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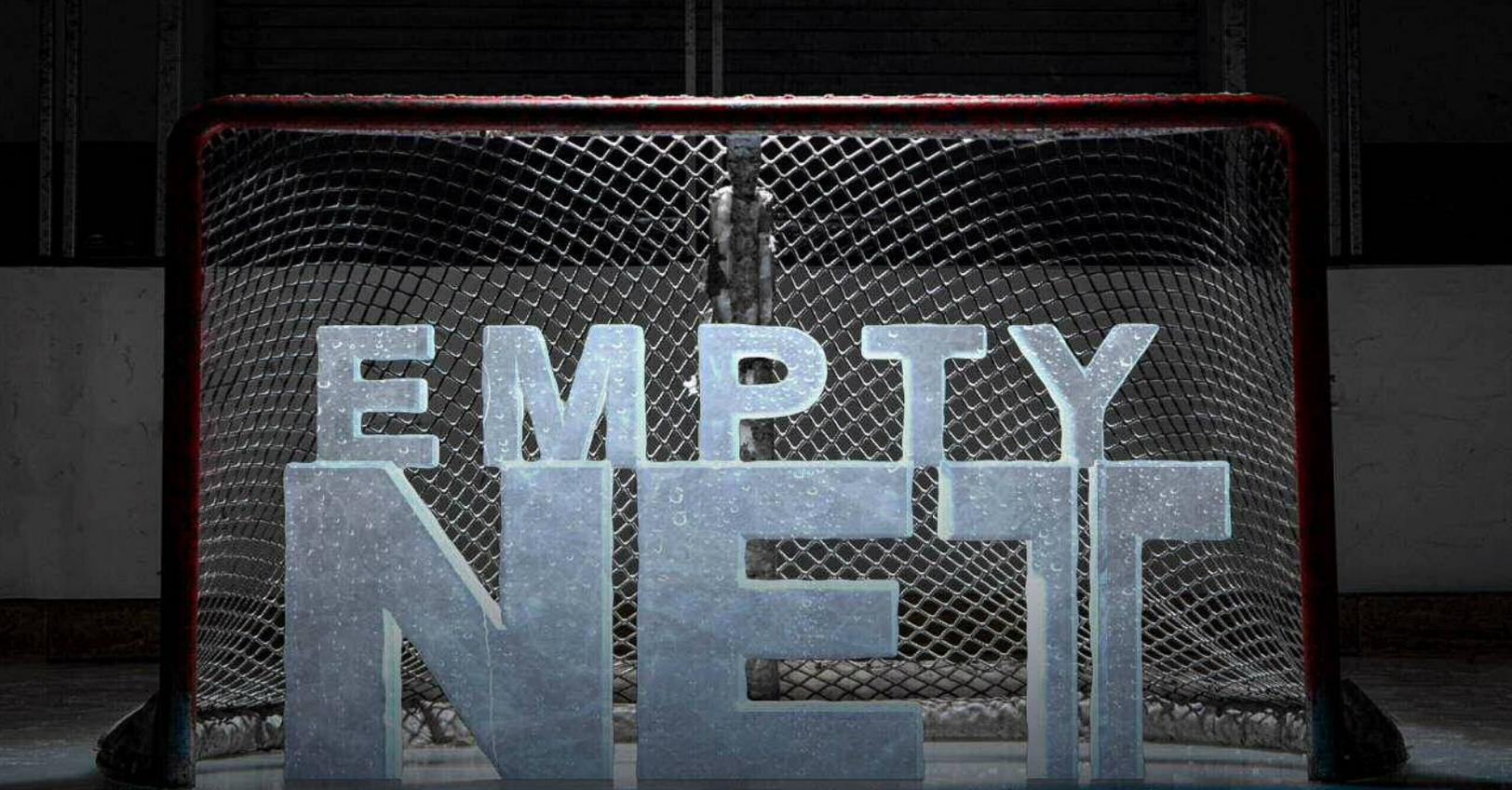
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THE TELCO REPORT – 50TH ANNIVERSARY



This edition of *The Telco Report* marks the 50th anniversary of its publication. Founder and former CBS executive Richard Clark rented office space in the Rank Lab at Denham, outside London and the first issue of *The Telco Report* was dated April 18, 1969, carrying the title *Television Coordination Services*. That first issue included a report by Visnews on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the League of Nations. Other first page entries included a Middle East political series by Hessischer Rundfunk and a BBC series on the discovery and settlement by Europeans of the world. In 1982, Clark retired from CBS and moved to California. He sold *The Telco Report* the following year to Bradford Peppard, son of actor George Peppard. Los Angeles television journalist Alex Paen acquired *The Telco Report* shortly thereafter and instituted major changes in the publication.

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WRESTLING BIOGRAPHIES

A&E Network is partnering with **WWE Studios** to produce five original two-hour documentaries under the award-winning “**Biography**” banner showcasing some of the most iconic **WWE** Superstars of all time, including “Macho Man” Randy Savage®, “Rowdy” Roddy Piper™, Booker T®, Stone Cold Steve Austin® and Shawn Michaels®. Through these in-depth films helmed by some of the industry’s top directors and storytellers, “**Biography**” continues its focus on meaningful events and personalities as well as their impact on our culture. Through new and archival interviews and never-before-seen footage, each feature length film will give fans an in-depth look at the early lives, rise to fame and careers of some of the most influential stars in WWE history. The first three films are in production (5 x 120).

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FORMATS PITCH AT MIP CANCUN



MIP Cancun 2019, the sixth edition of the Latin American TV Market, has announced the launch of a new **Formats Pitch Competition** held in partnership with **All3media International**. The call for entries is now open. The winning pitch, selected by a jury panel of format experts, will be awarded US\$5,000 in cash from **All3media International** and a value-added coaching package tailor-made for the winner to help develop their format. Specifically targeting Latin American and US Hispanic creators and producers of new and original, non-scripted entertainment formats, the **MIP Cancun Formats Pitch** will select up to five finalists who will be invited to pitch at **MIP Cancun** during a live session, set to take place on November 21, 2019.

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“GAME OF THRONES” CREATORS HONORED

The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences has announced that “**Game of Thrones**” creators and showrunners David Benioff and D.B. Weiss, who masterfully brought to the screen the epic world of George R.R. Martin’s best-selling fantasy novel series, “A Song of Ice and Fire,” will receive the 2019 **International Emmy® Founders Award at the 47th International Emmy® Awards Gala**, on Monday, November 25, 2019, in New York City.

CONTACT: *The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences*, New York, NY USA. Tel. 1-212-489-6969. Fax 1-212-489-6557. Web: www.iemmys.tv

ULTRA-HIGH DEFINITION AT MIP

MIPTV 2019 will feature the world's first program of 8K content screenings on April 9, in the Palais des Festivals. The industry is rapidly moving forward on new broadcast standards. Major Japanese broadcasters started 4K and 8K transmissions last December. This is the very first time that such a collection of extraordinary 8K footage has been assembled. **NHK** will screen segments from their **"Two Hour Tour"** series of city visits and **"The Palais of Versailles"** (a co-production between **NHK** and the **Château of Versailles**) will be showcased. **MIPTV** delegates will see a digitally-remastered 8K version of Hollywood's perennial musical favorite **"My Fair Lady,"** captured from the original 70mm master. Also being screened in 8K is music content from France's **Paramax Films** including a musical tribute to Michel Legrand, as well as a new film (provisionally titled **"Music Hole"**). The USA's **K2 Studios** will present **"Volcanoes,"** and **"Rocky Mountain Express"** (initially shot for large-screen cinemas) in 8K.

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MICHAEL ARAGON AT MIPTV

Michael Aragon, Senior Vice-President of Content at **Twitch**, the leading service and community for multiplayer entertainment, will keynote at **MIPTV 2019**, on April 10. The leading international market for content development and distribution, **MIPTV** takes place in Cannes, France, from April 8-11, 2019. In his role as SVP of Content, Aragon leads all of **Twitch's** global broadcaster partnerships, e-sports, **Twitch Studios**, content development, and content marketing. Aragon also oversees the acquisition of TV shows and movies that have aired on Twitch like "Pokémon" and "Doctor Who." At **MIPTV**, he will provide insight on interactive entertainment's appeal to younger audiences from gaming to non-gaming content, the power of interactive live viewing formats to maximize audience engagement and create new experiences around both old and new programs, and his vision for the entertainment industry.

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BATTLES OF WORLD WAR II

ZDF Enterprises is offering the documentary series **"WWII: Battles for Europe"** in time for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Co-produced by **ZDF** and **Impossible Factual**, the eight-part series wrapped production last fall. Program focuses on World War II's Western Front, from D-Day to the Allies' crossing of the Rhine. **"WWII: Battles for Europe"** includes eyewitness accounts, interviews with veterans from both sides of the conflict and rare archival materials (8 x 50').

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PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER

ZDF Enterprises has signed an agreement with Canadian **Pixcom Group Inc.** for global distribution of the fast-paced psychological thriller series **"Victor Lessard,"** excluding Canada. **"Victor Lessard"** is a crime series which tackles identity issues, recovering memory loss and a need for recognition. Adapted from the bestselling novels by award-winning author Martin Michaud, this thrilling series leaves no emotion unturned as it tells the story of a driven detective and his pursuit of the evil behind unspeakable crimes. When troubled cop Victor Lessard becomes involved in a series of dark and disturbing murders, he has to sacrifice his own peace of mind in the pursuit of justice. Supported by his wry and perceptive partner, challenged by an exacting boss, and swept into a romance with a younger colleague, Victor must balance his drive, and obsession with the cases, against a complicated private and emotional life. Otherwise, these unsettling murders could be his undoing (20 x 60').

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OLYMPIC SLED HOCKEY

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HIGH MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Offering spectacular entertainment, “Monte Bianco” follows eight celebrities as they face epic tasks and head-to-head duels on Europe’s highest peak. At a base camp 1,500m high, each celebrity is paired with an experienced alpine guide, who teaches them crucial climbing and mountaineering skills and important local knowledge. Daily missions, such as quartz hunting, sharpen their abilities. Whether they’re famous sportsmen, models, singers or actors the celebrities need bravery to pass the big weekly challenge: scaling a slippery ice-slope, or clambering down a crevasse. The weakest performers face an elimination race up ever-harder peaks. The last to reach the summit must leave. From the fourth episode, the altitude advances to 3,500m, with oxygen deficiency and freezing temperatures (60°, 90° or 120°).

CONTACT: Zodiak Rights, London, UK. Tel. 44-207-013-4400. Fax 44-207-013-4401. Web: www.zodiakrights.com

FIFA eWORLD CUP

Sport1 and **FIFA** (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) are set to continue their successful eFootball partnership: Germany’s leading 360° sports platform has secured platform-neutral media rights to the **EA Sports FIFA 19 Global Series** and the **FIFA eWorld Cup 2019** for Germany, Austria and Switzerland. As part of the media partnership with world football’s governing body, **Sport1** will showcase several events within the global series as well as the climax of the series with the **FeWC 2019 Grand Final** live on **eSports1**. Highlights of the tournaments will also air on **Sport1** free TV and the **Sport1** digital platforms.

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MOURINHO RETURNS

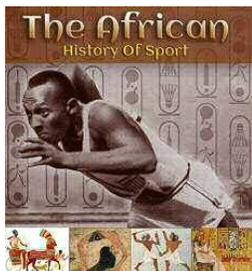
Beginning this week, legendary football coach Jose Mourinho is set to return to **RT** for special coverage of the **2019 UEFA Champions League**. He will provide predictions and post-game analysis of the highly anticipated football tournament in his biweekly show “On the touchline with José Mourinho.” Last summer, Mourinho joined the **RT** team for special coverage of the **2018 World Cup** in Russia, sharing his expert analysis and predictions for the tournament. This time, he’ll be bringing his expertise to **RT’s** coverage of the **2019 UEFA Champions League**—one of the biggest events in European football.

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5,000 YEARS OF SPORTS

“The African History of Sport” is a series of three programs that looks at the early evidence of the development of sports in detail left by the Pharaohs and their civilization. Series reveals that many current Olympic sports can trace their origins back some 5,000 years to ancient Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia. It also looks at the problem of a Eurocentric education system, and how Egyptian history can decolonize both history and education (3 x 60’).

CONTACT: Global Telemedia Inc., Naples, FL, USA. Tel. 1-203-247-3888. Email: gt@globaltelemedia.com Web: www.globaltelemedia.com





TEST OF FAITH

A feature-length adventure drama, “**The Furnace**” tells the story of one woman’s struggle to overcome personal tragedy. After a truck hits their car, Mary is devastated by the loss of her husband and the use of one of her lungs. Despite her initial doubts, Mary agrees to be coached by a grave digger named Coffin, to train for an ultra-marathon through the harsh African bush (90’).

CONTACT: Free Dolphin International, Boulogne-Billancourt, France. Tel. 33-0-146-100-145. Email: marine@freedolphin.fr Web: www.freedolphinentertainment.com

CELEBRATING MOTOWN RECORDS

Alfred Haber, Inc., has secured the exclusive international distribution television rights to “**Motown 60: A GRAMMY® Celebration**,” the two-hour special honoring the legendary record label, Motown Records, which introduced the world to the incredible sounds of popular soul and R&B music. “**Motown 60: A GRAMMY Celebration**” will be broadcast on April 21, 2019, on the **CBS Television Network**. The company will be offering the special for the first time at the upcoming **MIPTV** convention. Hosted by Cedric the Entertainer and music legend Smokey Robinson, “**Motown 60: A GRAMMY Celebration**” features an all-star line-up of performers including Motown icons Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder, as well as Ciara, Chloe X Halle, Fantasia, Tori Kelly, John Legend, NE-YO, Pentatonix, Meghan Trainor, and more (120’).

CONTACT: Alfred Haber, Inc., Palisades Park, NJ, USA. Tel. 1-201-224-8000. Fax 1-201-947-4500. Web: www.alfredhaber.com



CRIME DRAMA

ZDF Enterprises has assumed global distribution outside Ukraine, Russia and CIS of the Ukrainian crime drama series “**Hide and Seek**.” In an ordinary looking apartment, a father and daughter play a game of hide-and-seek. While searching for his daughter, she is nowhere to be found. Later, a video is posted online which shows the girl holding a sign with a mysterious set of numbers. But what do they mean? She’s the first of several children who disappear without a trace in a small industrial town. Young detectives Varta Naumova and Maksim Shumov take on the complex case and their own demons (8 x 60’).

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TRAGIC LOVE STORY

“**The Happy Prince**” is a tragic love story of a young man with a heart of gold who lets the love of his life slip away. He goes from being an admired and ambitious person with a bright future, to a scarred and physically damaged man that is shunned by his family and friends. Each episode reveals the despairing truth of his character flaws that ultimately leads to his demise. A true-to-life love story that depicts the challenges of living sincerely with courage, strength, and hope despite the heartbreaking obstacles to love (11 x 60’, format).

CONTACT: Nippon Television, Tokyo, Japan. Tel. 81-3-5275-4139. Fax 81-3-5275-4008. Web: <http://www.ntv.co.jp/english/>

SCIENCE FICTION SERIES

9 Story Media Group has entered into an agreement with **Peacock Alley Entertainment** to develop and co-produce “**Motel 51**,” a serialized science fiction drama geared towards a young adult and family audience. Written and created by Laura Kosterski, “**Motel 51**” follows the Williamson family, as they embark on a desperate quest to find their father after he mysteriously vanishes. The search will lead them to an oddball motel with an otherworldly secret.

CONTACT: 9 Story Media Group, Toronto, Canada. Tel. 1-416-530-9900. Fax 1-416-530-9935. Web: www.9story.com

HOT REAL ESTATE MARKET



Idaho's capital city is booming and so is business for home renovation experts Clint Robertson and Luke Caldwell. In season two of **HGTV's "Boise Boys,"** the best friends and business partners take renovation risks on properties with serious problems in Boise. Luke is an eclectic designer who pushes the envelope to create a contemporary aesthetic for each home. Clint is a licensed contractor who brings Luke's vision to life without compromising the budget. As dads—Clint is father to three and Luke is dad to six—they also look to their kids to help on the job site and offer design input. This season, Clint and Luke must find affordable fixer-uppers to meet the demand in this hot real estate market (13 x 30').

CONTACT: Scripps Networks, Knoxville, TN, USA. Tel. 1-865-694-2700. Fax 1-865-690-9964. Web: www.scrippsnetworksinteractive.com

GAME SHOW

Red Arrow Studios International and **Nippon TV** have teamed up to distribute the action-packed new gameshow format "**Beat the Rooms.**" The format will be launched at **MIPTV 2019**, with **Nippon TV** handling sales for Asia, and **Red Arrow Studios International** taking rights for the rest of the world. "**Beat the Rooms**" is the only action gameshow where players are challenged NOT to do something: don't breathe, don't get nervous, don't fall, and more - all with wacky, hilarious results! In each episode, two teams try and 'beat' rooms which are home to missions that test their ability to overcome a physical or mental obstacle (format).

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HARRY & MEGHAN SEQUEL

Tiffany Marie Smith ("Supernatural") and Charlie Field ("Genius") have been cast to take on the roles of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry in the **Lifetime** feature "**Harry & Meghan: Becoming Royal.**" Filming begins later this month in Vancouver for a spring debut. "**Harry & Meghan: Becoming Royal,**" the sequel to the 2018 hit movie, continues the love story of newlyweds Prince Harry and American actress Meghan Markle, pulling back the curtain to reveal the untold joys and challenges of life inside the Royal Family during their pivotal first year of marriage. Harry and Meghan's core values are put to the test as they try to find the balance between honoring Royal tradition and staying true to their beliefs (90').

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CUSTOMIZED RENOVATIONS



Fun, unexpected and personalized room designs tell each family's unique story in **HGTV's** newest series, "**One of a Kind.**" The eight-episode series stars home renovator and interior designer Grace Mitchell as she creates eclectic, imaginative spaces in Fort Worth, Texas. In each episode, she learns the homeowners' personal stories and, with inspiration from their distinct personalities, rich family history, and individual passions, creates an innovative design plan. Backed by her colorful construction crew, Grace's hands-on approach and fresh ideas deliver exceptional renovations tailored to her clients. (8 x 30').

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GAME SHOW

"**Win Your Country!**" is the ultimate studio-based game show where contestants win big if they can prove they really know their country. The new US adaptation is now in development and will be executive produced by Whoopi Goldberg and Emmy-nominated Tom Leonardis for **One Hoe**, in partnership with Emmy-nominated Executive Producer Stephanie Noonan Drachkovitch and Dan Snook for **44 Blue.**

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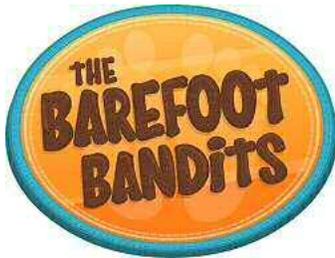
MAGICAL TOY TRUNK



"Mr Mender and The Chummyjiggers" is a bright and energetic live-action series for pre-schoolers features Mr. Mender, the toy mender. He awakens some playtime favorite toy friends—the Chummyjiggers (Mollydolly, Bedted, Baba-Oo, Bobtail and Up Pup) who live in a magical toy trunk in his shop. The mended toys come to life for adventures in their magical world. The show conveys core values of cooperation, sharing, and problem solving. Produced by Darrach O'Tuarsig's Galway, Ireland-based **Fibin Media**, the series stars Louis Lovett, Grainne Bleasdale, and Kate Finegan and is written by Muireann Ní Chíobháin and Emma Hogan (26 x 11').

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MYSTERIOUS ISLAND



"The Barefoot Bandits" is an adventure comedy series full of aliens, vegetable zombies, lizard people, pirate ghosts and so much more. Featuring the voice talents of Flight of the Concorde's Rhys Darby and Jermaine Clement, as well as Temuera Morrison, John Rhys-Davies and Lucy Lawless. The little known island of Ngaro has long held many a mystery, though this fact has been largely unnoticed by the quiet townsfolk that call it home. That is until Tane, Fridge and Riley, who call themselves "The Barefoot Bandits," take it upon themselves to investigate all the secrets the island has to offer (20 x 22').

CONTACT: Jetpack Distribution, London, UK. Tel. 44-020-3561-5881. Email: dominic.gardiner@jetpackdistribution.tv Web: www.jetpackdistribution.tv

SPOOKY ADVENTURE-COMEDY

"Bat Pat" is a spooky animated adventure-comedy that proves the supernatural isn't always evil—just misunderstood. Bat Pat is joined by Silver siblings: Rebecca, Leo and Martin, and a range of lovable creepy characters. Together with their winged companion, who has a terrible memory for supernatural facts with a keen nose for nocturnal mischief, the four best friends work to help the quirky "Fogville" town dwellers to unravel the mysteries of the scary creatures that lurk about. Balancing comedy and action, the series is a spooky sitcom that maintains the fast paced quirky character humor of a traditional comedy mixed up with some unexpected adventures (52 x 11').

CONTACT: Atlantyca Entertainment S.p.A., Milan, Italy. Tel. 39-2-430-0101. Fax 39-2-430-01020. Web: www.atlantyca.com

AMAZING TRANSFORMATIONS



Corus Entertainment's Nelvana, a world-leading international producer and distributor of children's animated content, has announced that "**Geki Drive**" is now in development with **Sumitomo Corporation**, a global trading company with a large investment and presence within the Japanese animation industry. The all-new 2D/3D hybrid animated series is revving up to entertain children around the world. Based on the hyper-fast customizable cars produced by **Bandai Spirits** for the Japanese market, action-adventure cartoon "**Geki Drive**", meaning "Extreme Racing" in Japanese, targets boys six to eight and will draw them into a world where drivers build, customize and compete in epic races to become the ultimate racing team. Series is the story of the Pod Squad—a team of young racers that bursts onto the scene to take the Geki Circuit by storm. But the higher the Squad climbs, the more daunting challenges they face. If they hope to reach the top of the Geki leader board, the Squad must rely on their instincts, their unique skills and, most of all, each other (52 x 11').

CONTACT: Nelvana Enterprises Inc., Toronto, Canada. Tel. 1-416-588-5571. Fax 1-416-588-5588. Web www.nelvana.com



AIRBOAT COWBOYS

“**Gladesmen: The Last of the Sawgrass Cowboys**” is an award-winning feature-length documentary about the federal government’s ban on Florida’s iconic airboats in much of the Everglades. The measure is part of the world’s largest effort to repair a damaged ecosystem, a vast river of grass that has been ravaged by more than a century of development, pollution, and other environmental degradation. The outcome will determine the future of the region’s water supply, and its ability to withstand rising sea levels. It may also lead to the demise of the Gladesmen (90’).

CONTACT: Looking Glass International, St. Andrews Beach, VIC, Australia. Tel. 61-3-5988-6947. Email: info@lookingglassint.com Web: www.lookingglassint.com

JOHN AND YOKO

A&E Network will premiere the two-hour “**Biography**” documentary “**John and Yoko: Above Us Only Sky**” on March 11. The special traces the untold story of the making of John Lennon’s 1971 album “Imagine,” and recounts a story of hope for a world divided yet still desperately in need of peace, justice, empathy and love. The album, and its iconic title track, exemplifies the extraordinary genius behind the music that defined a movement and marked an era. Utilizing never-before-seen footage of Lennon and Ono from their private archive, the special delves into the depth of the creative collaboration between the couple and explores how the art, politics and music of the pair are intrinsically entwined (120’).

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INSIDE GOOGLE AND FACEBOOK

A feature-length investigative documentary, “**The Creepy Line**” reveals the stunning degree to which society is manipulated by Google and Facebook, and the remarkably subtle manner in which they do it. The title of the film is derived from the words of former Google CEO Eric Schmidt. During a 2010 interview he explained Google’s code of conduct: “The Google policy on a lot of things is to get right up to the creepy line and not cross it.” However, as Dr. Robert Epstein explains in the film, “Google crosses the creepy line every day.” Containing ground-breaking interviews with Jordan B. Peterson, Luther Lowe, Peter Schweizer, Marlene Jaeckel, Daniel Stevens, Barry Schwarz, and others, “**The Creepy Line**” offers an explosive look at the pernicious interventions done by Google and Facebook on their supposedly “neutral platforms” (90’).

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RT WEEKLY DIGEST

RT America recently premiered “**Just Press Play**,” a new weekly digest of highlights from the channel’s range of news and talk show programming, hosted by **RT America** correspondent Ashlee Banks. Series will feature a “playlist” of segments from the week’s most compelling broadcasts, with Banks offering background information and in-depth discussions about the issues discussed in between segments. Banks has reported for **RT America** since 2015 and previously hosted the **RT** program “**Race in America**.” She has covered such crucial issues as police brutality and the lead water crises in Flint, Michigan (52 x 60’).

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SPECTACULAR CONSTRUCTION

Currently in production, season two of “**Exceptional Engineering**” takes a behind-the-scenes look at the spectacular construction processes for some of the world’s biggest and most innovative “boy’s toys.” From armored vehicles to the most modern airplane, and from one of the largest truck factories to the production site of huge wind generators, this is male-skewed TV at its best (5 x 60’).

CONTACT: Quintus Media GmbH, Berlin, Germany. Tel. 49-30-208-233-480. Email: info@quintus-media.com Web: www.quintus-media.com



Documentaries (continued)

PLASTIC POLLUTION

Janson Media today has announces the release to worldwide digital, television, and inflight airline markets of “**Straws**,” a powerful documentary about the plastic pollution that inundates our waterways and oceans. The 33-minute film illustrates how individuals, groups, and businesses around the globe are reducing the use of plastic straws through education, collaboration, policy development and utilization of non-plastic alternatives. Sparked by research that plastic straws are now among the top-five beach litter item collected, “**Straws**” outlines how billions of non-recyclable plastic straws litter streets and wash into oceans (33’).

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SECRETS OF THE MOON

“**Magic of the Moon**” from **Gruppe 5 Filmproduktion** explores the secrets of the Moon, offers scientific insights into its formation, its influence on life on Earth, and the legends each new discovery inspires. It seems there is an unending symbiosis between fact and fiction about the Moon—one stimulates the other, and it is this relationship that runs through these films. At the heart of it all is the intense human fascination with the moon. We go back in time to expose the changing but constant bond between people and the moon. Starting at a time long ago, when the ball of light in the night-sky was the only thing illuminating the depth of night, we end on visions of future space travel to Earth’s satellite, when tourists may embark on trips to visit the Man in the Moon. Intriguing, entertaining, informative and visually stunning all wrapped into one, this series is sure to inspire the curiosity of the audience and reveal unusual and surprising stories and facts about the Moon, whose presence we all take for granted but know little about (3 x 52’).

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SAVING AN ANCIENT FOREST

Redfish’s “The Fight for Hambach Forest” takes an inside look at the fight by activists to save the last piece of Germany’s 12,000-year-old forest from destruction by the German energy conglomerate corporation RWE. The movement to save Hambach began back in 2012. This past year, **Redfish’s** Belal Awad traveled to Western Germany for a firsthand look at the ancient forest, as well as the opportunity to speak with some of the protestors. Launched in late 2017 and headquartered in Berlin, **Redfish** was founded as a subsidiary of **Ruptly, RT’s** global multimedia news agency. Consisting of a small team of dedicated journalists and activists, **Redfish** aims to bring “radical, in-depth grassroots features and investigative video reports” (60’).

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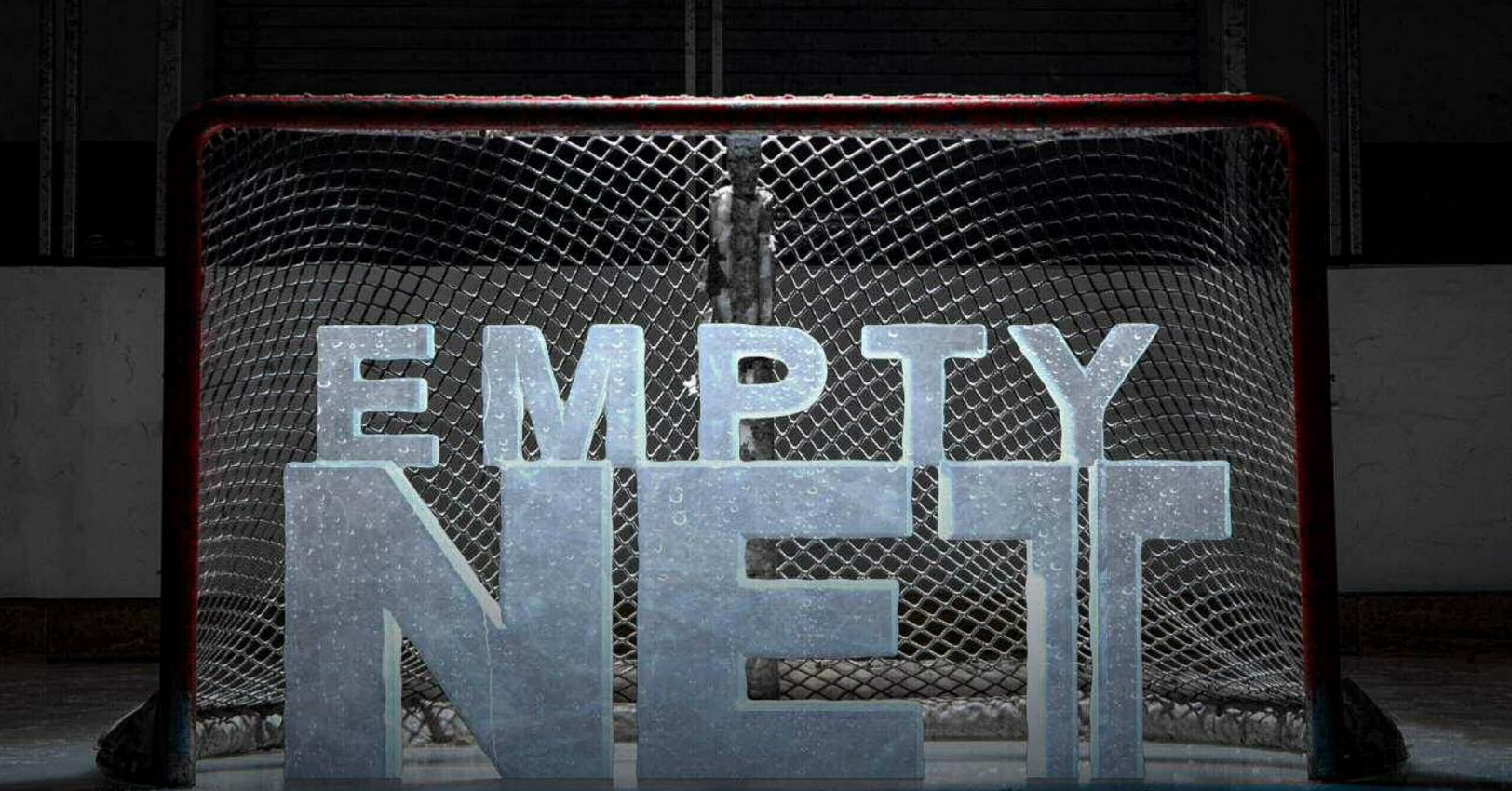
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