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American History/Biography

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/10/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:18

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Series Title: Reagan: American Experience
Episode Title: Lifeguard
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 8/4/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:42:34

In 1988, after two terms in office, Ronald Wilson Reagan left the White House, one of the most popular presidents of the twentieth century -- and one of the most controversial. A failed actor, Reagan became a passionate ideologue who preached a simple gospel of lower taxes, less government and anti-Communism. One by one, his opponents underestimated him; one-by-one, Reagan surprised them, rising to become a president who always preferred to see America as a shining city on a hill.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/17/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:43

Speaking at the White House Conference on American History on Thursday, President Trump announced he would be signing an executive order to create the “1776 Commission” to promote a “patriotic education.” Trump also blasted efforts to reexamine American history with a deeper emphasis on slavery and racism. Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Trump’s perspective on race.

Business/Industry

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 9/4/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate Investigations Editor, Gordon Russell, gives an update on the damage caused by Hurricane Laura in Lake Charles, Louisiana along with the projections about the city's recovery.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 9/18/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

WYES Future Watch reporter Dawn Ostrom discusses a new initiative launched by Louisiana's Technical and Community Colleges aimed at helping people who have lost jobs due to the CoVid19 pandemic lockdown. A program called REBOOT YOUR CAREER will offer a twelve week certification program in a number of high-demand areas. Tuition will be either reduced or waived entirely for eligible students.

Category: Business/Industry
NOLA: PNWE 001422
Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/13/2020 5:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:08:46

"Upcycling," a new technique of making food using discarded ingredients, is gaining momentum with entrepreneurs looking to create new food categories. Special Correspondent Allison Aubrey and Producer Mary Beth Durkin report on this growing food movement as part of NewsHours "Waste Not, Want Not" series.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 8/7/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

Informed Sources Producer Errol Laborde discusses a recent online business conference focusing on the impact of the CoVid 19 pandemic on the economy of the New Orleans metropolitan region.

Community Government/Politics

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 7/7/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times Picayune/ New Orleans Advocate reporter, Tyler Bridges, reports on the close of the regular session of the Louisiana Legislature which had been interrupted due to the CoVid 19 pandemic.

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 8/21/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:13:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate reporter, Jeff Adelson, discusses the controversy surrounding mail in ballots for the November 2020 election. The Governor of Louisiana favors a plan used in state and local elections held in July which expanded eligibility for mail-in ballots. The legislature does not support expanding eligibility for mail-in ballots. Columnist for The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate, Will Sutton, discusses the effort to increase local participation in the 2020 census. WYES Future Watch reporter, Dawn Ostrom, updates the most recent plans for the opening of area K-12 schools for the fall semester.

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 9/11/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:08:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate reporter Jessica Williams discusses the City of New Orleans plans to increase the number of affordable housing units. Tyler Bridges, also with The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate, reports on the rising political status of Congressman Cedric Richmond, who represents the state's First Congressional District, and his leadership role in the presidential campaign of former Vice President Joe Biden.

Category: Community Politics, Government
NOLA: FLMH 000408
Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
Episode Title: Episode 8
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/21/2020 9:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Segment Length: 00:27:18

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer discusses interviewing to be Joe Biden's VP, Michigan's key role in the 2020 election and the challenges of voting by mail. She weighs in on the federal government's handling of the pandemic and lockdown protests.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 7/17/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

WWL TV Investigative reporter, Mike Perlstein, updates the status of the New Orleans Police Department Federal Consent Decree. While noting there has been progress in compliance with the decree, the federal monitors criticized the actions of some of the special task forces created by the NOPD.

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WWL TV Investigative Reporter Mike Perlstein reports on an uptick in shootings in the city of New Orleans and updates the status of the Orleans Parish Jail Federal Consent Decree and how the Orleans Parish Sheriff will once again run the jail.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: MLNH 013045
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:49

In our news wrap Tuesday, more than 50 Black former McDonald's franchise owners sued the fast food chain. Their federal lawsuit, filed in Chicago, accuses the company of steering them to less-profitable locations in crime-ridden neighborhoods. Also, in New York, Mayor Bill de Blasio delayed public school reopenings for another 11 days, to give teachers more time to prepare for in-person classes.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: MLNH 013017
Series Title: PBS NewsHour

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/23/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:05

The divide between President Trump and local leaders in places where he has deployed federal agents is widening. This week, 15 mayors asked Trump to withdraw federal forces from their cities, citing “fundamental constitutional protections.” Former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge, first secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss why he disavows Trump's action.

Culture

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
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Segment Length: 00:07:18

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Series Title: Forces of Nature
Episode Title: Color
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/6/2020 1:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

We can't directly see the forces that govern Earth, but we can see their shadows in the shapes of nature that surround us. If we understand why these shapes exist, we can understand the rules that bind the entire universe.

Series Title: NOVA | A to Z
Episode Title: The First Alphabet
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/23/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Writing shaped civilization itself, from the trading of goods to tales of ancient goddesses and kings. Follow the evolution of the written word, from millennia-old carvings in an Egyptian turquoise mine to our modern-day alphabets.

Education

Category: Education
Series Title: Living In The New Normal
Episode Title: Educating Our Children
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/30/2020 7:00:00 pM
Service: WYES
Format: Public Affairs
Segment Length: 00:30:00

Educational professionals share what the new school year will be like for students, parents, teachers and staff in the midst of COVID-19.

Category: Education
Series Title: Living In The New Normal
Episode Title: Higher Education
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/10/2020 7:00:00 pM
Service: WYES
Format: Public Affairs
Segment Length: 00:30:00

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic what will the new school year look like for Louisiana university and college students? Post-secondary administrators and faculty discuss what changes may need to be incorporated during the upcoming academic year on a next episode of the series LIVING IN THE NEW NORMAL.

Category: Education
NOLA: MLNH 013005
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/7/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:49

Parents across the U.S. are wondering what the next school year will hold for their children. While reopening decisions will ultimately be up to state and local officials, President Trump said Tuesday he'll pressure governors to resume in-person classes. Judy Woodruff talks to Noel Candelaria of the Texas State Teachers Association and Elliot Haspel, an education policy expert and former teacher.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries
Episode Title: Friendship
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Spy Creatures and their new wild friends rely on each other to look out for predators. A Spy Meerkat babysits meerkat pups while a Spy Cobra pretends to attack the mob. Spy Crocs witness a convenient partnership between real crocodiles and birds.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/3/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:27

In our news wrap Monday, coastal North and South Carolina braced for Hurricane Isaias. The storm is a minimal hurricane but will still challenge residents with another disruption during the coronavirus pandemic. Also, thousands of people in Southern California spent another day under evacuation orders as a wildfire burned east of Los Angeles. It began Friday and exploded in size over the weekend.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 63
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/25/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:40

During his first term, President Trump has rolled back or weakened more than 100 environmental regulations. On Friday, his administration moved to open up the country's largest national forest for development. Alaska's Tongass National Forest has been called "America's Amazon," and it absorbs about 8 percent of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. Amna Nawaz talks to The New York Times' Coral Davenport.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Clinton: American Experience
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 7/21/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:28

From draft dodging to the Dayton Accords, from Monica Lewinsky to a balanced budget, the presidency of William Jefferson Clinton veered between sordid scandal and grand achievement. In CLINTON, the latest installment in the critically acclaimed and successful

series of presidential biographies, AMERICAN EXPERIENCE explores the fascinating story of an American president who rose from a broken childhood in Arkansas to become one of the most successful politicians in modern American history and one of the most complex and conflicted characters to ever stride across the public stage.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/28/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:34

As another difficult week for our country comes to a close, we want to take the time to honor a few of the more than 180,000 people in the U.S. who have lost their lives to the coronavirus. Judy Woodruff shares the stories of five individuals.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/14/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:13

When Jasson Howell Sr. received a mandatory 10-year federal prison sentence for heroin distribution, his family shared his punishment. Two of his four children went to live with his parents, who have worked tirelessly to raise their grandchildren while remaining connected to their son. Kim and Dale Howell share their Brief But Spectacular take on keeping their family together.

Health/Healthcare

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 7/3/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

This episode was the first of the continuous 4th quarter coverage of the CoVid 19 pandemic on Informed Sources. Each weekly episode from 7/3/2020 through 9/24/2020 contained at least one segment dedicated to an update on CoVid 19 health related issues such as infection, hospitalization and fatality rates, testing availability and health care capacity.

In this episode Associated Press reporter Kevin McGill discussed the latest in the CoVid 19 infection rates and impact on reopening plans.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 7/24/2020 19:00:00 CST

Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:14:00

John Barry, author of THE GREAT INFLUENZA about the 1918 pandemic, discussed the CoVid19 pandemic, how it's been handled and what to expect as the virus continues to infect. WGNO News Anchor LeBron James provides an update on the virus infection rates for the region.

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Airdate: 8/7/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate Investigations Editor, Gordon Russell, discusses the problems facing state health officials in providing enough CoVid19 testing capacity to rural areas of the state of Louisiana.

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Airdate: 9/11/2020 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:04:00

Informed Sources Producer, Errol Laborde, reported on the Governor of Louisiana announcing that the state would move onto Phase 3 of reopening but only in areas where infection rates of 3% or below have been reported for at least two weeks.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:19

In the United Kingdom, residents have long considered the National Health Service (NHS) one of the nation's greatest accomplishments. Across the Atlantic, U.S. Democrats have proposed a similar single-payer system for the U.S., but conservatives have raised alarms about access problems within the NHS. William Brangham reports as part of our series, The Best Health Care? America & the World.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2020 6:00:00 PM

Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:39

As the United States grapples with the novel coronavirus, nationwide protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd insist the country must confront a second epidemic: racism. Despite a longstanding belief that we are a nation divided, some say there are reasons for hope. Special correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault talks to New York Times columnist and author David Brooks for Race Matters.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/5/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:46

The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May prompted calls to change the policing structure there. On Wednesday night, the city's charter commission will decide whether to ask voters to begin the process of abolishing the police force -- and to clarify what would replace it. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/4/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:24

In parts of the U.S., there continue to be protests and outrage over police conduct and responses to demonstrations. In Rochester, New York, the family of Daniel Prude is calling for officers involved in his March death to be fired and charged. And a self-identified anti-fascist suspected of killing a right-wing protester in Portland, Oregon, was killed by law enforcement. Amna Nawaz reports.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Prehistoric Road Trip
Episode Title: Tiny Teeth, Fearsome Beasts
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Join Emily as she continues her adventure, discovering surprising truths hidden in the fossil record. Meanwhile, scientists studying our planet's past are revealing clues about its future.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Rise of the Mammals
Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/6/2020 12:00:00 AM
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.

Series Title: Hacking Your Mind
Episode Title: Living on Auto-Pilot
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/9/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Take a trip around the world to discover how you go through life on auto-pilot, and get an auto-pilot owner's manual.