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### **FEATS OF NATURE** **Beyond Bionic, 4.30pm, CBBC**



CAN Andy Torbet (pictured) possibly match the mako shark, which can swim at 40mph and jump 30ft out of the sea? In the first of a new series, he deploys some pretty whizz-bang technology to propel himself through and out of the water at alarming speeds.

### **FOOTBALL** **Chelsea v Barcelona, 7pm, BT Sport 2**

CHELSEA have the toughest last-16 tie of the English sides in this year's Champions League as they welcome Barcelona to Stamford Bridge. The Blues, though, do have four wins to Barca's three in 12 meetings in Europe's elite competition — and Lionel Messi has yet to score against them.

### **MAKING TRACKS** **Impossible Railways, 8pm, Yesterday**

WATER is the theme of a new edition that looks at Isambard Kingdom Brunel's coast-hugging South Devon Line and at the underwater rail tunnel that connects the two sides of Istanbul — through an earthquake zone. Many thought the latter could not be done.

### **U.S. JUSTICE** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, 9pm, 5 USA**

DICK WOLF'S crime drama exists in the same TV universe as his Chicago shows — Fire, Med, Justice

## Satellite choice

and PD. This new-to-Freeview episode is a crossover with the latter and finds Benson receiving help from Sergeant Voight, the brutal maverick from Chicago PD.

### **DOMESTIC DRAMA**



### **Here And Now, 9pm, Sky Atlantic**

IT MIGHT be too full of liberal angst for some, but this new, ten-part U.S. drama from Alan Ball (Six Feet

Under) is an intriguing proposition. It's a complex family drama with a slim (and potentially unimportant) supernatural streak, centred on a depressed philosopher (Tim Robbins, pictured).

### **SCI-FI FLICK** **Ex Machina, 9pm, Film4**

ALEX GARLAND'S thoughtful and provocative drama explores the boundaries of artificial intelligence and the limitations of humanity. Oscar Isaac is the cocksure scientist inviting Domhnall Gleeson's boffin to assess his latest creation — a beguiling robot (Alicia Vikander).

### **PAY-PER-VIEW MOVIE** **The Party, BT TV/Sky Store/Virgin Movies**

SALLY POTTER'S razor-sharp tragicomedy is set at a party where things don't go as planned, and unfolds over a tight 71 minutes.

Kristin Scott Thomas and Timothy Spall play the despairing hosts.

### **NORSE WARRIORS** **The Real Vikings, 10pm, History**

AFTER the latest episode of Vikings at 9pm comes this new series about the real-life history behind the action-packed drama. On that show, Katheryn Winnick plays shieldmaiden Lagertha, but did such formidable warrior women actually exist? Winnick really wants it to be true and asks some sober experts for insight.

### **WRY U.S. COMEDY** **Loudermilk, Amazon Prime**

A HANGDOG Ron Livingston (pictured with Anja Savcic) plays the rock journalist-turned-drunk-turned-

addiction counsellor at the centre of this super-dry comedy. Loudermilk very rarely says the right thing, but his intentions are good — deep, deep, deep, deep down. The series is nicely edited and has a good ear for kooky music choices.



### **ACTION CAPER** **Killing Hasselhoff, 10.20pm, Sky Premiere**

POOR old David Hasselhoff. In this crime comedy, various people want him dead. It's nothing the Hoff has done, but there's a bounty on his head. Good on the Hoff — he can take it...