

**WYES**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**  
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**ARTS**

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/10/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:23

Amid government orders to stay home, many Americans are spending more time in the kitchen, reducing trips to the grocery store and getting creative with pantry staples. Acclaimed cookbook author Ina Garten is an expert on making the best of the ingredients on hand. She talks to William Brangham about recipe substitutions, the foods that soothe her and what she hopes we take from this experience.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/4/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:01:17

May the Fourth has become an unofficial holiday for "Star Wars" fans. In observance of the date, we leave you with an excerpt from composer and conductor John Williams and the Vienna Philharmonic, playing "The Imperial March." It's a reminder of what we can look forward to when concerts and movies become available entertainment again.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/9/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:26

The pandemic continues to inflict chaos on the \$42 billion global movie business. With many theaters closed, film festivals canceled and production on hold, big chains including AMC Theatres say they fear for their very survival. The upheaval wrought by coronavirus comes as the dominant Hollywood economic model was already challenged by the popularity of at-home streaming. Jeffrey Brown reports.

**AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY**

Series Title: Polio Crusade: American Experience; The  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/1/2020 1:00:00 AM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE presents "The Polio Crusade," a one-hour documentary from filmmaker Sarah Colt ("Geronimo," "RFK") that interweaves the personal accounts of polio survivors with the story of an ardent crusader who tirelessly fought on their behalf while scientists raced to eradicate this dreaded disease. Based in part on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "Polio: An American Story" by David Oshinsky, "The Polio Crusade" features interviews with historians, scientists, polio survivors, and the only surviving scientist from the core research team that developed the Salk vaccine, Julius Youngner.

Series Title: George W. Bush: American Experience  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 5/4/2020 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Explore Bush's tumultuous youth and his unorthodox road to the presidency via the contested election of 2000. The new administration's focus on domestic issues is abruptly brought to a halt by the shocking terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Series Title: Lavender Scare; The  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/12/2020 9:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Narrated by Glenn Close and featuring the voices of Cynthia Nixon, Zachary Quinto, T. R. Knight and David Hyde Pierce, THE LAVENDER SCARE tells the little-known story of an unrelenting campaign by the federal government to identify and fire employees suspected of being homosexual. Produced and directed by Josh Howard and based on the award-winning book by David K. Johnson.

## BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

Category: Business/Industry  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 4/17/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:10:00

Freelance Business Journalist Kathy Finn is on Informed Sources to discuss the business climate and future of business in Louisiana, including the status of the depressed oil and gas industry. Kathy also discusses the status of the retail industry in Louisiana, which isn't doing well due to COVID-19. Managing Editor for Investigations at the Times Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate, Gordon Russell is on the show as well to discuss the cancellation of annual festival Jazz Fest and how that will affect the local economy. It's a festival that usually brings a lot of money into the economy.

Category: Business/Industry  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 05/15/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:08:00

Jessica Williams, reporter at the Times Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate, and Katie Moore, reporter and anchor for WWL-TV Ch. 4, appear on Informed Sources to discuss the re-opening of local restaurants with seating inside allowed. The reporters also discuss the recovery pace of New Orleans' business district area.

Category: Business/Industry  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 05/22/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:06:00

Errol Laborde, producer of Informed Sources, is on the show to discuss tourism's deep slump in Louisiana due to many businesses being closed because of the COVID-19 outbreak. He also discusses the basketball and football season with sports reporter Jeff Duncan. Duncan speculates if the seasons will be postponed or cancelled and the affect that will have on the local economy.

Category: Business/Industry  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 05/29/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:08:00

Errol Laborde, producer of Informed Sources, and Anthony Mcauley, reporter for the Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate, both appear on the show to discuss the effects of COVID-19 on the local economy. Mcauley discusses the good news about the World Trade Center deal. The World Trade Center conversation continues and looks like thing will continue to progress. He also discusses how riverboats are set to lead the way in the return of the cruise industry. Laborde discusses the possibility of the city deciding to make the French Quarter traffic free/walking and biking only.

Category: Business/Industry  
NOLA: MLNH 012859  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/25/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:11

During the pandemic, Americans have replaced dining out with take-out and delivery meals. As a result, more customers and restaurants are relying on apps like Grubhub and Uber Eats to transport food. But restaurants say the apps consume their profits, customers find delivery fees too high and drivers can't earn a living wage. So what is the business model's viability? Paul Solman reports.

Category: Business/Industry  
NOLA: APOC 002228  
Series Title: Amanpour and Company  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/13/2020 11:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-PLUS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Brazil's former Health Minister assesses President Jair Bolsonaro's response to COVID-19. Economist Mariana Mazzucato discusses what global economies will look like after recovering from COVID-19. Mark Cuban discusses the NBA, reopening small businesses, and U.S. leadership. Syrian refugee Hassan Akkad explains why he is working as a cleaner in a London hospital ward to fight COVID-19.

#### COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT/POLITICS

Category: Community Politics, Government  
NOLA: NOVA 004410  
Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Poisoned Water  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/29/2020 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

The water contamination crisis in Flint, MI, has revealed a disturbing truth about the vulnerabilities of our aging drinking water infrastructure. Discover the chemistry, biology and engineering that led to this disaster.

Category: Community Politics, Government  
NOLA: FRON 003412  
Series Title: Frontline  
Episode Title: Policing the Police

Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/1/2020 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Step inside the Newark Police Department — one of many troubled forces ordered to reform. Writer and historian Jelani Cobb examines allegations of police abuses and the challenge of fixing a broken relationship with the community.

Category: Community Government/Politics  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 05/01/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:6:00

Gordon Russell, managing Editor for News the Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate, is on Informed sources to talk about different mandates in different parishes concerning COVID-19. He explains that if one wants to experience outdoor restaurant dining these days, one will have to cross the border to neighboring parishes due to different mandates that came down this week from different levels of government. He talks about the rules and objections. Freelance Journalist and Business Columnist Kathy Finn is also on the show. And she discusses strategies to re-open businesses throughout the state and the local and government reactions to the strategies.

Category: Community Government/Politics  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 05/08/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:13:00

News Director of WWL radio Dave Cohen appears on the show. He talks about how in one week's time the public will know more about the status of peoples' liberties as tension builds from within the public and among elected officials. Errol Laborde, producer of Informed Sources, is on as well and discusses the continuing COVID crisis and Jefferson Parish's plan for re-entry into semi-normalcy. Reporter for the Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate, Tyler Bridges is also on the show. He updates the audience on the local legislature and reveals that the legislature has reconvened after imposing its own hiatus.

#### **CRIME/LEGAL ISSUES/LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
NOLA: FRON 003412  
Series Title: Frontline  
Episode Title: Policing the Police  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/1/2020 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary

Segment Length: 01:00:00

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Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
NOLA: UNOP 000000  
Series Title: Understanding the Opioid Epidemic  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/21/2020 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Understanding the Opioid Epidemic will combine stories of people and communities impacted by this epidemic along with information from experts and those at the frontlines of dealing with the epidemic. The program will trace the history of how the nation got into this situation and provide possible solutions and directions for dealing with the crisis.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 06/05/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:06:00

Reporter for WWL-TV, Channel 4, Mike Perlstein appears on Informed Sources to discuss the nationwide tensions caused by the ongoing Corona crisis. Adding to this tension is the frustration of Americans over racial inequality and police brutality. He talks about demonstrations that are taking place across the country, including in Louisiana, in order to raise awareness on these issues. These protests have reportedly been testing the mettle of local law enforcement.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 06/19/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:04:00

Times-Picayune/New Orleans Advocate reporter Ramon Antonio Vargas is on Informed Sources to talk about the public demanding the defunding of the police. This idea has really caught on across the country with some groups. Locally, not many politicians or even reform advocates support this concept. Reform Advocates have worked hard to try to reform the police locally. The idea of taking the funding for the NOPD and redistributing it to other areas has gained some traction though.

**CULTURE**

Series Title: Somewhere South  
Episode Title: Porridge for the Soul  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/3/2020 8:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Demonstration/Instructional  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join Vivian at a dinner honoring pioneering chef Edna Lewis. Vivian gives porridge the royal treatment and learns about African American contributions to Southern cuisine.

Series Title: Somewhere South  
Episode Title: How Do You 'Cue?  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/1/2020 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Demonstration/Instructional  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow Vivian on a journey to learn how other Southerners cook and eat barbecue. She travels to Florida for smoked mullet and Texas for barbecue with Japanese and Mexican twists.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Secrets & Lies  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/30/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps actors Sigourney Weaver, Justina Machado and Amy Ryan unearth surprising revelations about their family histories, forever altering how they see themselves.

**ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATUREAL DISASTERS**

Series Title: Nature  
Episode Title: Cuba's Wild Revolution  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/1/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean, Cuba is an island teeming with exotic biodiversity: from coral reefs pulsating with life to five-foot-long Cuban rock iguanas. As international relations thaw, what will become of this wildlife sanctuary?

Series Title: Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries  
Episode Title: The North  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/6/2020 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel to the Northern Hemisphere, where the spy creatures learn how animals move, feed and fight. A spy hummingbird films millions of butterflies, and a spy squirrel finds itself in a battle. A spy beaver watches other beavers building dams.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/17/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:04:56

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday overwhelmingly passed an act that provides funding for national parks and public lands. Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the details of the legislation, including where the money will come from, and what else Congress is considering when it comes to action on protecting the environment.



## FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Broken Places  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/6/2020 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Find out why some children are severely damaged by early adversity while others are able to thrive. By revisiting childhood trauma victims we profiled decades ago, we learn how their experiences shaped their lives as adults.

Airdate: 5/27/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:17

Who will care for the children of working parents when they return to their jobs, if schools and many child care providers remain closed? The CARES Act allocated \$3.5 billion to support child care programs, but a national organization says many providers have yet to receive any funding. Special correspondent Cat Wise reports from Oregon, where a shortage of child care slots preceded the pandemic.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/19/2020 12:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-PLUS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Christiane and CNN correspondent Jim Sciutto discuss John Bolton's forthcoming memoir, "The Room Where It Happens." Gabriela Jauregui and journalist Farnaz Fassihi shed light on the rise of domestic abuse in areas under lockdown. Epidemiologist Dr. Larry Brilliant joins Walter Isaacson to explain what's going wrong at the CDC.

**HEALTH/HEALTHCARE**

Category: Health/Healthcare  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 04/03/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:10:00

John Barry, author of the acclaimed book about the 1918 outbreak, "The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History," appears on the show to discuss the COVID-19 outbreak. He discusses the public anxiety over wanting to see the hypothetical curve flatten. He talks about how the curve works, and how it can be flattened. Barry and other guests on the show discuss recent local events, such as closings of businesses and stay at home mandates, and their affect on the curve and the spread of the virus.

Category: Health/Healthcare  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 04/10/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:09:00

Dave Cohen, News Director for WWL Radio, is on Informed Sources to discuss COVID-19. There was good news about the curve this week as Louisiana and the nation showed favorable trends, though the numbers remain disturbingly high in some areas. He discusses that there is still hope for recovery and an eventual return to normalcy. He also discusses the possible timeline of reopening businesses.

Category: Health/Healthcare  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 06/26/2020 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:05:00

Kevin McGill, Reporter for the Associate Press, appears on the show to discuss the disappointment over the fact that COVID-19 cases and numbers have recently increased and seem to be on the rise again in Louisiana. Now the Phase 3 reopening plan, that would continue to get the economy going again, had to be pushed back. There is speculation that the increase in COVID cases may be caused by people not wearing masks in public, people in close proximity at racial inequality protests, and more public and private interactions among people happening throughout the state.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/1/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:04:55

New York's death toll from COVID-19 is nearing 2,000, and experts warn it will continue to rise. But many other areas of the country are also seeing cases climb and taking steps to try to limit them. President Trump sounded a grave warning during a Tuesday Coronavirus Task Force briefing, saying the virus is projected to kill at least 100,000 Americans in the months to come. John Yang reports.

Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 5/1/2020 5:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:27:15

Former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani, now President Trump's personal attorney, discusses the impact of COVID-19 on the hardest-hit state. Giuliani reflects on his time as mayor of NYC during the September 11 terrorist attacks and talks about messaging during a crisis. Giuliani says that he is concerned about current restrictions to civil liberties and says that it is time to start reopening.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/1/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:01:46

In our news wrap Monday, U.S. health officials voiced fears that mass protests could fuel new COVID-19 infections. The warning came as deaths nationwide neared 105,000, including some 26,000 nursing home residents. Also, the artist Christo, known for his massive public art displays, has died in New York. He was 84 years old.

## SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/6/2020 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:57

Wired magazine's Steven Levy has reported on Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg for years. In his new book, "Facebook: The Inside Story," Levy draws upon that familiarity, as well as a young Zuckerberg's recently unearthed journals, for an intimate look at the social media giant -- including its reluctance to acknowledge warning signs due to a relentless focus on growth. Levy joins John Yang to discuss.

Series Title: H2O: The Molecule That Made Us  
Episode Title: Crisis  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/6/2020 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Earth's changing water cycle -- and a globalized movement towards water for profit -- is forcing changes in humans' reliance on water. Can a geopolitical crisis be averted?

Series Title: NOVA | Australia's First 4 Billion Years  
Episode Title: Awakening  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/17/2020 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Hidden in the red hills of Australia are clues to the mysteries of Earth's birth, how life arose and how it transformed the planet into the world we now live in. Experts unveil the earliest forms of life: an odd assortment of bacterial slime. Life like this would flood the atmosphere with oxygen and spark the biological revolution that conquered the planet. Travel with NOVA and host Dr. Richard Smith to meet the cast in the first scenes of the great drama of life on earth.