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BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 10/4/2019 7:00 PM
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:08:00

Freelance Business Journalist Kathy Finn is on Informed Sources to discuss a job-heavy mill suddenly being shut down, and what part this will play in the talking points of candidates in upcoming local elections. The closing of the mill came as quite a shock to all the employees who had worked there. The mill also declared bankruptcy. The closing and filing for bankruptcy happened quickly, all within 24 hours. Finn also talks about the state's energy industry.

NOLA: MLNH 012688
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/30/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:05

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's recent public defense of allowing political ads on his platform -- even those containing false claims -- drew substantial scrutiny. Now, the CEO of fellow social media giant Twitter says it will stop running political ads in November. John Yang talks to Politico's Nancy Scola about the reasoning, the reaction and the potential implications for other tech companies.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 10/25/2019 7:00 PM
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:10:00

WWL Radio News Director Dave Cohen is on the show to look at the latest in the Hard Rock Hotel collapse for which the week began with an implosion along Rampart Street. He also discusses how this collapse can potentially affect local businesses surrounding the damaged and dangerous area, which could be closed off for a period of time. Producer of Informed Sources, Errol Laborde, is also on the show to examine the performances of the first responders of the Hard Rock Hotel incident as well as the local news media and their ability to react to a sudden disaster.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources

Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 12/06/2019 7:00 PM
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:07:00

Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate reporter Jessica Williams appears on Informed Sources to discuss shopping centers and what's happening there that may indicate that the future of the retail industry is in turmoil. She also discusses the re-emergence of the Iberville housing development and new laws governing Carnival parade routes.

Category: Business/Industry
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 12/27/2019 7:00 PM
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

Dawn Ostrom joins Informed Sources to discuss the top development stories of 2019, including: SELA work uptown is finally finished; new condos being developed downtown; City Park's Sculpture Garden; City Park's Storyland revamp; The opening of the new Children's Museum; the opening of the new airport; and the Hard Rock Hotel collapse and how that affected local businesses. Category: Community Government/Politics

Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 10/11/2019 7:00 PM
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:9:00

Political editor and columnist for Gambit Weekly, Clancy DuBos, appears on the show to talk about the Louisiana Governor's race as well as the Jefferson Parish key campaigns. Producer of Informed Sources is also on this episode to talk about the statewide elections, and New Orleans Advocate's Political Journalist Stephanie Grace also appears to discuss key Legislative races.

COMMUNITY POLITICS GOVERNMENT

Category: Community Politics/Government
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 11/15/2019 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:08:00

Producer Errol Laborde, The Gambit's political editor Clancy DuBos, and The New Orleans Advocate's Stephanie Grace all appear on Informed Sources to talk about the upcoming Louisiana elections. Errol discusses political parties and how debate can result in angry rhetoric and contentiousness. Stephanie Grace talks about key Legislative races and how campaigning has changed. Clancy DuBos discusses Jefferson Parish Council races.

Category: Community Government/Politics
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 12/27/2019 19:00:00 CST
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:06:00

Political columnist Stephanie Grace is on Informed Sources to discuss the top political stories of 2019, including: Louisiana voters realigning; the death of Kathleen Blanco and revisiting her legacy; City Council restricting short term rentals; John Alario retires; John Bel Edwards signs highly restrictive abortion bill; Louisiana pols go all in on Trump impeachment; Cantrell flexes her muscles; a new Jefferson Parish President and St. Tammany Parish President are elected; Republicans cementing control over Legislature; John Bel Edwards being elected to a second term as governor.

Category: Community Politics, Government
NOLA: INLE 002102
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Decade of Fire
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In an underknown piece of New York history, the South Bronx looked like a war zone after an epidemic of fires in the 1970s. It was up to Vivian Vazquez and other community leaders to save their neighborhoods. Abandoned by landlords and city officials, buildings burned almost continuously from an estimated forty fires a day that razed 80% of area housing stock and displaced a half million residents. With the help of fellow survivors, Vivian tells the story of the brave advocates who banded together amidst the rubble and built a better future for their children.

Category: Community Politics, Government
NOLA: APOC 002093
Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/6/2019 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Scott Jennings and John Nichols join Christiane Amanpour to analyze the results from yesterday's state elections in the U.S. Iltija Mufti calls for international attention to the chaos in Kashmir. Leonard Kleinrock and Vint Cerf sit down with Miles O'Brien to discuss the 50th anniversary of the internet's creation.

CRIME/LEGAL ISSUES/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 11/08/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:10:00

Mike Perlstein joins the Informed Sources panel to discuss an investigation into faked highway accidents. The Feds are looking into it and have dropped an indictment of five people. These people staged an accident where someone initially ran into an 18-wheeler and then claimed it was the 18-wheeler's fault. One man involved was involved with five other accidents and subsequent lawsuits. He is suspected to be the ringleader in this latest staged accident. Some truckers are now taking measures to protect themselves, such as mounting cameras on their rigs. The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate reporter Ramon Vargas also joins the show to discuss deadlines in particular clergy abuse lawsuits.

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Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 11/29/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:10:00

The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate reporter Sara Pagones is on the show to talk about an unsolved, high profile murder of a St. Tammany Parish Resident. Her family isn't happy with the investigation. At first everyone thought she died in a fire, and she was the wife of a Fire Chief, but a week later at her memorial service that the Sherriff's office released that she had been killed by a gunshot to the head. The family were not aware of that until it was reported online and by the media. She was reportedly very afraid for her life before her death. There were items like guns left at the crime scene. Over two years after her murder, there is still no suspect. WWL-TV New Director Dave Cohen also appears on the show to talk about a cyber attack on the state government using ransom ware. This was a very large attack. The state refused to pay the ransom, but cleaning the machines and getting the computers back up has been a difficult and time-consuming task.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
Series Title: Informed Sources
Length: 00:28:30
Airdate: 12/13/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: WYES
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:09:00

Times-Picayune and the New Orleans Advocate reporter Ramon Antonio Vargas is on Informed Sources to discuss a recent shooting that took place in the city of New Orleans on Canal Street. The police are trailing two suspects. Vargas also looks at the big picture in local crime. Gun violence is always one of the top issues in public safety. Last year there was a record low for homicides, and the homicide numbers for 2019 may be even lower than last year. That could be a testament to the hard work the city has been doing to try to make the city safer. But the number of shootings has not gone down.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: INLE 001806

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: The Witness
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 12/9/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Kitty Genovese became synonymous with apathy after news that she was stabbed to death on a New York City street while 38 witnesses did nothing. Forty years later, her brother decides to find the truth. He uncovers a lie that transformed his life, condemned a city and defined an era.

AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Ruben Salazar: Man in the Middle - A Voces Special Presentation
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2019 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:43

This documentary examines the life and mysterious death of pioneering Mexican-American journalist Ruben Salazar. At the heart of the story is his transformation from a mainstream, establishment Los Angeles Times reporter to a supporter and primary chronicler of the radical Chicano movement of the late 1960s. Killed by a law enforcement officer in 1970, Salazar became an instant martyr to the Latino community — which had often criticized his reporting. Featuring material from recently released files, the program removes Salazar from the glare of myth and martyrdom and offers a clear-eyed look at the man.

Series Title: Race Underground: American Experience; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/12/2019 3:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Learn how America's first subway, in Boston, overcame a litany of engineering challenges, the greed-driven interests of businessmen and the great fears of its citizenry to create a rapid transit system soon replicated throughout the country.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/16/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:37

Monday marks 75 years since the beginning of one of World War II's most savage battles. In December 1944, the Nazi army surprised U.S. and Allied forces in the frozen forests of Belgium. Badly outnumbered, the U.S. lost 10,000 soldiers amid frigid conditions in the war's

deadliest conflict. John Yang reports on the commemoration of what became known as the Battle of the Bulge.

CULTURE

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Scanning the Pyramids
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/1/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 56:43

Travel with the scientific team granted unprecedented access by the Egyptian government to solve a 4,500-year-old mystery: what lies within the Great Pyramid at Giza. Using non-invasive technologies, they make a historic discovery.

Series Title: Life From Above
Episode Title: Colorful Planet
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2019 2:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

See new footage of the greatest, most beautiful and powerful colors on our planet.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/4/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:39

Fifty-five years after co-founding the rock band The Who, Pete Townshend is still at it. The lead lyricist and guitarist says he actually doesn't enjoy performing but views it as an "easy" job necessary to finance his lifestyle and support his family and staff. Economics correspondent Paul Solman sits down with Townshend to discuss aging, surviving child abuse and art's ability to inspire hope.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Inside the Megafire
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/2/2019 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS

Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 56:43

From the front line of the Camp Fire, the deadliest wildfire in California history, NOVA tells the stories of residents who had to flee for their lives during the 2018 fire season. Scientists racing to understand what's behind the rise of record-breaking megafires across the American West take to the forest, and even a fire lab, in search of answers. They investigate how forestry practices, climate change, and the physics of fire itself play a role in the dramatic increase in wildfires in recent decades.

Episode Title: Limbo
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2019 2:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

See the landscape and wildlife of the "Middle River," the delta of the Okavango River. A hyena and a warthog family share neighboring dens, helping each other by keeping an eye on threatening predators, such as lions and leopards.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Snowbound: Animals of Winter
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/18/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Travel across the snow globe with wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan to meet animal survivors of winter, from the penguins of Antarctica to the Arctic fox and the bison of Yellowstone. Snow looks magical, but it's a harsh reality to these animals.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Family Reunions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/22/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Uncover family mysteries about two legends of hip hop, Sean Combs and LL Cool J, through the use of DNA technology that reveals information that shakes their very foundations.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Black Like Me
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/5/2019 8:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Bryant Gumbel, Tonya Lewis-Lee and Suzanne Malveaux discover a tapestry of the unexpected in their ancestry, revealing slaves and free people of color, Civil War legacies and forgotten European origins.

Series Title: Victoria & Albert: The Wedding
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/22/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join the experts preparing to reconstruct the wedding that changed history. As they get ready for the ceremony and investigate the stories behind the dress, food and music, they uncover astonishing details, and their challenge comes into focus.

Health/Health Care

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/3/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:43

Since 2014, Flint, Michigan, has been synonymous with tainted water. Five years on, not all of the city's residents have access to safe water. Some wait for hours in line to obtain bottled water, while others deal with the physical and emotional fallout of exposure to high lead levels from corrosion of city pipes.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/5/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:10:15

Pete Buttigieg, mayor of South Bend, Indiana, and a Democratic 2020 presidential hopeful, hailed this week's election results in Virginia and Kentucky, where Democrats won close elections in traditionally Republican areas.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/10/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:27

State governments continue to crack down on flavored e-cigarettes and other vape products, largely in response to the deaths and illnesses that began coming to light this past summer. But as lawmakers deliberate over their policy response to vaping, researchers are still trying to understand the cause of the illnesses. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/20/2019 4:30:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:27:15

Civil rights activist Bryan Stevenson joins Firing Line to discuss race in America, the legacy of slavery, and his work defending death row prisoners. He also discusses creating The National Memorial for Peace and Justice to honor the victims of lynching, and the upcoming Hollywood movie based on his memoir, Just Mercy.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Decade of Fire
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

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Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
Episode Title: Bryan Stevenson
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/29/2019 4:30:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:26:55

Civil rights activist Bryan Stevenson joins Firing Line to discuss race in America, the legacy of slavery, and his work defending death row prisoners. He also discusses creating The National Memorial for Peace and Justice to honor the victims of lynching, and the upcoming Hollywood movie based on his memoir, Just Mercy.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Octopus: Making Contact
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/2/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Segment Length: 56:43

Follow an Alaskan professor as he raises and studies a pet octopus in his home, making remarkable discoveries about its extraordinary intelligence, personality and skills. Octopuses are able to recognize faces and interact with other individuals.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Rise of the Mammals
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2019 4:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

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: NOVA | Inside Animal Minds
Episode Title: Who's the Smartest?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/18/2019 12:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

What makes an animal smart? Many scientists believe the secret lies in relationships. Throughout the animal kingdom, some of the cleverest creatures — including humans — seem to be those who live in complex social groups, like dolphins, elephants and apes. Could the skills required to keep track of friend and foe make animals smarter? To find out, NOVA goes inside the social lives of some of the smartest animals on the planet.