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American History/Biography

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 201
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/7/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:43

Jimmy Carter lost his White House re-election bid over 40 years ago and his presidency is often remembered for hard economic times and the Iran hostage crisis. But author and historian Jonathan Alter argues in his latest book, "His Very Best," that Carter is perhaps the most misunderstood president in American history. Alter joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 5/3/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 1:53:28

Explore the life of the groundbreaking author of "The Joy Luck Club" in this intimate portrait. Archival imagery, home movies, photographs, animation and original interviews create a vivid, colorful journey through Tan's inspiring life and career.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 253
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/18/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:26

On this first federal Juneteenth holiday, Author and Historian Annette Gordon-Reed talks to Jeffrey Brown about the importance of this date through her personal history growing up in Texas. This reporting is part of NewsHour's arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Culture

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 198
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/2/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:21

A new documentary series by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick called "Hemingway" premieres Monday on PBS. It's about one of America's most famous and influential writers. In New Mexico, an unusual audience is watching, reading, and writing along. Jeffrey Brown has the story for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 219
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/3/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:53

In our news wrap Monday, people across Mississippi spent the day cleaning up after multiple tornadoes struck on Sunday. The daily average of new COVID-19 cases in the U.S. is below 50,000 for the first time since October. President Biden says the U.S. will admit 62,500 refugees through September. In Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Andrew Brown Jr.'s funeral led to fresh calls for police reform.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Ballerina Boys
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/4/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Discover Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo (The Trocks), an all-male company that for 45 years has offered audiences their passion for ballet classics mixed with exuberant comedy. With every step they poke fun at their strictly gendered art form.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: NATURE
Episode Title: The Leopard Legacy
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/14/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Follow the story of a leopard mother as she raises her cubs near the Luangwa River, facing a constant battle to hunt successfully, defend her territory and protect her cubs against enemies.

Series Title: Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change the World
Episode Title: Episode 2
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/5/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Follow Greta's journey from the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, to Poland, where she speaks with miners who have lost their jobs. She also visits the UK, where she meets with one of her inspirations -- Sir David Attenborough.

Series Title: Life at the Waterhole
Episode Title: Episode 3
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/2/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Waterholes are vital to the African ecosystem; bustling oases where elephants, lions, leopards and hundreds of other species meet and compete for water. But little is known about how they support so much life. Now the BBC Studios Natural History Unit and PBS are working with Mwiba Wildlife Reserve and local communities in Tanzania, to build the world's first waterhole with a built-in specialist camera rig. With half-submerged and weather-proofed remote cameras, Dr. M. Sanjayan leads a team to uncover the complex dynamics of the waterhole for the very first time. Filming will take place across 3 dramatic periods: the middle of the dry season, the hottest time of year and the height of the first rains to gain unique insights into the lives of some of Africa's most iconic animals. As warthogs, giraffes, monkeys and big cats all jostle for position at the new waterhole the team uncovers the increasingly important role of water in Africa as its wildlife faces the growing impact of climate change.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: My Grandparents' War
Episode Title: Helena Bonham Carter
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/4/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Follow actress Helena Bonham Carter as she explores the heroism of both sets of her grandparents during WWII -- her grandmother, an air warden and outspoken politician, and her grandfather, a diplomat who save hundreds from the Holocaust.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 223
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/7/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:25

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren is working with President Biden on infrastructure, education and a number of other issues. She also just released a new book, "Persist," about her own campaign experiences and plans. It emphasizes her personal stories as a working mother. She joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Biden's policies, and the experiences that inspired the book.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 240
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/1/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:53

The last year has been one of grief and sorrow for so many around the world. A new book by acclaimed author Chimamanda Adichie explores her recent personal loss after the death of her beloved father, and the multi-faceted grief she "was not prepared for." Jeffrey Brown talked to her from her family home in Lagos, Nigeria for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 197
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/1/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:39

Even as the U.S. sets records for daily COVID-19 vaccinations, disparities in availability persist. We cover the stories of some medically vulnerable people, most of whom are still waiting for their shot. And for more on the reasons behind the wait, William Brangham speaks to Jen Kates, the Senior Vice President and Director of Global Health and HIV Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 220
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/4/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:11

In our news wrap Tuesday, the White House plans to distribute more COVID-19 shots to states where demand is higher as it aims to vaccinate 70 percent of U.S. adults with at least one dose by July 4. An elevated train track collapsed late Monday in Mexico City, killing at least 24 people. U.S. intelligence analysts warn that Afghan women will suffer greatly if the Taliban regains power.

Series Title: Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer
Episode Title: Behavior
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/1/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Discover the little-known story of the innovations in science and medicine that doubled the human lifespan in less than a century, and celebrate the unsung heroes of public health who believed change was possible and acted on it.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 199
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/5/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:49

The Derek Chauvin trial resumed Monday, with the prosecution arguing the former Minneapolis police officers' use of force did not follow protocol. The city's chief of police testified on the matter. Special correspondent Fred De Sam Lazaro has our report and Uzodima Frank Aba-Onu, a civil attorney and president of the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, also joins us to discuss the matter.

Series Title: Tulsa: The Fire and the Forgotten
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/31/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:44

Learn about the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, on the 100th anniversary of the crime, and how the community of Tulsa is coming to terms with its past, present and future.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/21/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:48

COVID-19 has taken a disproportionate physical toll on people of color – especially Black Americans, who are nearly three times as likely to be hospitalized and twice as likely to die from it than whites. Experts are now also warning of the longer-term mental health toll this last year has taken on those same communities and historical disparities it highlights. Stephanie Sy reports.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Picture a Scientist
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 4/14/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:28

Women make up less than a quarter of STEM professionals in the United States, and numbers are even lower for women of color. But a growing group of researchers is exposing longstanding discrimination and making science more inclusive.

Series Title: Human: The World Within
Episode Title: Birth
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/5/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Human: The World Within explores the incredible universe inside each and every one of us. Through an examination of diverse personal stories around the world, Human reveals how our everyday lives, our passions, and our goals are powered by the amazing systems that define our biology as a species.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Mr. Tornado
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/29/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Meet pioneering meteorologist Ted Fujita, who transformed our understanding of tornados. His technological advancements saved lives and helped Americans prepare for and respond to dangerous weather phenomena.