

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT
WETA TV26 PROGRAMMING

4th Quarter 2018
October, November, December

As the program schedule for WETA TV26 is planned, consideration is given to a variety of special interests in the Washington metropolitan area. During October, November, and December, the following issues were covered in a variety of programming.

American History / Biography
Arts
Business / Industry
Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement
Economy
Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters
Health / Health Care
National Politics
Science / Technology
War / Veterans / National Security

The programming listed below represents ongoing series that continually touch upon the previously mentioned topics.

Amanpour and Company (Weeknights)
BBC World News America (Weeknights)
Defense News Weekly (Weekend)
Firing Line with Margaret Hoover (Weekend)
Frontline (Weekly)
Nightly Business Report (Weeknights)
Open Mind (Weekend)
PBS NewsHour (Weeknights)
PBS NewsHour Weekend (Weekends)
To the Contrary (Weekly)
Washington Week (Weekly)

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American History / Biography

CIRCUS: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (120) minutes

Aired Monday, October 8, 2018 at 9:00 pm

Travel back to 1793 Philadelphia, when America's first circus was established, and witness its crash into American culture. The arrival of P. T. Barnum in 1871 transformed the trade, and the five Ringling brothers created a spectacle of their own.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (60) minutes

Aired Monday, November 12, 2018 at 9:00 pm

Explore the history, mission and daily operations of Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place for more than 400,000 Americans. This revered place honors the dead and brings great meaning to the living.

GEORGE HW BUSH: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (180) minutes

Aired Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Explore the life and career of the 41st president, from his service in World War II to the Oval Office, and his role as the patriarch of a political family whose influence is unequalled in modern American life.

Arts

SHAKESPEARE UNCOVERED (60) minutes

Aired Friday, October 12, 2018 at 9:00 pm

Explore this exquisite comedy of comparison and contrast, as well as what the ultimate "ado" about "nothing" really means, with Academy Award-winning actress Helen Hunt. Much Ado About Nothing is one of 15 plays that Shakespeare set in Italy.

GREAT PERFORMANCES: JOHN LEGUIZAMO'S ROAD TO BROADWAY (60) minutes

Aired Friday, November 16, 2018 at 9:00 pm

Follow John Leguizamo's path to the Great White Way with his latest theatrical showcase, "Latin History for Morons," a comedic yet pointed look at the systematic repression of Hispanic culture throughout American history.

LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER: NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION (90) minutes

Aired Monday, December 31, 2018 at 9:00 pm

Ring in 2019 with the New York Philharmonic, led by new Music Director Jaap van Zweden, and opera great Renee Fleming. Enjoy an evening of elegance and sophistication celebrating the intersection of classical music and dance.

Business / Industry

FRONTLINE: THE FACEBOOK DILEMMA (60) minutes

Aired Monday, October 29, 2018 at 10:00 pm

Early warnings about Facebook's impact on privacy and democracy in the U.S. and around the world. Dozens of original interviews and rare footage show how the company faced claims of misuse while becoming an unprecedented global power.

INDEPENDENT LENS: THE CLEANERS (90) minutes

Aired Monday, November 12, 2018 at 11:00 pm

Meet the Filipino workers who comb through thousands of online images - particularly on Facebook and YouTube - to monitor and delete offensive, pornographic and incendiary posts.

AMANPOUR AND COMPANY (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 11:00 pm

Christiane Amanpour speaks with Tim Cook, the CEO of Apple, the world's first trillion-dollar company, about privacy. Michel Martin talks to an American legend, award-winning actor, writer, and director Alan Alda, on finding meaning in a creative life well-lived.

Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement

POV: THE APOLOGY (90) minutes

Aired Monday, October 22, 2018 at 10:30 pm

Meet three of the 200,000 former "comfort women" kidnapped and forced into military sexual slavery by the Imperial Japanese Army during World War II. Seventy years after their imprisonment, they give their first-hand accounts of the truth.

FRONTLINE: DOCUMENTING HATE: NEW AMERICAN NAZIS (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 9:00 pm

Exposing a neo-Nazi group that has actively recruited inside the U.S. military. An investigation with ProPublica shows the group's terrorist objectives and how it gained strength after the 2017 Charlottesville rally.

AMANPOUR AND COMPANY (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 11:00 pm

Christiane Amanpour speaks with Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, about humanitarian efforts to mitigate the human catastrophe in Syria; and former talk show host Dick Cavett about his extraordinary career. Michel Martin speaks with college and law school admissions consultant Hanna Stotland about helping young men accused of sexual misconduct succeed.

Economy

SINKING CITIES: NEW YORK (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 10:00 pm

Discover how New York City might defend itself against rising seas and the next big storm. With 520 miles of shoreline and no coastal protection, engineers and urban planners are tackling the problem with creative engineering.

AMANPOUR AND COMPANY (60) minutes

Aired Friday, November 9, 2018 at 11:30 pm

Christiane Amanpour speaks with Congressman-elect Tom Malinowski, Chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase Jamie Dimon, and Prime Minister of Canada Justine Trudeau. Walter Isaacson speaks with journalist Kurt Andersen.

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Citing a "holistic" approach to school safety, a federal commission led by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has released proposals on student mental health, cyber bullying and discipline. For different perspectives on the report, Amna Nawaz talks to Catherine Lhamon, former assistant secretary for civil rights at the Department of Education, and Jeanne Allen, CEO of Center for Education Reform.

Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters

VOLATILE EARTH: VOLCANO ON FIRE (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 9:00 pm

Climb up the cone of Nyiragongo, one of the world's least studied volcanoes, and join volcanologists as they descend into its crater, down towards its bubbling and seething lava lake, to discover when it will erupt next.

SINKING CITIES: TOKYO (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 9:00 pm

Discover how Tokyo is looking for new ways to fight back against rising waters. Typhoons, tsunamis, earthquakes and sinking neighborhoods are just a few of the problems threatening one of the world's most populous cities.

NATURE: H IS FOR HAWK (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Helen Macdonald's best-selling book *H Is for Hawk* told the saga of a grieving daughter who found healing in training a goshawk. Now she digs deeper into the world of these raptors by following a family in the wild and raising a goshawk of her own.

Health / Health Care

EUGENICS CRUSADE: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 9:00 pm

Learn the story of the unlikely -- and largely unknown -- campaign to breed a "better" American race, tracing the rise of the movement that turned the fledgling science of heredity into a powerful instrument of social control.

INDEPENDENT LENS: DAWNLAND (60) minutes

Aired Monday, November 5, 2018 at 10:33 pm

See how a group of Native and non-Native leaders in Maine came together to acknowledge and address the abuses suffered by Native children in the hands of the child welfare system, illuminating the ongoing crisis of indigenous child removal.

PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND (30) minutes

Aired Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 5:00 pm

On this edition for Saturday, Dec. 15, President Trump announces that Ryan Zinke is leaving his post as secretary of the interior by the end of the year, and a Texas judge rules that the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate is unconstitutional. Also, musician Nils Lofgren has been performing for 50 years, and a look at unconventional punk rockers.

National Politics / Government

FRONTLINE: THE FACEBOOK DILEMMA, PT. 1 (60) minutes

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FRONTLINE: DOCUMENTING HAT: CHARLOTTESVILLE (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 10:00 pm

Exposing the white supremacists and Neo-Nazis involved in the 2017 Charlottesville rally. An investigation with ProPublica shows how some of those behind the racist violence went unpunished and continued to operate around the country.

PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND (30) minutes

Aired Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 5:30 pm

On this edition for Saturday, Dec. 1, remembering the country's 41st president, George H.W. Bush, and his legacy in public service. Also, as the G20 summit comes to an end, a look at what happened.

Science / Technology

NOVA: VOLATILE EARTH—VOLCANO ON FIRE (60) minutes

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NOVA: LAST B-24 (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 9:00 pm

In 1944 a smoking, battle-scarred B-24 Liberator bomber known as the Tulsamerican crashed into the choppy seas off the coast of Croatia, entombing three of its occupants under 135 feet of water. For years they were lost to the world-and their families. But in 2010, nearly seventy years after the crash, divers located the plane. And in 2017, the Department of Defense, aided by the Croatian Navy and some of the world's leading underwater archaeologists, set to work investigating the wreckage. Were the B-24s truly as dangerous as the nickname "the Flying Coffin" suggested? And what does that mean for the recovery of the fallen airmen? Now, NOVA joins a team of archaeologists on a dangerous mission to recover and identify their remains. They will deploy advanced mapping and diving technologies and sift through tons of sediment-eventually to find artifacts and other tantalizing clues. From the recovery of the remains to the subsequent forensics and DNA analysis of the remains in the laboratory, the story of the Tulsamerican is riveting and emotional. NOVA documents it all, including the moment a family hears the words they never expected to hear: "On behalf of a grateful nation..."

NOVA: GHOSTS OF STONEHENGE (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 9:00 pm

Who built Stonehenge and why? Discover how the last decade of groundbreaking archaeological digs has revealed major new clues to Britain's enigmatic 5,000-year-old site and the people who constructed it.

War / Veterans / National Security

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GOING TO WAR (60) minutes

Aired Monday, November 12, 2018 at 10:00 pm

What is it really like to go to war? For millennia, only warriors could really answer that question. This documentary takes us inside the experience of battle and reveals the soldier's experiences as never before. War is the ultimate paradox. Filled with terror, pain and grief, it also brings exhilaration, and a profound sense of purpose. Going to War helps us make sense of this paradox and get to the heart of what it's like to be a soldier in times of war. The film illuminates the experiences of training, battle, and coming home for soldiers across conflicts, revealing the universals of the warrior's journey. Leading our exploration are Sebastian Junger, bestselling author and director of the Academy Award-nominated film Restrepo, and Karl Marlantes, decorated Marine officer and author of the bestselling novel Matterhorn and the fearless memoir What It is Like to Go to War. Both men bring firsthand experience, hard-won wisdom, and a abiding commitment to telling the warrior's story with insight and unflinching candor.

WE'LL MEET AGAIN: KOREAN WAR BROTHERS IN ARMS (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, December 25, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Join Ann Curry as Korean War veterans search for their brothers in arms. One wants to show his gratitude to two lieutenants who inspired him to be brave in battle, and the other hopes to thank a friend who boosted his spirits aboard a hospital ship.