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The house you can see on the screen has been entirely destroyed by the fire. The residents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were lucky to make it out alive. Earlier, they told our reporter that they still can't believe their luck. Mrs. Smith was taking her afternoon nap when the house caught fire. Mr. Smith was at the supermarket. When he got back, the house was in flames and full of smoke. Mr. Smith said that he knew that he was putting his life at risk but didn't care. He just rushed into the house. He managed to find his wife but then realized that they were trapped and there was no way for them to get out. Fortunately, neighbors had informed the fire department, and help was on its way. The couple was saved by firefighters, Bill Renier and Patrick Kelly, who managed to get them out of the burning house just in time. The two firefighters, who are known for their bravery in the face of danger, are seen here taking a break after their heroic act.

Here you can see the wind has carried the flames to the neighboring house as well, and it looks like it too has been totally consumed by the fire. The residents of the house, a family of four, have been taken to safety. They were in the house when the fire broke out, but firefighters were already on the scene and they managed to get them out before their lives could be put in danger. The real hero this time is Jack junior, though, who is nine years old. He ran into the flaming house when nobody was looking to save his dog, Rockie, who was trapped inside. Both Jack junior and Rockie managed to get out safely. At the hospital earlier where they were taken after their rescue, Mrs. Roberts told Channel TV that this experience has made her realize how lucky she is and that all that matters is the safety of her family.

The fire apparently started in this tire warehouse and we can see the smoke rising as high as the eye can see. Additional fire engines have been called to the scene as a nearby forest is also in danger. Firefighters are working hard to put it out but are having difficulty because tires burn easily. Weather conditions are not helping the situation. It's pretty windy at the moment and it's hard for firefighters to get close enough to stop the fire from spreading uncontrollably. They are using all means available to them.

The road that goes through the area has been closed off to traffic because of the fire. Here we see a car whose driver panicked and lost control of it when he saw the fire. He was rescued by firefighters and has suffered only minor injuries.

Stay tuned to Channel TV for further developments.

## episode 11

Wellington Financial Services is a pleasant place to work. It may be a large company but the people working there like to think of themselves as one big happy family. These talented and dedicated people are the reason for the company's success. Even answering the phone is done in a warm and friendly manner. The receptionist, Brenda, knows that you get your first impression of a company from the voice on the other end. She knows how to do her job quickly and efficiently. Loretta, Ted and Randy all started at Wellington a year ago, and have just completed their training. They are all hard-working employees and instead of taking a lunch

break, they often have lunch while they work. Randy has his own office now. He enjoys doing his job well and giving his clients the best possible advice. Ted and Randy often work together. They like to be informed on the latest developments in the financial markets. Staff meetings are held regularly, and everyone takes part in them. The managing director of the company is Robert Phillips. He is a very busy man and spends a lot of his time talking on the phone with important clients. He started working for this company twenty-five years ago. He has played a very important role in making the company a success. He says that success does not come easy and that it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to do well in such a competitive market. He works closely with his personal assistant, Gabby. Robert admits that he would not have been able to do so well if Gabby were not by his side. She makes sure that everything runs smoothly by booking his appointments, organizing his business trips and making all the preparations for his presentations. Gabby has her own success story. She has also been working for the company for a very long time. She started working there as a receptionist and gradually worked her way up. She considers herself lucky because she has a very good working relationship with Robert. After all these years they have become very good friends and he trusts her to get the job done. Today Robert is getting ready to make a very important presentation. The whole team has worked very hard preparing for it. Robert is sure that it will go well, and if it does, they will all go out and celebrate in the evening. That's how Wellington Financial Services works. It aims to keep not only its customers happy but also its employees.

## episode 12

When you go out to buy your next laptop, think about this:

It all started with the invention of the computer. The first computer was developed between 1940 and 1945. This invention was to be used for collecting and storing information. In the days before the development of the microchip, computers were big and slow. They were the size of a large room and used up as much power as several hundred modern personal computers. Because these computers were big and expensive, not many people had access to them. Who could have imagined then what a big effect computers would have on our lives?

Twenty years later, in the 1960s, a computer made it possible for man to land on the moon. Man could not have done this if developments had not taken place to make computers powerful enough and light enough to be carried to the moon. It was this kind of technology that prepared us for the computers we have today.

Technological developments that have taken place since then have resulted in nearly everyone having access to a computer. They are now a lot smaller and cheaper so everyone can afford to have one. Computers are found in work and home environments and they are used for business and entertainment purposes. Portable computers, like laptops, have made it possible for computers to be carried around as they are small and light, and they are powered by batteries. Some personal computers, like the

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pocket PC, are so small that they can fit in your hand. These are very convenient and easy to use.

Who would have dreamed in their early stages of development that so much information could be stored in a small personal computer? In order to process a large amount of information, these microcomputers have a processor made to fit on a single small chip. But computers are not limited to storing and processing information. Communication programs connect personal computers to other computers and this allows people to exchange information. The World Wide Web or Internet makes it possible for people to access a wide variety of resources.

Computer technology is developing very fast. Changes are being made all the time to existing models to improve them. Computers are now moving towards the "fifth generation". These advanced computers are able to listen to people and will soon be able to understand complex sentences. In the near future, we will have our personal computers fitted with programs that make it possible for them to learn and change. This will make them capable of thinking, which will change the way we interact with them.

## episode 13

Michael has had a passion for planes ever since he was a child. He loves everything that has to do with them, even putting together model planes. His dream, of course, is to become a pilot one day. But not just any kind of pilot; he wants to fly fighter jets and be able to pull off amazing air stunts. Where does Michael get his inspiration from? Well, from his dad. Mr. Miller, who you see here working out, used to be a pilot for the US army and he later went on to work for various commercial airlines. When Michael was a child, he would take him to the airport and they would stay there all day watching planes take off and land. On a few occasions, he would even take Michael with him on some of his flights. One of the airlines Mr. Miller worked for was TWA before it was bought by American Airlines. For Michael there was no feeling like flying. For Mr. Miller it was a good way to spend more time with his son. Mr. Miller has always believed that it's important to spend as much time as possible with your children and to take an interest in their lives. If his own dad had not taken such a great interest in his life, he wouldn't have become such a great pilot.

Mr. Miller's ultimate dream, though, was to become an astronaut and explore space. Once, when he was asked why he wanted to become an astronaut, he said "well, it's human nature to be curious and to want to find out what's out there." If Mr. Miller had not been injured in a terrible motorcycle accident, he would have made his dream come true. Doctors at that time had said that he would never even walk again. Mr. Miller never gave up, though. He may not have become an astronaut but he continued to fly conventional airplanes. And one thing he tells his son all the time is that if you put your mind to it, you can do whatever you want, even reach the sky!

## episode 14

Do you wish that you could visit Las Vegas? Well, if you're planning on getting married in the near future then we have a special offer for you!

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But Las Vegas is not only about casinos, fancy restaurants and live shows. If you want some culture, then this is the place to be. The Bellagio Hotel, which is well-known for its spectacular dancing fountains, is putting on an exhibition of Impressionist paintings. There you will see all the great French painters. Plus, on the first Friday of each month, the "First Friday" celebration is held, which exhibits the works of local artists and musicians.

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