

**APTV**  
**Birmingham, AL**  
**PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report**  
**January 1 – March 31, 2024**

**ARTS**

Series Title: American Masters  
Episode Title: HOPPER: An American Love Story  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/2/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Discover the secrets behind Edward Hopper's most iconic and enigmatic works. Meet the man behind the brush, and see how his marriage to fellow artist Josephine Nivison Hopper shaped his art and career.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 154  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/1/2024 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:08:20

More than a billion users around the world may find that TikTok is a bit less fun than it was just a day ago. It's tied to a major showdown between the social media app and the world's biggest record label, Universal Music Group, which has removed its music from TikTok. John Yang discussed the dispute with Ben Sisario of The New York Times.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 182  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/12/2024 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:32

“Second Act” is a common term which, for some people, means loving your current career but wanting something new. Special correspondent Mike Cerre looks at how a former White House lawyer, federal prosecutor and advisor to four presidents is now forging a musical path for our arts and culture series, Canvas.

## CULTURE

Series Title: Tutankhamun: Allies & Enemies  
Episode Title: Episode 2  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/16/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:53:12

Hour two uncovers further mysteries behind King Tut's life and burial. Egyptian Archeologist Dr. Yasmine El-Shazly continues her journey, seeking to answer some of the historical inconsistencies surrounding this great civilization.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Easter Island Origins  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/7/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The giant stone heads of Easter Island have inspired theories for centuries. Now, new research reveals intriguing evidence of the origins and inspirations of the ancient Rapanui people who created the iconic monoliths.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 177  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/5/2024 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:02:55

The Austin, Texas theater company, Proyecto Teatro, aims to promote and preserve Latin American culture. Its latest project is helping redefine Latin American history. Journey Love Taylor of our Student Reporting Labs Academy shares the story as part of our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

**ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS**

Series Title: Nature  
Episode Title: The Serengeti Rules  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/3/2024 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel back in time, from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools, with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology.

Series Title: Nature  
Episode Title: Flyways  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/7/2024 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:53:10

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Species travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic regions and back again, flying up to nine days non-stop without food or water. But their populations are crashing. Follow a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 176  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/4/2024 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:26

In our news wrap Monday, a new round of snow is blanketing the mountains of Northern California as residents struggle to dig out from a days-long blizzard, Jack Teixeira pleaded guilty to leaking highly classified military documents online and the State Department urged Americans to leave Haiti as heavily armed gangs attacked the main international airport.

**FAMILY/MARRIAGE**

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Fathers and Sons  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/16/2024 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets actors LeVar Burton and Wes Studi—two men who grew up without their fathers. With few clues to guide him, Gates introduces them to ancestors they've never known—revealing connections to key moments in history.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Far and Away  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/6/2024 7:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the extraordinarily diverse roots of journalist Sunny Hostin and actor Jesse Williams—telling long-lost stories of African and European ancestry that compel his guests to rethink their own identities.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Secret Lives  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/26/2024 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA to help comedians Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash solve deep family mysteries.

**HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Van Gogh's Ear  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/10/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

The night when Vincent van Gogh cut his own ear defines his turbulent life and art. Generations have theorized about what really happened on December 23, 1888, in the French town of Arles, but no one has been clear on the details—until now.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/14/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

Series Title: American Experience  
Episode Title: The Cancer Detectives  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/26/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:51:49

Three heroes and their dramatic journeys in the fight against cervical cancer.

**MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS**

Series Title: Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; The  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/8/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the issue of reparations in the U.S. with a focus on historical injustices, systemic inequities, and critical dialogue. Through narratives, inquiries, and insights, the film aims to inspire understanding of the scope and rationale.

Series Title: American Masters  
Episode Title: How It Feels To Be Free  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 2/6/2024 8:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 184  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/14/2024 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:08:14

The death of an administrator at Lincoln University in Missouri and the resignation of Harvard's former president have sparked outrage, concern and dialogue about the treatment of Black women in higher education. We hear from Black women about the challenges and pressures they face in academia, and Geoff Bennett speaks with UT Austin professor Bridget Goosby for more.

## SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Nero's Sunken City  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/3/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Baiae... An escape for ancient Rome's powerful elite, the Las Vegas of its day. Now, archaeologists are mapping underwater ruins and piecing together what life was like in this playground for the rich.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Graveyard of the Giant Beasts  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/7/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

A mining operation in Cerrejon, Northern Colombia, opened a window onto a previously unknown period of the earth's history - and a world teeming with giant creatures emerged. The biggest of them all was Titanoboa, a 43-foot snake, the largest that ever lived. No other creature could match Titanoboa in its size and strength, or so it was thought.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Polar Extremes  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 3/20/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 01:52:46

Join renowned paleontologist Kirk Johnson on an epic adventure through time at the polar extremes of our planet. Following a trail of strange fossils found in all the wrong places-beech trees in Antarctica, hippo-like mammals in the Arctic-Johnson uncovers the bizarre history of the poles, from miles-high ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life. What caused such dramatic changes at the ends of the Earth? And what controls the dial on Earth's thermostat? Today, the Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else in the world, and Antarctica has locked in its ice enough water to raise sea level by a terrifying 200 feet. The way that the poles respond to a warming climate is one of the greatest wildcards in predicting our climate future. Johnson uses Earth's history, written in stone, as a cipher to decode what is going on at our polar extremes today, and what the future may hold.

**Alabama Public Television**  
**Quarterly Programs/Issues Report**  
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***Capitol Journal***

1/5/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Federal issues, history, economic development, tourism

Guests: State Sen. Merika Coleman, Dick Brewbaker, State Rep. Tracy Estes, Professor Joel Mize

1/12/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Taxes, elections, health care, economic development, innovation, workforce development, education

Guests: Rep. Napoleon Bracy; Rep. A.J. McCampbell; Anthony Brock; Dr. Chris Cox

1/19/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Immigration, health care, tourism, economic development, taxes

Guests: Alexander Heffner; Sen. Greg Albritton; Phyllis Harvey-Hall; Hampton Harris

1/25/25, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Criminal justice, death penalty, mental health

Guests: Lindsey Boney; Holly McCorkle

2/2/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Voting policy, voter fraud, election administration, health care

Guests: Sen. Wes Kitchens; Rep. Kenyatte' Hassell; Jane Adams, Jesse Odland

2/5/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: State House construction, legislative process, politics

Guests: Clerk of the House John Treadwell; Reporters Randy Scott and Jeff Sanders

2/6/23, 5:30 p.m., 2 hours - State of the State Address

Issues discussed: health care, childcare, tax policy, economic development, education, workforce development

Guests: Sen. Garlan Gudger, Reporters Randy Scott and Jeff Sanders

2/7/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: Human trafficking, immigration

Guests: Rep. Donna Givens

2/8/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: Ethics reform

Guests: State Rep. Matt Simpson

2/9/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Economic development, workforce development, gambling

Guests: Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth, Rep. Chris Blackshear, Brian Hardin

2/12/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: tax policy, poverty, grocery taxes

Guests: Rep. Penni McClammy, Sen. Andrew Jones

2/13/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: Gambling, economic development, school choice

Guests: Rep. Sam Jones; Stephanie Smith

2/14/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: Economic development, gambling, poverty, education

Guests: Rep. Travis Hendrix; Rep. Bryan Brinyark

2/15/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: Gambling, school choice, education

Guests: Rep. Chris Blackshear, Adam Thompson

2/16/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Economic development, workforce development, gambling  
Guests: Gov. Kay Ivey; Sen. Bobby Singleton; Sarah Isgur, David French, T. Marie King, J. Whitson

2/20/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: criminal justice, drug policy, gun rights, gun violence  
Guests: Rep. Allen Treadaway, Rep. Phillip Ensler

2/21/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: Higher education, agriculture, tax policy  
Guests: Sen. Jack Williams, Mayor Gordon Stone

2/22/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: in-vitro fertilization, abortion  
Guests: Sen. Tim Melson

2/23/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Economic development, workforce development, DEI, workforce development, in-vitro fertilization  
Guests: House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, Dr. Maimie McLean, Sen. Will Barfoot, Sen. Rodger Smitherman

2/26/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: health care, in-vitro fertilization, abortion, legislative process  
Guests: House Minority Leader Rep. Anthony Daniels; Sen. Clyde Chambliss

2/27/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: Education, tax policy, school choice  
Guests: Sen. Arthur Orr

2/28/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: in-vitro fertilization, abortion, trade, infrastructure

Guests: Sen. Linda-Coleman Madison, Port Authority Director John Driscoll

2/29/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: school choice, education, in-vitro fertilization, abortion,

Guests: Sen. Larry Stutts

3/1/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Economic development, workforce development, gambling, education, elections

Guests: Secretary of State Wes Allen, Rep. Terri Collins, Rep. Peblin Warren, Rep. Danny Garrett

3/4/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: athletics, space

Guests: U.S. Space & Rocket Center Director Kimberly Robinson, AHSAA Director Alvin Briggs

3/5/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: in-vitro fertilization

Guests: Corinn O'Brien

3/6/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: in-vitro fertilization, higher education

Guests: Sen. Jabo Waggoner

3/7/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: veterans, health care

Guests: Rep. Chip Brown

3/8/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Economic development, workforce development, gambling, education, veterans, health care, tax policy

Guests: Sen. Greg Albritton; Sen. Andrew Jones

3/15/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: gambling, ethics, criminal justice, immigration, federal appropriations, gun violence

Guests: Attorney General Steve Marshall, Congressman Robert Aderholt, Montgomery Mayor Steven Reed

3/18/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: military policy, veterans, health care

Guests: Brig. Gen. David Pritchett; Dr. Louis Lambiase

3/19/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: vaping policy, health care, pharmaceutical taxes

Guests: Rep. Barbara Drummond; Rep. Phillip Rigsby

3/20/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: Ethics reform, adoption, human resources

Guests: Rep. Matt Simpson; Rep. Ginny Shaver

3/21/24, 10:30 p.m., 30 minutes

Issues discussed: Workforce development, gambling, health care

Guests: Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

3/22/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Economic development, workforce development, gambling, education, health care, child care, tax policy

Guests: Senate President Pro Tem Greg Reed, House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter

3/29/24, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Immigration, federal appropriations, foreign policy, health care, childcare, tax policy

Guests: U.S. Sen. Katie Britt, House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels, Congressional Candidate Shomari Figures