Music

5-10:30 p.m. September 5

Jackson Stables

Come out and enjoy local band Deadwood. Doors open at 5 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5 cover charge.

TOP 5 Best Sort of Recent TV Series Finales



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The core of "Psych" always was the friendship between Gus and Shawn, highlighted in the series finale "The Break-Up." Plus, Laszlo closing the laptop before Shawn admits to being a fake psychic was fantastic character development for both.



1

The way that "Angel" stuck with the entire theme of the show during the last minutes of the series finale is why "Not Fade Away" is No. 1. Not to mention, the series unexpectedly got cancelled toward the end of season five, leaving Joss Whedon and Co. scrambling. Kudos.



4

The "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" finale, "Chosen," sinks the entire town of Sunnydale, indicating Buffy's retirement from slaying and her adolescence. After all, "Buffy" was a show about growing up. Her smile in response to the question of what she wants to do next is the last shot we see.



2

Never has a show had as much character development as "Breaking Bad," and the show's finale "Felina" has those characters dealing with the consequences of their actions. Creator Vince Gilligan gave us the finale we needed, no question.



5

The "Parks and Recreation" two-part finale "One Last Ride" avoided the sentimentality of flashback and instead gave the audience a glimpse into the futures of the characters with the respect they deserved.

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"X-FILES" PODCAST SHEDS LIGHT IN TIME FOR SHOW'S REVIVAL

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"The X-Files Files" podcast is the best podcast about "The X-Files" that ever podcasted. Granted, I'm not sure how many podcasts about "The X-Files" there are, but I can assure you, this one is the best.

Hosted by Kumail Nanjiani, who is an actor, stand-up comedian and "X-Files" super fan, each installment of the podcast features Nanjiani and a guest discussing one or two "X-Files" episodes, starting with the pilot. Nanjiani perfectly blends comedy and analysis into the podcast.

But why listen to a podcast about a television show that ended 13 years ago? First of all, in case you have been living under a rock, "The X-Files" is returning to TV this January. B, "The X-Files" is awesome, so why not listen to people gush about how great it is? And in conclusion, the podcast makes "The X-Files" an easier show to handle.

Let me explain.

I am a TV show enthusiast, but it took me a while to sit down and watch "The X-Files." Everyone — that is, the Internet — said "The X-Files" was one of the greatest television shows of all time. That's a little intimidating for someone just starting to watch the show. In my head, I had built up "The X-Files" as the be-all-end-all

of television — the staple for the existence of all my other favorite shows — and I was worried I wouldn't understand it. Eventually, I watched the pilot and, to my relief, enjoyed it. But I still had thoughts, questions and concerns that couldn't be shared because I was years behind everyone else.

Then I discovered Nanjiani's podcast.

Nanjiani not only goes through each "X-Files" episode, analyzing the different government conspiracies and the possibility of alien life within the context of the show, but he also talks about what the show was like during the time it was on the air.

"The X-Files" premiered during 1993, during the rise of the Internet age and, more specifically, the beginning of Internet forums where fans discussed the most recent episode. One of the segments of "The X-Files Files" has Nanjiani reading from the archives of a site called alt.tv.xfiles. Hearing about how Internet fandom got started and how "The X-Files" was a major player in that is really fascinating, especially with today's Internet-focused society.

As mentioned during each episode, Nanjiani has a guest discuss the show with him, and sometimes those guests are writers and actors from "The X-Files." My favorite guest is Darin Morgan, who wrote four episodes of "The X-Files," and those four episodes happen to be some of the greatest moments of the entire show. Any-

one interested in television writing or writing in general should listen to both of Morgan's interviews — episodes 28 and 38 of the podcast — which can be found on feralaudio.com.

But what I really love about the podcast is Nanjiani's enthusiasm for "The X-Files." His passion for a television show is refreshing. Aside from discussing the show itself, Nanjiani and his guests share their own experiences with "The X-Files," discussing how it impacted their lives growing up and their careers.

Nanjiani's podcast currently only covers through the middle of season four, with new podcasts released every Wednesday. If you're on the fence about it, the first episode of the podcast, during which Nanjiani and guest Devin Faraci discuss the pilot and the second episode, "Deep Throat," offers a great introduction to both the podcast and "The X-Files."

The podcast also is great for those of you who have seen the show and want to revisit it. Now more than ever, I suggest giving the podcast a listen because the revival of "The X-Files" begins Jan. 24. Nanjiani himself has a role in one of the six new episodes.

While rumors and talks of an "X-Files" revival have been circulating the Internet for quite some time, I like to think it was Nanjiani's podcast that helped get "The X-Files" back into the conversation.

Grade — A