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January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024**

Arts

Category: Arts
NOLA: AMMS 003604
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: HOPPER: An American Love Story
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/2/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover the secrets behind Edward Hopper's most iconic and enigmatic works. Meet the man behind the brush, and see how his marriage to fellow artist Josephine Nivison Hopper shaped his art and career.

Category: Arts
NOLA: MLNH 014160
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 160
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/9/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:09

Award-winning author and producer Kwame Alexander just released his latest work. It's an anthology by Black poets called, "This Is the Honey." Amna Nawaz discussed the book with Alexander for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Category: Arts
NOLA: MLNH 014190
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 190
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:32

Lenny Kravitz has been busy. He has a new single out Friday from his album set for release in May, an international tour planned for this summer and earlier this month, he earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Geoff Bennett spoke with Kravitz in Los Angeles and visited some of his old haunts. It's for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Culture

Category: Culture
NOLA: KTUT 000102
Series Title: Tutankhamun: Allies & Enemies
Episode Title: Episode 2
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/16/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:12

Hour two uncovers further mysteries behind King Tut's life and burial. Egyptian Archeologist Dr. Yasmine El-Shazly continues her journey, seeking to answer some of the historical inconsistencies surrounding this great civilization.

Category: Culture
NOLA: NOVA 005102
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Easter Island Origins
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The giant stone heads of Easter Island have inspired theories for centuries. Now, new research reveals intriguing evidence of the origins and inspirations of the ancient Rapanui people who created the iconic monoliths.

Category: Culture
NOLA: DANT 000101
Series Title: Dante: Inferno to Paradise
Episode Title: Part One: The Inferno
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/18/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Dive into the dramatic details of Dante's early years and his decision to begin The Divine Comedy in 1306. Join Dante and the great Roman poet Virgil as they delve into the depths of the underworld and encounter Lucifer himself.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters
NOLA: NAAT 003702
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Serengeti Rules
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel back in time, from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools, with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters
NOLA: NAAT 004206
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Flyways
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:10

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Species travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic regions and back again, flying up to nine days non-stop without food or water. But their populations are crashing. Follow a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds.

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters
NOLA: NOVA 004701
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Polar Extremes
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/20/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Join renowned paleontologist Kirk Johnson on an epic adventure through time at the polar extremes of our planet. Following a trail of strange fossils found in all the wrong places- beech trees in Antarctica, hippo-like mammals in the Arctic- Johnson uncovers the bizarre history of the poles, from miles-high ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life. What caused such dramatic changes at the ends of the Earth? And what controls the dial on Earth's thermostat? Today, the Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else in the world, and Antarctica has locked in its ice enough water to raise sea level by a terrifying 200 feet. The way that the poles respond to a warming climate is one of the greatest wildcards in predicting our climate future. Johnson uses Earth's history, written in stone, as a cipher to decode what is going on at our polar extremes today, and what the future may hold.

Family/Marriage

Category: Family/Marriage
NOLA: FIYO 001003
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Fathers and Sons
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/16/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets actors LeVar Burton and Wes Studi—two men who grew up without their fathers. With few clues to guide him, Gates introduces them to ancestors they've never known—revealing connections to key moments in history.

Category: Family/Marriage
NOLA: FIYO 001006
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Far and Away
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the extraordinarily diverse roots of journalist Sunny Hostin and actor Jesse Williams—telling long-lost stories of African and European ancestry that compel his guests to rethink their own identities.

Category: Family/Marriage
NOLA: FIYO 000903
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Secret Lives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA to help comedians Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash solve deep family mysteries.

Health/Healthcare

Category: Health/Health Care
NOLA: SEDE 001602
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Van Gogh's Ear
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

The night when Vincent van Gogh cut his own ear defines his turbulent life and art. Generations have theorized about what really happened on December 23, 1888, in the French town of Arles, but no one has been clear on the details—until now.

Category: Health/Health Care
NOLA: SEDE 001605
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/14/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

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NOLA: AMEX 003603
Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Cancer Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:51:49

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Local/Basin PBS

Category: Local
Series Title: Midland Festival Ballet
Episode Title: Viva La France
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS

Category: Local
Series Title: Main Street Unplugged
Episode Title: Gospel
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS

Category: Local
Series Title: Midland County Sherrif Debate
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/22/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS

Category: Local
Series Title: Midland Festival Ballet
Episode Title: Aladin & Magic Carpet
Length: 1:30 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS

Minorities/Civil Rights

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: CINH 000000
Series Title: Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/8/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: AMMS 003307
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: How It Feels To Be Free
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: MLNH 014184
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 184
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:14

The death of an administrator at Lincoln University in Missouri and the resignation of Harvard's former president have sparked outrage, concern and dialogue about the treatment of Black women in higher education. We hear from Black women about the challenges and pressures they face in academia, and Geoff Bennett speaks with UT Austin professor Bridget Goosby for more.

Science/Technology

Category: Science/Technology
NOLA: SEDE 001603
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Nero's Sunken City
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Baiae... An escape for ancient Rome's powerful elite, the Las Vegas of its day. Now, archaeologists are mapping underwater ruins and piecing together what life was like in this playground for the rich.

Category: Science/Technology
NOLA: SEDE 001505
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Graveyard of the Giant Beasts
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

A mining operation in Cerrejon, Northern Colombia, opened a window onto a previously unknown period of the earth's history - and a world teeming with giant creatures emerged. The biggest of them all was Titanoboa, a 43-foot snake, the largest that ever lived. No other creature could match Titanoboa in its size and strength, or so it was thought.

Category: Science/Technology
NOLA: NOVA 005105
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: A.I. Revolution
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/27/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A.I. tools like ChatGPT seem to think, speak, and create like humans. But what are they really doing? From cancer cures to Terminator-style takeovers, leading experts explore what A.I. can - and can't - do today, and what lies ahead.