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## Highlights October 2012







#### Battle Castle with Dan Snow

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

THURSDAYS FROM 4TH OCTOBER, 9.00PM

What makes a castle impregnable? When were the fates of nations and empires decided by the thickness of walls, number of arrow slits and defensive position? Battle Castle with Dan Snow brings to life a number of the mightiest fortifications and the sieges they resisted; outlining the clashes that defied the limits of medieval military technology, forged and destroyed empires and transformed mortal men into legends. Follow host Dan Snow as he explores the military engineering behind such strongholds as: Dover Castle, Krak des Chevaliers in Syria and Gibralfaro in Spain and details the legendary battles that testified to their might. Through dynamic location footage and immersive visual effects, this six episode series reveals the bloody history behind these fortifications and the weapons designed to defeat them. Each episode will climax with the ultimate test of each castle's strength: examining the epic battle that changed the course of history.





#### One Car Too Far

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

TUESDAYS FROM 9TH OCTOBER, 10.00PM

Meet survival's odd couple and strap in for a rescue mission like no other with One Car Too Far. The all-new five part series follows former British Special Forces soldier Gary Humphrey and California-based car fanatic and problem solver Bill Wu as they enter remote locations in Chile and work together to recover a four wheel drive vehicle that has been flown in and dropped into locations where no car has gone before. They're given a tracker to find the car, and once they do, the adventure begins. Together they transform the car into an all-purpose vehicle to get them over, under, around, and through just about any obstacle on the road back to safety. In addition to rescuing the car, Bill and Gary must also survive in harsh climates, and use a range of techniques to do so, including taking ordinary parts from the car to create hunting weapons. In the first episode Bill and Gary find themselves stuck on a volcano – will they escape in one piece?





#### The Devils Ride

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**FRIDAYS FROM 18TH OCTOBER, 9.00PM

The Devils Ride delves into the world of motorcycle clubs with the members of San Diego's Laffing Devils. Sporting a diverse crew, but one bonded by a commitment to each other and the club, viewers will meet each member of the crew, from Laffing Devils president Gipsy, who must balance the club's growing ranks with pressure from older members to maintain the status quo, to younger member Snubz, who breaks all the biker stereotypes with his degree in finance and a full-time corporate job. The Devils Ride also covers what would-be members must do to prove themselves to the club before they can be "patched in." In order to earn his spot, prospect Charles is out on an official club task of protecting some of the club's wives and girlfriends, or Ol' Ladies, on a night out.

When a pushy photographer gets too close for comfort, blood boils and the situation gets physical. Will Charles' actions protecting the women earn him the respect of the young blood and, more importantly, earn him his cut?





## My Cat from Hell

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**TUESDAYS FROM 16TH OCTOBER, 8.00PM

Cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy returns for a new season of My Cat from Hell to take on the most catastrophic cat cases anyone ever has encountered. For the first time, Galaxy is taking his cat-listening skills on the road to New York City, the city that never sleeps. Armed with more than 15 years of experience, a proven training program and his signature guitar case filled with cat toys, Galaxy is on a mission to help cat owners find the sources of conflict with their furry friends. In each episode, Galaxy swoops in to solve a gamut of feline-related issues and repair the relationships they're ruining; even meeting an owner who claims to have a cat with the loudest purr in the world! Whether it's the cats or the owners behaving badly leave it to Galaxy to save the day. In the first episode Galaxy comes to the aid of a couple whose aggressive cat is ruining their relationship and a vicious kitty who is threatening her owner's livelihood.







#### Tanked

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**WEDNESDAYS FROM 3RD OCTOBER, 8.00PM

Following the antics of two brothers-in-law as they run the largest aquarium manufacturing company in the nation, six-part series *Tanked* dunks viewers into the high-decibel, family-owned business of Acrylic Tank Manufacturing. Led by business partners, best friends and constant rivals Wayde King and Brett Raymer, this 13,000 square foot facility, located in Las Vegas, produces some of the most outrageous, larger-than-life and one-of-a-kind tanks for some of the most striking fish and clients around. No job is too big, too far, or too outlandish as Wayde and Brett travel the world to make fellow fish enthusiast's dreams of having their own little piece of the ocean a reality. Working with opinionated and outrageous family and staff, including Wayde's wife, Heather, and Brett and Heather's father, "The General", the show reveals the stress, success, and sometimes dysfunction, of a family business that has been running strong for 14 years.





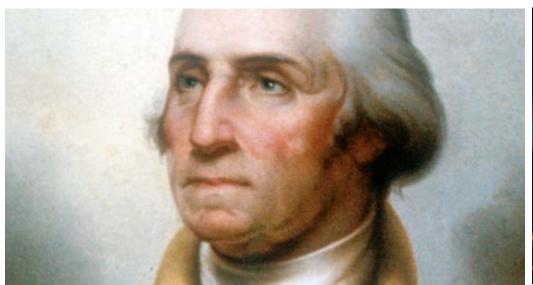


#### When Animals Strike

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**SUNDAYS FROM 21ST OCTOBER, 9.00PM

When Animals Strike tells the terrifying and devastating consequences of what happens when the animal and the human world collide. Looking at what took place in each confrontation, and why, the two-part special features interviews with the victims and a range of deadly and terrifying animals from polar bears to wolves and bobcats to alligators. Including a surfer who was attacked by not one but two great white sharks and a cyclist thrown off her bike by an attacking mountain lion, these stories have to be seen to be believed.







## History's Secrets

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**SUNDAYS FROM 7TH OCTOBER, 10.00PM

Although most historians have reached a consensus about the way major world events played out, decades later certain stories remain touched by an air of uncertainty. History's Secrets digs up the clues, dissects the evidence and investigates the truth behind some of history's greatest and mysterious events and figures. With the secrets of the atomic bomb revealed and an investigation into the enigmatic George Washington, compelling figures and great unanswered questions from the past are explored in this two-part special. Taking a look at one of America's greatest presidents, the first episode looks at the rumours surrounding George Washington. How did he cheat death in the wilderness, work as a spy master, skilled in the arts of deception and yet also have time to be president of the United States? The series begins with new discoveries, shedding new light on hitherto unknown pages of life of one of America's founding fathers.





#### Human Nature

**UK PREMIERE - ONE OFF**WEEKDAYS FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 10.00PM

Award-winning evolutionary biologist Dan Riskin attempts to understand the mysteries of the mind that make us human in brand new four part series *Human Nature*. Travelling around the globe, Dan takes a detailed look at different aspects of the human psyche, from our relationship to fear, to the significance, power and potential of memory. The series also takes a fascinating look at the science of killing. Are Homo sapiens natural born killers? And to what extent can we blame bad brains or bad genes for our actions? Meeting a variety of characters, including serial killer Elmer Wayne Henley Jr. Dan investigates what drives people to murder. In the first episode, Dan embarks on a journey through the science of immortality to discover whether or not it will ever be possible to cheat death.

Taking part in a series of tests to find out not just what is likely to kill him but also how medical advances, research into cures for aging and the development of cybernetics and cryogenics are redefining death.





# The Science of Fear and Lust

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

MONDAY 8TH AND TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 10.00PM

A pretty face, an attractive body, and a lingering glance are sometimes all it takes to instigate the feeling of lust. The other dominant emotion, fear, guides our decision-making second by second, every day of our lives. The Science of Fear and *Lust* exposes the surprising secrets behind these emotions, exploring the scientific processes which go on within our bodies to generate pleasant and overpowering feelings and asking, what's in charge, our conscience minds or the science that reveals that our emotions trump reason? With lust and fear influencing a vast range of human behaviors, viewers will be guided through a series of scientific experiments which will also explain how we can also control these intense feelings. In this two-part special Professor of Psychology, Liz Phelps looks at how our understanding of how fear works, what sets it off and how it can be erased.





#### Weed Wars

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**MONDAYS FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 10.00PM

It is a familiar story: a start-up business, demanding clients and the ever-looming possibility that it could all go belly up...but this is not exactly a typical business. When California voters passed the Compassionate Use Act in 1996, medicinal cannabis was legalised igniting a firestorm of controversy and providing an opening to a whole new kind of entrepreneur. Brand new six-part series Weed Wars follows Oakland's Harborside Health Center, the nation's largest medicinal cannabis dispensary serving over 80,000 patients. The man behind Harborside is founder Steve DeAngelo whose mission is to provide the best possible product to his diverse client base of patients. Follow the journey of the plant itself from seed germination to harvesting.

Meet the growers and "patient farmers" whose job it is to provide the "medicine" - the buds - that will eventually be purchased and used by thousands of clients, many of whom feel their lives have been forever changed by the plant. *Weed Wars* offers a look at a world unlike any other.







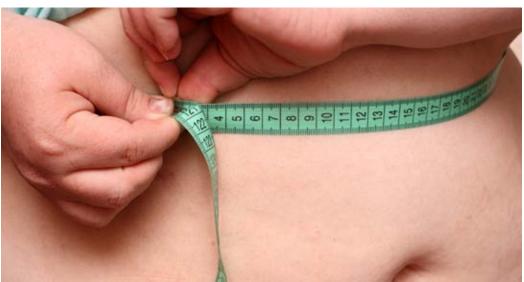
## Born Schizophrenic: January's Next Chapter

**UK PREMIERE** 

THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

In conjunction with World Mental Health Day, Home and Health will be premiering a compelling one hour special Born Schizophrenic: January's Next Chapter. At the age of 5, January 'Jani' Schofield became one of the youngest children ever to be diagnosed with schizophrenia. Now 9 years old, join Jani and her family as they reflect on the progress she has made over the last few years as well as the continuing challenges her illness presents. Follow Jani as she goes to school, plays with her younger brother Bodhi and enjoys play dates with other children who also suffer from mental illness. Though Jani has come a long way and made a significant improvement, at age 4, Bodhi is now starting to show signs of schizophrenia too. How will their parents deal with this new set of challenges and how far will they go to protect their children and safeguard their future?





## My Deadly Appetite

**UK PREMIERE - ONE OFF**TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER, 9.00PM

My Deadly Appetite follows William Weaver, a 14-year-old boy with a craving that could kill him. He was born with Prader Willi syndrome, a rare and incurable chromosomal defect that makes him feel completely starved at all times. At 280 pounds, he is in the midst of a major medical crisis that triggers physical aggression, impulsivity and compulsive hunger. His parents have even gone so far as to padlock the refrigerator out of fear that William would eat until he died-literally binging until his stomach burst, as has happened to others with the condition. Desperate, the Weavers send William to the only known Prader Willi program in the nation, where he will spend 60 days in a lockdown unit.





#### Addicted to Food

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

TUESDAYS FROM 23RD OCTOBER, 9.00PM

Addicted to Food is a brand new eight-episode series that follows eating disorder patients at a treatment facility as they work to put the pieces of their lives back together. The facility specialises in the treatment of eating disorders and co-occurring addictions, along with the multiple underlying abuses that cause foodrelated issues, whether sexual, drug-related, physical or emotional. Addiction specialist Tennie McCarty, Shades of Hope founder and therapist, works directly with each client to help them face their past so they can take positive steps toward their future. As part of their rehabilitation, clients undertake a series of specific therapeutic challenges to build positive behaviors in an effort to break the devastating cycle of addiction.





## Being Chaz

**UK PREMIERE - ONE OFF**WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 10.00PM

Being Chaz is the much anticipated follow-up special to the 2011 Emmy Award nominated documentary Becoming Chaz. The special follows Chaz, the son of popstar Cher, in his journey after his transition from a woman to a man. Beginning to embrace his new life, while his fiancé Jen begins to deal with living with a man, viewers will also follow the trials and tribulations of the couple's relationship as Chaz prepares for his debut on Dancing with the Stars amidst controversy and threats to his life over his decision to participate in the show. A moving and touching look at one man's great struggle for acceptation.







## I (Almost) Got Away With It

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

SATURDAYS FROM 27TH OCTOBER, 10.00PM

For these perpetrators, the stories may be different, but the motives are always the same to stay out of prison and live life on the run. The people profiled in I (Almost) Got Away With It evaded justice for years, sometimes decades, by using their families, fake identification and even violence to avoid capture. Each episode features an interview from prison with these slick culprits, who spill where they found shelter, how they changed their identities and how they almost got away with it. In the first episode meet Nicholas Johnson, a teenage robber terrorising the streets of Portland, Oregon. After getting caught, he plans an elaborate escape and slips past the prison's high-level security system. Johnson says hidden from the law with the help of his family but for how long.





## Swamp Brothers

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

WEDNESDAYS FROM 10TH OCTOBER, 10.00PM AND 10.30PM

Meet Robbie and Stephen Keszey, brothers who run one of the most unique family businesses in America - working with wild and dangerous animals deep in the swamps of Florida. Whilst Robbie is an exotic animal expert, Stephen is a former New York City bartender who is just beginning to learn the perils of the family trade. Together they run Glades Herp Farms, Florida's largest reptile sanctuary, a venomous snake breeding farm and exotic reptile dealership. As well as making a living caring for hundreds of potentially lethal creatures, the Swamp Brothers frequently risk life and limb responding to animal emergencies across the state. This new series follows these remarkable brothers as they brave Florida's most dangerous wildlife including; pythons, alligators, wildcats and bears, in order to track, capture and return these unusual creatures to a safe environment.







#### **Decked Out**

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

MONDAYS FROM 29TH OCTOBER, 9.00PM AND 9.30PM

Decked Out is an outdoor construction show that follows charismatic designer and carpenter Paul LaFrance through the process of creating backyard decks with a "creative edge" for his roster of clients. Each episode of this new series follows, from concept to completion, the story of a backyard makeover that focuses on extraordinary custom built decks. In the first episode Paul meets Mike and Marina who love entertaining in their beautiful backyard but unfortunately the deck that came with their house proved that going big isn't always better. Paul and the crew set about tearing out the old one and replacing it with a new multi-level deck.

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