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Highlights January 2013



Gold Divers: Under the Ice

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 15TH JANUARY, 9.00PM

Some of the planet's most extreme conditions won't deter a handful of gold-hungry men and women whose very livelihoods depend on mining the wet and frozen gold hidden under four feet of solid ice. Following a summer diving for gold in the Bering Sea, those divers brave enough are back to face their toughest challenge yet. With the sea frozen over, split second thinking, extreme focus, and team work are key to staying alive under the ice. Follow three gold mining teams run by driven dredge captains who take their crews through the ice into the black waters of the Bering Sea beneath. Only an omnipresent fear of death separates these miners from their fortunes. In the first episode Shaun Pomrenke, head of the Shamrock dredge, gears up for a tough winter. Can he prove himself without his father to guide him?

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Costa Concordia: The Whole Story

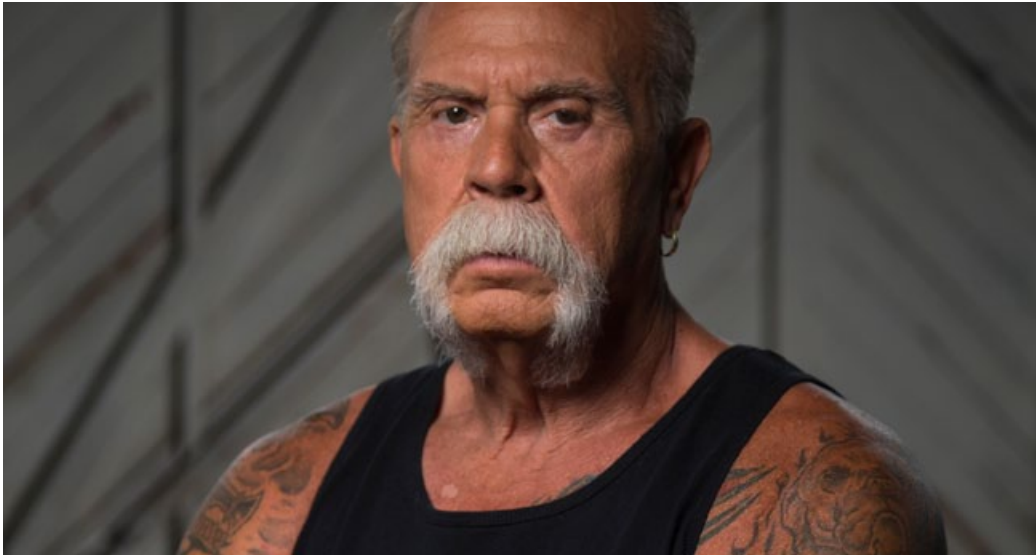
UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 13TH JANUARY, 10.00PM

The catastrophic sinking of the Costa Concordia in January 2012 was an astonishing catalogue of errors that led to one of the biggest maritime disasters since the Titanic. Discovery tells the whole story of the dreamship turned nightmare in *Costa Concordia: The Whole Story*. From the horrific night in January to the epic on-going salvage operation that is still under way, this one-off tells the stories of survivors and the families of victims, as well as shipping experts and salvage masters.

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American Chopper

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 2ND JANUARY, 9.00PM

For the Teutuls, what was once a family business is now a family feud. Whilst Paul Sr. builds his world-famous custom bikes at OCC, his son Junior continues to run his competing bike business, Paul Jr. Designs. In the new series of *American Chopper*, the father-son duo try to repair their fractured relationship by combining forces to build a bike. But can the pair even occupy the same room, let alone work together again? Meanwhile, work continues at the individual bike shops as they vie to produce the most innovative choppers. OCC prepare the designs for a bike to celebrate the opening of the OCC Café and construct a bike to benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation; whilst PJD build an armed forces tribute bike. Could their reconciliation attempts benefit their businesses?

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Outlaw Empires

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 16TH JANUARY, 10.00PM

Each episode of *Outlaw Empires* tells the complete story of an iconic American outlaw dynasty — directly from the mouths of people who were on the inside. Including accounts of those deep in the gangs, *Outlaw Empires* takes a no holds barred look at the moment-by-moment experiences that were not only pivotal for the organizations themselves, but life-changing for the individuals telling the stories. In the first episode the series explores the notorious West Coast gang, the Crips. Insiders tell a story of escalating turf battles, danger, violence and ever-diminishing unity as the gang grew to epic proportions over the 70s, 80s and 90s.

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The True Story

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 3RD JANUARY, 9.00PM

The True Story is a series of one-offs that delves into the incredible stories of some of Hollywood's greatest movies to reveal widely unknown, exciting, personal and sometimes shocking accounts of where truth become fantasy. The films featured include; *Platoon*, *Star Trek*, *Scream* and *Die Hard*. Each fascinating episode goes behind the gloss and glamour of these cinematic legacies to discover the truth behind the plot, unravelling fact from fiction to expose the real heroes. The first episode takes a look at the real story behind the hit film and television series, *Star Trek*. Interviews with the cast and crew of the show, including Spock actor Leonard Nimoy, will reveal the behind the scenes gossip and controversies that plagued the set.

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Dangerous Flights

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MONDAYS FROM 7TH JANUARY, 9.00PM

Dangerous Flights follows wheeler-dealer aviation broker Cory, and his old time friend Captain Randy, as they hustle multi-million dollar private aircraft over jungles, deserts and ocean, through war zones and across frozen arctic. Every episode flies directly into new and dangerous territory - a wild west of the skies, where even the smallest mistake can exact the ultimate price, as men and women push their flying machines, and their tempers, to the limit.

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Drug Kingpin Hippos

UK PREMIERE

WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY, 9.00PM

During his stronghold on Columbia, Pablo Escobar, one of the richest and most violent drug lords in history, imported a host of rare and exotic animals for his private zoo on his famous estate, Hacienda Napoles, including four hippos. Over three decades later, this one-off special reveals another side to the cocaine trafficker, and explores the lasting threat that he and his hippos, now multiplied to over 30, pose for the country.

Columbian authorities are battling to contain the hippos which now form the largest population of non-native hippos outside of Africa. If they keep reproducing at the alarming rate they are, experts believe there will be at least one hundred hippos in Columbia by the end of the decade. Thankfully there hasn't been a human tragedy but with reports of a hippo escaping the Hacienda Napoles, now a theme park and zoo, and running wild in the Magdalena river basin, that could be only a matter of time.

Drug Kingpin Hippos joins a team of veterinarians as they race to capture, castrate, and relocate the male bull hippo before it reaches the huge expanse of the river, with major cities either side. The film also features rare archival footage and exclusive interviews, including one with Roberto Escobar, Pablo's eldest brother and best friend, providing viewers with a history of Escobar's rise to prominence, his demise as the world's preeminent narco-terrorist, and the continued hold he still has on the country, in the shape of hippos.

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Hillbilly Handfishin'

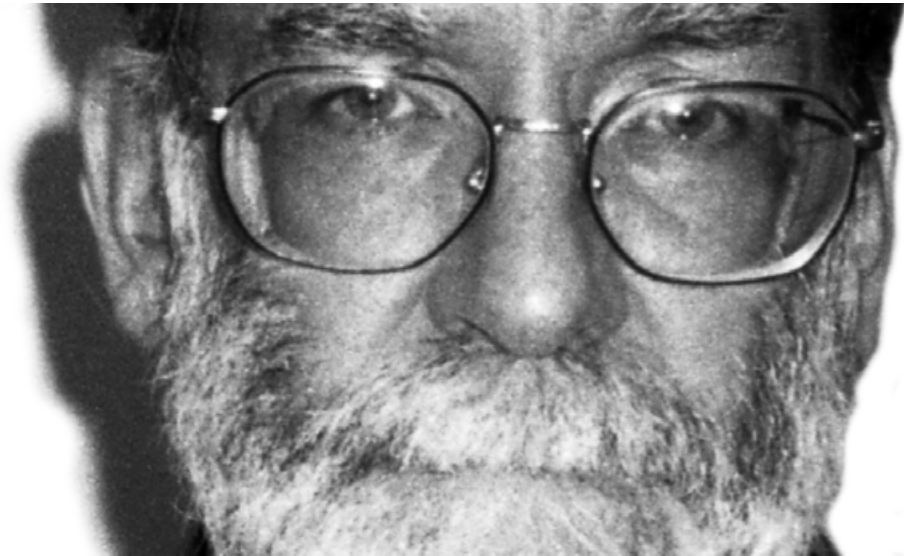
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THURSDAYS FROM 3RD JANUARY, 8.00PM

Hillbilly Handfishin' returns with Skipper Bivins and Trent Jackson as they teach the people of America the most fascinating way to catch a fish; with your bare hands and feet, or 'Noodlin' as Skipper and Trent call it. Following on from last season's escapades the self-proclaimed hillbillies have started their own Okie Noodlin' competition, pitting experts and fascinated city folk against each other in the dark and murky water. Including a husband determined to beat his mother-in-law, daring hunters from Ohio and even pastors from New Jersey.

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Great Crimes and Trials

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THURSDAYS FROM 10TH JANUARY, 9.00PM

Great Crimes and Trials sheds light on crimes that shocked the world, featuring some of the most notorious cases of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries including the infamous Dr Harold Shipman, whose crimes shocked the world and the trial of Amanda Knox for the murder of British student Meredith Kercher, which became a world-wide sensation. This 26-episode series combines new and archive interviews to reconstruct each story, analysing the individuals and the motives, explaining how the crime was committed and showing breakthroughs in investigations along with the details of the trials. With unprecedented access to picture libraries and thousands of hours of archive footage – including, for the first time, actual footage from the trials of many of the US cases – these are the definitive accounts of crimes dating from the 1970s to the 2000s.

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Deadly Women

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 31ST JANUARY, 10.00PM

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, especially when she's on a mission to murder. Jealousy, revenge, desperation, and greed all play their devilish hand in driving these daughters, sisters, mothers, and wives to commit the ultimate sin. Former F.B.I. criminal profiler Candice DeLong helps viewers distinguish between the emotionally-charged impulses and sociopathic intentions that lace each story. In the first episode, when a woman possesses irresistible charm, the men in their lives can be easily blinded to their dangerous ways. These women can use their fierce passion to love, but it can also be deadly.

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On the Case with Paula Zahn

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 7TH JANUARY, 9.00PM

Led by award-winning journalist Paula Zahn, *On the Case with Paula Zahn* features in-depth interviews and original reporting that go beyond the headlines in search of fascinating mysteries from within our America's justice system. Each episode is highlighted by Zahn's riveting exclusive interviews, which draw out different viewpoints from the people personally connected to tragedies that rocked their local community and the investigations that attempted to piece together the truth. In the first episode when a beautiful young woman goes missing, police are baffled. Did she simply run away from a troubled relationship or was her disappearance something far more sinister?

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Fat & Back

UK PREMIERE

WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY, 9.00PM

How many personal trainers really know what it feels like to be overweight? P.J., underwear model and personal trainer, is up for the task. With the aim to gain 40 kg in four months, maintain that weight for two months, and then lose the weight over another six months — he is challenging himself to a full 12-month journey from fit to fat and back again. To add to the challenge, P.J. decides to work with Michelle, who has struggled with her weight her entire life, working with her as they both fight the flab. However what he thought would be a straightforward experiment quickly becomes the challenge of his life.

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42 Stone Mum: 1 Year Later

UK PREMIERE

WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY, 9.00PM

In *42 Stone Mum*, Dominique was a morbidly obese mother of six. With only her daughters there to wash, feed and ultimately keep her alive, they begged her to get back on her feet and become a real mother again. With both her family and her doctors begging her to lose weight, Dominique rebelled and dramatically gave up on the diet. Now a year later has she lost the 112lbs needed to qualify for weight-loss surgery or is she headed to an early grave?

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Little People Big World

UK SERIES PREMIERE

FRIDAYS FROM 4TH JANUARY, 8.00PM

Matt and Amy Roloff are only 4-feet-tall, but they are determined to make the world their own. Raising four children - a mix of little and average-sized siblings - they deal with emotional and financial burdens on their farm. Following on from a dramatic series finale of *Little People Big World*, Matt's collapse brings him to question his health. Amy starts working with a personal trainer, while Matt decides to take a big risk by going skydiving with Jeremy. Meanwhile, with the twins turning 20, they evaluate what to do next with their lives – do they have the drive and desire to move off the farm and make it on their own?

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Dark Matters

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 21ST JANUARY, 10.00PM

Dark Matters profiles what happens when scientific research goes too far and exposes some of history's most bizarre experiments and lifting the lid on some of the most unusual research ever conducted. The series delves into the most unusual research ever conducted, including attempts to crossbreed humans and apes, actual zombie investigations and head transplantations. The first episode uncovers the chilling story behind Dr. Ilya Ivanov and his shocking experiments with apes and humans.



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Baggage Battles

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAY 7TH JANUARY, 9.00PM

Ever wonder what happens to your lost luggage? *Baggage Battles* provides a glimpse into the very profitable business of bidding, buying and reselling unclaimed property. The series follows three teams of savvy "auction specialists" who travel to some of the most important and unknown auctions where their bids are based on instincts. With dozens of auctions to visit, thousands of bags to explore, and millions of dollars at stake, these auction specialists need both skill and luck to hit the jackpot. They don't know if it's junk or a jackpot until they win the bid and open the suitcase. The first episode kicks off at Miami International Airport, one of the busiest airports in the world, before the auction pros will jump across "The Pond" to London.

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Outback Truckers

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 2ND JANUARY, 9.00PM

Australia's *Outback Truckers* are the men and women who drive some of the largest, heaviest and least maneuverable road vehicles in the world. Putting their jobs and their lives on the line every time they get behind the wheel, the truckers endure harsh conditions, face extreme danger and struggle with the many tough challenges that such an extreme job can have on both their professional and private life. Whether it's fires, floods, wild animals or the constant threat of crashing, these determined drivers must battle against the odds to ensure that every delivery is on time and undamaged. Follow them as they try to transport their valuable cargo across the Australian outback as quickly as possible, whilst ensuring they make it there and back in one piece.

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Mr. Crabtree Goes Fishing

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 24TH JANUARY, 9.00PM

The original '*Mr. Crabtree Goes Fishing*' is a comic strip story of a father who takes his son Peter on a series of angling adventures over the course of a year, fishing for a variety of species along the rivers and lakes of Britain. Presented by John Bailey, a lifelong angler, *Mr. Crabtree Goes Fishing* will see John fishing for a different species in each episode, using many different methods and techniques.

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Fishing Adventurer

UK SERIES PREMIERE

FRIDAYS FROM 18TH JANUARY, 10.00PM

This fast-paced sport-fishing and travel series, follows the unusual adventures of angling legend Cyril Chauquet as he travels the Amazon to catch different species of fish. Cyril's passion and knowledge for fishing and travel, not just educates on how to catch different varieties of fish in certain environments, but also reveals local methods used to cook the native fish. This series Cyril collects samples of exotic fish for a scientific study. He explores the remote spots of the river to discover unusual and monstrous fish, meeting deadly piranhas and giant eels along the way.

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