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**Arts**

Category: Arts  
NOLA: MLNH 014013  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 13  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/19/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:02:59

Tanya Aguiñiga is a Los Angeles-based artist, designer and activist who grew up as a binational citizen of Mexico and the United States. Much of her work speaks of her divided identity and tells the larger and often invisible stories of the transnational community. She shares her Brief But Spectacular take on using craft to push back on injustice for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Category: Arts  
NOLA: APOC 006035  
Series Title: Amanpour and Company  
Episode Title: Episode 35  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/18/2023 11:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-PLUS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:18:09

Jon Batiste has had a busy year. After winning five Grammys at last year's awards – including album of the year – he is back with a new recording. The concept album “World Music Radio” weaves Jon's signature style of jazz, funk, and soul with the sounds of global artists like Lana Del Rey, Lil Wayne, and K-Pop girl group New Jeans. To break it all down, Jon speaks with Michel Martin.

Category: Arts  
NOLA: BFKO 000101  
Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo  
Episode Title: The Making and Breaking  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/19/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:55:48

Explore the early life of Frida Kahlo as she discovers her genius for painting following a tragic, life-changing accident, leading her to encounter world-famous muralist Diego Rivera who she later marries, twice.

## Business/Industry

Category: Business/Industry  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 07/14/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:05:00

WYES Future Watch reporter Dawn Ostrom describes the renovations added to the nearly 50 year old Louisiana Superdome.

Category: Business/Industry  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 07/28/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reporter Ben Myers discusses the latest round of Orleans Parish property assessments which could result in much higher property tax bills. Most property owners in the parish saw their assessments go up dramatically prompting the parish assessor himself to admit that he will appeal the increase in his assessment.

Category: Business/Industry  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 08/11/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:06:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate environment report Mark Schleifstein discusses the recent ground breaking on a major coastal restoration project The Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion which will periodically allow Mississippi River water to flow into the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary as part of a land building effort to combat Louisiana coastal loss. The project is opposed by some environmentalists and the seafood industry because of the impacts it will have on the bottle-nose dolphin population and on oysters beds and fishing and shrimping grounds.

Category: Business/Industry  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 08/25/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate business reporter Stephanie Riegel discusses the proposed sale of non-profit Blue Cross of Louisiana Health Insurance to an out-of-state for-profit company. A major part of the sale proceeds would go to the creation of a

foundation serving Louisiana non-profits. The proposed sale has prompted concern and calls for closer review however.

Category: Business/Industry  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 09/22/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:011:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate Investigations Editor Gordon Russell discusses the paper's special section about the impact of coastal loss and sea level rise to the residents and communities of south Louisiana. The problem, if not addressed, could cause major upheavals in the lifestyle of Louisianans. One impact already being felt is a dramatic rise in homeowner insurance premiums coupled with the loss of insurers willing to write policies in the state.

Category: Business/Industry  
NOLA: MLNH 014007  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 7  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/11/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:48

U.S. beer sales traditionally peak in the summer between Memorial Day and Labor Day. But what's in those beers is changing. While non-alcoholic beer, wine and cocktails make up a small fraction of the overall market, sales are rapidly rising. Economics correspondent Paul Solman went out for a taste test.

Category: Business/Industry  
NOLA: MLNH 014063  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 63  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/27/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:02

The Federal Trade Commission and 17 states brought a sweeping lawsuit against Amazon, accusing it of violating antitrust laws. It's the federal government's latest suit aimed at curbing the power of Big Tech. The FTC and states allege Amazon illegally built and maintained a monopoly that harms customers and competitors. Geoff Bennett discussed more with John Newman of the FTC Bureau of Competition.

## National Politics/Government

Category: Community Government and Politics  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 07/21/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Louisiana Illuminator editor Greg LaRose discusses the abrupt end to the Louisiana legislative session which resulted in uncertainty about the state's budget.

Category: Community Government and Politics  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 08/11/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:06:00

La Politics Weekly editor Jeremy Alford reports on candidates qualifying for fall 2023 statewide elections including races for governor, attorney general, secretary of state and treasurer.

Category: Community Government/Politics  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 08/25/2023 7:00 PM Service:  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:04:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reporter Ben Myers discusses the action taken by the City Council of New Orleans to no longer allow the mayor of the city the use of an apartment in the city-owned Pontalba Apartments on Jackson Square. This action comes after claims of abuse of that privilege by the present mayor, LaToya Cantrell.

Category: Community Government/Politics  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 09/29/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reporter Blake Paterson reports on fiercely contested elections in Jefferson Parish. Four present council members, three who are term-limited in their district seats, are opposing each other for two at-large seats.

Category: National Politics/Government  
NOLA: WWIR 006301  
Series Title: Washington Week  
Episode Title: Episode 1  
Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 7/1/2023  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:26:46

The Supreme Court session closes with blockbuster rulings, handing conservatives victories on religious rights, the president's student loan forgiveness plan and affirmative action. Join guest moderator Lisa Desjardins, Eugene Daniels of Politico, Ariane de Vogue of CNN, Seung Min Kim of The Associated Press and John Yang of PBS NewsHour to discuss this and more.

Category: National Politics/Government  
NOLA: OBEL 000105  
Series Title: Once Upon a Time in Northern Ireland  
Episode Title: Who Wants to Live Like That?  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/30/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore how politicians are propelled back toward peace talks. After decades of cyclical violence, a breakthrough is reached, and there is joy when the Good Friday Agreement is announced in 1998. However, peace comes at an enormous cost.

Category: National Politics/Government  
NOLA: WWIR 006310  
Series Title: Washington Week with The Atlantic  
Episode Title: Episode 10  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 9/1/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Trump's trial date provides further proof the 2024 presidential race could be the most unusual in history. Plus, McConnell freezes again and a new poll on President Biden's age raises new concerns about America's leaders. Join moderator Jeffrey Goldberg, Kyle Cheney of Politico, Asma Khalid of NPR, Mark Leibovich of The Atlantic and Susan Page of USA Today to discuss this and more.

### **Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement**

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 07/14/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:06:00

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reporter John Simerman reports on the latest developments in the search for a new superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department. Six candidates have been named as finalists after a nationwide search.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 08/04/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:05:00

Verite News reporter Bobbi Jeanne Misick discusses the opposition to the state's practice of housing youth offenders accused of violent crimes in a section of the state adult prison in Angola, Louisiana. The state moved several juveniles to the state prison following a series of escapes from parish juvenile facilities in the New Orleans area.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 08/25/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:06:00

WWL TV investigative reporter David Hammer discusses the on-camera interview he did with a former priest accused of sexual abuse of several minors. The now retired former priest admitted to the abuse on camera during the interview.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 09/08/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:06:00

The Guardian weekend editor Ramon Vargas discusses the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office indictment of a former priest accused of sexual abuse of minors. The former priest admitted to the abuse in a televised interview conducted by both Ramon Vargas and his reporting partner, David Hammer of WWL TV, several days prior to the indictment.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdate: 09/15/2023 7:00 PM  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:05:00

WWL TV Investigative Reporter Mike Perlstein reports on the mayor's announcement of her choice for the superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department. Mayor LaToya Cantrell's selection of Ann Kirkpatrick, former Oakland Police Chief, will have to be confirmed by the New Orleans City Council due to a voter approved change in the city charter calling for council approval of mayoral appointments to city departments.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
NOLA: FRON 004120  
Series Title: FRONTLINE  
Episode Title: Two Strikes / Tutwiler  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/5/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A two-part special looking at a little-known two strikes law, and pregnancy in prison. With The Marshall Project, how a former West Point cadet got life in prison. Also, pregnant women in prison and what happens to their newborns.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
NOLA: OBEL 000104  
Series Title: Once Upon a Time in Northern Ireland  
Episode Title: The Dirty War  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/29/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:55:11

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement  
NOLA: MLNH 014003  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 3  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/5/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:11

A mass shooting on the eve of the Fourth of July left five people dead in Philadelphia. It was just one of several U.S. cities that saw violence on the holiday. The suspect, 40-year-old Kimbrady Carriker, was arraigned Wednesday on a host of charges, including five counts of first-degree murder. Amna Nawaz discussed the latest with Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner.

### Culture

Category: Culture  
NOLA: GARC 000204  
Series Title: The Great American Recipe  
Episode Title: Episode 4  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/10/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join the cooks as they prepare grab-and-go meals, from breakfast burritos to musubi. In the second round, the cooks make home-baked treats as part of the first-ever Great American Recipe Bake Sale.

Category: Culture  
NOLA: ICCA 000108  
Series Title: Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein  
Episode Title: The Golden Gate Bridge  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/1/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The Golden Gate Bridge is an engineering marvel that symbolizes America's can-do spirit. Explore if America can continue to execute bold and ambitious infrastructure projects in the 21st century.

Category: Culture  
NOLA: AMDO 003608  
Series Title: POV  
Episode Title: Bulls and Saints  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/18/2023 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:34

After 20 years of living in the United States, an undocumented family decides to return home. Little do they know it will be the most difficult journey of their lives and reawaken an intense desire for a place to belong. Set between the rodeo arenas of North Carolina and the spellbinding Mexican town they yearn for, Bulls and Saints is a love story about reverse migration, rebellion, and redemption.

#### **Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters**

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters  
NOLA: HUFO 000102  
Series Title: Human Footprint  
Episode Title: Top Predator  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/12/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:54:53

There's a killer inside us. Our biology, culture, technology, and economy have transformed our species into the greatest predator the world has ever seen. From Yellowstone to Mozambique, Shane explores our global impact as the planet's top predator.

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters  
NOLA: MLNH 014027



Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 27  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/8/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:19

In our news wrap Tuesday, a storm system blasted the Northeast with severe weather, there's new evidence of global warming affecting Antarctica with sea ice at a record low, the Supreme Court reinstated a federal regulation aimed at curbing the spread of "ghost guns," and more than 11,000 Los Angeles city employees called a 24-hour strike.

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters  
NOLA: AOUT 000202  
Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston  
Episode Title: Suwannee: Wild River  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/6/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:52:33

The Suwannee is one of the last wild rivers in America, and its watershed creates woods and wetlands, marshes, and cave systems. From its headwaters in the Okefenokee Swamp, Baratunde journeys downstream, meeting colorful denizens of the Suwannee. From jet skiers to herpetologists, manatees to snapping turtles, he learns how this unique environment inspires a whole range of passions.

### Family/Marriage

Category: Family/Marriage  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 2  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/4/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:50

Although America declared its independence in 1776, it would take nearly 90 years for those enslaved to obtain their freedom. And despite the abolishment of slavery 158 years ago, Reuters found some of the country's most powerful politicians today are descendants of slaveholders. Amna Nawaz spoke with editor Tom Lasserter about the report and his own family's history with slavery.

Category: Family/Marriage  
NOLA: FIYO 000613  
Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: War Stories  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/29/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS

Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of actor Julianne Moore, comedian Bill Hader, and painter Kehinde Wiley, revealing how their ancestors' military service left an indelible mark both on their families and on their country.

Category: Family/Marriage  
NOLA: FIYO 000903  
Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Secret Lives  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/12/2023 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/Healthcare  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdates: 08/18/2023  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:05:00

WYES Future Watch reporter Dawn Ostrom reports on the latest CoVid numbers and the most recent vaccine and its availability.

Category: Health/Healthcare  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: 00:28:30  
Airdates: 09/22/2023 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:07:00

WGNO reporter and anchor LeBron Joseph discusses the salt water wedge moving up from the Gulf of Mexico into the Mississippi River. The salt water intrusion is a result of low river levels caused by the drought in the nation's midsection impacting the river's watershed. High salinity levels are already threatening the water supply in Plaquemines Parish communities. It is feared that if the salt water continues to move upriver that the larger communities in both Orleans and Jefferson Parishes will also be impacted.

Category: Health/Healthcare  
Series Title: Informed Sources  
Length: :28:30  
Airdates: 09/29/2023 19:00:00 CST  
Service: WYES

Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:06:00

WVUE Fox 8 Chief Meteorologist Bruce Katz discusses the latest about the salt wedge moving up the Mississippi River and the reasons why the salt water intrusion has occurred. Meanwhile, local and parish officials are taking action to mitigate the salt water impact ranging from barging fresh water to water system intakes to laying down a pipeline from parish water system intakes to fresh water several miles upriver.

Category: Health/Health Care  
NOLA: MLNH 014006  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 6  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/10/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:43

There are concerns about how the Supreme Court's ruling striking down affirmative action in college admissions could affect the medical profession. Currently, just 5.7 percent of doctors in the U.S. are Black and nearly 7 percent are Hispanic. There's worry about what this ruling could mean for the pipeline of who eventually provides healthcare. Amna Nawaz discussed more with Dr. Utibe Essien.

Category: Health/Health Care  
NOLA: MLNH 014042  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 42  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/29/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:38

President Biden announced the first batch of drugs designated for Medicare price negotiations that would make them more affordable for older and disabled Americans. But drug manufacturers are attempting to block the effort. Stephanie Sy discussed more with Stacie Dusetzina.

Category: Health/Health Care  
NOLA: MLNH 014045  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 45  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/1/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:34

A ban on gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth went into effect in Texas, making it the most populous state to date with such a ban. The law revokes the medical licenses of any doctor who provides minors with gender-affirming medical care like puberty blockers, hormone treatments or surgeries. Laura Barrón-López reports on families grappling with the potential consequences.

### Minorities/Civil Rights

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights  
NOLA: MLNH 014018  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 18  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/26/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:30

In the new book "American Whitelash," Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Lowery examines the pattern of racist violence that follows racial progress in our country, including the recent white supremacist violence that surged following Barack Obama's presidency. Wesley sat down with Geoff Bennett to discuss his findings.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights  
NOLA: AMEX 001311  
Series Title: American Experience  
Episode Title: Fatal Flood  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/22/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the spring of 1927, after weeks of incessant rains, the Mississippi River went on a rampage from Cairo, Illinois to New Orleans, inundating hundreds of towns, killing as many as a thousand people and leaving a million homeless. In Greenville, Mississippi, efforts to contain the river pitted the majority black population against an aristocratic plantation family, the Percys -- and the Percys against themselves. A story of greed, power and race during one of America's greatest natural disasters.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights  
NOLA: AMEX 003508  
Series Title: American Experience  
Episode Title: The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 9/12/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:46:26

Explore what happened when the small Mississippi town of Leland integrated its public schools in 1970. Told through the remembrances of students, teachers and parents, the film shows how the town - and America - were transformed.

### Science/Technology

Category: Science/Technology  
NOLA: NOVA 004612  
Series Title: NOVA | The Planets  
Episode Title: Inner Worlds  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/5/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The rocky planets - Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars - were born of similar material around the same time, yet only one supports life. Were Earth's neighbors always so extreme? Is there somewhere else in the solar system where life might flourish?

Category: Science/Technology  
NOLA: NOVA 004418  
Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Killer Floods  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/23/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Uncover geologic fingerprints of colossal floods that violently reshaped the ancient world. Follow geologists around the globe as they reconstruct catastrophic Ice Age floods more powerful than all the world's top ten rivers combined.

Category: Science/Technology  
NOLA: NOVA 004913  
Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Rebuilding Notre Dame  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/13/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In April 2019, the world watched as a devastating fire almost destroyed Paris's iconic Notre Dame Cathedral. Go behind the scenes with a team of engineers, masons, and timber workers tackling the daunting challenges of restoring the historic landmark.