

TV this week

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Power couple

There are underhanded goings-on in the Underwood camp in season five of *House of Cards*, writes CLAIRE HENDERSON

With all the political chaos happening in America, what better way to escape it than to immerse yourself in political chaos of the purely dramatic type?

Whether the new season of *House of Cards* has any references to the Trump era remains to be seen, but the award-winning show's fans can rejoice at the return of one of TV's most underhanded couples, Frank and Claire Underwood, as they battle to hold on to power.

Frank and Claire, played by Golden Globe-winning stars Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright, have always been each other's strongest allies, but in the past couple of seasons the deepening cracks have begun to show in the Underwoods' complex and increasingly bizarre marriage.

To recap, the end of season four saw a tense 11th-hour hostage crisis when sympathisers of Muslim extremist terrorist organisation ICO seized the Miller family and tried to use their lives as lev-

erage to free terrorist Yusuf Al Ahmadi (Farshad Farahat) from Guantanamo. Both the Underwoods and upcoming election rival Will Conway (Joel Kinnaman) tried their best to outmanoeuvre

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each other to work this to their political advantage in their battle for the top position at the White House.

Meanwhile, Frank had an even bigger obstacle in his path when Tom Hammerschmidt's (Boris McGiver) article was published, full of allegations of Frank's corrupt actions and dark deeds.

So it was up to “people's favourite” Claire to conjure up their next plan of political attack: “We've tried making people love us and it hasn't worked, so it's time to make them fear us.”

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it's terrifying, isn't it?”, and she ends her message responding to the terror incident, streamed on Facebook Live, with the spine-chilling line (said in her accustomed eerily cold manner): “We're going to need to work together, watch out for each other, and yes, watch each other, to keep us all safe and sound. Tell us what you see.”

Will the Underwoods hold on to power? With Claire's popularity rising over the past two seasons, she looks like a force to be reckoned with, especially when terror

Politics and puppets: Claire and Frank Underwood (Robin Wright and Kevin Spacey) set their sights high in *House of Cards*.



victim Mr Miller's daughter whispers in Frank's ear at her father's funeral that she hopes he dies and that Claire becomes president.

Claire is also the one trying to do damage control after Tom calls out the Underwood administration for operating in the shadows,

and all the while she is still sharing her bed with writer Tom Yates (Paul Sparks).

It will be interesting to see if season five can maintain the momentum and immense success of previous seasons, and whether it develops a slightly different tone after series creator Beau Willimon

stepped down at the end of the last season.

Judging by the opening episode, there is plenty of political strife and dodgy dealings to keep viewers perched on the edge of their seats.

■ House of Cards
Streaming on Netflix from Tuesday

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<p>NINE</p> <p>6.00 Weekend Today (CC) 10.00 Sports Sunday (PG, CC) 11.00 NRL Sunday Footy Show (PG, CC) 1.00 Full Cycle (CC) 1.30 The Wild Life Of Tim Faulkner (R, CC) 2.00 Air Ambulance ER (PG, CC) 3.00 Rugby League. (CC) NRL. Round 12. Canberra Raiders v Sydney Roosters. 5.30 Garda Down Under (PG, CC) 6.00 Nine News. (CC) 7.00 The Voice. (PG, CC) 8.40 60 Minutes. (CC) 9.40 MOVIE: Schapelle. (Mal, R, CC, 2014) Krew Boylan, Vince Colosimo, Denise Roberts. 11.40 House. (Madms, R, CC) 12.40 Step Dave. (Ma, R, CC) 1.35 Anger Management. (M, R, CC) 2.00 The Garden Gurus. (R, CC) 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 The Baron (PG, R) 4.00 Good Morning America: Sunday (CC) 5.00 News Early Edition (CC) 5.30 Today (CC)</p>	<p>SCTV DARWIN</p> <p>6.00 NBC Today (CC) 7.00 Weekend Sunrise (CC) 10.00 AFL Game Day (CC) 11.30 House Rules (PGI, R, CC) 1.00 Footy Flashbacks 2.00 AFL Pre-Game Show (CC) 2.30 Football. (CC) AFL. Round 10. Carlton v North Melbourne. 5.30 Surf Patrol. (R, CC) 6.00 Seven News. (CC) 7.00 House Rules. (PG, CC) 8.30 Sunday Night. (CC) 9.30 The Suspects: True Australian Thrillers. (M, R, CC) 10.30 The Blacklist. (M, CC) 11.30 Training Day. (M, CC) (Final) 12.30 Winners & Losers. (Ms, R, CC) 1.30 The Real Seachange. (R, CC) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Harry's Practice. (R, CC) 4.00 NBC Meet The Press. (CC) 5.00 Seven Early News. (CC) 5.30 Sunrise. (CC)</p>	<p>ABC</p> <p>6.00 Rage (PG, CC) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast (CC) 9.00 Insiders (CC) 10.00 Offsiders (CC) 10.30 World This Week (R, CC) 11.00 Compass (PG, R, CC) 11.30 Praise (R, CC) 12.00 Landline (CC) 1.00 Gardening Australia (R, CC) 1.30 Delicious (Malns, R, CC) 2.15 The Book Club (PG, R, CC) 2.45 The Mix (R, CC) 3.15 Australia Wide (R, CC) 3.50 Aust Story (R, CC) 4.15 The Checkout (PG, R, CC) 4.45 The Coroner (PG, R, CC) 5.30 Ask The Doctor (PG, R, CC) 6.00 Anh's Brush With Fame: Kurt Fearnley (PG, R, CC) 6.30 Little Lunch (R, CC) 7.00 ABC News (CC) 7.40 Doctor Who. (PG, CC) 8.30 Grantchester. (Mav, CC) 9.15 DCI Banks. (Mv, R, CC) 10.05 The Doctor Blake Mysteries (Mva, R, CC) 11.00 Line Of Duty (Mv, R, CC) 12.00 Rage (MA15+adhlmsv) 2.35 Mad Dogs (Mlvs, R, CC) 3.20 DCI Banks (Mv, R, CC) 4.10 Murder, She Wrote (PG, R, CC) 5.00 Insiders (R, CC)</p>	<p>SBS</p> <p>6.00 Soccer. Copa Del Rey. Final. Barcelona v Alaves. Continued. 7.30 WorldWatch 10.30 German News 11.00 Spanish News 12.00 Arabic News 12.30 Turkish News 1.00 Speedweek (CC) 3.00 The Bowls Show (CC) 4.00 Soccer. (CC) FA Cup. Highlights. 4.30 InCycle (CC) 5.00 Small Business Secrets (CC) 5.35 Nazi Sunken Sub (CC) 6.30 SBS World News. (CC) 7.30 Italy's Invisible Cities. (CC) 8.40 The Story Of God With Morgan Freeman: Who Is God? (CC) 10.30 MOVIE: Russell Brand: A Second Coming. (MA15+dls, CC, 2015) 12.25 Hearts Of Darkness: A Filmmaker's Apocalypse (MA15+aw, R, CC) 2.15 Jesus Town, USA (R, CC) 3.40 Vietnam: The War That Made Australia (Mav, R, CC) 4.50 SBS Flashback (PG, R, CC) 5.00 CGTN English News (CC) 5.30 NHK World English News (CC) 5.45 France 24 Feature (CC)</p>	<p>TEN DIGITAL</p> <p>6.00 Mass (CC) 6.30 Hillsong (CC) 7.00 Joseph Prince (CC) 7.30 Joel Osteen (CC) 8.00 GCBC (R, CC) 8.30 Everyday Gourmet (R, CC) 9.00 What's Up Down Under (R, CC) 9.30 Studio 10: Sunday (PG, CC) 12.00 Places We Go With Jennifer Adams (R, CC) 12.30 Ben's Menu (R, CC) 1.00 The Doctors (as, CC) 2.00 Jamie & Jimmy's Food Fight Club (CC) 3.00 MasterChef Australia (PG, R, CC) 4.00 RPM (CC) 5.00 TEN Eyewitness News. (CC) 6.00 Family Feud: Sunday. (CC) 6.30 Modern Family. (PG, R, CC) 7.30 MasterChef Australia. (PG, CC) 9.00 Bull. (M, CC) 9.55 NCIS: New Orleans. (Mdv, R, CC) 11.55 48 Hours: Guilty Until Proven Innocent. (Ma, R, CC) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 The Home Team. (R, CC) 4.30 CBS This Morning. (CC)</p>
<p>GO!</p> <p>6.00 Children's Programs 11.30 Nexo Knights 12.00 Yo-Kai 12.30 SpongeBob 1.00 Beyblade Burst 1.30 Steven Universe 2.00 Yu-Gi-Oh! 2.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! 3.00 The Powerpuff Girls 3.30 We Bare Bears 4.00 Justice League Unlimited 4.30 MOVIE: Superman III (1983) 7.00 MOVIE: Batman Forever (1995) 9.30 MOVIE: RoboCop (2014) 11.50 Street Outlaws 12.50 Black Jesus 1.20 Adult Swim 1.50 For The Love Of Cars 2.50 Looney Tunes 3.00 Yu-Gi-Oh! 3.30 SpongeBob 4.00 Steven Universe 4.30 Children's Programs</p>	<p>7TWO</p> <p>6.00 Shopping 6.30 Amazing Facts 7.00 Tomorrow's World 7.30 Leading The Way 8.00 David Jeremiah 8.30 It Is Written 9.00 Shopping 9.30 Inside Volleyball 10.00 NBC Today 11.00 Home And Away Catch-Up 12.30 No Reservations 1.30 Life On The Edge 2.40 Free Range Cook 3.10 Sean's Kitchen 3.40 Pubs That Built Britain 4.20 House Rules 5.30 One Foot In The Grave 6.15 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 7.00 Border Security: Int. 8.00 Coastwatch Oz 8.30 Escape To The Country 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>ABC2</p> <p>6.00 Children's Programs 6.00 Ben And Holly 6.10 Go Jetters 6.20 Little Roy 6.35 Peter Rabbit 6.50 Shaun The Sheep 7.00 Spicks And Specks 7.30 River Monsters 8.20 Gruen Pitch Rewind 8.25 Gruen Pitch Rewind 8.30 Whovians 9.00 MOVIE: We Steal Secrets: The Story Of WikiLeaks (2013) 11.05 Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends 11.55 Adam Hills: The Last Leg Election Special 12.35 An Idiot Abroad 1.25 The Imposter 3.00 Gruen Pitch Rewind 3.05 News Update 3.10 Close 5.00 Children's Programs</p>	<p>NITV</p> <p>6.00 Morning Programs 9.30 Cities Of Gold 10.00 Maori TV's Native Affairs 10.30 Small Business Secrets 11.00 Vote Yes For Aborigines 12.00 Beyond Sorry 1.00 Bush Bands Bash 2.00 Rugby Sevens. Ella 7's. 2.30 Rugby League. NRL State Championships. Northern Territory v South Australia. 3.30 Football. NEAFL. 5.00 Te Kaea 5.30 The Point Review 6.00 The Mulka Project 6.30 The Tipping Points 7.30 Lagau Danalaig: An Island Life 10.00 MOVIE: Yolngu Boy (2001) 11.30 Characters Of Broome 12.00 Volunz</p>	<p>ONE</p> <p>6.00 Shopping 8.00 Rugby Union. Super Rugby. Round 14. Melbourne Rebels v Crusaders. 10.00 Rugby Union. World Sevens. H'lights. 10.30 Escape Fishing 11.00 Animal Extra 11.30 Cruise Mode 12.00 World Sport 12.30 Operation Repo 1.00 4x4 Adventures 2.00 Monster Jam 3.00 Moments Of Impact 4.00 Megastructures 5.00 What's Up Down Under 5.30 iFish 6.00 M*A*S*H 7.00 Scorpion 8.00 Attenborough's Animal House 9.00 Motor Racing. Formula 1. 11.30 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive 12.30 Late Programs</p>
<p>GEM</p> <p>6.00 TV Shop 6.30 Leading The Way 7.00 New Hope Ministries: New Hope On The Road 7.30 Beyond Today 8.00 Key Of David 8.30 TV Shop 10.00 Rainbow Country 10.30 Netball. Super Netball. Round 14. NSW Swifts v Queensland Firebirds. 12.30 Garden Gurus 1.00 Getaway 1.30 MOVIE: Attack On The Iron Coast (1968) 3.30 MOVIE: Jet Pilot (1957) 6.00 Secret Dealers 7.00 To The Manor Born 8.10 New Tricks 9.20 Major Crimes 11.20 The Closer 12.20 To The Manor Born 1.00 Late Programs</p>	<p>7MATE</p> <p>6.00 Shopping 6.30 Adventure Angler 7.30 Shopping 9.30 Dream Car Garage 10.00 Adventure Angler 10.30 Ultimate Fishing 11.30 The Fishing Show 12.30 Big Angry Fish 1.30 BBQ Pitmasters 2.30 Doomsday Preppers 3.30 Seinfeld 6.00 Aussie Pickers 7.00 MOVIE: Twister (1996) 9.30 MOVIE: Fast & Furious 6 (2013) 12.00 Jail: Las Vegas Jailhouse 12.30 Ink Master 1.30 Motor Racing. Outlaw Nitro Funny Cars. Replay. 2.30 Fishing Addiction 3.30 Big Angry Fish 4.30 Ultimate Fishing 5.30 Dream Car Garage</p>	<p>ABC ME</p> <p>6.00 Children's Programs 12.00 So Awkward (Final) 12.30 Secret Life Of Boys 12.50 Children's Programs 5.45 The Fairly OddParents 6.05 Ninja Turtles 6.30 The Legend Of Korra 6.55 Trip For Biscuits 7.05 Operation Ouch! Hospital Takeover 7.35 Wonders Of The Universe 7.40 Doctor Who 8.25 Yonderland 8.50 The Amazing Extraordinary Friends 9.15 Total Drama Presents: Ridonculous Race 9.35 Stoked 10.00 Rage 2.30 Close 5.00 Arthur 5.25 Sally Bollywood 5.35 Almost Naked Animals 5.45 Children's Programs</p>	<p>ABC NEWS</p> <p>6.00 Australia Wide 6.30 Weekend Breakfast 8.30 Insiders 9.30 Weekend Breakfast 10.30 News 11.00 World This Week 11.30 News 12.00 The Mix 12.30 News 1.00 Offsiders 2.00 250 Shades Of Black 3.30 News 4.00 One Plus One 4.30 News 5.00 Australia Wide 5.30 ABC News 6.00 Foreign Corre 6.30 ABC News 7.00 The Mix 7.30 Insiders 8.30 ABC News 9.00 One Plus One 9.30 News 10.00 Planet America 10.30 News 11.00 Counted 11.30 Landline 12.30 Al Jazeera 1.30 Late Programs</p>	<p>ELEVEN</p> <p>6.00 Toasted TV 6.05 Littlest Petshop 6.30 Dofus 7.05 Pokémon 7.35 Cardiff!! Vanguard G 8.05 Jar Dwellers SOS 8.30 Sanjay And Craig 9.00 Ninja Turtles 10.00 Totally Wild 10.30 Ninja Turtles 11.00 Brady Bunch 12.00 Family Ties 1.00 Neighbours 3.30 Raymond 4.30 King Of Queens 5.30 Frasier 6.30 MOVIE: E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) 8.30 Russell Coight's All Aussie Adventures 9.00 To Be Advised 10.00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Australia 10.30 How I Met Your Mother 11.00 Raymond 12.00 Late Programs</p>

Classifications (P) Preschoolers (C) Children (G) General (PG) Parental Guidance (M) Mature Audiences (MA+15) Mature Audiences Only (AV15+) Extreme Adult Violence (CC) Closed Captions (R) Repeat Consumer Advice (a) Adult Themes (d) Drug References (h) Horror (s) Sex References (l) Language (m) Medical Procedures (n) Nudity (v) Violence. Programming is subject to change.