

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT  
WETA TV26 PROGRAMMING

2nd Quarter 2014  
April, May, June

As the program schedule for WETA TV26 is planned, consideration is given to a variety of special interests in the Washington metropolitan area. During April, May, June, 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.

BBC World News (Weeknights)  
Charlie Rose (Weeknights)  
Frontline (Weekly)  
PBS Newshour (Weeknights)  
Nightly Business Report (Weeknights)  
To the Contrary (Weekly)  
Need To Know (Weekly)  
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## American History / Biography

### **KEN BURNS: THE ADDRESS (90) minutes**

**Aired April 15, 2014 at 9pm**

Ken Burns tells the story of a tiny school in Putney, Vermont, the Greenwood School, where each year the students are encouraged to memorize, practice and recite the Gettysburg Address. In its exploration of Greenwood, whose students, boys ages 11-17, all face a range of complex learning differences, the film also unlocks the history, context and importance of President Lincoln's most powerful address.

### **ANNA MAY WONG: IN HER OWN WORDS (60) minutes**

**Aired May 25, 2014 at 11:30pm**

Anna May Wong was the first Chinese-American movie star. She started out in silent films when she was 17 and went on to make dozens of films in Hollywood, London and Berlin, co-starring with Marlene Dietrich, Anthony Quinn and Douglas Fairbanks. She was glamorous, talented and cosmopolitan. Yet she spent most of her career typecast either as a painted doll or a scheming dragon lady. Filmmaker Yunah Hong paints a vivid portrait of a Hollywood original, narrated in Wong's own words by actress Doan Ly. Generous excerpts from Wong's films, archival photographs and interviews enhance this richly detailed picture of a woman and her times.

### **AMERICAN MASTERS: TANAQUIL LE CLERCQ: AFTERNOON OF A FAUN (90) minutes**

**Aired June 22, 2014 at 4pm**

Tanaquil Le Clercq, known to all as "Tanny," was the inspiration and then the wife of one of the greatest geniuses in the history of dance, George Balanchine; she also sparked the creative imagination of Jerome Robbins. In 1954, at the height of her fame, she was paralyzed by polio. Nancy Buirski's radiant film finds a tone to match Le Clercq's exquisite dancing and long, lovely physique, well represented in photos, home movies and kinescopes. In addition to being a rich and compelling story of a dancer who can no longer dance and a muse who can no longer inspire, Buirski's movie is also a vivid portrayal of a world and a time gone by. In addition to the breathtaking photos and archival footage, "Afternoon of a Faun" also features interviews with those who knew her, including Jacques D'Amboise and Arthur Mitchell.

## Arts

### **INDEPENDENT LENS: BROTHERS HYPNOTIC (60) minutes**

**Aired April 13, 2014 at 12:30am**

Not-always-willing subjects of a utopian family experiment, the eight men of the Hypnotic Brass Ensemble were forged into a band as kids by their father, jazz maverick Phil Cohran. Now making their way on the streets and in the music business, they test their father's ideals against their own brotherly vision. By Reuben Atlas.

### **WETA ARTS #205 (30) minutes**

**Aired May 27, 2014 at 5:30pm**

WETA Arts, a new local program from WETA TV 26, spotlights and celebrates visual and performing art in Greater Washington and around the nation. This half-hour magazine-style arts series presents a variety of stories, profiles, and critic discussions, introducing emerging and established artists alike — and includes art history, a local arts feature, a regional events calendar and trivia. In this episode, panelists explore a century's worth of works at The Phillips Collection and other features.

### **LENT AT EPHESUS (60) minutes**

**Aired June 8, 2014 at 1pm**

Crowned Billboard's Top Traditional Classical Album Artist for two years straight, the Benedictines of Mary enchant listeners with their celestial voices and intricate harmonies. Venturing inside the monastery in rural Missouri, this is the fascinating story of how the sisters made their album and includes full-length performances that demonstrate the power and beauty of these songs.

## **Business / Industry**

### **INDEPENDENT LENS: REVENGE OF THE ELECTRIC CAR (90) minutes**

**Aired April 5, 2014 at 11:30pm**

Director Chris Paine takes his film crew behind the closed doors of Nissan, GM and the Silicon Valley start-up Tesla Motors to chronicle the story of the global resurgence of electric cars. Without using a single drop of foreign oil, this new generation of car is America's future: fast, furious and cleaner than ever. "Revenge" follows the race among major car-makers to be the first, the best, and to win the hearts and minds of the public around the world. It's not just the next generation of green cars that's on the line. It's the future of the automobile itself.

### **FRONTLINE: HUNTING THE NIGHTMARE BACTERIA (60) minutes**

**Aired May 6, 2014 at 10pm**

"Nightmare bacteria." That's how the CDC describes a frightening new threat spreading quickly in hospitals, communities and across the globe. FRONTLINE reporter David Hoffman investigates the alarming rise of untreatable infections: from a young girl thrust onto life support in an Arizona hospital, to a young American infected in India who comes home to Seattle, and an uncontrollable outbreak at the nation's most prestigious hospital, where 18 patients were mysteriously infected and six died, despite frantic efforts to contain the killer bacteria. Fueled by decades of antibiotic overuse, the crisis has deepened as major drug companies, squeezed by Wall Street expectations, have abandoned the development of new antibiotics. Without swift action, the miracle age of antibiotics could be coming to an end.

### **BRAZIL WITH MAICHAEL PALIN: THE ROAD TO RIO (60) minutes**

**Aired June 17, 2014 at 10pm**

On the road to Rio, Michael Palin visits the source of Brazil's great mineral wealth — the state of Minas Gerais and its giant mines. Here, he meets some ordinary Brazilians dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of the state. Then he's off to Rio de Janeiro, host of the next Olympics and World Cup. Rio has always been a party town, but it's also blighted by drugs and gang violence. Palin learns how the authorities are hoping to bring the favelas back into the city. He also learns how to celebrate a goal like a Brazilian radio commentator and books a room in one of the city's famous "love hotels"!

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

### **FRONTLINE: SOLITARY NATION (90) minutes**

**Aired April 22, 2014 at 10pm**

An estimated 80,000 Americans are in solitary confinement - even people who haven't committed violent crimes - sometimes for years, or even decades. Using extraordinary access to the segregation unit at the maximum security Maine State Prison, FRONTLINE examines America's use of solitary confinement - a practice U.S. prisons and jails resort to more than most other countries. Some prison officials see it as necessary to keep order and safety, but critics say it is inhumane and counterproductive. "Solitary Nation" is an extraordinarily rare and intimate view of life in solitary, through the stories of inmates living in isolation, the prison officers who keep them locked in, and a new warden who is re-thinking the practice and trying to reduce the number of inmates in solitary.

### **INDEPENDENT LENS: LET THE FIRE BURN (90) minutes**

**Aired May 18, 2014 at 12am**

On May 13, 1985, a longtime feud between the city of Philadelphia and controversial radical urban group MOVE came to a deadly climax. By order of local authorities, police dropped military-grade explosives onto a MOVE-occupied rowhouse. TV cameras captured the conflagration that quickly escalated — and resulted in the tragic deaths of 11 people (including five children) and the destruction of 61 homes. It was only later discovered that authorities decided to “...let the fire burn.” Using archival news coverage and interviews, first-time filmmaker Jason Osder brings to life one of the most tumultuous and largely forgotten clashes between government and citizens in modern American history.

### **FREEDOM SUMMER: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (120) minutes**

**Aired June 24, 2014 at 9pm**

The summer of 1964 is known as Freedom Summer. More than 700 student volunteers joined with organizers and local African Americans in an historic effort to destroy the foundations of white supremacy in the nation's most segregated state, Mississippi. Working as a unified team, they canvassed for voter registration, created Freedom Schools, and established the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Their goal was to challenge the segregationist state Democratic Party at the national convention in Atlantic City. The campaign was marked by constant and deadly violence. This included the notorious murders of three civil rights workers, countless beatings, the burning of 35 churches, and the bombing of 70 homes and Freedom Houses.

## Economy

### **THE TRUTH ABOUT MONEY WITH RIC EDELMAN (30) minutes**

**Aired April 14, 2014 at 1pm**

The Truth About Money With Ric Edelman gives practical advice on an array of financial issues.

### **PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND (30) minutes**

**Aired May 18, 2014 at 6pm**

Swiss voters rejected 3-to-1 a plan to establish what would have been the world's highest minimum wage. Supporters said the plan would reduce income inequality. Business leaders had argued against it, saying it would make Switzerland less competitive with other nations and lead to higher unemployment. The AP's John Heilprin talks with Hari Sreenivasan via Skype from Geneva.

### **ELEVATED THINKING: THE HIGH LINE IN NEW YORK (60) minutes**

**Aired June 20, 2014 at 8:30pm**

This show celebrates the stunning transformation of an elevated, abandoned railway into a widely acclaimed public park. Once an active train line that existed to bring food through the region and into the city, the High Line had long ago been neglected and left to decay. With only months to go before the railway was to be torn down, local groups banded together to save the hulking steel structure. Rising thirty feet above street level on Manhattan's west side, the reimagined High Line winds through streets and bygone eras, providing at once an intimate glimpse of neighborhoods and buildings, and an elevated view of New York street activity.

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

### **NATURE: MY BIONIC PET (60) minutes**

**Aired April 9, 2014 at 8pm**

The animals of the world may increasingly need our help with big issues like preserving habitat or species conservation. But sometimes individual animals need our help as well. Left disabled without fins, flippers, beaks or tails because of disease, accidents or even human cruelty, these unfortunate creatures need what amounts to a miracle if they are to survive. Amazing prosthetics made possible by the latest engineering and technology can provide just what they need, and scientists are finding that innovations created in the process are benefitting both animals and humans. Meet these inspiring animals and the remarkable individuals whose work has helped them live their lives again.

### **EARTHFLIGHT: A NATURE SPECIAL PRESENTATION: FLYING HIGH (60) minutes**

**Aired June 1, 2014 at 4pm**

Get a behind-the-scenes look at how EARTHFLIGHT was made, including the extraordinary relationships between people and birds. Microlights, paragliders, drones and camera-carrying birds and much more helped along the way.

### **FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED: DESIGNING AMERICA (60) minutes**

**Aired June 20, 2014 at 9:30pm**

Review the biography of the man who made public parks an essential part of American life. Frederick Law Olmsted, known as the father of American landscape architecture, was co-designer of Central Park, head of the first Yosemite commission, leader of the campaign to protect Niagara Falls, designer of the U.S. Capitol Grounds, site planner for the Great White City of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, planner of Boston's "Emerald Necklace" of green space and of park systems in many other cities. Olmsted's pioneering design of the public parks and parkway systems in Buffalo, New York, is the oldest coordinated system in America and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. To Olmsted, a park was both a work of art and a necessity for urban life. His efforts to preserve nature created an "environmental ethic" decades before the environmental movement became a force in American politics.

## **Health / Health Care**

### **RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY (30) minutes**

**Aired April 13, 2014 at 10:30am**

Technology has allowed premature and critically ill newborn babies to survive, but sometimes with major problems. Families, doctors, and chaplains must now face issues of life and death. “The big question today,” observes Dr. John Lantos, a pediatric bioethicist at Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, “is, of the survivors, how many survive without devastating neurologic impairments or other chronic medical problems?”

### **JOY BAUER'S FOOD REMEDIES (90) minutes**

**Aired May 31, 2014 at 1pm**

For many people, knowing what to eat, when to eat, and how much to eat is a puzzle they've lost all hope of ever solving. Anyone who has ever tried to make a commitment to healthy eating knows the obstacles: The dizzying number of choices in grocery stores and restaurants; the crazy, on-the-go schedules of every member of the family; the relentless hype and marketing surrounding fatty and sugary snack foods; and the powerful appetites fueled by habits, traditions, and humongous portion sizes. JOY BAUER'S FOOD REMEDIES! is a special exploring and explaining these serious health issues in a fun and friendly format - all with a step-by-step action plan.

### **HAPPY (90) minutes**

**Aired June 2, 2014 at 11:30pm**

Explore the secrets of our most valued emotion in this compelling global journey in search of what makes people happy. Combining real-life stories from around the world and powerful interviews with leading scientists in happiness research, this program leads us toward a deeper understanding of how our sense of happiness and well-being can be cultivated and even learned.

## **National Politics / Government**

**FRONTLINE: SECRET STATE OF NORTH KOREA (60) minutes**

**Aired April 8, 2014 at 10pm**

Just two years in the job and armed with nuclear weapons, North Korea's Kim Jong-Un is the world's youngest dictator, ruling one of the world's most isolated countries. Like his father and grandfather, he wants to maintain tight control over what North Koreans see of the world - and what the world sees of North Korea. But with unique access, FRONTLINE goes inside the secret state to explore life under its new ruler, and investigate the enigmatic "Morning Star King" as he tries to hold onto power. Using new footage smuggled from inside and never-before-told stories from recent defectors living in South Korea, the film offers a rare glimpse of how some North Koreans are defying authority in a country where just being caught with illegal DVDs could mean immediate imprisonment.

**TO THE CONTRARY WITH BONNIE ERBE (30) minutes**

**Aired May 11, 2014 at 9:30am**

Sexual Assault: The White House says men can stop rape. Feminist Men: Why men don't advocate for women's rights. Girls Abducted: The need to act in the case of 200 Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped this week. Behind the Headlines: former child slave Shyima Hall. PANEL: Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Kellyanne Conway, Darlene Kennedy, Anushay Hossain.

**THE MARCH (60) minutes**

**Aired June 24, 2014 at 8pm**

'The March' is the story of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, told by the people who organized and participated in it. It includes interviews with some of the key actors; members of the inner circles of the core organizational groups; Hollywood supporters and civil rights campaigners; John F. Kennedy administration officials; and the ordinary people who became part of the crowd of thousands, who thronged to Washington D.C. by all and every means: plane, bus and car.

## Science / Technology

### **NOVA: WILD PREDATOR INVASION (60) minutes**

**Aired April 2, 2014 at 9pm**

NASA's planet-hunting Kepler Telescope has discovered thousands of exotic new worlds far beyond our solar system. Are any of them like Earth? And what sort of life could flourish on them? With vivid animation and input from expert astrophysicists and astrobiologists, NOVA takes you on a mind-bending exploration of these strange worlds and the possible creatures we might one day encounter there.

### **NATURE: LEAVE IT TO BEAVERS (60) minutes**

**Aired May 14, 2014 at 8pm**

A growing number of scientists, conservationists and grass-roots environmentalists have come to regard beavers as overlooked tools when it comes to reversing the disastrous effects of global warming and worldwide water shortages. Once valued for their fur or hunted as pests, these industrious rodents are seen in a new light through the eyes of this novel assembly of beaver enthusiasts and "employers" who reveal the ways in which the presence of beavers can transform and revive landscapes. Using their skills as natural builders and brilliant hydro-engineers, beavers are being recruited to accomplish everything from finding water in a bone-dry desert to recharging water tables and coaxing life back into damaged lands.

### **HAWKING (60) minutes**

**Aired June 28, 2014 at 11pm**

This is the intimate and revealing story of Stephen Hawking's life. Told for the first time in Hawking's own words and with unique access to his home and public life, this is a personal journey through Hawking's world. The audience joins him at home, under the care of his nursing team; in San Jose as he "wows" a packed theatre audience; in Silicon Valley as he meets a team of technicians who hope to speed up his communication system; and as he throws a party for family and friends. HAWKING also carefully tells Hawking's life journey, from boyhood under-achiever to PhD genius, and from a healthy cox on the Oxford rowing team to diagnosis of motor neuron disease, given just two years to live — yet surviving several close brushes with death. The film also highlights his greatest scientific discoveries and plots his rise to fame and superstardom.

## **War / Veterans / National Security**

### **INDEPENDENT LENS: THE TRIALS OF MUHAMMAD ALI (90) minutes**

**Aired April 14, 2014 at 10pm**

This documentary covers Muhammad Ali's toughest bout, his battle to overturn his five-year prison sentence for refusing U.S. military service. The film traces a formative period in Ali's life, one unknown to young people and neglected by those who remember him as a boxer but overlook how controversial he was when he first took center stage. Cassius Clay became Muhammad Ali and found himself in the crosshairs of conflicts concerning civil rights, religion and wartime dissent. This film zeroes in on the years 1967 to 1970, when Ali lived in exile within the U.S., stripped of his heavyweight belt and banned from boxing, sacrificing fame and fortune on principle.

### **NAZI MEGA WEAPONS: JET FIGHTER ME262 (60) minutes**

**Aired May 7, 2014 at 10pm**

Explore the most technologically advanced plane of World War II, the Messerschmitt Me262, a fighter jet that inspired a revolution in aerial warfare. Learn the remarkable story of an awe-inspiring aircraft, the subterranean bat-cave where it was built and the battle for air supremacy that decided the fate of the war.

### **NOVA: ESCAPE FROM NAZI ALCATRAZ (60) minutes**

**Aired May 27, 2014 at 5:30pm**

Colditz Castle, a notorious prisoner of war camp in Nazi Germany, was supposed to be escape-proof. But in the dark days at the end of World War II, a group of British officers dreamt up the ultimate escape plan: in a secret attic workshop, they constructed a two-man glider out of bed sheets and floorboards. Their plan was to fly to freedom from the roof of the castle, but the war ended before they could put it to the test. Now a crack team of aero engineers and carpenters rebuild the glider in the same attic using the same materials, and they'll do something the prisoners never got a chance to try: use a bathtub full of concrete to catapult the glider off the roof of the castle. As the hair-raising launch 90 feet up draws near, the program explores the Colditz legend and exposes the secrets of other ingenious and audacious escapes. Then, after a 70-year wait, the team finally finds out if the legendary glider plan would have succeeded.