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Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 138
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:34

Eleven years ago this past weekend, on Jan. 8, a gunman opened fire at a political event in Arizona. That moment in 2011 underscored both the dangerous divisions and the epidemic of gun violence in America. Stephanie Sy visits Tucson, where a Jan. 8 memorial is steeped in symbolism starting with its location. It's part of our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 167
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/18/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:01:26

NewsHour profiled former Rep. Gabby Giffords' journey to "retrain her brain" after she was shot in 2011. Part of her routine includes playing her childhood instrument, the French horn. That piece caught the eye of cellist Yo-Yo Ma, who then reached out to Giffords to play together. Watch now as they rehearse Simon and Garfunkel's "The Sound of Silence" to honor the lives lost to gun violence.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 178
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/7/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:27

In the midst of so much chaos and destruction in Ukraine, the sound of music has the power to bring light to darkness. William Brangham has this look at the voices and melodies uplifting a nation under siege.

Business/Industry

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 01/07/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

Dave Cohen, News Director for WWL Radio, discusses how the tourism industry is slowly starting a comeback following the lockdown caused by the CoVid 19 pandemic which severely impacted both leisure and business tourism in New Orleans. Also a positive sign, the return of conventions to the city.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 01/14/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

PBS NewsHour Community Correspondent Roby Chavez discusses the impending housing eviction crisis in the New Orleans area due to the expiration of the eviction moratorium in place during the height of the pandemic.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 01/21/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reporter Tyler Bridges updates the plans for development along the New Orleans riverfront.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 02/4/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

PBS NewsHour Community Correspondent Roby Chavez discusses the impact of the requirement of proof of CoVid vaccination or negative PCR test imposed by the City of New Orleans on restaurants and other businesses for their patrons during the carnival season.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/4/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES

Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

INFORMED SOURCES producer Errol Laborde discusses the success of the 2022 metro New Orleans Mardi Gras season, the first to be held since 2020 due to the CoVid19 pandemic although with some route changes and concerns about police shortages in the city.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/11/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:10:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate Business Reporter Anthony McAuley discusses two major business stories for the New Orleans area: the approval of a rate hike for Entergy Louisiana customers as well as a request by Entergy New Orleans for a rate hike for their customers. Both rate hikes will pay for repairs to infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Ida. Another story discussed by McAuley was the merger of two economic development organizations in the area, Greater New Orleans, Inc. and The World Trade Center. The merged organization will now be known as GNO, Inc.

Category: Business/Industry
NOLA: MLNH 013433
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 133
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:26

President Joe Biden held a virtual meeting with farmers Monday to discuss strategies to increase competition and combat rising prices for meat. With bigger farms taking over a larger share of the market overall, many smaller dairy farms are also at a crossroads where they have to adapt or call it quits. From Milwaukee PBS and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Rick Barret reports from Wisconsin.

Category: Business/Industry
NOLA: MLNH 013444
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 144
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:36

Microsoft announced plans Tuesday to buy Activision Blizzard — a huge leader in game development — in a deal valued at \$75 billion. But the acquisition comes with significant issues. There have been numerous allegations of sexual misconduct in the Activision workplace. Geoff Bennett looks at those concerns and others behind the deal.

Community Government/Politics

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 02/25/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

WWL-TV Investigator Reporter David Hammer discusses the reelection uphill battle facing the City of Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn following payroll scandals and federal investigations into members of his administration.

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/04/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reporter Tyler Bridges discusses the session held by the Louisiana Legislature to consider redistricting for State House and Senate seats, Congressional Districts, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education seats and Louisiana State Supreme Court districts. The legislation passed by the legislature concerning the state's six congressional districts was vetoed by the Governor who supports the creation of a second minority-majority district which he says would more fairly reflect the state's population distribution.

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/18/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

Biz New Orleans reporter Rich Collins discusses two planned developments in the city, one to include affordable housing for seniors, the other a potential movie studio on New Orleans East property recently acquired by New Orleans native and successful movie star, Anthony Mackie.

Category: Community Politics, Government
NOLA: INLE 001912
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Dolores
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/27/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Dolores Huerta's fascinating life, from the fearless young woman confronting teamsters on violent picket lines to the activist grandmother nearly beaten to death by a San Francisco police squad, was overshadowed by the legacy of Cesar Chavez. After she was forced from the ranks of the all-male union leadership after his death, Dolores learns the painful truth—that her gender is the greatest obstacle of all. But she turns her defeat into inspiration, setting the course for a lifetime pursuit of equality for all. While tracing Huerta's trajectory through the most radical social and cultural movements of the past 50 years, from brown power and feminism to LGBTQ rights and environmental justice, Dolores provides an unflinching look at the barriers faced by women and people of color within the very communities they're fighting for.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 01/21/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:11:00

WWL Radio News Director Dave Cohen and WWL TV Investigative Reporter Mike Perlstein discuss the significant rise in the number of carjackings, shootings and murders in the city of New Orleans and the controversy stirred after the New Orleans Police Department Superintendent and the Orleans Parish DA publicly blamed the other for failures in their respective agencies for the rise in violent crime.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 02/4/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:11:00

WVUE Fox8 News Anchor and Investigative reporter Lee Zurik and WWL Radio News Director Dave Cohen discuss the rise in violent crime in the city of New Orleans coupled with a drastic increase in so-called 701 releases of defendants from the Orleans Parish Jail. The uptick in the 701 releases has occurred since the start of the most recently elected District Attorney, Jason Williams, took over the office. The releases follow the failure of the DA's office to screen cases within the time allotted by law causing defendants to either be released from jail or bond obligations.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 02/11 /2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES

Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:04:00

INFORMED SOURCES producer Errol Laborde discusses the concern over a police shortage in the city of New Orleans as carnival season gets underway. The police shortage has created safety concerns for the parade routes, causing the route taken by most parades in the city to be shortened.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/4/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reporter Ramon Antonio Vargas reports that while the Mardi Gras season was relatively quiet there were two incidents where innocent bystanders became victims of gun violence, one a fifteen year girl standing in a food truck line, the other a carnival visitor shot while retrieving something from his vehicle in a motel parking lot. Both victims lost their lives.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/25/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:07:00

WWL Radio News Director Dave Cohen discusses the community outrage following the tragic and brutal carjacking and murder of a local grandmother. The victim, a 73 year old resident of the metro New Orleans area, was carjacked in the middle of the day while parked outside of her office on a busy mid-city street. Four juveniles aged 17 through 15 have been charged with her carjacking and murder. The woman was beaten by the 17 year old driver then dragged alongside the car for a block after being entangled in the car seat belt. Her arm was severed as she broke away from the moving vehicle. Witnesses tried to stop the moving car and immediately rendered aid to the victim but she died at the scene. The DA is considering charging all four juveniles as adults for this crime which is captured on video.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: MLNH 013458
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 158
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:05

Last month, three men were sentenced in Georgia state court to life in prison for murdering Ahmaud Arbery. On Monday, jury selection began in the federal hate crimes trial that will look at whether the killings were racially motivated. Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who served as assistant attorney general for civil rights under Bill Clinton, joins William Brangham to discuss.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: MLNH 013433
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 133
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:18

As rioters breached the Capitol's perimeter last January, Capitol Police Officers like Brian Sicknick tried pushing back the crowd to protect the building and the lawmakers. Pro-Trump rioters sprayed him with a chemical. He collapsed later that evening, suffered two strokes and died the next day, at the age of 42. Judy Woodruff speaks with Sandra Garza, who was with Sicknick for 11 years.

Culture

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ancient Maya Metropolis
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/26/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Around 800 CE, the ancient Maya abandoned the magnificent cities they had lived in for centuries. NOVA investigates dramatic new scientific evidence for droughts that pushed cities already stressed by overpopulation and warfare beyond their limits.

Series Title: In Their Own Words
Episode Title: Chuck Berry
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Take a riveting ride on the Chuck Berry train, exploring the life of the man behind the music. By blending "hillbilly" music with R&B and writing impactful lyrics, Berry birthed a renaissance in popular music we now call rock and roll.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 174
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/1/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:15

In our news wrap Tuesday, the U.S. death toll from COVID-19 reaches 950,000, the highest reported number of any country. Also, the midterm election season began with primaries in Texas, some 40,000 people in Australia are under evacuation orders amid widespread flooding, players reject Major League Baseball's final offer to end a lockout, and revelers in New Orleans celebrated Mardi Gras.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Living Volcanoes on Nature
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Uncover the variety of activity, both human and natural, that occurs on the slopes of active volcanoes. See the surprising number of animals that survive and thrive alongside these fiery natural phenomena.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Pumas: Legends of the Ice Mountains
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Travel to the mountains of Chile to discover the secrets of the puma, the area's biggest and most elusive predator. Discover how this mountain lion survives and follow the dramatic fate of a puma mother and her cubs.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Sex, Lies and Butterflies on Nature
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the astounding abilities of butterflies 360 vision, deceptive camouflage, chemical weaponry and fantastic flight. Look beyond their bright colors and fragile beauty and follow them on one of the greatest migrations on earth.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Not Going Quietly
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 1/24/2022 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

A rising star in progressive politics and new father, Ady Barkan's life is upended when he is diagnosed with ALS. After a chance encounter with a powerful Senator on an airplane catapults him to fame, Ady and a motley crew of activists ignite a once-in-a-generation movement for universal healthcare, in a journey that transforms his belief in what is possible for the country and for his family.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Mexican Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and guests Mario Lopez and Melissa Villaseñor look at the Mexican American experience as seen through the lens of two families.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Hollywood Royalty
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Three actors born into Hollywood royalty discover branches of their family trees that have been hidden from the public eye—and meet a cast of characters every bit as dramatic as the people they themselves have played on camera.

Health/Healthcare

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdates: 01/7, 02/18, 03/04, and 03/18/ 2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:03:00 - 00:05:00 per segment; 4 segments total

Each of these programs featured a segment on the latest on CoVid 19 in the New Orleans area and around the state. WWL Radio News Director Dave Cohen, INFORMED SOURCES PRODUCER Errol Laborde, WGNO TV News Anchor and Reporter LeBron Joseph, and WDSU TV News Anchor and Reporter Gina Swanson updated the rates of CoVid infection, hospitalizations and deaths which have been steadily decreasing over the first months of 2022. Also discussed, the relaxing of restrictions including the cancelling of the declared public health emergency by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, the lifting of mask

mandates, and in the city of New Orleans the cancelling of the proof of vaccination or negative PCR test for restaurant and other business patrons in the city.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdates: 01/21/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

WWNO Public Radio reporter Shalina Chatlani discusses the nursing shortage in the state of Louisiana and efforts being taken to alleviate the problem.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdates: 03/25/2022 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:12:00

WGNO TV Anchor and Reporter LeBron Joseph and The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate environmental columnist Bob Marshall discuss the devastation caused by the rare EF-3 tornado that tore apart a neighborhood in the community of Arabi in St. Bernard Parish, killing one young man and injuring several other residents. They noted how that weather event is related to climate change which is creating an existential threat to the health, safety and well-being of residents and communities in South Louisiana.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 149
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:16

In our news wrap Tuesday, Pfizer began a clinical trial of an updated COVID-19 vaccine designed to ward off the highly contagious omicron variant. The International Monetary Fund slashed its growth forecast citing the omicron variant and other factors. London's Metropolitan Police Service will investigate gatherings held at Prime Minister Boris Johnson's offices during a COVID lockdown in 2020.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 172
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/25/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:51

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday loosened its COVID-19 guidance on wearing masks in indoor public settings. The new standard says people don't have to mask-up if case counts and hospitalizations aren't especially high where they live. Dr. Jennifer Nuzzo, an epidemiologist and senior scholar at Johns Hopkins University, joins William Brangham to discuss.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 182
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/11/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:41

In our news wrap Friday, the world marked two years since COVID-19 was officially declared a pandemic, the Texas Supreme Court rejected a challenge to the nation's toughest abortion law, arrests of migrants inside the U.S. have fallen sharply in the past year, and negotiators trying to restore the 2015 Iran nuclear deal have stepped back amid signs they're close to an agreement.

Category: Health/Health Care
NOLA: APOC 004148
Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Episode Title: Episode 148
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/24/2022 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:16:33

Among the groups disproportionately affected by COVID-19 are the poor, the disabled, and the immunocompromised. Matthew Cortland is a lawyer and policy expert who has faced challenges with Crohn's disease. Cortland joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss just how the pandemic is affecting the disabled community.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Roberto Clemente
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Baseball great Roberto Clemente's talent and inimitable style drew legions of fans, but as this American Experience production reveals, he was more than an exceptional baseball player. He was also a committed humanitarian who challenged racial discrimination and worked for social justice.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: American Reckoning
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

An unsolved 1960s murder reveals an untold story of the civil rights movement and Black resistance. "American Reckoning" draws on rarely seen footage filmed more than 50 years ago in Natchez, Mississippi, and follows one family's search for justice.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 181
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/10/2022 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:56

The U.S. Census Bureau on Thursday released a report looking at the accuracy of their 2020 population count and whether they missed key groups of people across the country. Among the findings were miscounts with multiple groups with some of the largest based on race. NPR national correspondent Hansi Lo Wang joins Lisa Desjardins to discuss the findings.