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Arts, Architecture & Literature

Art Rocks! The Series

Airdates: Fridays at 8:30pm; Saturdays at 5:30pm

Length: 30 min

Art Rocks! is LPB's weekly series that explores the broad spectrum of art. The series spotlights artists, performance, culture, literature, history and the impact of art in our world. Art Rocks! features Louisiana stories as well as segments from across the country. Each week, the Louisiana Arts Calendar highlights current events throughout our state, and *Louisiana Treasures* – offering a glimpse of items, styles and themes that are unique to Louisiana. The series aims to capture your imagination, introduce you to new artists, and offer close-up views from communities around the country and our own backyard, places where art truly rocks!

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4708

Airdate: 11/3/23, 7:00pm; 11/5/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana Book Festival

The biggest book reading in the state takes place once a year at the Louisiana Book Festival, a gathering of authors and readers. The daylong event held in and around the Louisiana State Capitol is listed as one of the nation's top ten literary events. The festival encourages Louisianans to explore and engage with state's vibrant and thriving literary scene. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc takes us on a tour of this storied event.

Great Performances: Making Shakespeare - The First Folio

Airdate: 11/17/23, 9:00pm

Length: 120 min

Celebrate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's First Folio, which saved 18 plays from being lost. Tracing the First Folio's story, the film also spotlights how New York City's Public Theater presents Shakespeare's work for today's audiences.

A Tall Order: The Louisiana State Capitol

Airdate: 12/4/23, 7:00pm

Length: 90 min

This program explores the story of Huey P. Long's efforts to erect the tallest capitol building in the United States right here in Louisiana. From the architects that designed the soaring tower, to the commissioned artists who provided the sculptures, reliefs, and other adornments, the documentary will show you the building in a way that you have likely never seen before.

Culture / Heritage

La Veillée

Airdate: Thursdays at 7:45pm

Length: 15 min

In Louisiana French, la veillée is the word for “evening porch visits” – a time when you would talk about the news of the day, the people in your community, and all the things going on. It perfectly describes this brand-new weekly news magazine and partnership between LPB and Télé-Louisiane. Airing on LPB Thursday nights at 7:45 PM, *La Veillée* is a 15-minute weekly look at Louisiana's news, culture, politics and people – all told in Louisiana French. It is part of LPB's commitment to showcasing Louisiana's unique French culture and heritage.

Behind the Glory

Airdate: Thursdays at 8:45pm

Length: 15 min

In this limited series, LPB visits with the 2023 inductees into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame for in-depth conversations and presents stories that transcend the sport. Veteran journalist Lyn Rollins hosts, kicking off the series with baseball great Paul Byrd, the “nicest guy in baseball.” Also featured are weightlifting great health Imahara, sports journalist Lori Lyons, and baseball legend Ron Washington.

Taste of Louisiana with Chef John Folse & Company

Airdate: Saturdays at 2:00pm

Length: 30 min

In this series, world-renowned Cajun and Creole chef John Folse examines Louisiana's culinary history and celebrates the French, English, Spanish, German, Italian, American Indian and African influences on Louisiana's cuisine. Filmed before a live audience, the program combines music, history and of course, great cooking.

LPB Presents: Cinéma Français

Airdate: 10/1/23, 10:00pm

Length: 120 min

This fall collection consists of six films hosted by Dr. William Arceneaux, the founder of La Fondation Louisiane and board member of The Foundation for Excellence in Louisiana Public Broadcasting. He will introduce the films, providing a bit of history and humor each week.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4704

Airdate: 10/6/23, 7:00pm; 10/8/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Sports Hall of Fame Celebration

Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum is celebrating its 10th anniversary with new exhibits, attracting sports fans and history buffs from around the state. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc takes viewers on a tour of the iconic museum in Natchitoches that serves as both an architectural attraction for its modernist facade on historic Front Street and a chronicle of the state's world-class athletes and culture bearers.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4707

Airdate: 10/27/23, 7:00pm; 10/29/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Cajun Folklore

Deep in the swampy marshes of Cajun Country, a threat lingers in the darkness of the night waiting to lure an unlucky victim to their demise. The Feufollet spirits shine their faint orb of blue light to lead unsuspecting travelers down a path of confusion. Or at least, that's how the story goes. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr explores the origins of the frightening Feufollet legend with Cajun folklore expert Barry Ancelet as her guide. Watch this story if you dare—but don't be led astray. You might not be able to find your way back.

American Experience: The War on Disco

Airdate: 10/31/23, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Explore the cultural forces that gave rise to 1970's disco music, and the "death to disco" backlash that tried to destroy it. A major departure from rock, disco's rise signaled a cultural shift that some found threatening.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4711

Airdate: 11/24/23, 7:00pm; 11/26/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana Gumbo

A gumbo holds the complexities of Louisiana's history. The modern bowl was born out of creativity and years of innovation. But the recipe most of us follow today isn't the original formula our ancestors used. Barry Ancelet, a Cajun folklorist and cultural historian, prepares Louisiana's signature dish as it was originally made by West Africans.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4711

Airdate: 11/24/23, 7:00pm; 11/26/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Bayou Classic 50th Anniversary

For many football fans across Louisiana, The Bayou Classic is part of their Thanksgiving Day tradition. After the holiday meal, many pack up and head to New Orleans for a weekend of football,

music, and festivities. This year, the Bayou Classic celebrates its 50th anniversary, half a century of what's nicknamed "the sibling rivalry" between Grambling State University and Southern University. LPB's Karen LeBlanc speaks with legendary characters and college Presidents to explore why the Bayou Classic is a cultural force on and off the football field.

Papa Noel: The Legacy of the Levee Bonfires

Airdate: 11/30/23, 8:00pm

Length: 90 min

This program explores the rich history behind the annual St. James Parish holiday bonfire tradition. This ritualistic Christmas Eve celebration, which dates to the 1800s, is told through personal interviews and storytelling sessions as the people of St. James Parish share what has been passed down generation after generation. For three weeks, the producer joined families and bonfire clubs as they prepared, joining in on everything from sourcing materials to the construction of their elaborate structures. It all culminates as crowds gather to witness the lighting of the bonfires.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4712

Airdate: 12/1/23, 7:00pm; 12/3/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Self-Sufficiency for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe

2023 was an eventful year for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. The tribe's Chairman and CEO, Marshall Pierite, secured nearly \$70 million worth of grant money to invest in the tribe's progress. Though the grants focus on housing and economic growth, the Chairman says the real goal is to create a self-sufficient Native community. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits with Chairman Pierite as he explains his goals for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe.

Walter Anderson: The Extraordinary Life and Art of the Islander

Airdate: 12/2/23, 7:00pm

Length: 90 min

The fascinating life and work of Mississippi Gulf Coast watercolorist Walter Inglis Anderson is explored in this intimate and revealing film. Through poignant family interviews, never-before-seen artwork, and breathtaking images from Anderson's beloved Horn Island, discover the genius who has been called "the South's greatest artist." From filmmakers Anthony Thaxton and Robert St. John.

Why Louisiana Ain't Mississippi... or Any Place Else!: Part I

Airdate: 12/5/23, 7:00pm

Length: 120 min

Louisiana is a human gumbo that exists nowhere else in America. This two-part documentary series shares the story of Louisiana's disproportionate contribution to America's music, arts, sports, history, and politics. You can't talk about Louisiana without talking about water, especially the mighty Mississippi River. In Part I, we begin at Louisiana's beginning, exploring places such as Poverty Point, the swamps of Acadiana and visit the Coushatta Pow-Wow. Plus, the founding of New Orleans, which becomes the port gateway to the New World long before Ellis Island.

Why Louisiana Ain't Mississippi... or Any Place Else!: Part II

Airdate: 12/6/23, 7:00pm

Length: 120 min

Our storytelling adventure continues, as we take viewers from one end of the state to the other to show you all the ways Louisiana is a jewel, not just to those of us who live here, but to the entire world. In Part II, we focus on history, as Napoleon makes the sale of the century. More people come to Louisiana from all parts of the world producing an amazing culture full of talented artists, soulful musicians, bombastic politicians, and some of the biggest names in sports. Explore our history through the stories of Shreveport's Municipal Auditorium, the rich New Orleans music scene with Irma Thomas, Winnfield's Louisiana Political Museum and more.

Finding Cajun

Airdate: 12/6/23, 9:30pm

Length: 90 min

The origin and evolution of "Cajun" identity is a complex issue and hotly debated by some. In this independent documentary, filmmaker Nathan Rabalais presents a critical and historically informed perspective. It looks at how Cajuns compare to the present-day Acadians in maritime Canada, a community that is supposedly at the historical root of Cajun ethnicity. It also explores how cultural and racial labels in Louisiana have shifted, especially over the past 70 years, and considers the stakes of maintaining (or losing) heritage languages in the United States.

Christmastime in New Orleans

Airdate: 12/7/23, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

The special is a festive holiday special showcasing the music, sights, and internationally acclaimed cuisine of New Orleans. Taped in part at the historic Saenger Theatre in downtown New Orleans, the special spotlights a concert celebrating the city's vast and unique musical influences.

An Evening at the Governor's Mansion with John Batiste

Airdate: 12/21/23, 7:00pm

Length: 30 min

It's become a Louisiana holiday tradition – a Christmas celebration from the Louisiana Governor's Mansion. LPB and Governor and Mrs. Edwards team up to bring you and your family an intimate evening of music and magic – all with Louisiana flavor and flair.

Economy / Agriculture

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4705

Airdate: 10/13/23, 7:00pm; 10/15/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Pension Problems

Louisiana's pension system is facing an ever-growing debt complicated by financial decisions from 30 years prior. If the state doesn't modernize its retirement funding soon, an increased tax burden will be shifted to younger generations. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr takes a deep dive into the issues facing Louisiana's future tax base and solutions presented to ease the burden.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4707

Airdate: 10/27/23, 7:00pm; 10/29/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Hollywood Strikes & Hollywood South Dreams

Hollywood writers are back on the job, but some actors are not, as the SAG-AFTRA strike passes its 100th day, making it the longest strike in the Union's history. Earlier this week, talks resumed between the actors' union and streaming studios with a key point of contention still unresolved: how much money actors should make from streaming shows. Meanwhile, Louisiana's film industry aims for a comeback to its role as Hollywood South, as fresh ideas and incentives are being discussed. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc spends time with Louisiana filmmakers and stakeholders who say the show must go on.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4708

Airdate: 11/3/23, 7:00pm; 11/5/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is growing with inflation and increased housing costs. According to The World Bank, food price inflation exceeds all other forms of inflation in 78% of 163 countries. While the Department of Labor recorded a slowing rate of increase for grocery items this summer, the price of food is still high for the average consumer. A non-profit food pantry in New Orleans, Common Ground Relief, says the pressure is making it harder to keep food available for struggling residents in their community.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4711

Airdate: 11/24/23, 7:00pm; 11/26/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: The Pecan Harvest

Louisiana pecan picking got off to a late start this year due to unseasonable weather, but pecan production is now in full swing, just in time for holiday baking and cooking. Despite the delayed harvest, the Louisiana pecan had a great year in 2023, becoming the official state nut. LPB's Karen LeBlanc visits a third-generation pecan grower for a behind-the-scenes look at the Louisiana state nut and its importance to our cuisine and culture.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4713

Airdate: 12/8/23, 7:00pm; 12/10/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Drought Effect on Louisiana Agriculture

Louisiana's agriculture and forestry industries suffered 1.69 billion dollars in damages due to extreme weather this year. The latest projections from LSU AgCenter experts say soybeans and sugarcane took the hardest economic hit. Prolonged drought, record-breaking heat and wildfire outbreaks have farmers and producers battling both production losses and increased costs. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc talks with agriculture experts who are predicting lower prices and lower yields for many cash crops.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4714

Airdate: 12/15/23, 7:00pm; 12/17/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: New Home Construction

Rising homeowner's insurance premiums, mortgage rates, and construction costs have created the perfect storm for new home construction. Homebuilders across Louisiana are competing for fewer customers, especially first-time homebuyers, as market forces upset the supply and demand. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc speaks with homebuilders who warn of a housing crisis ahead.

Education / Youth

Louisiana Spotlight: The Way Forward

Airdate: 10/10/23, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

From a looming "fiscal cliff," to crumbling infrastructure, to the mass exodus of our young and educated workforce, Louisianans are facing issues that are impacting us now... and will continue to do so into our future. As voters head to the polls, we explore the issues in-depth, so voters can understand what we are facing before they decide on just who offers the best solutions.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4706

Airdate: 10/20/23, 7:00pm; 10/22/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: School Accolades

Fortune Magazine has recognized Louisiana's only state-funded boarding school as one of the World's Best. The Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts in Natchitoches is celebrating 40 years, educating academically advanced, college-bound high school students. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc visits the campus to learn more about the school's equation for success in and outside the classroom.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4712

Airdate: 12/1/23, 7:00pm; 12/3/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Higher Education Changes

January marks a change in leadership of Louisiana's higher education institutions. Grambling State University President Rick Gallot becomes President of the University of Louisiana System, overseeing nine Louisiana universities. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc met with Gallot in his last weeks at Grambling State University to learn about his leadership vision and unexpected career move.

Healthcare

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4706

Airdate: 10/20/23, 7:00pm; 10/22/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: AI Battles Cancer

Breast cancer is becoming more prevalent among younger women in the U.S. The American Cancer Society is recording a 0.5 percent increase in diagnoses each year. Scientists are racing to find better detection and treatment methods to precisely target cell growth. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr learns how Dr. Michal Brylinsky, a computational biologist at LSU, is using AI to streamline treatment plans for patients already diagnosed with the disease.

Nova: The Battle to Beat Malaria

Airdate: 11/15/23, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Are scientists on the verge of a breakthrough in the fight against malaria, one of humanity's oldest and most devastating plagues? Follow researchers as they develop and test a promising new vaccine on a quest to save millions of lives.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4710

Airdate: 11/17/23, 7:00pm; 11/19/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Syphilis Surge

Syphilis is a bacterial infection that spreads through sexual contact. An infected, pregnant woman can unknowingly pass the bacteria to her unborn fetus through an umbilical cord or during the birthing process. The Department of Health is recording an increase in cases diagnosed among newborns in Louisiana. What is causing the rise, and how can it be stopped? In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr explains how to detect the infection and the best treatment plans.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4713

Airdate: 12/8/23, 7:00pm; 12/10/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Respiratory Illnesses Increases

Cases of respiratory illnesses are spiking all over the region, with the Southeast being hit particularly hard. Experts at the Louisiana Department of Health say regions 3 and 4 have the highest number of flu, COVID-19, and RSV cases. Though the number isn't as troubling as in previous years, healthcare providers are urging the public to take precautions as we head further into the holiday season.

Louisiana Spotlight: Birthright

Airdate: 12/19/23, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

Louisiana has the highest maternal mortality rate in the United States, with 66.8 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2020. This is more than twice the national average, and Black women are particularly at risk, with a maternal mortality rate of 105.8 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2020. Lack of access to quality health care, racial disparities, and social determinants of health are all factors in Louisiana's poor maternal health outcomes. To combat these dismal numbers, the Louisiana Department of Health, private organizations, and advocacy groups have developed solutions they believe will improve the state's maternal health.

History / Military

Native America

Airdate: 10/24/23, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Native America illuminates the beauty and power of contemporary Indian Country in this Native directed series. Follow the Native American artists, engineers, and leaders drawing upon deep traditions to build a better 21st century.

Native Waters: A Chitimacha Recollection

Airdate: 10/24/23, 9:00pm

Length: 30 min

This LPB documentary is the story of these Native Americans who are among the first people of

Louisiana and heirs of an unbroken 8,000 year past in their native coastal region of the Atchafalaya Basin of Louisiana. Living off the bounty of one of the richest inland estuaries on the continent, this indigenous nation persists and rejuvenates its culture while losing its ancestral territory to forces other than conquest.

Secrets of the Dead: Death in Britannia

Airdate: 11/1/23, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Uncover what happens when archaeologists study a skeleton found with an iron nail through its heel bone, suggesting the person was the victim of crucifixion in Roman-occupied Britain. Who was he? And why did he receive such a gruesome punishment?

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4709

Airdate: 11/10/23, 7:00pm; 11/12/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: New WWII Museum Exhibit

Most of us were taught the story of WWII through the lens of the Holocaust and the massive human loss felt across nations. But often the small, anecdotal stories of human perseverance and grit are left out of the larger picture. The WWII Museum in New Orleans aims to fill those gaps with its newest exhibition: Liberation Pavilion. This latest and final installment will thoroughly explain the war's lingering impact on modern America through immersive storytelling and authentic artifacts.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4709

Airdate: 11/10/23, 7:00pm; 11/12/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Historic Cemeteries

Across Louisiana, thousands of unmarked or abandoned graves are at risk of being lost to history. In 2008, the Louisiana Legislature voted to establish the Louisiana Register of Historic Cemeteries to identify at-risk gravesites. Almost 15 years later, documentation efforts are underway to build the database of gravesites. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc visited one of the hundreds of cemeteries outliving its community that is part of a statewide effort to learn where the bodies are buried.

Salute to Service: A Veterans Day Celebration

Airdate: 11/10/23, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

A Veterans Day musical celebration hosted by Jon Stewart and featuring the U.S. Army Field Band with special guests Mickey Guyton, Amanda Shires and Mandy Gonzalez.

Dear Sirs

Airdate: 11/10/23, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

After discovering an archive detailing the horrifying journey of his grandfather as an American POW during World War II, a young man from Wyoming sets out 75 years later to retrace his footsteps across Germany on bicycle, piecing together an untold story to understand the man who helped raise him.

Paris: The Mystery of the Lost Palace

Airdate: 11/13/23, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

It was Versailles before Versailles: a spectacular palace in the heart of Paris, with a history spanning 2000 years. So how has it been erased from memory and built over by successive government buildings? To determine exactly when -and why - this lost masterpiece was built the experts will strip away layers of political, military, and religious history long hidden from view with a single goal: to gather clues beginning as far back as 52 BC in order to digitally reconstruct the Lost Palace, piecing together the size, shape and texture of the palace and discover its hidden surprises by interacting with scientists and historians.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4710

Airdate: 11/17/23, 7:00pm; 11/19/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Local Perspective on the Kennedy Assassination

November 22nd marks the 60th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas. The event shook the nation and remains a source of conspiracy theories and morbid fascination. Louisiana had a lead role in the Kennedy assassination saga, from the triggerman to the person who helped prepare the President's body and the archbishop who presided over JFK's funeral. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc looks back at this day seared in our national psyche, with a living witness—Richard Lipsey—at the center of the unfolding events.

Secrets of the Dead: The Princes in the Tower

Airdate: 11/22/23, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Find out if one of history's greatest cold cases—the imprisonment of two princes in the Tower of London—can finally be solved. Were the boys murdered by their uncle King Richard III for the throne? Or was it a massive conspiracy to hide the truth?

Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen

Airdate: 12/3/23, 7:00pm

Length: 90 min

In her new three-part series, popular British historian Lucy Worsley turns her powers of investigation to the mysterious figure of Agatha Christie, uncovering the story of one of the most famous, complex — and misunderstood — women of the 20th century. How did this seemingly conventional British matron write so convincingly about the dark art of murder? As in the best of Christie's novels, clues are hiding in plain sight, and Lucy uncovers surprising new evidence and some carefully concealed secrets that illuminate the life of a writer whose work continues to delight readers worldwide.

Founded on Friendship and Freedom: The National WWII Museum

Airdate: 12/4/23, 8:30pm

Length: 90 min

This program recounts the founding of the National WWII Museum in downtown New Orleans. It depicts the shared camaraderie and sheer determination of two professors from the University of New Orleans who overcame challenges, secured support and crafted a pathway to unimagined international success in establishing the museum, while also bestowing a priceless educational and economic asset to the community.

Nature / Ecology

The American Buffalo

Airdate: 10/16/23 & 10/17/23, 7:00pm

Length: 120 min

Ken Burns and the team at Florentine Films return with this two-night, four-hour dramatic story of the near extinction and improbable rescue of America's national mammal. Once numbering in the tens of millions and sustaining the Native people of the Great Plains for untold generations, the buffalo was driven to the brink of extinction. But then an unlikely collection of people rescues it from disappearing forever. Ken Burns recounts the tragic collision of two opposing views of the natural world—and the unforgettable characters who pointed the nation in a different direction.

Nature: The Platypus Guardian

Airdate: 10/18/23, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

The Emmy and Peabody Award-winning series NATURE returns for its 42nd Season, featuring a brand-new "Spy in the Ocean" miniseries alongside documentaries on grizzlies, whales, shorebirds, ancient sea monsters and of course the platypus! The season begins with the story of Pete Walsh, a Tasmanian man who befriends a platypus he names Zoom. With the help of experts, Pete learns more about the platypus's secret world in a mission to protect them from the dangers of urban development.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4706

Airdate: 10/20/23, 7:00pm; 10/22/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Archeology Month

October is Louisiana Archeology Month, spotlighting the state's many archeological treasures with family-friendly events showcasing artifacts and ancient sites. A recent dig in the Kisatchie National Forest unearthed some newfound ancient finds. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc follows the dig from the site to the lab where artifacts are revealing the story of early human history in Louisiana.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4708

Airdate: 11/3/23, 7:00pm; 11/5/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Mosquito Mayhem

A cold front this week should bring some relief from the swarms of mosquitos that have descended on homes and backyards around the state. Louisiana is experiencing a proliferation of the mosquito population, which defies the conventional wisdom that when the temperatures dip, the mosquitos disappear. This year, the weather has not followed the rules and as a result, insects are acting out of character. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc talks with mosquito experts about the anomaly.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4710

Airdate: 11/17/23, 7:00pm; 11/19/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Environmental Changes

Dr. Joy Banner, an activist and the co-director of the Descendants Project, was recently honored with the National Preservation Award for her work protecting the health of black river parish communities in Louisiana. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits down with Banner as she discusses the legacy of her organization and the future of environmental changes in South Louisiana.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4710

Airdate: 11/17/23, 7:00pm; 11/19/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Oil Well Capping Program

This week marks the two-year anniversary of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, landmark federal legislation resulting in more than \$9 billion in funding for Louisiana projects. The funding includes \$60 million to accelerate the cleanup of thousands of abandoned oil and gas wells across Louisiana. The Department of Natural Resources is overseeing the well-plugging process on land and waterways throughout the state. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc goes out on the water at the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge to survey the progress.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4712

Airdate: 12/1/23, 7:00pm; 12/3/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana Wind Energy Industry - Part I

In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc debuts the first of two parts to a special report, Winds of Change, a look at Louisiana's emerging wind energy industry. The Gulf of Mexico is one of the nation's top frontiers for wind energy. Louisiana has a significant stake in federal waterways, plus state-owned coastal waters available for wind farm leases. Learn why Louisiana is poised to take the lead with its first offshore wind farm lease in the Gulf and efforts to develop a wind energy workforce.

NOVA: Alaskan Dinosaurs

Airdate: 12/27/23, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Wielding chainsaws to extract fossils frozen into the permafrost and flying drones to map thousands of footprints, intrepid paleontologists discover that dinosaurs thrived in the unlikeliest of places -- the cold and dark of the Arctic Circle.

News / Current Affairs

Amanpour and Company

Airdates: Monday - Friday at 11:00pm

Length: 60 min

The nightly series features wide-ranging, in-depth conversations with global thought leaders and cultural influences on the issues and trends impacting the world each day, from politics, business and technology to arts, science and sports.

BBC World News America

Airdate: Monday-Friday at 5:30pm

Length: 30 min

This current affairs program provides reports on the major international and US news of the day, presented from Washington DC. The show takes an in-depth look at global events while tracking the latest in US politics. Using the reach of the BBC, and a team based in America, BBC World News America broadcasts live from major events and provides special coverage of breaking news, as well as news from locations traditionally not served by other American broadcasters.

Washington Week

Airdate: Fridays at 7:30pm

Length: 30 min

Washington Week is the longest-running primetime news and public affairs program on television. Since 1967, viewers have come to rely on *Washington Week's* roundtable of award-winning journalists to provide objective reporting and incisive analysis of the major news events of the week.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4707

Airdate: 10/27/23, 7:00pm; 10/29/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Governor-Elect Landry Transition Team

Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry held his first press conference as Louisiana's Governor-Elect, where he presented initial remarks on the transition to become Louisiana's political executive. Landry announced his transition office will be located at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, centered near his core political base in Acadiana. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr reports on the composition of Landry's transition team, as well as his goals for his first special legislative session, slated to convene on January 8, the day after inauguration.

Frontline: Shattered in Dreams of Peace

Airdate: 11/7/23, 9:00pm

Length: 120 min

A seminal account of how the Israeli-Palestinian peace process was undone by politics and violence. A special presentation of the epic 2002 film tracing the unraveling of the peace process set in motion by the 1993 Oslo Accords.

Frontline: 20 Days in Mariupol

Airdate: 11/21/23, 9:00pm

Length: 90 min

The award-winning film from the last international journalists inside the Russian siege of Mariupol. An extraordinary account, seen through the lens of the AP's Mstyslav Chernov and two colleagues documenting the atrocities and their own escape.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4714

Airdate: 12/15/23, 7:00pm; 12/17/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: First Lady Reflects

When Donna Edwards took on the role of Louisiana's First Lady, she came with three goals: Refining Louisiana's foster care and education system; and creating a mechanism to fight against human trafficking. After eight years in office, Mrs. Edwards has seen her goals become a reality with the Louisiana First Foundation. In an in-depth interview with LPB's Kara St. Cyr, the First Lady reflects on her legacy.

Politics

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4704

Airdate: 10/6/23, 7:00pm; 10/8/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Early Voting

The first of Louisiana's electorate headed for the polls recently for early voting several offices including Governor and Attorney General. In this segment, John Couvillon, a pollster with JMC Analytics, explains recent voter trends and what we may be able to expect on Election Day.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4704

Airdate: 10/6/23, 7:00pm; 10/8/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Lt. Governors Race

Early voting is underway for statewide offices, including the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor, with six candidates campaigning for the job. Although this elected position ranks second in command after the Governor, many people are familiar with the Lieutenant Governor's public-facing role as the state's tourism ambassador. Still, there's much more than meets the eye in this state office. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc talks with former Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne about the historical and present-day importance of the post.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4705

Airdate: 10/13/23, 7:00pm; 10/15/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Attorney General Race

An open seat for Louisiana's next Attorney General has five candidates vying for the job. Incumbent Jeff Landry has served as Attorney General since 2016 and is now running for Louisiana Governor. All candidates for the State's Chief Legal Officer agree that reducing crime is a top priority; however, there are limits to what the Attorney General can do to fight crime at the street level. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc brings us an overview of the candidates' plans to make the state safer and expert insight into the politics of the race.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4706

Airdate: 10/20/23, 7:00pm; 10/22/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Voting Trends

Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry will assume the highest political office in Louisiana after he took 52% of the votes in a landslide win. In this segment, John Couvillon, a pollster for JMC Analytics, gives LPB's Kara St. Cyr an analysis of all the voter trends in this year's governor's race.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4708

Airdate: 11/3/23, 7:00pm; 11/5/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Speaker Mike Johnson

Mike Johnson (R) is the first Speaker of the House elected from the state of Louisiana and the first Southerner to hold the position since 1999. Though his career was largely under the radar, Johnson ascended the political ranks quickly, becoming a favorite of former President Donald Trump and gathering the votes other high-ranking officials could not. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr gives a brief history of Mike Johnson's meteoric rise to the top.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4709

Airdate: 11/10/23, 7:00pm; 11/12/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Constitutional Amendments

Early voting for the General Election is underway now through November 11th, leading up to the General Election. Four constitutional amendments will be on the ballot again, including proposals on Veto Override Adjustments and First Responder Property Tax Exemptions. In this segment, Barry

Erwin, president of Council for a Better Louisiana, explains to LPB's Kara St. Cyr what voters should know before going to the polls.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4714

Airdate: 12/15/23, 7:00pm; 12/17/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Redistricting Deadline

Louisiana lawmakers have until January 30th to draw a new congressional map after a federal judge extended the deadline. The current congressional map is the subject of a lawsuit by civil rights groups claiming that a single majority-black voter congressional district violates the Voting Rights Act and does not reflect the latest census data. Governor-Elect Jeff Landry takes office on January 8th, leaving time to convene a redistricting session before the court-ordered deadline. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc brings us the latest on the legal dispute.

Public Safety / Crime / Justice

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4704

Airdate: 10/6/23, 7:00pm; 10/8/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Salt Water Incursion

The Mississippi River is experiencing dramatically lower the water levels at the river's base. A state of emergency has been declared as the weakened water flow is allowing salty Gulf water to travel upstream toward the drinking supply in Louisiana's southern parishes. Experts predict the salty water will contaminate the drinking supply in Orleans Parish within weeks, creating mass anxiety and concern from business owners and farmers. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr speaks with a concerned small community gardener whose produce supplies an entire neighborhood.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4705

Airdate: 10/13/23, 7:00pm; 10/15/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Saltwater Slowdown

The saltwater wedge in Orleans Parish and surrounding areas is moving slower than expected, which means the intrusion may take longer to reach the drinking water supply. Unexpected rain in northern parts of the country is slowly strengthening the Mississippi River's flow, slowing the Gulf water's movement upstream. But despite the small dose of luck, the Army Corp of Engineers is still preparing for the worst. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr gives an update on the saltwater intrusion trajectory.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4712

Airdate: 12/1/23, 7:00pm; 12/3/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Holiday Fraud Awareness

Americans lost \$8.8 billion dollars to fraud in 2022—a 30% increase from the previous year. Technology experts expect that number to balloon partially because of technological advances in artificial intelligence. As we approach the peak of the holiday season with online shopping, the Better Business Bureau warns the public to pay extra attention to online deals. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr reports.

Science / Technology / Infrastructure

NOVA: Inside China's Tech Boom

Airdate: 11/8/23, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

In just a few decades, China has transformed into a science and technology superpower. See inside leading Chinese tech companies and labs to discover how they innovate, what drives their rise, and what it means for the future of the global economy.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4713

Airdate: 12/8/23, 7:00pm; 12/10/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: New Rail Link in Southern Louisiana

A long-anticipated passenger rail service between Baton Rouge and New Orleans heads to the home stretch as Louisiana waits on \$200 million in federal grant funding. The federal grant money will pay for infrastructure improvements along the route, which will run on existing freight train tracks. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc visits Gonzales, one of the passenger train stops, where plans are underway to build a rail station and raise the city's profile.

Social Issues / Civil Rights

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4707

Airdate: 10/27/23, 7:00pm; 10/29/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Civil Rights History Preserved in Louisiana

Louisiana's place in history as a center of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 60s now has a permanent physical place for the public to learn about this pivotal era. Louisiana is preserving and telling stories of the people and places that fostered social change in two cultural experiences: a new Civil Rights Museum that opened this month in New Orleans, and The Civil Rights Trail that marks key locations around the state. In this segment, LPB's Karen LeBlanc takes us on a tour of both experiences.

A Town Called Victoria

Airdate: 11/13/23, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

When the local mosque is burned to the ground in an apparent hate crime, the town of Victoria must overcome its age-old political, racial, and economic divides to find a collective way forward.

Groundbreakers

Airdate: 11/21/23, 7:00pm

Length: 120 min

Billie Jean King and seven female sports icons discuss how Title IX, and their own achievements changed the course of women's sports. Features Nancy Lieberman, Chloe Kim, Naomi Osaka, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Julie Foudy, Diana Flores and Suni Lee.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4713

Airdate: 12/8/23, 7:00pm; 12/10/23, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Special Needs Outdoor Equipment

George Wood was always an active kid despite his physical challenges. Being diagnosed with muscular dystrophy in 1st grade did little to stop his affinity for outdoor activities, but often the chair he used would limit his mobility—until now. A program spearheaded by Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser is providing the Action Trackchair to eight different Louisiana state parks so disabled outdoorsmen, like George, can explore all Louisiana has to offer.

Turning the Tide: A Story of Hell, Hope and Healing

Airdate: 12/15/23, 8:00pm

Length: 30 min

In shocking transparency, survivors of sex trafficking share their journeys into the depths of depravity, explaining with the clarity of hindsight what made them vulnerable and the dangers that lurk in our own backyard. The film identifies a growing team of perhaps unlikely warriors that has mobilized to fight. They include First Lady Donna Edwards, a group of Catholic nuns running a secret healing center, and three heroic survivors turned advocates.