

The Toast of the Show

The Licensing Company welcomed its newest client Anheuser-Busch to the Expo floor Wednesday with a celebratory toast and a parade of the Budweiser signature Clydesdales. Pictured (from

left): Robert Schwartz, Ryan Dirk, Jill Stobie, Tracy Neier and Angela Farrugia.



Fisher-Price Unveils Multiple New Products

Fisher-Price introduced a wide range of new products and partnerships on the Licensing International Expo show floor this week.

Up first is a partnership with singer/songwriter Jewel and Somerset Entertainment to release an album, "The Merry Goes 'Round."

Fisher-Price will partner with United Legwear Company to manufacture and distribute multiproduct lines for infants and toddlers. Products will include fashion styles and core basics such as booties, crew socks, anklets, bobby socks, tights and slipper socks with gripper bottoms that incorporate Fisher-Price characters, styles and themes.

Mobi Technologies is teaming with the preschool

FME Writes Condé Nast Deal

FreemantleMedia Enterprises and Condé Nast will partner in a deal granting FME the North American rights to lifestyle magazine and internet brands Self, Golf Digest and Epicurious.

FME will look to extend the brands into consumer products and possibly to additional platforms such as television.

"This partnership allows Condé Nast and FME to leverage our respective areas of expertise in order to build and develop these well respected brands across new platforms beyond the publishing world," says James Ngo, director, brand acquisitions and development for FME.

Brodsky Named to Hall of Fame

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and infant toy manufacturer

to produce a series of

audio/video formats.

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monitors in both audio and

On the product release

side, Fisher-Price unveiled

its FastFinder diaper bag

in partnership with Baby

stroller travel systems and

Trend Inc. for car seat/

line and new baby gear line

Leigh Anne Brodsky, president of Nickelodeon and Viacom Consumer Products, was inducted into the LIMA Hall of Fame Tuesday evening.

Brodsky is just one of 36 inductees. The LIMA Hall of Fame honors industry veterans who have significantly contributed to the licensing business.

A "visionary" in the business, Brodsky is respected for successful NVCP licensing programs such as Dora the Explorer.

Breaking News Hasbro and Ruckus Get App

Ruckus Media Group and Hasbro will pair up for the first time to release *Chuck and Friends: Friends for the Long Haul* storybook app available via iTunes app store for iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch.

On deck are other storybook apps for other Hasbro brands including My Little Pony and Transformers Prime.

Wildbrain and AMSCAN Party

Wildbrain Entertainment has tapped AMSCAN to license Yo Gabba Gabba! for a new line of party goods and accessories for retail in early 2012.

The party line will feature DJ Lance Rock and the cast of characters on tableware, accessories, favors and more. Stores such as Party City and independent party supply outlets will carry the line.

Spin Master Brings Liv Dolls to McDonald's Happy Meals

Hot off the heels of Spin Master's Zoobles campaign for McDonald's Happy Meals, the multi-category children's entertainment company has announced it will bring its Liv girl's fashion doll line

to the restaurant.

Beginning tomorrow and running through July 7, Liv miniature characters and three styling heads will be available at participating McDonald's across North America.

The Liv and Zoobles Happy Meal campaigns will expand to international markets later this year and into 2012.





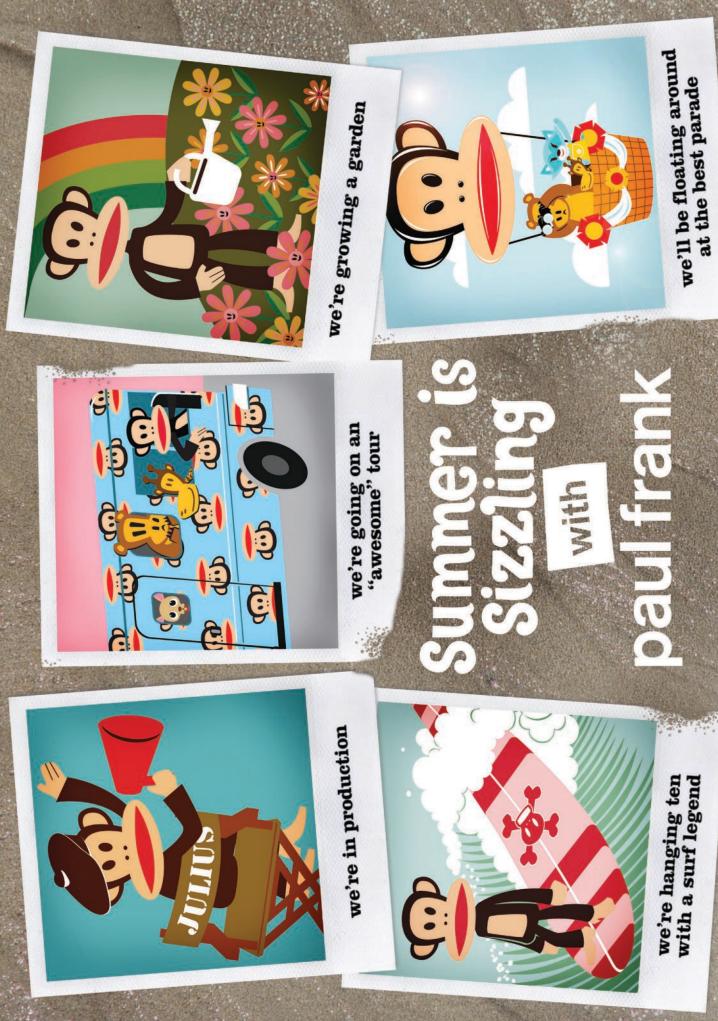






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Entenmann's Announces White Entenmanns **Coffee Partner**

Entenmann's Products, one of the nation's oldest leading sweet baked goods companies, has partnered with White Coffee for its new collection of flavored coffees and cocoa. The Joester Loria Group, exclusive licensing agency for Entenmann's, brokered the deal.

The flavored coffee will be available this fall across multiple retail distribution outlets including mass market, supermarkets, club stores, drug stores and through food service applications, as well as in gift packs. The initial range of Entenmann's coffee will feature cinnamon crumb cake, hazelnut,



vanilla and chocolate raspberry flavors. Entenmann's cocoa will be available in regular and vanilla flavors.

"As the premier name in sweet baked goods for more than 100 years, Entenmann's has a great brand heritage and a wide range of product offerings that translate well to flavored coffee," says Joanne Loria, executive vice president and COO of The Joester Loria Group.

Keynote: Darling Shares Sourcing Expertise

Rick Darling, president of LF USA, delivered the keynote address, Tuesday. Darling addressed the changing dynamics in the world economic market and how it affects manufacturing, licensing and the entire retail chain. Darling says that the days of manufacturing in one country and re-shipping to another are over, and it is necessary to develop a global network.

"Margins are going to continue to erode for the foreseeable future as prices go up in the U.S. and Europe, most likely with the inability to pass too much of that to the consumer," Darling says. "That means being able to re-evaluate your business model and how you do business and being able to operate at lower margins. The guys that are going to win the game in the next two or three or four years are they guys that are able to lower their margins."



Pictured: Zodiak Rights' Jane Kennedy, Emily French Ullah, Jennifer Lawlor, Aidan Taylor-Goodby, Lisa Simpson, Steve Quirke, Gaby Dior and Angeles Blanco with Tiger Aspect's Katherine Senior.

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BLE: Mr. Moshi to Give Keynote

Michael Acton Smith, chief executive officer of Mind Candy and the creator of the children's online game Moshi Monsters, will deliver the keynote address at Brand Licensing Europe on the first day of the show in London, Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Moshi Monsters has just reached the milestone of 50 million users worldwide and in some territories like the U.K., half of all children ages 6 to 12 have adopted a Moshi Monster. After building up strong equity online over the last three years, the brand launched into the real world in January with successful products including toys from Vivid Imaginations and a selfpublished magazine.

As Moshi Monster's creator and brand guardian Smith describes himself as a child at heart. As an entrepreneur, he has flair and passion and he believes that Moshi Monsters has the potential to change the kids' entertainment landscape as significantly as Henson or Pixar did in their days. This is a brand created for and around a truly digital generation of kids. And he'll be telling us more about the journey so far and what happens next at BLE in October.

BLE takes place in London, Oct. 18 to 20. Please go to www.brandlicensingexpo. com for details.

Winx Fairies Set to Fly with Nick

Nickelodeon has confirmed its long-term scheduling plans for Winx Club, giving the property the very best start in its conquest of the American market.

The one-hour Winx Club movie specials (co-produced by Nickelodeon) will air June-September followed by season three daily from October. The broadcast will be mirrored in the U.K., Latin America, Canada and Benelux. The new series five and six (also co-produced with Nickelodeon) will air in fall 2012 and spring 2013. Jakks has been confirmed as the U.S. toy partner.

Winx Club is also the subject of a new deal with CTC in Russia, secured on the back of the show's long-

term ratings success in the territory and covering four new Winx Club TV movies, as well as series five. Winx Club has consistently been one the top five highest rated shows on air in Russia since its launch in 2008, and Winx Club is the most successful girls' brand in the territory, winning the 2011 Golden Bear Award for best

licensed property because of the outstanding quality of its licensing presence and revenue results.

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Rainbow Plans Big Push for Huntik Property

Huntik is a priority for Rainbow this week as it announces a second TV series, new theme park attractions, a toy deal with Giochi Preziosi and aims to push Huntik to the top spot in the list of global boy properties.

Series two will have its worldwide debut on RAI 2 this fall, followed by daily airings on RAI Gulp. The series and its licensing partners will be boosted by unprecedented marketing promotions, including Huntik-themed attractions at Rainbow Magicland Theme Park that will boast the first 4D attraction in Europe, Huntik Dark Ride.

Other marketing plans include strong TV support and licensee TV advertising, localized websites, role play community and iPhone apps for 8-16-year-olds.

In 2011, toys and publishing will be the primary categories supporting TV. For Christmas, Giochi Preziosi aims to have action figurines, play sets, plush, building sets and role play on shelves. Tridimensional will continue to distribute approximately 20,000 monthly magazines.

Next year will see the introduction of other licensees and categories, such as total look apparel, outdoorwear and pajamas (Sabor), Easter eggs (Vergani), bicycles (Dinobikes), bedlinen (BLGS), umbrellas (Perletti) and toiletries (Admiranda).





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iCarly Star Links to Rebecca Bonbon

FremantleMedia Enterprises has announced that Jennette McCurdy, star of Nickelodeon's "iCarly," will be the official brand spokesperson for Rebecca Bonbon products, available exclusively at Kmart and Sears. The teen star will be featured in the marketing campaign for the girls' fashion and lifestyle brand throughout the U.S. and Canada, including on instore signage.

Pictured alongside Rebecca Bonbon, Jennette is wearing clothing from the 2011 back to school line by master licensee, Kids Headquarters, scheduled to hit stores next month.

FME has also confirmed new international deals for the brand. In Brazil, BIC will launch Rebecca Bonbon stationery products for back to school in September. Clio Style has licensed the brand for backpacks, bags, key rings, pencil cases, make-up bags and laptop cases for launch at the Couromoda market in 2012. French licensee Avenir Telecom will develop 17 mobile phone accessories for Rebecca Bonbon,

Santoro Debuts Fine Art Branch

Santoro London, the U.K.-based creator of lifestyle brands, is captivating hearts everywhere with its new fine art brand, Gorjuss.

Gorjuss features compelling artwork of sweet stripy-socked female characters, wildlife, plants and other natural imagery, as well as childhood toys. They are pictured in heartfelt situations, often with tender and thought-provoking titles that particularly resonate with adults, students and teens. Depth of color and a rich palette of rose pinks, ruby reds, sapphire blues and sea greens help to communicate key themes of love, innocence, serenity and the capacity to dream.

Current products under the Gorjuss brand include greeting cards, postcards, premium quality gifts, fashion bags, accessories and arts and crafts. In addition, Santoro is seeking new partners to develop innovative quality products that reflect the beauty of Gorjuss. which will be available in 30 countries throughout EMEA. Rebecca Bonbon currently has more than 10 licensees in France including Gipsy S.A.S. for branded plush toys. Germany's biggest multichannel retailer, OTTO, has renewed its license to sell Rebecca Bonbon apparel through its website and mail order catalog across Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Academy will launch back to school products in Russia, CIS territories, the Baltics and Eastern Europe. A multi-territory deal has been signed with BLGS Hometextile SPRL for bedding and home textiles in Spain, Portugal and Italy. Finally, Italian licensee Sicem International will launch a new range of ladies' fashion apparel in more than 500 Oviesse stores across Italy in fall 2011. Rebecca Bonbon is

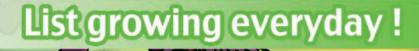
a Japanese bulldog and fashionista designed by Yuko Shimizu, the original creator of Hello Kitty. Launched a year ago, the brand licensing program is growing across North America, Asia Pacific and EMEA.







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Elvis Gets New Look for 35th

Elvis Presley Enterprises has unveiled the artwork that will be used for merchandise, advertising and events to commemorate the legendary star's 35th anniversary in 2012.

The artwork features a variety of Elvis Presley silhouettes in bight, contemporary colors, along with the type, "ELVIS PR35LEY." With multiple versions of the artwork, licensees, sponsors and other EPE partners will have the flexibility needed to use the branding on many different items.

"Elvis has always been an influence on design through his unique sense of fashion, personality and charisma," says Carol Butler, vice president of worldwide licensing for EPE. "Many of our licensees have shared with me that the bold colors and contemporary look and feel of this design illustrate for them how Elvis is still so relevant today."

Licensed merchandise with the commemorative

ELVIS PRESELY THIRTY FIFTH HUDIVERSHRY 2012 ELVIS PR35LEY artwork is under way, featuring products from the following licensees: Bradford, Mattel, Mead, Zippo, IGT and a yet-tobe-announced special music release from Sony.

The 35th anniversary year of Elvis kicks off in Memphis with his birthday celebration on Jan. 5, 2012.

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Brand Central Brings Petit Tresor to BRU

Brand Central, in conjunction with Ripe Ideas, has announced an exclusive partnership between Los Angelesbased luxury baby boutique Petit Tresor and Babies 'R' Us.

Petit Tresor, known for its high-end products and services that cater to Hollywood's A-listers, will develop two complete lines of bedding and accessory collections, "Nestling" and "Versailles," manufactured by CoCaLo, Inc. and inspired by popular designs created for the boutique's celebrity clientele available at an affordable price point of \$19.99-\$229.99. The complete product line will include fitted crib sheets, wall decals, window valences, diaper stackers, lamp bases, and shades, wall art, musical mobiles, blankets and plush toys.

The collections will be available at 168 select Babies 'R' Us stores nationwide and online at www. babiesrus.com.

"We are thrilled to work with CoCaLo and Babies 'R' Us to share our much loved designs with the world," says Nina Takesh, co-founder of Petit Tresor. "The collaborative effort brings our affinity for quality, simplistic, European-inspired designs and products to life."



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NBCUniversal Has Bevy of Offerings

NBCUniversal Television Consumer Products has brought several properties to the Licensing International Expo this week, including the following:

• Pawnee: The Greatest Town in America–Based on the series "Parks and Recreation," NBCU debuts its hilarious guide to the fictional town of Pawnee, Ind., highlighting the history of the middling corner of America. From Hyperion Books, the book includes interviews, anecdotes, essays, photos and more from Leslie Knope (played by Amy Poehler), with guest contributions from other central characters.

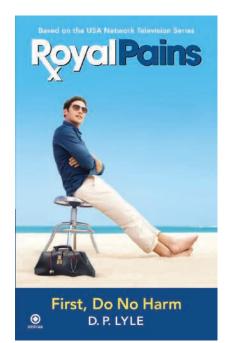
• *First, Do No Harm*–The first book of the series based TV's "Royal Pains," *First, Do No Harm* from Penguin Publishing tells the story of Hank Med and his bride-to-be Nicole who suddenly shows no signs of recognition. With the wedding looming, he'll have to work fast to ensure her survival.

• *A Touch of Fever*–Another first in an intended series of books this time from Simon & Schuster, *A Touch of Fever* is rooted in the popular Syfy series "Warehouse 13."

• "Warehouse 13" season two trading cards—Each pack will contain six cards, with two autographs per package from Eddie McClintock, Joanne Kelley, Saul Rubinek, CCH Pounder, Allison Scagliotti, Jaime Murray, Tia Carrere and others.

• "Eureka" season one and two trading cards—Each pack will contain six cards, with two autographs per package from signers including Colin Ferguson, Eric Cerra, Joe Morton, Matt Frewer, Niall Matter, Chris Gauthier and others.

• Telemundo and mun2 prepaid cards—The cards, in partnership with Western Union and available as MasterCard, will offer a fee-friendly structure with no monthly maintenance or overdraft costs.



Mondo Unveils The Grossest Collection

At the Expo this week, Mondo TV is introducing "The Trash Pack." It's a 2D animated comedy targeting kids 4 to



9 years old. Launch is set for fall 2011 in Italy and Spain, spring 2012 in the U.S. and fall 2012 worldwide.

The Trash Pack will be represented for licensing worldwide by Mondo TV Consumer Products. An extensive toy range is under development by a major international toy company, scheduled for a trade launch this autumn and a retail launch autumn 2012. Mondo is developing a style guide and is keen to meet partners this week for publishing, interactive, apparel, accessories, bedding, back to school, stationery, confectionery, video games and H&BA.

The Trash Pack come to life when the lid of the trash bin is closed. Gross to look at and brimming with gross humor, they just might become the grossest fun in the playground this year, Mondo hopes. There will be more than 100 Gross Trashies characters to collect, including rare, limited-edition Trashies, and the launch will be backed by an extensive marketing campaign across TV, retail and online, promising to pitch The Trash Pack into the heart of the current boys' collectables trend. Airheads • Aquascutum • Arby's • AT&T • Carmen Electra • Chambord* • Chiquita • Christopher Lowell • Coppertone • David Tutera • Dewalt • DIY Network Dow • Dream Out Loud by Selena Gomez* • Energizer • Eveready • Finlandia* • Fresh Express • Harley-Davidson* • HGTV • Jack Daniel's* • Jaeger • Jaguar Jakers • Land Rover • Latina • Love Hearts • Nesquik • Old Bay • Paris Hilton • Peanut Butter &Co. • Pennzoil • Procter & Gamble • Purina • Quaker State Range Rover • Rosa Mexicano • Salma Hayek • Samsonite • Southern Comfort* • Stanley Black & Decker • Talking Friends • Travelocity • U.S. Army • Volvo

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Zinkia Showcases Pocoyo Global Program

Zinkia Entertainment has returned to the Licensing International Expo with the unveiling of a newly restructured consumer products business for its global flagship multiplatform property, Pocoyo.

To date, the brand, which is based on the animated television series airing in more than 150 countries, has secured more than 150 licensees worldwide, with more than 2,000 consumer products at retail in numerous categories.

Pocoyo launched in the U.S. in 2010 on TV and at retail.



King Features Sets Sights on New Deals

King Features Syndicate is coming to Licensing International Expo to showcase its impressive roster of properties, from some of the top names in pop art to evergreen favorites like Popeye and Betty Boop.

King is seeking licensees for Brazilian pop culture artist Romero Britto, The Art of Todd (Goldman) and award-winning illustrator Elwood H. Smith.

In addition, King is looking to build on the success of its best-known brands: Popeye, Betty Boop and Beetle Bailey, who is getting a new, major retailer partner to be revealed at the show. Currently the series airs on Nick Jr., Univision and select PBS stations. Bandai America, the master toy partner in the U.S., debuted a line of toys at Toys 'R' Us, and will launch an all-new line including SwiggleTraks and SwiggleWheels for preschoolers in fall.

NCircle Entertainment unveiled a slate of DVDs at retailers including Toys 'R' Us, Nordstrom, Rite-Aid, Sears, JCPenny and 7-11. Key publishing and apparel licensees will soon be announced. National promotions included onpackage offers on 1.5 million Langers Juice bottles throughout August for the *Dance, Pocoyo, Dance!* DVD.

Zinkia Entertainment will continue to build Pocoyo on a global scale with new strategic partnerships, new product lines, new content, digital expansions and strategic marketing campaigns to further build brand awareness.

Highlights of summer launches include a toy line in Italy from Giochi Preziosi, publishing and DVD licensees on deck, and additional back to school, educational games and apparel remain a focus.

In Spain, Zinkia's home territory, new licenses have been granted, including Gallostra (socks, tights and leggings), Glop Games (bath color sets), Industrial Papelera Andina (gift wrap), Laboratorio Iberpos (bandages) and Reig Marti (sheets). Bandai Spain will be master toy licensee for the region, and other key partnerships have been formed including Editorial Planeta (publishing) and Panini (magazine and flow pack).

Additional deals and renewals have occurred across the more than 30 licensees on board in Mexico and Latin America.



Baby Genius Debuts Characters

Call of Duty 3 to Hit Streets

Activision's Call of Duty is one of the biggest entertainment franchises in the world. Since its debut, the franchise has sold in excess of \$3 billion worldwide and is the only property to set a new record for the biggest entertainment launch in history two years in a row.

Launching on Nov. 8, the next installment in the franchise, Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 is already the most highly anticipated game of the year, and Activision expects that the game will set a new standard for the franchise.

The sheer scale of the game and online offering will reset the bar for the genre, giving players a new level of immersion, connectivity, community and, of course, epic levels of action. The Baby Genius brand of musical edu-tainment for infants and toddlers are debuting a fresh new generation of Baby Genius characters at this year's Licensing International Expo, says Larry Balaban, chief creative officer of Pacific Entertainment.

Baby Genius was created by the founders of Pacific Entertainment.

The classic Baby Genius characters, Vinko, DJ, Tempo and Frankie, will soon welcome a new group of younger musical buddies created to introduce children to the world of music.

The new characters will be the focus of a major QSR promotion launching next year and a series of iOS applications that will be announced this month.

On the show floor, Pacific Entertainment is seeking licensing partners for Baby Genius in a wide variety of categories to complement these new branding initiatives and its worldwide master toy license deal with Tollytots, a division of JAKKS Pacific.

In time for back to school next year, Tollytots will be launching a comprehensive line of musical and early learning toys at retail. The new toy line will cover a broad range of exclusive categories, including learning and developmental toys, most plush toys and musical toys, as well as several other non-exclusive categories.

"We are excited to be expanding our most valuable property with a fresh group of endearing characters and anticipate even greater success for Baby Genius as a result of this new initiative," says Balaban.

AGP Re-Inks Deal with Italian Licensee for Care Bears

American Greetings Properties and licensing agent Starbright SRL have announced that is has renewed Fix Design as a Care Bears apparel licensee in Italy. Fix Design launched its collection in 2010. Care Bears

has generated more than \$2.6 billion in global sales since its re-launch in 2002.

The deal will include shirts, polos, hoodies, sweatshirts, shorts, sport jackets, belts, fashion bags, backpacks, rucksacks, cases and pants to debut for spring/summer 2011 and fall/winter 2011/2012.

"We are happy to be furthering our relationship with Fix Design to bring more wonderful Care Bears products to their fans in Italy," says Carla Silva, vice president of global licensing at AGP. "The Italian market has always embraced the lovable, huggable Care Bears, and fans both young and old show their affinity for the brand through apparel."



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Hasbro's New Brand Man

As Hasbro continues its rollout of major initiatives focusing on the company's branded play profile, instrumental to its strategy is the new role Joe Keane will execute as vice president, brand licensing for the Americas.

With this title, Keane will work closely with the global brand and customer strategic marketing teams to continue creating licensing opportunities and build long-term franchises for Hasbro within North and Latin America.

"Of the four areas of growth and strategic investments Hasbro is making, a critical area is people," says Simon Waters, senior vice president, global brand licensing and publishing for Hasbro. "The quality of people is critical, and we are very blessed to have Joe run the America's business. His aim will be to drive America's business to new heights."

Hasbro currently is a leader Jo in licensed merchandise sales, accruing \$3.5 billion at retail in 2010, and ranking No. 12 on *License! Global's* Top 125 Global Licensors list, the annual report on the sector. Last year, Hasbro launched key ventures,

'We have this incredible emotional resonance that is just waiting to get tapped into.' – Joe Keane including The HUB TV network, as well as extended numerous iconic properties, including Transformers, My Little Pony, Nerf and Mr. Potato Head,



Joe Keane

into all categories, to name a few.

"Hasbro has great brands," says Keane. "We have some iconic properties, and as Hasbro moves much more into the entertainment space, I fully expect to leverage those categories more."

Keane plans to focus heavily on entertainment partnerships, of which there are many both currently in development and on the table for discussion.

"We have these great mythologies for our brands, and the films represent a moment in time for the brand and form an overall arch for the properties," says Keane.

Select brands are slated to be franchised for film, television, publishing and more as they become part of a "much larger story," he says.

"We're very excited for *Battleship*," says Keane, which will premiere in 2012 in partnership with Universal Pictures. "It's a great example of our plans for the future. *Battleship* will be very different from the typical entertainment coming out in 2012."

Keane will also drive Hasbro's extensions into apparel and accessories across all age groups and demographics. Hasbro will look to strong properties, such as Transformers, to roll out full lines in both mid-tier and high-end retailers, leveraging Keane's apparel background as former chief operating officer at Reebok and 5.11 Tactical Inc.

"You may have a 25-year-old fan who may not buy a t-shirt at a big box store, but he will go to a high end outlet. Our products are not defined by one distribution channel nor are they defined by a specific age group," says Keane.

Classic categories will, of course, remain a focus for brand licensing as they continue to drive properties such as Chuck and Friends into bigger spaces like as entertainment and apparel. Likely extensions for classic properties include publishing, which according to Waters will see much activity both in traditional formats and digital; consumables; and home décor, in addition to apparel and entertainment.

"Everyone is genuinely excited by the opportunities we have from a theatrical perspective, from a publishing perspective and from multiple other perspectives," says Keane. "We have this incredible emotional resonance that is just waiting to get tapped into."

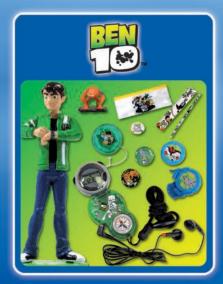


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Three Years of Superhero Action

WBCP arrived in Las Vegas to reveal 36 months of DC Comics superhero action to inspire retailers and licensees. Highlights include tour, "Batman Live." Bruno Schwobthaler, senior vice president, sales and business development, Warner Bros.



new Batman and Superman movies; the first big screen adventure for the Green Lantern, Green Lantern animation and the world arena Consumer Products EMEA told *License! Global*: "Over the next three years there will be no escaping from the DC Universe as we deliver on our commitment to produce new content."

First to break is Green Lantern. Key partners include Mattel for

a full toy line and PepsiCo in Italy. Schwobthaler says, "We're taking a franchise approach to the brand, investing in original animation for children and ensuring the brand has something to offer super hero fans of all ages, beyond a single movie release."

One focus at the show is the next installment in the Batman franchise, *The Dark Knight Rises*, sequel to *The Dark Knight*, arguably the most successful superhero movie of

all time. It's currently scheduled for release in summer 2012. The Batman world arena tour, "Batman Live," opens in Manchester on July 19 and tours the U.K. before heading to Europe. "Batman Live" will be seen by an estimated half a million fans in the U.K.

Suzy's Zoo Gets New Partners

DCD Publishing, the U.K. licensing agent for Suzy's Zoo, has teamed up with Suncrest Trading Limited to extend the children's brand into new product areas.

Suncrest is rolling out nursery bedding and accessories, development toys and preschool car and travel accessories for the Suzy's Zoo and Little Suzy's Zoo characters in the United Kingdom in September. In addition, DCD Media has signed University

> Games in a deal that includes a variety of games (board games, card games, travel games and electronic board games), colorforms and jigsaw puzzles—all based on the Suzy's Zoo and Little Suzy's Zoo characters. The games will be available at retailers worldwide (except Japan) in early 2012.

Lawless Entertainment facilitated the deals.



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Disney Signs Spin Master for *Cars 2*

Disney-Pixar's *Cars 2* is speeding into theaters this summer with an extensive new toy collection from Spin Master.

The collection of more than a dozen toys includes R/C vehicles featuring Zero Gravity technology, such as the transitioning Zero-G Finn McMissile vehicle. Fans will enjoy hours of intriguing play as Finn McMissile zips across the floor and front wheels allow it to transition up the wall to continue the race.

The toys—which reflect the storytelling, array of characters, and themes of racing, humor and friendship in *Cars 2*—are set to hit store shelves beginning this spring.

MGL Has New Deals, New Agents

U.K.-based art and design specialist MGL Licensing is at Licensing International Expo with new deals for Reilly and Barbara B, two of its leading artists, and its broadest

international team of agents to date. Reilly designs has signed

for stationery by Oftec Paper Products in Israel, for stationery by K Kurtovich Products Ltd in Australia and New Zealand, for car seat covers and accessories for Halfords in the U.K. through Who-Rae Australia and stationery and bags by Premiera in Russia. The new licensing program for Barbara B starts with a deal with Skyhigh International for stationery in the U.S. New overseas agents for MGL artists

are Edebe in Spain and Portugal, Empire in Asia, Faresak in Brazil, Global International Brands in Israel, Gorian Consumer Products in Germany, Promociones Globales in Central America, Salesworks in Greece and Cyprus, The Sharpe Company in the U.S. and Canada, Starbright in Italy and Supermarcas in Brazil.

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Discovery Hones Brand Focus

On the show floor, Discovery Communications is focusing on licensing programs for several of its brands, including Animal Planet, Discovery, TLC, Discovery Core focus areas for the program over the next year will be publishing, building upon major previously signed deals, including a 30-title book series with Kingfisher



(Macmillan Publishing), in addition to pet, which already launched at midtier department and specialty retailers with product by Merchsource. Recent pet product branded deals include toys,

Kids and associated brands such as TLC Baby.

Programs for Animal Planet, which is viewed in 97 million U.S. households and has fans across online and social media platforms, will work in partnership with its licensing agent, Joester Loria Group, to broaden already existing pet and lifestyle programs, as well as to develop new merchandising programs that integrate consumers' love of animals with their everyday lives. accessories, grooming and odor removal with All for Paws, Fabuleash and Pearlessence. Animal Planet will continue to grow its lifestyle program, as well, continuing its longstanding DTR relationship with Toys 'R' Us for toys and play sets to new licenses for footwear and accessory categories. Animal Planet Baby will also debut at retail this year.

Discovery Channel will head into 2012 continuing to develop a multifaceted program including

Gomez Dreams of Euro Future

Beanstalk has been appointed European licensing agent for teen sensation Selena Gomez's clothing line, Dream Out Loud.

Teen idol and international presence, Selena Gomez has more than 14 million Facebook fans and has been the cover girl for numerous teen magazines. Dream Out Loud by Selena Gomez captures the star's fun, free-spirited and relaxed lifestyle with touches of Hollywood glamour.

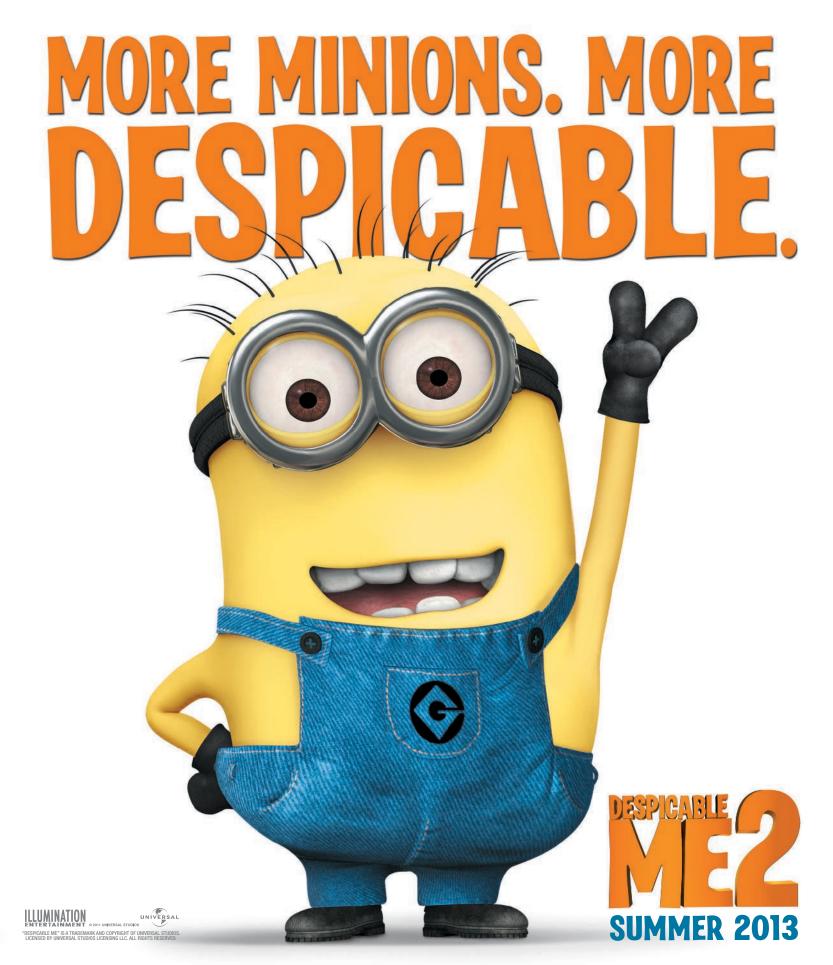
The line sells at more than 1,000 Kmart U.S. stores. Beanstalk is looking to partner with European apparel licensees to expand the Dream Out Loud by Selena Gomez brand internationally. digital media, toys and publishing based on popular TV series including "Mythbusters." The 25th anniversary of Shark Week will also be a priority.

Discovery Kids will re-launch Discoverykids.com with gaming initiatives this year that tie in to the brand's "explore the world around you" theme. Online offerings have expanded with two iPhone apps as well: Discovery Kids: Agent Arcade and Discovery Kids: Field Missions.

Big Tent will continue to expand Discovery Kids into home textiles with licensees Franco Manufacturing (rugs, draperies, blankets, bath and beach towels, throws and vinyl placemats) and Cosrich Group (bath and activity products). Big Tent will look to expand into categories including video games, MMO, electronics, apparel, home décor, outdoor sport, food and promotional partnerships.

Big Tent will also focus on key categories for the TLC brand in areas such as home and organization, cooking, fashion and weddings. Discovery has also launched the TLC Baby extension, a brand of products providing parents with all the essentials to

care for and raise their child. First product will launch with Spuds (plates, bowls, dishes, utensils, sippy cups, bottles, pacifiers, teethers and storage containers). Big Tent will focus on securing additional foundation partners for TLC Baby across categories, including learning and development, health and safety, bath, feeding, electronics, furniture, room décor, bedding, layette and apparel.



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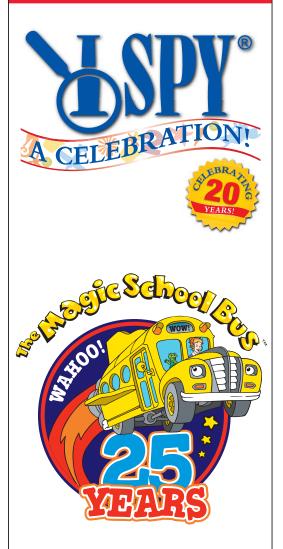
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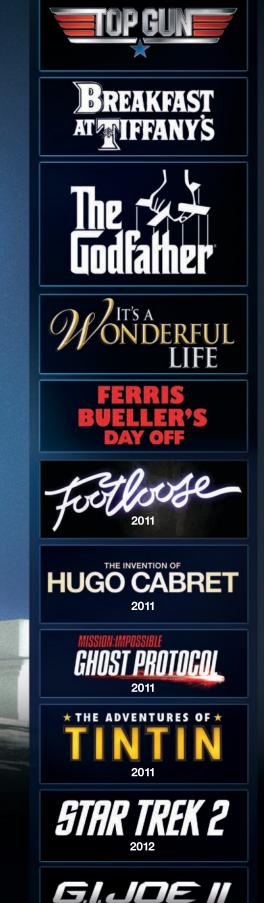
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A Squared, Build-A-Bear Join Up

A Squared Entertainment and Build-A-Bear Workshop inked new merchandising arrangements with several leading companies, including Enterplay, Playmates Toys, Wild Pumpkin Licensing International and Bulldog Licensing.

These relationships will expand Build-A-Bear Workshop merchandising programs at specialty, mid-tier and mass market retailers, propelling the brand onto new store shelves and into international markets.

Enterplay will create a line of Build-A-Bear Workshop Fun Paks. The global specialty and mass market program includes trading cards, novelty items,

Skylander Spyro's Adventure Takes Off

This fall, Activision is launching Skylanders Spyro's Adventure, an innovative universe that brings together the world of toys, video games and the Internet.

Skylanders Spyro's Adventure debuted at this year's Toy Fair in New York and was named on most major "Best of Toy Fair" list, including *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN and *Popular Science*.

The game is receiving strong retailer support, with Jerry Storch, chief executive officer of Toys 'R' Us, calling Skylanders Spyro's Adventure "among the most exciting properties I've seen at any Toy Fair worldwide this year."

Activision is building its most comprehensive merchandising program ever and is seeking strategic partnerships across all key licensing categories. This merchandise program will be an important component of Activision's plans to make Skylanders Spyro's Adventure the next billion-dollar entertainment franchise. mini-plush with trading cards and other trend products.

Playmates Toys will develop a Build-A-Bear Workshop toy line for girls. The line will include mini-figures and play sets, including a collection of mini bears, other furry friends and play environments. This line will launch at specialty and mass-market retailers next year.

Wild Pumpkin Licensing International will manage all product categories for Build-A-Bear Workshop in Australia and New Zealand, while Bulldog Licensing, a U.K-based fullservice agency, will expand the global entertainment brand through licensed product in the U.K. market.

A2 Entertainment will also be developing entertainment and external licensing programs for Build-A-Bear Workshop and is looking for new partners and categories for both hard and soft goods for the brand.

"We are delighted to be a part of the expansion of Build-A-Bear Workshop into new areas of entertainment and licensing," says Andy Heyward, chief executive officer of A2. "This company is already such a favorite among kids everywhere, and we are thrilled to work together to offer more opportunities to have fun and get creative with the Build-A-Bear Workshop brand."

Kate McRostie Unveils Latest Design Offerings

Artist/designer Kate McRostie is launching her latest designs, inspired by the ancient ikat weaving technique, at Licensing International Expo. The new designs, part of the Ikat Floral collection, combine her painted interpretation of ikat fabric in bold colors, along with unique florals, for a fresh design. McRostie is also unveiling more than 50 additional new designs available for licensing.

Other new McRostie collections include Treasure Cove, a fanciful tropical fish design featuring colors of the deep sea, coral, navy and turquoise, and Whistler's Garden, a new take on songbirds and vibrant flowers. Currently, McRostie's artwork is



licensed on home and gift products by more than 40 manufacturers. She is seeking new licensees in bedding, bath, home furnishings, lighting, kitchen, home décor fabrics, gift, stationery and apparel.

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From left: HIT Entertainment's senior vice president, Asia, Antonio Huab; executive vice president, the Americas, Pam Westman; chief executive officer Jeff Dunn; chief operating officer Sangeeta Desai; senior vice president global brand management and Thomas division U.K. and EMEA Rick Glankler; and senior vice president, HIT global brands, Jon Owen.



From left: Blake Davidson, vice president, NASCAR licensing and consumer products and board member of the NASCAR Team Properties; Craig Sims, Spin Master vice president of global licensing; Scott Hammonds, vice president of licensing for HGJ Licensing and a member of the NTP board.

Celebrity sighting! Brooklyn Decker, star of Hasbro's upcoming *Battleship* film scheduled for release in May 2012, is pictured with director Peter Brice.



Henry Repeating Arms Debuts at Licensing Int'l Expo

Henry Repeating Arms for the first time is seeking licensing partners in all categories.

Henry products are sold at most major sporting goods retailers including Walmart, Dicks Stores, Gander Mountain, Cabelas, Bass Pro, Academy stores and independent retailers nationwide. Henry products are also available in 40 countries around the globe.

Henry has a brand following based on the motto "Henry–Made in America, Or Not Made At All," their national television commercials and infomercials, and its link to the Civil War/Wild West era.

Henry has engaged the services of licensing consulting firm the Sconsett Group.

SqwishLand Fast Tracked to Squeeze Out Tons of Product

SqwishLand is ready to enter the U.S. June 24 with 2.2 million new "cent-sational" SqwishLand collectibles and licensing efforts are taking shape.

Product is in retail, grocery, drug and specialty stores including AC Moore, Justice, Five Below, Hallmark,

Hastings, Walgreens and more. Product continues to spread globally.

TK Brand Group has signed on to expand the brand with a focus on mobile strategy centered on SqwishConnect, a mobile app.

For more information, visit booth #1675.





Paul Frank Primed for Primetime, Power Rangers Head to Netflix

Saban Brands will extend Julius and other characters from the Paul Frank brand to primetime beginning with a Christmas special. The primetime event is in pre-production and will debut on TV screens in December 2012.



Also in time for the holiday season, Julius will debut as a giant helium balloon at the 85th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on Nov. 24. Saban's Samurai Power Rangers will return to the parade as well.

In other Power Rangers news, beginning yesterday, more than 700 episodes of the "Power Rangers" television series–that's every classic from the show's 17 year run–are now available via Netflix's instant streaming service.

The Paul Frank Winnebago leaves the Licensing Intnernational Expo show floor and hits the road for the "Academy of Awesome Mobile Tour 2011," kicking off this month.

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LIMA Awards



Overall best licensing program of the year winner Mary Beech of Disney Consumer Products.



LIMA award winners assemble after the annual ceremony, Tuesday evening. LIMA presented 15 international licensing excellence awards across seven categories.



Best sports program winner Blake Davidson of NASCAR Team Properties.



2011 LIMA Hall of Fame inductee Leign Anne Brodsky (center) with the Nickelodeon team.



Best sports licensee award winner Jeremy Padawer from Jakks Pacific.



Retailer of the year for Boots /"Strictly Come Dancing" Ian Wickham, Neil Ross Russell and Richard Hollis from BBC.



Carla Peyton of BBC Worldwide Americas with Tony Lisanti of *License! Global*.



Joni Camacho and Kim Niemi of NBCUniversal Consumer Products.



Scholastic Media's Daisy Kline, Gary Hymowitz and Leslye Schaefer toast The Magic Schoolbus' 25th anniversary.



Ami Dieckman, Hannah Mungo, Olivier Dumont, Jennifer Bennett and Andrew Carley of Entertainment One with Peppa Pig.



Federico de Bellegarde (left) and Ralph Gindi of The Sharper Image.



Melissa Segal of The Jim Henson Company and Andrew Beecham of Sprout Online.

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"TINY WARRIORS" ARE OFF TO A FLYING BRAZILIAN KICK AT TOONZONE STUDIOS

They may be tiny...but they're tough, and now they're in full production. Toonzone Studios has partnered with Sumatra Studios, under the guidance of producer Eduardo Gurman, for TZ's first Brazilian co-production. Toonzone's President Konnie Kwak adds, "Eduardo has an amazing artistic eye and a true passion for the martial arts. These 2 elements combined make for a great one-two creative punch."

The story involves 4 tiny animal warriors, each specializing in a different martial arts form, who must work together to battle some of the galaxy's toughest masters. With it's male and female cast of characters, the series is targeting both boys and girls 6-11. "Martial arts is for everyone and so is this series - small, tall, boys and girls," adds President Kwak.

Martial arts has become a sales giant with over \$1 billion spent annually on merchandise. Each year at over 25,000 martial arts schools in the U.S., 20 million people spend an average of \$2,750 on just their tuition. In fact, the number of children enrolled in martial arts has now exceeded Little League Baseball.*

Toonzone's currently working with a top tier video game designer to translate the many worlds of the Tiny Warriors into a multi-player game, as well as exploring apparel and toy line possibilities.

Flip on down to booth #2468, to learn more about the TINY WARRIORS.



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BREAKING NEWS

"MISSY HEART" MAKES HER BIG DEBUT AT LICENSING INTERNATIONAL EXPO

World..meet Missy Heart, a girl who wears hearts in her hair, and her heart on her sleeve. She's giving, loving and caring to all, especially her 3 best friends – Darling, Hope and Cherish. Heartland is their home and each adventure tests their friendship as they strive to win scavenger contests, bake-offs, fashion shows, fitness competitions, and more. Missy and her friends always have fun but along the way learn some valuable lessons.

Producer Toonzone Studios has brought on board writer Susie Singer Carter, the co-writer of Bratz: The Movie and co-producer of Soul Surfer. Toonzone President Konnie Kwak adds "Susie really understands our key girl demographic of 5 to 9 year olds, or as we like to call them the 5-9ers." The Missy team also includes its creator Traci Canter (part of the Canter Deli family dynasty), who as a teacher for many years, was inspired by her students to create Missy. Darling

"Missy Heart will capture the imagination of girls worldwide. You've got the hip, fashion factor along with smart characters that engage girls and capture exactly what 5-9ers believe, think and do. As a result, the licensing potential on this property is amazing. We're looking at toys, fashion collections, home décor, a line of personal care, youth electronics, collectibles, stationery and several other avenues," says President Kwak.



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\$50 billion in purchasing power, plus an additional \$170 billion spent by parents and family members directly for them*, MISSY HEART is poised to be a

licensing success.