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Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/10/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:23

Amid government orders to stay home, many Americans are spending more time in the kitchen, reducing trips to the grocery store and getting creative with pantry staples. Acclaimed cookbook author Ina Garten is an expert on making the best of the ingredients on hand. She talks to William Brangham about recipe substitutions, the foods that soothe her and what she hopes we take from this experience.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/4/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:01:17

May the Fourth has become an unofficial holiday for "Star Wars" fans. In observance of the date, we leave you with an excerpt from composer and conductor John Williams and the Vienna Philharmonic, playing "The Imperial March." It's a reminder of what we can look forward to when concerts and movies become available entertainment again.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/9/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:26

The pandemic continues to inflict chaos on the \$42 billion global movie business. With many theaters closed, film festivals canceled and production on hold, big chains including AMC Theatres say they fear for their very survival. The upheaval wrought by coronavirus comes as the dominant Hollywood economic model was already challenged by the popularity of at-home streaming. Jeffrey Brown reports.

AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Understanding the Opioid Epidemic
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/21/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Understanding the Opioid Epidemic will combine stories of people and communities impacted by this epidemic along with information from experts and those at the frontlines of dealing with the epidemic. The program will trace the history of how the nation got into this situation and provide possible solutions and directions for dealing with the crisis.

Series Title: George W. Bush: American Experience
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 5/4/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:44

Explore Bush's tumultuous youth and his unorthodox road to the presidency via the contested election of 2000. The new administration's focus on domestic issues is abruptly brought to a halt by the shocking terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Series Title: Lavender Scare; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/11/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Narrated by Glenn Close and featuring the voices of Cynthia Nixon, Zachary Quinto, T. R. Knight and David Hyde Pierce, THE LAVENDER SCARE tells the little-known story of an unrelenting campaign by the federal government to identify and fire employees suspected of being homosexual. Produced and directed by Josh Howard and based on the award-winning book by David K. Johnson.

CULTURE

Series Title: Somewhere South
Episode Title: Porridge for the Soul
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/3/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Join Vivian at a dinner honoring pioneering chef Edna Lewis. Vivian gives porridge the royal treatment and learns about African American contributions to Southern cuisine.

Series Title: Somewhere South
Episode Title: How Do You 'Cue?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/1/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow Vivian on a journey to learn how other Southerners cook and eat barbecue. She travels to Florida for smoked mullet and Texas for barbecue with Japanese and Mexican twists.

Series Title: Beatrix Farrand's American Landscapes
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/28/2020 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Beatrix Farrand was responsible for some of the most celebrated gardens in the United States and helped create a distinctive American voice in landscape architecture. The film follows award-winning public garden designer Lynden B. Miller as she sets off to explore the remarkable life and career of America's first female landscape architect.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Cuba's Wild Revolution
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/1/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

In the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean, Cuba is an island teeming with exotic biodiversity: from coral reefs pulsating with life to five-foot-long Cuban rock iguanas. As international relations thaw, what will become of this wildlife sanctuary?

Series Title: Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries
Episode Title: The North
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/6/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel to the Northern Hemisphere, where the spy creatures learn how animals move, feed and fight. A spy hummingbird films millions of butterflies, and a spy squirrel finds itself in a battle. A spy beaver watches other beavers building dams.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/17/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:56

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday overwhelmingly passed an act that provides funding for national parks and public lands. Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the details of the legislation, including where the money will come from, and what else Congress is considering when it comes to action on protecting the environment.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Broken Places
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/6/2020 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Find out why some children are severely damaged by early adversity while others are able to thrive. By revisiting childhood trauma victims we profiled decades ago, we learn how their experiences shaped their lives as adults.

Series Title: In This Together: A PBS American Portrait Story
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/8/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:27:14

See firsthand stories of how the coronavirus pandemic has affected America and brought us together.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Secrets & Lies
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/30/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps actors Sigourney Weaver, Justina Machado and Amy Ryan unearth surprising revelations about their family histories, forever altering how they see themselves.

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/1/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:55

New York's death toll from COVID-19 is nearing 2,000, and experts warn it will continue to rise. But many other areas of the country are also seeing cases climb and taking steps to try to limit them. President Trump sounded a grave warning during a Tuesday Coronavirus Task Force briefing, saying the virus is projected to kill at least 100,000 Americans in the months to come. John Yang reports.

Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/1/2020 5:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:27:15

Former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani, now President Trump's personal attorney, discusses the impact of COVID-19 on the hardest-hit state. Giuliani reflects on his time as mayor of NYC during the September 11 terrorist attacks and talks about messaging during a crisis. Giuliani says that he is concerned about current restrictions to civil liberties and says that it is time to start reopening.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/1/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:01:46

In our news wrap Monday, U.S. health officials voiced fears that mass protests could fuel new COVID-19 infections. The warning came as deaths nationwide neared 105,000, including some 26,000 nursing home residents. Also, the artist Christo, known for his massive public art displays, has died in New York. He was 84 years old.

Science/Technology

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/6/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:57

Wired magazine's Steven Levy has reported on Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg for years. In his new book, "Facebook: The Inside Story," Levy draws upon that familiarity, as well as a young Zuckerberg's recently unearthed journals, for an intimate look at the social media giant -- including its reluctance to acknowledge warning signs due to a relentless focus on growth. Levy joins John Yang to discuss.

Series Title: H2O: The Molecule That Made Us
Episode Title: Crisis
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/6/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:14

Earth's changing water cycle -- and a globalized movement towards water for profit -- is forcing changes in humans' reliance on water. Can a geopolitical crisis be averted?

Series Title: NOVA | Australia's First 4 Billion Years
Episode Title: Awakening
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/17/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Hidden in the red hills of Australia are clues to the mysteries of Earth's birth, how life arose and how it transformed the planet into the world we now live in. Experts unveil the earliest forms of life: an odd assortment of bacterial slime. Life like this would flood the atmosphere with oxygen and spark the biological revolution that conquered the planet. Travel with NOVA and host Dr. Richard Smith to meet the cast in the first scenes of the great drama of life on earth.

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Capitol Journal

4/3/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Health, government, economic

We were joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who discussed Alabama's surging coronavirus numbers and new public health directives. We were also joined by Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth, who told us there was no rift between him and Gov. Kay Ivey over his outspokenness on the state's virus preparations. Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh was with us to talk about the economic fallout from the virus and the legislature's plans moving forward. And Alabama Finance Director Kelly Butler joined us to discuss how the virus is affecting state budget planning.

4/10/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Health, government, needy

We were joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who discussed the continued rapid rise of coronavirus cases and deaths in Alabama and when the peak might come. We were also joined by Mark Jackson, the Executive Director of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, who talked about how doctors are holding up under all of the pressure. And Senate Minority Leader Bobby Singleton of Greensboro was with us to discuss how the pandemic has renewed a Democratic call for Medicaid expansion in the state.

4/17/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, economic, health

We reported on new recommendations that would allow some Alabama small businesses to begin reopening immediately. We were joined by Sen. Arthur Orr of Decatur, who said he was a big proponent of restarting the economy sooner rather than later. We were also joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who said any easing of coronavirus restrictions should be done with extreme caution. And Rep. Mike Ball of Madison was with us to discuss his ethics reform bill and how he believes it addressed some of the concerns raised in a recent state Supreme Court ruling on the ethics case of former House Speaker Mike Hubbard.

4/24/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, economic

We reported on Gov. Kay Ivey keeping her stay-at-home order in effect through the following week. We were joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who said any reopening of businesses should be done in phases. He also talked about the need for more virus testing in the state. We were also joined by U.S Senator Doug Jones of Birmingham, who discussed a new virus relief package approved by congress, including more money for testing. And House Majority Leader Nathaniel Ledbetter of Rainsville was with us to talk about delaying the resumption of the legislative session for one more week, because of the virus.

5/1/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, economic

We reported on Gov. Kay Ivey easing some of the virus restrictions on state businesses. We were joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who talked about the need for a phased-in approach to reopening the economy. We were also joined by House Speaker Mac McCutcheon of Monrovia, who discussed the upcoming resumption of the legislative session, with a focus on the passing the budgets. And Senate General Fund budget committee chairman Greg Albritton of Atmore was with us to talk about the group approving a 2.3-billion dollar spending plan and sending it to the floor.

5/8/20 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, economic

We reported on Gov. Kay Ivey further loosening Alabama business restrictions. State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris joined us to discuss how the new business guidelines squared with the latest virus statistics. Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh was also with us to talk about his disappointment with the governor's statements on ceding control of federal virus stimulus money to the legislature. And U.S. Senate candidate Jeff Sessions joined us to talk about his contention that China should be held liable for the global virus pandemic.

5/15/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, economic, education

Gov. Kay Ivey joined us to discuss her executive amendment that proposes ways the state could spend 1.8-billion dollars in federal coronavirus stimulus funding. State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris was also with us to talk about that week's spike in the number of Alabama virus cases and deaths. And House education budget committee chairman Bill Poole of Tuscaloosa joined us to discuss passage of a record 7.2-billion-dollar school spending plan.

5/22/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, economic, race

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris joined us to discuss the new loosening of state business restrictions; Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh was with us to talk about tensions during the final days of the legislative session; House Speaker Mac McCutcheon also joined us to further discuss those tensions; and Rep. Rod Scott of Fairfield was with us to talk about his being the only House Democrat who was consistently at the Statehouse during the final days of the session.

5/29/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Health, government, education

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris joined us to discuss the continued rise of Alabama coronavirus cases and deaths. Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey was with us to talk about the following week's reopening of state schools. Congressman Robert Aderholt joined us to discuss the U.S. House approving another small business aid package. Secretary of State John Merrill was with us to talk about the debate over mail-in voting. And Rep. David Faulkner of Birmingham joined us to discuss his proposed bill that would give limited legal immunity to state businesses and the healthcare industry in the aftermath of the pandemic.

6/5/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Race, government, economic, health

Sen. Rodger Smitherman of Birmingham and his daughter, Birmingham City Council member Crystal Smitherman, joined us to discuss a violent protest over racial equality in their city and a racial profiling bill the elder Smitherman has attempted to pass for several years. Attorney General Steve Marshall was with us to talk about the lawsuit he has already filed against Birmingham for removing a confederate monument in the wake of the protests. Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington joined us to discuss falling unemployment numbers in Alabama. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris was with us to talk about the latest virus statistics.

6/12/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: health, government, race

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris talked with us about that week's highest ever daily spikes in coronavirus cases. Alabama Democratic Party Chair and state Rep. Chris England of Tuscaloosa joined us to discuss racial tensions, prison reform, and Nancy Worley giving up her legal battle for control of the party. And Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police President Bill Partridge was with us to discuss calls for police reform.

6/19/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, race, economic, health

Attorney General Steve Marshall joined us to discuss both legal maneuverings in a state election case and the monuments controversy. House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels was with us to call for lawmakers to consider a

repeal of the state's Memorial Preservation Act during a possible special legislative session. Republican 2nd district congressional candidate Barry Moore joined us to discuss how racial unrest and economic pressures were shaping the campaign season. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris talked with us about the alarming spike in Alabama coronavirus cases.

6/26/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Education, health, race, government

We reported on plans announced that day for reopening state schools this fall. We were joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who discussed another record daily high for coronavirus cases that week. We were also joined by Department of Archives and History Director Steve Murray, who talked with us about his agency acknowledging its role in distorting the state's racial history. And Rep. Will Dismukes of Prattville was with us to discuss calls for him to resign because of his support of certain Confederate causes.

Alabama Gospel Roots

4/4/20, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music and commentary from guests Sherry Reeves, Mattie J., Keith L. Moore, and Trusting Grace.

4/11/20, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music and commentary from guests The Connells, Joyful Hearts Ministry, Donna McKinley Davis, Barry Martin, Pastor Larry Ragland of Solid Rock Church in Birmingham, AL, Sandra Harris, Dee Dee Whetstone, and Donna Elaine.

4/18/20, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music and commentary from guests The Golden Lambs, Sara Hambrick, Tony Carter, Monique Ford, Pastor David Gay of Beulah Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, AL, and Paul Anthony.

4/25/20, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music and commentary from guests The Gray Sisters, The Sharps, Jolanda Green and Rejeena Leeth.

5/2/20, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music and commentary from guests The New Swan Silvertones, Dee Frazier, The Sharps, Abundant Life Ministry and Angier Johnson Foster.

Alabama Scholars Bowl

4/4/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: West Point vs. Smiths Station.

4/11/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: Homewood vs. Altamont.

4/18/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: West Point vs. Altamont.

4/25/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: Handley vs. Clarke County.

5/2/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: Reeltown vs. Montevallo.

5/9/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: East Lawrence vs. Fort Dale.

5/16/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: Clarke County vs. Montevallo.

5/23/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: Clarke County vs. Montevallo.

5/30/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: T.R. Miller vs. East Lawrence.

6/13/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Alabama high schools compete to answer questions from all areas of knowledge. This week: T.R. Miller vs. Clarke County.

Alabama Upstarts

4/5/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Economic, education

Alabama entrepreneurs compete before a panel of state business leaders. This week's contestants: Fido Technology, Rely Delivery Service and Roudio.

4/12/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Economic, education

Alabama entrepreneurs compete before a panel of state business leaders. This week's contestants: Multi Flavs, Green Magic Landscaping and South Alabama Physiotherapy.

4/19/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Economic, education

Alabama entrepreneurs compete before a panel of state business leaders. This week's contestants: MADE, Shippi and Chism's Spa.

Subcarrier

4/2/20, 10p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

A music series featuring performances by up-and-coming acts. This week: Maus.

4/9/20, 10p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

A music series featuring performances by up-and-coming acts. This week: Minami Deutch.

4/16/20, 10p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

A music series featuring performances by up-and-coming acts. This week: Hand Habits.

4/23/20, 10p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

A music series featuring performances by up-and-coming acts. This week: Mudhoney.

4/30/20, 10p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

A music series featuring performances by up-and-coming acts. This week: Melvins.

Spotlight on Agriculture

5/14/20, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Agriculture, education, economic

Exploring food safety from crop choices and transportation to storage and safe handling.

6/18/20, 9p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Agriculture, education, economic

A look at how Auburn engineers turned a CPAP machine into a ventilator for COVID patients.

Monograph

6/25//20, 9p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Arts, culture

The program explores the arts in the age of COVID-19. Included: a woodworking studio in Opelika, AL; a Birmingham, AL artist inspired by sheltering in place to create innovative sculptures; and a multimedia performance in an old plantation in Harpersville, AL that offers a blueprint for reconciliation, healing, and 'hope for a way forward with shared narrative.'

Unstoppable: The Road to Women's Rights

4/28/20, 12p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, government, race.

This interactive live-streamed educational event focused on the women's suffrage movement, the struggle for women's equality and the role of women in politics today.

Small Business Exchange

4/9/20, 7p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Economic, government

Produced by the Business Council of Alabama, this program explored help available for state businesses impacted by coronavirus pandemic. Guests included Governor Kay Ivey, Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth, Attorney General Steve Marshall, and Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington.