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Two days into the Ray Nagin trial and there have already been some major witnesses. One of the witnesses was Rodney Williams, who is a lesser-known contractor that has pleaded guilty to bribing Nagin. The next witness was Greg Meffert, the former tech chief for Nagin. Meffert, who also pleaded guilty to bribing Nagin, revealed emails containing evidence against him. He also explained how it was standard practice to use the pin to pin feature of a Blackberry phone to avoid the messages becoming public record. However, Aaron Bennett, one of the contractors involved who is not testifying, sent an email to Nagin using city email. Because it was on public record, Nagin replied that he couldn't do business with him. The reason Nagin hasn't been offered a plea deal is because there's a lot of evidence against him.

NOLA: FRON 003111
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Rape in the Fields
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/18/2014 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

For the women who pick and process the food we eat every day, getting sexually assaulted, and even raped, is sometimes part of the job. FRONTLINE and Univision partner to tell the story of the hidden price many migrant women working in America's fields and packing plants pay to stay employed and provide for their families. This investigation is the result of a yearlong reporting effort by veteran FRONTLINE correspondent Lowell Bergman, the Investigative Reporting Program at UC Berkeley, and the Center for Investigative Reporting.

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With new charges and ties to gangs in the Mother's Day shooting case, Federal Investigators have stepped in and taken over the investigations; State charges have been dropped for new Federal charges. The two suspects in the shooting, brothers Akein and Shawn Scott, are now being tied to former Federal drug and firearm charges that have already been issued on their brother Travis Scott prior to the Mother's Day shooting. The brothers are all believed to be a part of a gang: the Frenchmen and Derbigny gang that runs a drug-dealing operation. This all falls under an even larger federal investigation set up to crack down on gang activity in New Orleans.

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NOLA: WWIR 005335
Series Title: Washington Week with Gwen Ifill
Length: 30 minutes
O.B. Date: 2/28/2014 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:21:45

The aftermath of the revolution in Ukraine, the defeat of an Arizona bill that would have allowed business owners to refuse service to gay people on religious grounds, Rep. John Dingell's retirement, and the launch of 'My Brother's Keeper'. Joining Gwen: Ed O'Keefe, Washington Post; Pete Williams, NBC News; Michael Sherer, TIME Magazine; and Indira Lakshmanan of Bloomberg News.

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Louisiana has the highest incarceration rate in the country per capita. Trying to reduce the incarceration rate has been an issue, but now groups on the right are joining with groups on the left and trying to pass legislation that would work towards lowering the incarceration rate. There is a Senate bill sponsored by Democrat JP Morrell and conservative Republican Robert Adley which would decriminalize marijuana possession on the second and third possession and would turn it into a misdemeanor.

Economy/Business/Industry

Category: Business/Industry
NOLA: INLE 001514

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Medora
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/31/2014 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

A once-booming rural community with a thriving middle class has seen its factories and farms close as the population dwindles. A deeply personal look at small-town life, "Medora" follows a down-but-not-out varsity basketball team as its struggles to compete parallel the town's own fight for survival.

Category: Economy
NOLA: MLNH 010835
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2014 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:50

Shields and Brooks discuss how government can address economic inequality: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's top political news, including the inauguration of New York's new Mayor Bill de Blasio and his pledge to address economic inequality, plus how new laws on legal marijuana signal a U.S. cultural shift.

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The Artworks building in New Orleans is supposed to become a culinary institute. There is a non-profit board that was given the job of choosing who would be allowed to buy the failed Artworks building. Originally, the building was supposed to be used for art galleries and artists' studios, but it never really got off the ground. 25 million dollars was spent, including tax payers' money, on that project. Now, the board has chosen the New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute to buy the building and to run it as a culinary institute. They hope to start operations in 2016. Delgado, UNO, Tulane are all a part of this development, as well as some prominent restaurateurs.

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The Riverwalk will be undergoing its biggest changes since its opening in 1986. The Howard Hughes Corporation will be turning it into the Outlet Collection at the Riverwalk. It will be opening sometime in late spring or early summer. It will bring the first ever Neiman Marcus store to Louisiana as well as a mix of local and national outlet stores and restaurants. The space will be enlarged and operating hours will be extended.

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Mayor Landrieu won his race for reelection. It was a very impressive victory; he won in the primary. He got close to 63.57 percent of the votes, including a large majority of the African American vote. The community seems to have really stood behind him. The election was really about quality of life issues, education and crime. The mayor endorsed a platform of progress and supported keeping the current police chief Serpas. There is speculation that he wants to run for governor in the future. The Sheriff race will be close until the very end. The runoff is between Charles Foti, Jr. and Marlin Gusman. Foti got 28.56% of the vote in the primary, while Gusman got 48.93%. It'll be difficult for Foti to try to close that gap. It's a very heated campaign. In the coroner's race, Dwight McKenna got 48.30% of the vote, while Jeffrey Rouse got 31.80% of the vote. They will be going into a runoff. McKenna has a past, but the numbers seem to favor him. In the Councilmember at Large Division 1 race, Stacy Head won with 62.26% of the votes. Head has done an excellent job of overcoming the controversy that has surrounded her in the past. There have been good stories coming out of her previous District B, and people like and want that for their own districts. There will be a runoff for Councilmember at Large, Division 2 between Cynthia Hedge-Morrel, who got 44.23% of the vote, and Jason Williams who gained 38.67% of the vote. In District A, Susan Guidry won with 66.93% of the votes. In District B, Latoya Cantrell was uncontested. In District C, there will be a runoff between Jacquelyn Clarkson and Nadine Ramsey. They were neck and neck in the primary. It will be a tough race. In District D, Jared Brossett won with 50.17% of the votes. James A. Gray II won in District E with 53.13% of the vote. In political circles it was thought that Cynthia Willard-Lewis would win, and so the result of that race seems very surprising.

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With Republican Senator David Vitter's announcement to run for governor, it has put somewhat of a freeze for more candidates to get into the race on the Republican side. But Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne is still in. State Treasurer John Kennedy and Scott Angelle will also possibly join the race. There is still a lot of movement on the Democratic side. State Representative John Bel Edwards has announced he will run. Businessman Jim Bernhard is reported to be running and will have a lot of funding when he decides to enter the race. There's the possibility of Mayor Mitch Landrieu deciding to run for governor, however he would have to leave the Mayor's office before his term is up. However, there is still plenty of time until the elections in November 2015 for candidates to decide to run or not.

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The New Orleans Advocate is trying to publish legal notices. As of right now, they cannot. Owner of the New Orleans Advocate, John Georges, has spoken to several legislatures who are sponsoring legislation that would allow the New Orleans Advocate to compete for these contracts. Right now, state law says that a newspaper cannot compete to publish the legal notices until it has been around longer than five years. The Times Picayune is the entity that has most of the contracts as of right now. They have hired lobbyists to oppose this legislation before the state legislature in Baton Rouge.

Education

NOLA: INLE 001508
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: At Berkeley
Length: 255 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2014 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Legendary documentarian Frederick Wiseman goes back to school for this intimate and sprawling film. "At Berkeley" is a revealing four-hour documentary about the University of California at Berkeley, one of the finest research and teaching facilities in the world. Eschewing narration and standard interviews, Wiseman's film takes viewers from faculty meetings to classrooms, from financial aid seminars to research laboratories, to show the myriad aspects of university life. Filmed during the fall 2010 semester, the film reveals the administration's struggles to maintain the academic excellence, public role and diversity of the student body in the face of drastic budget cuts imposed by the State of California.

Wiseman reveals the complex relationships among the school's various constituencies — students, faculty, administrators, alumni, the City of Berkeley, the State of California and the federal government.

Category: Education
NOLA: MLNH 010841
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2014 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:38

Closing the digital divide by helping seniors get online: It's estimated that about half of Americans over the age of 65 use the Internet. But for the other half, increasing societal dependence on digital technology threatens to leave behind those who don't go online. NewsHour correspondent Mary Jo Brooks reports on efforts to teach elders how to stay connected through computers.

Category: Education
NOLA: MLNH 010870
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/21/2014 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:16

In comparison to the dysfunction of Congress, how productive are state leaders, and how willing are they to work across party lines? With the nation's governors gathering in Washington for their annual meeting, Democrat Pat Quinn of Illinois and Republican Bill Haslam of Tennessee join Judy Woodruff to discuss the minimum wage, organized labor, education and other agenda priorities.

Environment/Natural Disasters

OLA: CSHA 000103
Series Title: Chasing Shackleton
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/22/2014 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Following the successful sea crossing from Elephant Island, Tim Jarvis must now traverse the mountains of South Georgia to complete his re-enactment of Shackleton's "double." But injury, illness and bad weather are against him.

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NOLA: MLNH 010866

Series Title: PBS NewsHour

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/17/2014 6:00:00 PM
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Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:58

In early February more than 50,000 tons of coal ash -- which contains arsenic and other dangerous metals -- leaked from a containment pond into the Dan River in Eden, N.C. Michael Biesecker of the Associated Press joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the disaster and how the spill raises more questions about water safety and the regulators who oversee U.S. industry.

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NOLA: NAAT 002701

Series Title: Nature

Episode Title: Cloud: Challenge of the Stallions

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/5/2014 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The returning saga of Cloud, the wild, white stallion finds us back in the Arrowhead Mountains of Montana. Cloud is now a confident band stallion in his prime. As he rules the mountains, gathering mares and expanding his reign, the story turns to his two sons. Bolder is his by birth -- beautiful and golden, the success of his father and grandfather flowing in his veins. Flint, sired by another stallion, is the colt Cloud raised. Now, Bolder has gathered some mares of his own while Flint has joined a group of bachelor stallions, young guns roaming the mountains. Who will rise to challenge the mighty Cloud? Will nature or nurture produce the next great stallion of the Arrowheads?