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KINGDOMS OF THE SKY

*3... 2... 1... in a heart-stopping second, Jeff Shapiro jumps off the cliff.
His wingsuit keeps him from falling 3,000 feet into the valley below.
In the breathtaking moments that follow, you experience
what it is like to soar above the Rockies.*

Kingdoms of the Sky, a three-part series, journeys to the far corners of the earth to explore three extraordinary mountain ranges — the Rockies, Himalaya, and Andes. These formidable mountain ranges are home to remarkable animals and people struggling to survive and thrive.

The Rockies are the spine of North America, stretching from the southern United States to the frozen north of Canada. Summers are hot and dry. In winter, temperatures can drop to minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit with winds reaching 200 miles per hour.

The wolverines that live in the Rockies are powerful predators. Their keen sense of smell and sharp teeth enable them to find food buried deep under the snow. Once they find food, they have to eat fast or other animals will snatch it away. The Rockies are also home to grizzly bears, bison, elk, and cougars.

For the bravest among us, the Rockies present the utmost challenge. You'll meet Hilaree O'Neil, a professional mountaineer and extreme skier who lives in the Rockies. You'll watch in awe as she climbs up one of the most difficult slopes, where the snow is deep and avalanches are frequent, and then skis down.

The Himalaya, the highest mountain range on earth, extend from Pakistan in the west through northern India, Nepal, Bhutan, and China. They are home to exotic creatures and ancient cultures.

In the frozen forests of the province of Yunnan, you'll encounter rarely seen Yunnan snub-nose monkeys. They have large pink lips and six-inch-long fur. To survive the bitter cold, they huddle together in families or outcast groups.

Tibetan Buddhism was born in the Himalaya. Buddhist artists use calcite from the mountains, which they crush and mix with colored dyes to create artistic masterpieces — representations of the universe — called sand mandalas.

The longest mountain range in the world, the Andes stretch 5,000 miles from Venezuela through Chile. It is where you'll find astonishing hidden worlds and some that are very visible. There are more than 200 active volcanoes in the Andes. An eruption can blast a billion tons of ash 13 miles into the atmosphere.

The photography is spectacular. To achieve exceptional results, the team had to overcome unbelievable conditions. For the toughest shoot in the Andes, everything needed for the two-week expedition had to be carried up on horseback. At high altitudes in the Himalaya, there is only half as much oxygen as at sea level, so breathing was difficult. As you will see, it was all worth it!

Airs Wednesdays, July 11 through July 25, at 8 p.m.

A fun evening for you,
your family, and friends...

A CAPITOL FOURTH

It's the country's biggest birthday party, and this year John Stamos, the handsome and talented actor, producer, and musician, returns as host!

A Capitol Fourth, America's national Independence Day celebration, is broadcast live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol and features a superb cast of legendary performers.

Sing along with some of the country's most accomplished musical artists as they perform beloved tunes with the National Symphony Orchestra. Twenty television cameras are strategically stationed around Washington, DC, to give you the best possible viewing experience.

The grand finale will be a rousing rendition of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture with live cannon fire and the greatest display of fireworks in the nation!

***A Capitol Fourth* airs Wednesday, July 4, at 7 p.m.**



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Words from the President...

Dear Friends,

As the timer ticks down on *The Great British Baking Show*, selecting a champion, I hope you've been inspired to whip up your own delectable creations in your kitchen. Did you miss the most recent episode? Fret not! You can catch up online on the KLRN Video player.

Just visit www.klnrn.org and click "watch now." Want to watch but not sure where to start? You can also stream every delicious moment from season one to now on your laptop, Roku, Apple TV, even smartphone, through KLRN Passport, along with thousands of hours of your

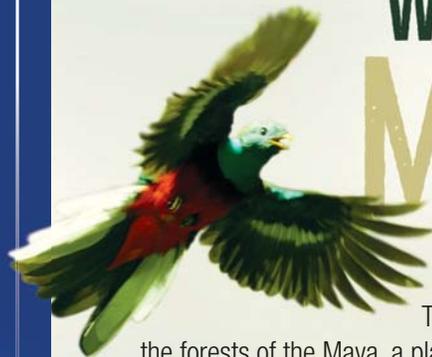
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Keep watching,

Arthur R. Emerson
President and CEO

WONDERS OF MEXICO



Mexico is a country rich in culture — a festival of life. The three-program series, *Wonders of Mexico*, begins in the forests of the Maya, a place full of secrets that is teeming with crocodiles, jaguars, and vibrant tropical birds.

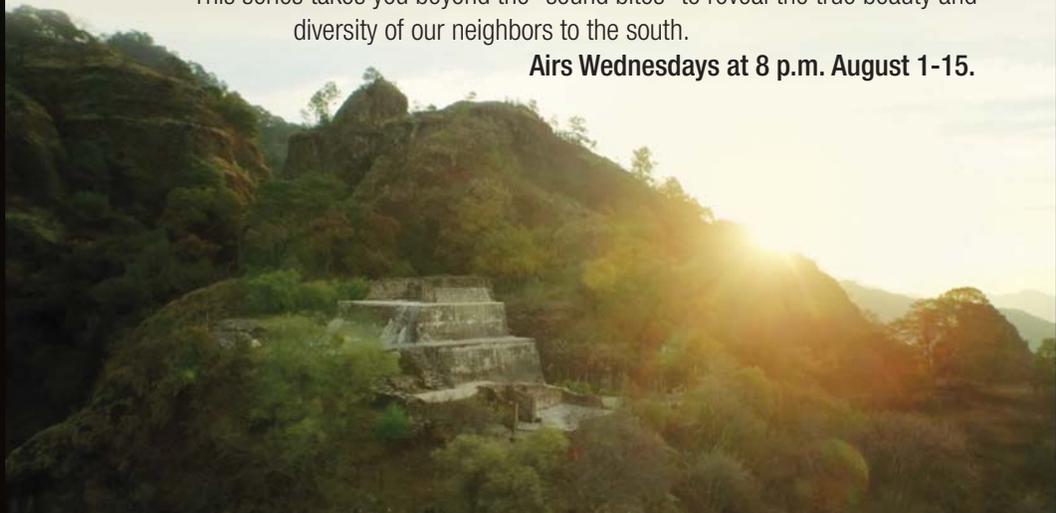
In the eighth century, the area was populated by almost 13 million Maya, who built complex cities and elaborate temples — some that still exist today. You'll meet their descendants who live and work on family farms much like their ancestors did.

In episode two, you'll travel to the mountains that stretch the length of the country. Copper Canyon, in the Sierra Madres, is home to the Rarámuri, known as foot runners. To navigate the vast terrain quickly, they become skilled long-distance runners, able to cover 200 miles without stopping!

Episode three focuses on Northern Mexico, an area of deserts and prairies, where both animals and people have found surprising ways to triumph in this untamed frontier.

This series takes you beyond the "sound bites" to reveal the true beauty and diversity of our neighbors to the south.

Airs Wednesdays at 8 p.m. August 1-15.



10 THAT CHANGED AMERICA™

THREE NEW PROGRAMS IN THE SERIES...

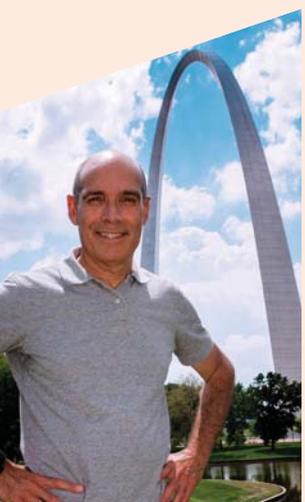
"10 that Changed America is a history series, but the subjects we tackled couldn't be more current: the fate of Confederate monuments, infrastructure spending, and battles over public spaces," said Dan Protesch, producer and writer.

In *10 Streets that Changed America*, photos and fascinating details about New York's Broadway, Los Angeles' Wilshire Boulevard, and others reveal how streets connected the nation, divided communities, and changed the way we live, work, and shop. "I explored them on foot and horseback, in a covered wagon, and in an array of vintage vehicles," said series host Geoffrey Baer.

10 Monuments that Changed America explores the stories and historical moments that inspired monuments including the Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, and the Robert Gould Shaw and Massachusetts 54th Regiment Memorial. You'll learn about the often-contentious battles over their design and the ongoing controversies over Confederate monuments throughout the South.

10 Modern Marvels that Changed America introduces you to the visionary engineers who overcame all odds to build life-changing innovations such as the Erie Canal and the Transcontinental Railroad.

"This journey left me in awe of the power of people to imagine and create," said Baer. Join him on his adventures when **10 that Changed America premieres Tuesdays, July 10 through July 31, at 7 p.m.**



Host Geoffrey Baer at the Eero Saarinen's Gateway Arch in St. Louis



Preparing traditional dishes is essential to preserving and sharing one's heritage. The six-episode series *No Passport Required* celebrates America's multicultural mosaic by showcasing the people, places, and culinary flavors of our diverse communities.

Marcus Samuelsson is the ideal person to host this series. Co-owner of New York's critically acclaimed Red Rooster Harlem, he was born in Ethiopia, raised in Sweden, is a proud resident of Harlem, and has a vast knowledge of food, music, and the arts.

"Chasing flavors has been my lifelong passion," he said. You'll accompany Samuelsson as he goes into local markets, shops at roadside stands, and is welcomed into homes in neighborhoods such as Little Ethiopia in Washington, DC, and Little Kabul, with its large Afghan-American population, in Fremont, California.

By exploring the intersection between food and culture, you'll gain a deeper appreciation of the ways that immigrant communities are coming together to enhance experiences we all can enjoy.

Airs Tuesdays, July 10 through August 14, at 8 and 9 p.m.



Ted Williams

a true American hero...

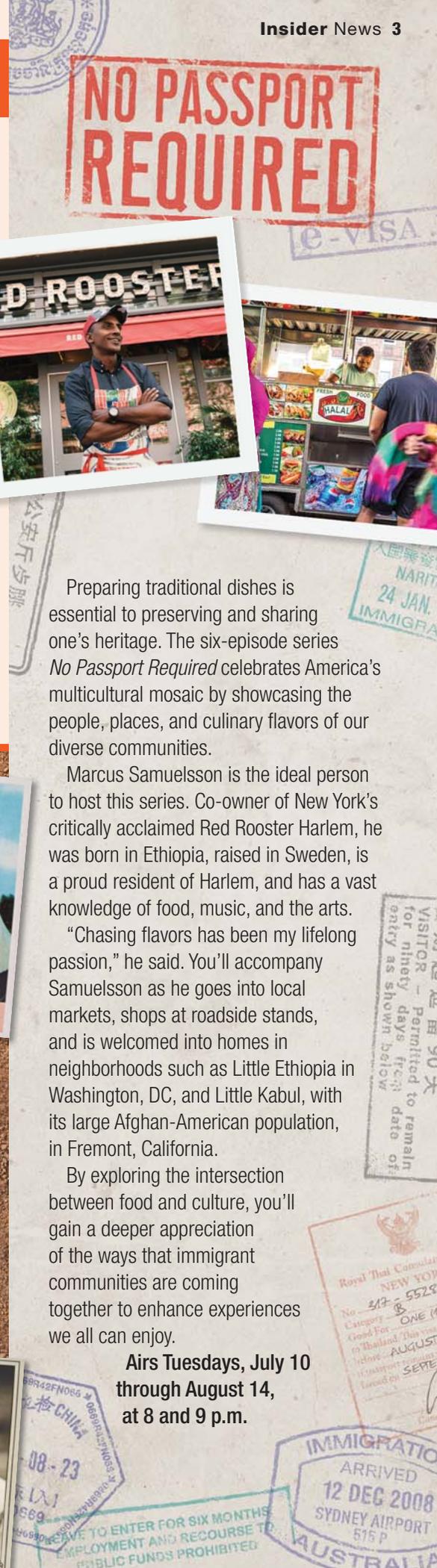
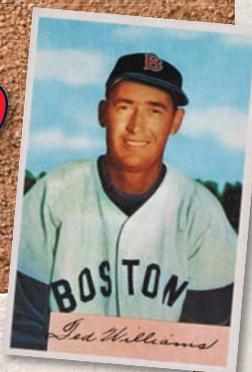
There are so many ways to describe Ted Williams, it's hard to know where to begin. To fans, the Boston Red Sox player and Baseball Hall of Famer was baseball's Peter Pan: the eternal "Kid" who combined extraordinary natural abilities with a fierce work ethic to become one of the greatest hitters who ever lived.

Premiering in honor of the centennial anniversary of Williams' birth, the film delves into his professional accomplishments, personal vulnerabilities, and lasting impact on the game of baseball. "This film will reveal the man behind the legendary .406 batting average: complex, misunderstood, and profoundly human," said Michael Kantor, executive producer of *American Masters*.

Nicknamed "The Splendid Splinter," Williams was born and raised in San Diego and played his entire Major League Baseball career, from 1939 to 1960, for the Boston Red Sox. He was also known for his generosity to those in need and his somewhat troubled relationship with Boston fans.

Lesser known was how he was driven by shame over his Mexican-American background, humiliation over his father's weakness, and rage over his mother's virtual abandonment of him and his younger brother.

The film promises to be a home run!
Airs Monday, July 23, at 8 p.m.



Viewer Comments

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— *Twitter comment via Grace Garza*

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EARTH'S NATURAL WONDERS

Life at the Extremes



The three episodes in Season 2 of *Earth's Natural Wonders: Life at the Extremes* take you to places that are rugged, powerful, and awe-inspiring — while presenting the enormous challenges faced by the people who call them home.

How do people live in the Brazilian Amazon, which has been threatened as never before? In the Mato Grosso, the microclimate has changed as a result of deforestation, and fires rage out of control in the dry season. Indigenous people are being trained to fight these fires. It's very dangerous, but their traditional way of life depends on preserving the forest habitat.

Have you ever wondered what it's like to live in a tropical paradise? Vanuatu is a remote and beautiful archipelago nation in the South Pacific, but it's not as idyllic as it appears. Overfishing has made food harder to come by and islanders are dependent on fish, since there is little arable land on the 83 islands. You'll meet fifteen-year-old Misakofi who is learning his trade as a fisherman and faces his greatest test — freediving at night to catch highly prized lobsters.

As the world's natural wonders are changing, human survival techniques must also evolve.

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