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PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report
January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021

American History/Biography

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Forgotten Genius
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/27/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 1:43:28

NOVA presents the remarkable life story of Percy Julian -- not only one of the great African-American scientists of the 20th century, but an industrialist, self-made millionaire, humanitarian and civil-rights pioneer. The grandson of Alabama slaves, Julian won worldwide acclaim for his research in chemistry and broke the color barrier in American science more than a decade before Jackie Robinson did so in baseball. He discovered a way to turn soybeans into synthetic steroids on an industrial scale, enabling drugs like cortisone to be widely available to millions. In a special two-hour presentation, NOVA traces the vivid and moving saga of Julian's dazzling scientific achievements and sometimes stormy personal life.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Voice of Freedom
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:43:28

Explore the fascinating life of celebrated singer Marian Anderson. In 1939, after being barred from performing at Constitution Hall because she was Black, she triumphed at the Lincoln Memorial in what became a landmark moment in American history.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Flannery
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

Explore the life of Flannery O'Connor whose provocative fiction was unlike anything published before. Featuring never-before-seen archival footage, newly discovered journals and interviews with Mary Karr, Tommy Lee Jones, Hilton Als and more.

Business/Industry

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 01/15/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:03:00

INFORMED SOURCES producer Errol Laborde discusses the impact of the CoVid 19 pandemic on the 2021 Mardi Gras Season. Parades cancelled in the New Orleans Metro area.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 2/26/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate business reporter Anthony McAuley discusses the slow recovery of the New Orleans hospitality industry after the loss of business due to the CoVid 19 pandemic.

Category: Business/Industry
NOLA: MLNH 013192
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/25/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:07

The U.S. Senate on Thursday voted to extend the application period for the Paycheck Protection Program until the end of May. Since the program began, over \$700 billion have been distributed to small businesses to help cover losses during the pandemic. But minority-owned businesses have found accessing those funds harder. We talked to several Latino business owners and lenders about the issue.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 3/12/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:04:00

INFORMED SOURCES Future Watch reporter Dawn Ostrom discusses the planned SPACE CAMPUS at the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility site in New Orleans East.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 3/19/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate reporter Jessica Williams discusses a proposal to rebuild the site of the former Six Flags Amusement Park closed after being badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/26/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:04:00

INFORMED SOURCES Future Watch reporter Dawn Ostrom discusses the increase of business at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport since the start of the CoVid 19 travel restrictions in the spring of 2020.

Category: Business/Industry
NOLA: MLNH 013148
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/22/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:35

One of the consequences of the chaos of the U.S. Capitol is a distancing of banks and other business from former President Trump. He now faces a delicate and difficult situation with his businesses, debt and taxes. Paul Solman reports.

Community Politics, Government

Category: Community Politics, Government
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 01/08/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times Picayune/ New Orleans Advocate political reporter Tyler Bridges discusses the untimely death of Louisiana 5th District Congressman-Elect Luke Letlow due to CoVid 10 complications just days before he was to be sworn into office.

Category: Community Politics, Government
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 2/19/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate political columnist Stephanie Grace discusses the vote to impeach former President Donald Trump cast by Republican Louisiana United States Senator Bill Cassidy during the impeachment trial in the U.S.Senate.

Category: Community Politics, Government
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/12/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:04:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate political reporter Tyler Bridges discusses the upcoming special elections for the 5th and 2nd Congressional Districts to fill the seats left vacant due to the death of 5th District Congressman-Elect Luke Letlow and 2nd District Congressman Cedric Richmond's appointment to a White House position under President Joseph Biden.

Category: Community Politics, Government
NOLA: MLNH 013165
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/16/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:56

From the earliest days of the pandemic when New York was an epicenter of COVID, Gov. Andrew Cuomo often has been in the spotlight. But increasingly, there are questions about whether his administration was transparent enough about disclosing how many nursing home residents died. Jesse McKinley, Albany bureau chief for The New York Times, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss the backlash against Cuomo.

Category: Community Politics, Government
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/26/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate political reporter Tyler Bridges discusses the primary special election results for two Louisiana Congressional Districts. 5th District candidate Julia Letlow won the seat left vacant by the death of her late husband Congressman-Elect Luke Letlow. The 2nd District election resulted in a run-off between two Louisiana State Senators Karen Cater-Petersen and Troy Carter.

Category: Community Politics, Government
NOLA: MLNH 013142
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/14/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:06

Prosecutors in Michigan announced 41 criminal charges against nine former state and city officials Thursday in the Flint water crisis, including Michigan's former governor. Sandra Jones, executive director of R. L. Jones Community Outreach Center at the Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, joins John Yang to discuss the impact the public health failure continues to have on the community

Culture

Series Title: PBS American Portrait
Episode Title: I Dream
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Self-shot stories explore the meaning and state of the American dream. From the desire for homeownership to ambitions for higher ed or career success, they show the hard work, opportunities and barriers that come with pursuing this ideal today.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/5/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:38

After a week reaching yet another tragic milestone in the COVID-19 death toll, we remember five remarkable individuals in the United States who have lost their lives to the pandemic.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 174
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/1/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:33

One of the most prominent voices advocating for a national day of remembrance for those lost to COVID-19 is Kristin Urquiza. She co-founded the advocacy group, Marked By COVID, after she lost her father to the pandemic last year. She joins Jeffrey Brown from San Francisco to discuss why the nation needs the "time and space to mourn and grieve."

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: NATURE
Episode Title: Squirrel's Guide to Success on Nature,A
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/6/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:056:44

The squirrel family – from tiny chipmunks to big prairie dogs – is one of the most widespread on Earth. There are almost 300 species of squirrels that can glide through the air, outwit rattlesnakes, and survive the coldest temperatures of any mammal. What is the secret to their success? Uncover the extraordinary abilities of these cheeky nut lovers as a filmmaker puts their problem-solving to the test on a specially designed obstacle course.

Series Title: NATURE
Episode Title: Pumas: Legends of the Ice Mountains
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2021 8:00:00 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: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/11/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:24

Japan on Thursday marked another grim anniversary: 10 years since a magnitude 9.0 earthquake off the nation's coast triggered a 130-foot-high tsunami that crashed ashore at more than 500 miles per hour. It killed thousands and triggered a nuclear disaster at a plant in Fukushima. Nick Schifrin looks at that nuclear explosion in detail, and Grace Lee reports from Tokyo on the quake's aftermath.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Breaking the Silences
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the family secrets of journalist Gayle King, film director Jordan Peele, and comedian Issa Rae, introducing them to ancestors who raise profound questions about the shape and meaning of their family trees.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:57

President Biden is expected to sign a series of executive orders this week on immigration, including one setting up a task force to reunite families separated at the Mexican border under former President Trump's "zero tolerance policy." Amna Nawaz reports on two mothers in Central America who have been waiting years to be reunited with their children.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 183
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/12/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:42

We are now into the second year of this global pandemic and since it began more than 530,000 Americans have died from COVID-19. As we do every week, we take a moment to share the lives of five extraordinary people lost to this virus.

Health/Healthcare

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:03:00 – 00:05:00 per segment; 13 segments total

Each episode of INFORMED SOURCES in this quarter featured a segment on the latest information about the CoVid 19 pandemic in the metro New Orleans area and in the state of Louisiana. The segments ran between three and five minutes in length and included the latest news about CoVid restrictions, testing availability, the updated number of reported positives cases, the number of people hospitalized, the latest death toll, the most recent guidelines for vaccine eligibility and updates on vaccine access. The reporters who covered these segments were The Times Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reporter Jessica Williams and columnist Will Sutton; WGNO TV Anchor and Reporter LeBron Joseph; Associated Press reporter Kevin McGill; WWL radio News Director Dave Cohen and INFORMED SOURCES producer Errol Laborde.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/05/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:04:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate political columnist Stephanie Grace discusses the statement by the Archbishop of New Orleans, Gregory Aymond, regarding Catholics and the Johnson & Johnson CoVid vaccine.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 03/05/2021 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:09:00

INFORMED PANELISTS Stephanie Grace and Will Sutton, both with The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate, Kevin McGill with The Associated Press and INFORMED

SOURCES producer Errol Laborde discuss their personal reflections on the impact of the CoVid 19 public health threat and the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/4/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:13

In our news wrap Monday, the United Kingdom imposed a new lockdown as the coronavirus variant spreads, Washington, D.C. activates National Guard ahead of expected protests against certifying President-elect Biden's win, a British judge refuses to send WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to the U.S., and Iran says it has ramped up uranium enrichment as the country seizes a South Korean tanker.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:18

As concerns continue to grow about coronavirus variants in the U.S. and globally, the British authorities on Tuesday said they believe a version of the U.K. variant may stunt the effect of some vaccines. Paul Turner, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the Yale School of Medicine and a specialist on how genes mutate, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the efficacy of vaccines.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 175
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:26

In our news wrap Tuesday, Texas lifted its COVID mask mandate and Gov. Greg Abbott ended limits on indoor dining at restaurants, President Biden pitched his \$1.9 trillion relief bill to Senate Democrats, the U.S. is imposing economic sanctions over Alexei Navalny's poisoning and jailing in Russia, and three female media workers in Afghanistan were shot dead in attacks.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: How It Feels To Be Free
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:43:28

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Goin' Back to T-Town
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Even before the Civil War, African Americans, both slave and free, were settling in Oklahoma. By the turn of the century, the territory was dotted with all-black communities, but none as extraordinary as Greenwood, in Tulsa. Segregation kept blacks apart from white Tulsans, but black Greenwood thrived. Black residents built and supported two movie houses, two newspapers, 15 grocery and drug stores, 13 churches, and a number of restaurants, funeral parlors, clubs and hotels. In 1921, angry whites looted and burned Greenwood to the ground in one of the most vicious race riots the nation had ever seen. But tough, enterprising black citizens rebuilt a new Greenwood from the ashes, making it stronger and more alive than ever. By 1936, the neighborhood boasted the largest concentration of black business in the United States. But the Greenwood that fought its way back from racial violence of the 20s couldn't survive the progressive policies of integration and urban renewal of the 60s. In a nostalgic celebration of old-fashioned neighborhood life, the black residents of "T-Town" relive their community's remarkable rise and ultimate decline. Ossie Davis narrates.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/4/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:04

A string of brutal attacks on elderly Asian Americans has brought new attention to the rise of violence and harassment of Asian Americans. Since the pandemic began, more than 3,000 anti-Asian "hate incidents" have been reported in the U.S. according to the group, "Stop AAPI Hate." Asian American and Pacific Islander activist Helen Zia and Rise founder Amanda Nguyen join Anna Nawaz to discuss.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Prediction by the Numbers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/6/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Discover how predictions underpin nearly every aspect of our lives and why some succeed spectacularly while others fail. Explore entertaining real-world challenges and join experts as they tackle that age-old question: Can we forecast the future?

Series Title: Beyond the Elements on NOVA
Episode Title: Reactions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Discover the chemical reactions that constantly transform our world. Like one that enables us to feed billions but when reversed, is explosive. And lock-and-key molecules that put the heat in hot peppers or make deadly venoms useful to medicine.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Coded Bias
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

When MIT Media Lab researcher Joy Buolamwini discovers most facial recognition does not see dark-skinned faces or women with accuracy, she joins the fight to expose the threats to civil liberties posed by an increasingly data-driven, automated world.