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Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 70
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/6/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:22

When most people think of the artist Robert Indiana, they think of the iconic “LOVE” sculpture with a tilted “O.” While his art endures, a new book also paints a portrait of him as a troubled, isolated artist. Maine Public’s Jennifer Rooks has a look for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: The Oratorio: A Documentary with Martin Scorsese
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/5/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Performance
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn the long-forgotten story of the 1826 performance that brought Italian opera to New York City, and meet the colorful personalities involved, including a freed slave, opera's first diva, and Mozart's librettist. Filmmaker Martin Scorsese hosts.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Decoding da Vinci
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:44

How was Leonardo da Vinci able to think so far "outside the box" that he envisaged developments in engineering, astronomy, and anatomy that were only realized centuries later? The list of da Vinci's "firsts" is astonishing: he asserted that "the sun does not move" more than a generation before Copernicus; he reasoned that fatty deposits in narrowed arteries were caused by an unhealthy diet; he drew the first designs for a parachute, armored car, machine gun, diving suit, helicopter, and a flying machine that anticipates the modern hang glider, not to mention history's first humanoid robot. His inventions and insights have come down to us through his notebooks, each page packed with a profusion of ingenious ideas and breathtaking drawings but revealing little about his personal life or character. As a result, the man behind the Mona Lisa and a host of futuristic inventions remains a shadowy figure. Now, NOVA joins Walter Isaacson, author of the acclaimed recent biography, on a journey to Italy to explore the impact of da Vinci's art on his science and his science on his art.

Business & Industry

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 10/01/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:11:00

In the wake of Hurricane Ida and extensive, prolonged power outages, WWL Radio News Director Dave Cohen discusses how Entergy New Orleans and Louisiana plan to balance improving the energy grid with building power plants. WYES Future Watch Reporter Dawn Ostrom looks into the CoVid19 pandemic impact on downtown office building occupancy.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 10/15/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:12:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate Business Reporter Anthony McAuley discusses two major business stories for the New Orleans area: the selection of a developer to rebuild the site of the former Six Flags Amusement Park, abandoned since Hurricane Katrina and the announcement of a major video gaming business moving to the New Orleans area. WDSU TV Chief Investigative Reporter Greg LaRose discusses neighborhood opposition to the redevelopment trend called Doubles to Dorms which is changing single story, double housing into raised multi-bedroom structures meant to house nearby college students and forcing long-time residents out of the area.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 11/26/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate Sports Aolumnist and WVUE Fox8 Sports analyst, Jeff Duncan, provides an update on the start of sports betting in Louisiana.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 12/03/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:04:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate Northshore Reporter, Sara Pagones, discusses the upcoming election in St. Tammany Parish where residents will decide whether or not to approve a proposal for a casino and resort on the eastern shore of Lake

Pontchartrain. Both proponents and opponents have poured money into a media campaign urging voters to either approve or reject the proposal.

Category: Business/Industry
NOLA: FRON 003815
Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: Opioids, Inc.
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/28/2021 09:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The story of a drug company that pushed opioids by bribing doctors and committing insurance fraud. With the Financial Times, an investigation of how Insys Therapeutics profited from a fentanyl-based painkiller 50 times stronger than heroin.

Category: Business/Industry
NOLA: MLNH 013383
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 83
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/25/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:51

Facebook is under fire again over alleged harm caused by the platform and the tech giant's willingness — or lack thereof — to stop it. Leaked internal papers given to Congress and federal regulators by a former employee show how the company was privately tracking real world harm by its platform, and how CEO Mark Zuckerberg's public statements conflicted with that private data. Amna Nawaz reports.

Community Government/Politics

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 10/08/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:08:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate Political Columnist Stephanie Grace discusses the upcoming city elections with incumbents either facing challengers or vying for new positions due to term limits. Informed Sources producer Errol Laborde looks into what the City Council of New Orleans is considering for the 2022 Mardi Gras season.

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 10/22/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES

Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:15:00

The DUI arrest of a New Orleans Councilmember-at-large candidate and current council member is covered by The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate Political Columnist Stephanie Grace as the revelation changes the field of candidates seeking the at-large position. Grace also discusses how Louisiana U.S.Senator Bill Cassidy, a Republican, often strays from the party and its devotion to former President Donald Trump. WWL TV Anchor and Investigative Reporter Katie Moore discusses the latest development in charges against city building inspectors. Informed Sources producer Errol Laborde discusses the latest on plans for 2022 Mardi Gras parades and possible route changes being considered by the city administration.

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 11/12/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:10:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate Deputy Investigations Editor Jessica Williams reviews the New Orleans City Council races on the ballot as well as statewide constitutional amendments that voters will consider on election day.

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 11/19/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:12:00

From The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate staff reporter Jeff Adelson and Deputy Investigations Editor Jessica Williams review the results of the primary election in New Orleans resulting in several council run-offs and a surprising finish in the Orleans Parish Sheriff race with an incumbent forced into a run-off with his challenger who, if victorious, would become the city's first woman to be elected to the Sheriff's office.

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 12/10/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:19:00

A review of upcoming run-off elections in Orleans Parish and a voter referendum on a controversial casino and resort project in St. Tammany Parish was the focus of the half hour with discussion by Jessica Williams and Ben Myers both with The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate along with Informed Sources producer Errol Laborde.

Category: Community Politics, Government

NOLA: MLNH 013387
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 87
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/29/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:30

Voters in Minneapolis will head to the polls next week for the first city election since a police officer killed George Floyd, in a race that could be the most expensive in the city's history. And as special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports, it's dividing the community over the issue of public safety.

Category: Community Politics, Government
NOLA: INLE 002104
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Conscience Point
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 11/13/2021 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

A golf club built atop a sacred burial ground triggers a woman's relentless fight to protect her tribe from the onslaughts of development.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 10/15/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:07:00

As the city of New Orleans experiences an increase in violent crimes, including murders, shootings and carjackings, WWL TV Investigative Reporter Mike Perlstein discusses how a local crime watchdog group is criticizing the Orleans Parish District Attorney for a decline in violent crime prosecutions.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 11/05/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:11:00

WWL TV Investigative Reporter Mike Perlstein discusses an FBI raid on the offices of the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board and also a problem with the city's 9-1-1 call system. Residents are reporting being placed on hold or getting a recording when calling for emergency assistance. WGNO TV Anchor and Reporter LeBron Joseph discusses the sentencing of a famous New Orleans musician convicted of defrauding the New Orleans Public Library Foundation which he once headed.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 12/3/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate Northshore Reporter Sara Pagones reports on the trial of former St. Tammany Sheriff Jack Strain who was convicted of sexual assault crimes in state court in addition to pleading guilty to federal charges of fraud.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: MLNH 013428
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 128
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/27/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:32

2021 has been the deadliest year for school shootings in the past four years. Shootings have also led to copycat threats, including after the November school shooting in Oxford, Michigan. 17-year-old student Micah Martin from the PBS NewsHour's Student Reporting Labs network talked to psychologist and school shooting expert, Peter Langman, about steps schools can take to deal with those threats.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: WWIR 006121
Series Title: Washington Week
Episode Title: Episode 21
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/19/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:25:50

The nation's eyes are on Kenosha, WI after Kyle Rittenhouse was found not guilty on all charges. Meanwhile, the trial of the men accused of killing Ahmaud Arbery continues. And in Washington, Democrats censure Rep. Paul Gosar and push forward with Biden's agenda.

Culture

Series Title: 34th Hispanic Heritage Awards
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/22/2021 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Celebrate the recipients of the 34th annual Hispanic Heritage Awards. The evening includes performances and appearances by some of the country's most celebrated Hispanic artists and visionaries.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 91
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:23

The U.S. has passed another tragic pandemic milestone — 750,000 Americans have died from COVID-19. Dr. Sanjay Gupta's new book, "World War C: Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic and How to Prepare for the Next One," focuses in part on what America could have done differently to save lives. Gupta joins Judy Woodruff with more.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Decoding the Great Pyramid
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/22/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Stunning new archaeological evidence provides clues about the Egyptians who built the Great Pyramid of Giza -- and how they did it. Join researchers as they delve into the logbook of a work crew and discover how the massive project transformed Egypt.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Arctic Drift
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/13/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format:
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join scientists as they embark on the most ambitious Arctic research expedition of all time.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Elephant and the Termite
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/3/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Witness the dramas of Africa's great wildlife meeting place -- the waterhole. From mighty elephants to tiny termites, an entire community of creatures call the waterhole their home.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Santa's Wild Home
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Get an intimate look into life in Lapland, fabled land of Santa Claus and actual home of tenacious wildlife such as reindeer, wolverines, Brown bears and more.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: To the Manor Born
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. discovers the privileged lineages that claim actor Glenn Close and director John Waters as descendants, introducing ancestors who are as bold and independent as they are.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Laughing on the Inside
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. provides comedians Lewis Black and Roy Wood, Jr. with accounts of hardship in their family trees which may have led them to each find humor in adversity.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: Poor Kids
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/7/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

These are hard times in the Quad Cities, a great American crossroads along the border of Iowa and Illinois, where the Mississippi River intersects Interstate 80. Home to John Deere manufacturing and the nation's breadbasket, it's also an area deeply scarred by the recession. FRONTLINE follows three young girls growing up amidst their families' struggles

against financial ruin. This an intimate portrait of the economic crisis as it's rarely seen, through the eyes of children. With one in five American children living below the poverty line, "Poor Kids" is an unflinching and revealing exploration of what poverty means to children — and to the country's future.

Health/Healthcare

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdates: 10/11,10/15,10/29,11/5,11/12,12/10,12/17,12/24,12/31/2021
19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:03:00 - 00:05:00 per segment; 9 segments total

Each of the listed episodes of INFORMED SOURCES in this quarter featured a segment on the latest information about the CoVid 19 pandemic in the metro New Orleans area and in the state of Louisiana. The segments ran between three and five minutes in length and included the latest news about CoVid guidelines and restrictions, testing availability, the updated number of reported positives cases, the number of people hospitalized, the latest death toll, the most recent guidelines for vaccine eligibility, updates on vaccine access and percentage of population vaccinated and opposition to school mask and vaccine requirements. The reporters who covered these segments were PBS Newshour Correspondent Roby Chavez, WGNO TV Anchor and Reporter LeBron Joseph, WDSU Chief Investigative Reporter Greg LaRose and Informed Sources Producer Errol Laborde.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdates: 1 0/22/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

WWL TV Anchor and Investigative reporter Katie Moore discusses a continuing investigation into south Louisiana nursing homes following the closure of several after Hurricane Ida which has led to a shortage of nursing home beds in the New Orleans metropolitan area.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 86
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/28/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:17

New COVID-19 cases in the U.S. are down nearly 60% and deaths have fallen by nearly a third. Americans are getting boosters, and young children may be able to start getting vaccinated as soon as next week. But the U.S. still lost nearly 1,400 people a day the past

week. Judy Woodruff discusses the pandemic with Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 88
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:27

In our news wrap Monday, 6% of New York City's workforce went on unpaid leave for failing to get vaccinated. Rebels from Ethiopia's Tigray province appeared to be advancing toward the capital, Addis Ababa, and claimed they seized two key cities along a major highway over the weekend. American Airlines has cancelled nearly 2,300 since Friday, blaming bad weather and a shortage of workers.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: Opioids, Inc.
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/28/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

The story of a drug company that pushed opioids by bribing doctors and committing insurance fraud. With the Financial Times, an investigation of how Insys Therapeutics profited from a fentanyl-based painkiller 50 times stronger than heroin.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 87
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/29/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:05

Acclaimed film director Ava Duvernay, whose projects include "The 13th," "When They See Us," and "Selma", is behind a new Netflix series called "Colin in Black and White." It is the coming of age story of Colin Kaepernick, years before he became a quarterback in the NFL, and a leader in the fight for racial justice. Amna Nawaz spoke with DuVernay about it for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Home From School: The Children of Carlisle
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/23/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Northern Arapaho tribal members travel from Wyoming to Pennsylvania to retrieve remains of three children who died at Carlisle Indian Industrial School in the 1880s.

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Unapologetic
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 12/27/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

Meet Janaé and Bella, two fierce abolitionists whose upbringing and experiences shape their activism and views on Black liberation. Told through their lens, Unapologetic offers an inside look into the movement and ongoing work that transformed Chicago, from the police murder of Rekia Boyd to the election of mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Science/Technology

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 84
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/26/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:03

A Senate committee is widening its investigation into the impact social media platforms have on children, teens and young adults, with more apps facing congressional scrutiny. William Brangham reports with Jean Twenge, a psychology professor and author of "iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy — and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood."

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The First Circle of Stonehenge
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/3/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A decade-long archaeological quest reveals that the oldest stones of Stonehenge originally belonged to a much earlier sacred site -- a stone circle built on a rugged, remote hillside in west Wales.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Rise of the Mammals
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/8/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Segment Length: 00:56:44

The discovery of a rare trove of fossils reveals in vivid detail how our own group of creatures - mammals - emerged after the asteroid impact that wiped out the great dinosaurs 66 million years ago.