



WPSU-TV Quarterly Issues/Programs Topic Report for the period of July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

WPSU-TV, licensed to The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees, has served the public interest by producing and broadcasting diverse content that addresses issues of local, statewide and regional importance.

The station has identified the following list of most significant issues of relevance to the communities we serve during this reporting period:

ABORTION	ENVIRONMENT/NATURE
AGRICULTURE	GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
ALCOHOL, DRUG ABUSE/ADDICTION	HEALTH/HEALTH CARE
AMERICAN HISTORY/CULTURE	IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT	MILITARY/VETERANS/NATIONAL
BUSINESS/ECONOMY	SECURITY
CRIME/LEGAL ISSUES/ LAW	MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS
CULTURE	RECREATION/LEISURE/SPORTS
ENFORCEMENT	RELIGION
EDUCATION/SCHOOLS/YOUTH	SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

The following is a list of some of the produced or acquired programming aired in response to the areas of concern to viewers served by WPSU-TV:

ABORTION

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 1
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/3/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:21

It's been a year since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and the nationwide right to abortion access. Since then, six states have voted on abortion-related ballot measures and in each case, voters have supported abortion rights. Laura Barrón-López discussed a new effort underway in Ohio with Dr. Lauren Beene, co-founder of Ohio Physicians for Reproductive Rights.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 26
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/7/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:07:37

Since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, several states have put abortion rights on the ballot. This year, Ohio voters will decide whether to enshrine abortion access in the state constitution. But first, they will decide whether to raise the threshold of support needed for such votes. Laura Barrón-López discussed more with Karen Kasler, Statehouse Bureau Chief for Ohio Public Radio and TV.

AGRICULTURE

Series Title: Human Footprint
Episode Title: The Replacements
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/26/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Shane explores the surprising science and unexpected histories of “The Replacements”: five animal and plant species that made allies of humans, grew to dominate the planet alongside us, and changed their destinies (and our own) forever.

Title: The Hardest Day
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/04/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: NETA
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:54:49

THE HARDEST DAY is a film about the human-animal bond and the last moments shared between. It also explores the community of veterinarians and support staff that assists along the way. It provides an unprecedented look at the largest at-home pet euthanasia company in the United States, Lap of Love, and offers new insight into power of the human-animal bond.

Series Title: Conversations Live!
Episode Title: Gardening and Canning
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 09/21/2023 08:00:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Live / Call-in

Fall gardening is here. There's plenty to do to get ready for winter. Everything from canning the vegetables you grew to putting your garden to bed. We talk with Penn State horticulture experts on gardening and preserving.

ALCOHOL, DRUG ABUSE/ADDICTION

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 29

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/10/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:11

In the last two decades, more and more Americans have died from drinking-related causes. But a new study shows alcohol-related deaths are rising faster among women than men. Laura Barrón-López discussed the research with Dr. Paula Cook, a physician who specializes in addiction medicine and host of the podcast, "The Addiction Files."

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 44
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/31/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:54

The Department of Health and Human Services is recommending a major change in the way the federal government treats marijuana, but stops short of saying it should be decriminalized under federal law. HHS says marijuana should no longer be classified as Schedule One, which the law defines as having no accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. John Yang discussed more with Natalie Fertig.

Title: Addict's Wake
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/31/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: NETA
Format: Documentary

With amazing access, THE ADDICT'S WAKE watches one American county come to grips with arguably the biggest public health crisis in America: Substance Use Disorder. Following a rash of overdose deaths, it finds a community full of hope, pulling together, finding ways big and small to push back a destructive wave that is consuming communities across the country.

[AMERICAN HISTORY/CULTURE](#)

Series Title: The Pennsylvania Game
Episode Title: Season 4 and Season 5
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: Starting 7/01/2023 at 07:00:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Educational / Quiz Show

From the public television archives -- you're invited to step back in time to play The Pennsylvania Game! Test your knowledge of the Commonwealth's people, places and products.

Series Title: Our Town Hour
Episode Title: Bedford
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/02/2023 at 10:00:00 AM
Service: WPSU
Format: Documentary

Volunteers from Bedford tell stories that capture the heart and share what makes the area a great place to live!

Series Title: Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein
Episode Title: The Statue of Liberty
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/11/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Reveal the evolving meaning of this symbol for a "nation of immigrants," and how it embodies our values and our conflicts, from abolition and women's suffrage to the treatment of refugees.

Series Title: Keystone Stories 102
Episode Title: Drive-In Theatres
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 09/02/2023 07:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Documentary / Magazine

In the late 1950's, at the height of the drive-in's popularity, Pennsylvania had more than 180 in operation. Today, Pennsylvania still has nearly 30 drive-in theaters in operation, second most in the country.

Series Title: Our Town
Episode Title: Big Valley
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 09/07/2023 08:00:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Documentary

Community pride is on display as residents of the Big Valley region of Pennsylvania (Allensville, Belleville, Reedsville and Milroy) share stories of The Amish, farming, the arts, health care, glider races, robot cow milking and community revitalization.

Series Title: Keystone Stories
Episode Title: Community Theatre
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 09/18/2023 09:00:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Documentary / Magazine

The arts are on full display as community members take the stage to become theatrical story tellers. Volunteer thespians from the The Altoona Community Theatre and Sock and Buskin Theatre Company share stories of why this art form must be kept alive.

Series Title: Keystone Stories 201
Episode Title: Railroads
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 09/18/2023 09:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Documentary / Magazine

Why is Altoona, Pennsylvania known as "Railroad City"? The answer can be found at the Railroaders Memorial Museum, located in Altoona. This home for railfans is where a new project is underway to bring back a legendary locomotive...the K4.

Series Title: Keystone Stories 202
Episode Title: Volunteer Fire Departments
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 09/25/2023 09:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Documentary / Magazine

All across Pennsylvania thousands of citizens are volunteering to protect our lives and property. In fact, more than 97% of all firefighters in the commonwealth are volunteer. Such service organizations even predate the U.S. constitution.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Series Title: The Local Groove Presents 101
Episode Title: The Sorters
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/01/2023 at 07:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Music/Performance

This episode of The Local Groove Presents features The Sorters. The Sorters are an indie rock band from Northern Pennsylvania.

Series Title: The Local Groove Presents 102
Episode Title: Mama Corn
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/08/2023 at 07:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Music/Performance

This episode of The Local Groove Presents features Mama Corn. Mama Corn are a bluegrass band from Central Pennsylvania.

Series Title: The Local Groove Presents 103
Episode Title: Cass and the Bailout Crew
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/15/2023 at 07:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Music/Performance

This episode of The Local Groove Presents features Cass and the Bailout Crew. Cass and the Bailout Crew are a rock band from Williamsport.

Series Title: The Local Groove Presents 104
Episode Title: Hannah Bingman
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/22/2023 at 07:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Music/Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This episode of The Local Groove Presents features Hannah Bingman. Hannah Bingman is folk and roots musician from State College, Pennsylvania.

Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo
Episode Title: The Making and Breaking
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/19/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Explore the early life of Frida Kahlo as she discovers her genius for painting following a tragic, life-changing accident, leading her to encounter world-famous muralist Diego Rivera who she later marries, twice.

[BUSINESS/ECONOMY](#)

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 12
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/18/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:00

For the first time in 63 years, actors and writers are striking at the same time, bringing movie and TV production to a halt. The Writers Guild has been on strike since May and SAG-AFTRA joined them last week. Key issues include how streaming and artificial intelligence are upending the industry, affecting income and profits. Geoff Bennett discussed more with SAG-AFTRA President Fran Drescher.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 18
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/26/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:32

Interest rates are headed higher again, as the Federal Reserve resumes its fight with inflation. That effort is almost a year and a half old now. At the same time, Fed Chair Jay Powell wants to tame inflation without tipping the economy into a recession. Economics correspondent Paul Solman breaks down the thinking behind the Fed's moves.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 52
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:11

In 2021, as the economy reeled from the pandemic, a one-year expansion of the child tax credit led to a historic 46 percent decline in the child poverty rate. But new census data shows a dramatic reversal with the rate of children in poverty skyrocketing in 2022. Experts say it's due to the end of pandemic-era safety net policies and inflation. Stephanie Sy discussed more with Catherine Rampell

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 65
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/29/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:31

Target announced this week that it is planning to close several stores, citing retail theft and organized retail crime as major problems. It's raising concerns and questions about whether retail theft is worsening and what can be done about it. Geoff Bennett discussed more with Gabrielle Fonrouge of CNBC.

[CRIME/LEGAL ISSUES/ LAW ENFORCEMENT](#)

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 2
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/4/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:16

This Fourth of July has brought all of the annual festivities and fireworks. But it's all happening in the shadow of more mass shootings, including two Monday night in Philadelphia and Fort Worth, Texas. President Biden branded the attacks "tragic and senseless" and renewed his plea for new gun laws. Amna Nawaz reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 13
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/19/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:15

A pair of IRS whistleblowers testified before the House Oversight Committee about alleged meddling in the Justice Department investigation of Hunter Biden. The president's son reached an agreement to plead guilty to two federal misdemeanor counts of failing to pay his taxes and agreed to abide by a set of conditions to avoid a separate felony gun possession charge. Lisa Desjardins reports.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: Two Strikes / Tutwiler
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/5/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

A two-part special looking at a little-known two strikes law, and pregnancy in prison. With The Marshall Project, how a former West Point cadet got life in prison. Also, pregnant women in prison and what happens to their newborns.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Floyd Abrams: Speaking Freely
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/22/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Follow the 50-year career of preeminent First Amendment attorney Floyd Abrams. See how his landmark cases, from the Pentagon Papers to Citizens United, helped define free speech as it is known today.

CULTURE

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Meet the Patels
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/9/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Ravi Patel is almost 30 and still single, and his tradition-minded Hindu family is not happy. After he breaks up with his white girlfriend, he enters the semi-arranged marriage system in America. Meet the Patels explores the influences of culture and identity on the most intense, personal, and important part of one's life - love.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Far from Home
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/19/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Henry Louis Gates maps the family trees of pop icon Cyndi Lauper and actors Jamie Chung and Danny Trejo, exploring records in Italy, Korea, and Mexico to uncover ancestors whose stories were lost when their families immigrated to America.

[EDUCATION/SCHOOLS/YOUTH](#)

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 9
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/13/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:37

The Supreme Court ruling against affirmative action in college admissions has renewed the debate over legacy admissions. A Boston-based nonprofit filed a complaint alleging Harvard's legacy and donor-based admissions favors white students, and the NAACP called on 1,600 public and private universities across the country to end legacy admissions. Geoff Bennett discussed more with Derrick Johnson.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 38
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/23/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:59

Student loan borrowers might find relief under the Biden administration's income-driven repayment plan. Launched this week, the SAVE plan, which stands for saving on a valuable education, could help borrowers with the potential for lower or no monthly payments. But there are questions about who will benefit from the plan and who it leaves out. Geoff Bennett discussed more with Cory Turner of NPR.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Busing Battleground
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/11/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

In 1974, after a decades-long battle by Black parents in Boston working for equal education, a local judge mandated the desegregation of the public schools. Cross-town busing led to an eruption of explosive racial violence that tore the city apart, setting a tragic course for Boston's children that still reverberates today. Told through rare archival footage and first-person interviews with community leaders and students who took part in the busing plan, THE BUSING BATTLEGROUND is a definitive reexamination of a tumultuous piece of Boston's racial history.

Series Title: Centre County Report 2023-2024
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: Starting 09/13/2023 12:00 AM
Service: PSU
Format: News Magazine

The students of the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications at Penn State present a local bi-weekly news, weather and sports report.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE

Series Title: Human Footprint
Episode Title: Strangers in Paradise
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Invasive species are reshaping the world's ecosystems, but who's really to blame? Shane wrestles a python, hunts Hawaiian pigs, and gets sucker-punched by a carp to answer the question: in the Age of Humans, how does our species decide what belongs?

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Killer Floods
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/23/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Uncover geologic fingerprints of colossal floods that violently reshaped the ancient world. Follow geologists around the globe as they reconstruct catastrophic Ice Age floods more powerful than all the worlds top ten rivers combined.

Series Title: Keystone Stories 101
Episode Title: The Forest
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 08/26/2023 07:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Documentary / Magazine

Aggressive clear cutting nearly ruined PA's forests in the 1800s. Today, 60% of the state is covered by woods. The state has 121 state parks and more than 1.5 million acres of state game lands making today's forest a playground for lovers of nature.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Saving Venice
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/6/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Rising seas and sinking land threaten to destroy Venice. Can the city's new hi-tech flood barrier save it? Discover the innovative projects and feats of engineering designed to stop this historic city from being lost to future generations.

GOVERNMENT/POLITICS

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: Putin's Crisis
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/11/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

With Vladimir Putin facing down a mutiny, how the Russian leader reached this moment of crisis. The story of Putin's rise, his clashes at home and abroad, and how his troubled Ukraine war led to the greatest threat yet to his grip on power.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 24
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/3/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:04

For the third time this year, former President Trump was arraigned on criminal charges. He was in federal court Thursday in Washington just a few blocks from the Capitol where a mob of his supporters rioted on Jan. 6. Trump pleaded not guilty to four felonies relating to efforts to overturn the 2020 election and

cling to power. Geoff Bennett discussed the developments with Carrie Johnson of NPR.

Series Title: Washington Week with The Atlantic
Episode Title: Episode 6
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/4/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:26:46

For the first time, a former American president is charged with conspiring to stay in office after losing an election. But what does the most serious criminal case yet against Trump mean for him, the nation and the 2024 elections? Join guest moderator John Yang, Francesca Chambers of USA Today, Carrie Johnson of NPR, Hugo Lowell of The Guardian and Jeff Mason of Reuters to discuss this and more.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: Inside the Iranian Uprising
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/8/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Inside the protests that have rocked Iran since the death of a young woman in police custody. With a trove of footage filmed by protestors, much of it previously unseen, the film sheds new light on a regime under unprecedented pressure.

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 1
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/3/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:57

For the first time in 20 years, malaria has been locally transmitted within the U.S. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified five cases, four in Florida and one in Texas. William Brangham spoke with infectious disease epidemiologist Catherine Troisi about what we know and how concerned we should be.

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Eat Your Catfish
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/24/2023 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Paralyzed by late-stage ALS, Kathryn clings to a mordant wit as she yearns to witness her daughter's wedding. Shot from her fixed point of view, watch a family grappling with the daily demands of disability and in-home caretaking.

Series Title: PBS News Weekend
Episode Title: Episode 21
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/9/2023 5:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:10

Firearms are involved in more than half of suicides in the U.S. The gun suicide rate has reached an all-time high, and for the first time, the rate is higher among Black kids and teens than white ones, according to a recent analysis by Johns Hopkins University. William Brangham speaks with Dr. Emmy Betz, director of the Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative, to learn more.

IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES

Series Title: PBS News Weekend
Episode Title: Episode 12
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/6/2023 5:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:06

New York City has long been a city of immigrants, living up to the words on the Statue of Liberty in the city's harbor. Alone among major U.S. cities, New York has a legal obligation to offer shelter to everyone who wants it – but the current influx of migrants and asylum-seekers is putting that to the test. NPR correspondent Jasmine Garsd joins John Yang to discuss what's happening.

Series Title: Keystone Stories 302
Episode Title: New Neighbors
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 09/25/2023 09:00:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Documentary / Magazine

"New neighbors" is a term given to immigrants and refugees. These community members work to learn the American ways while keeping their own cultures and traditions alive. We will hear the stories of three immigrant families and follow their journey.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Episode Title: Episode 62

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/26/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:18:16

Unauthorized crossings into the U.S. have hit levels not seen since last spring. Muzaffar Chishti, a senior fellow at the Migration Policy Institute, speaks with Hari Sreenivasan about the humanitarian and political crisis the country is facing as a result of the influx.

MILITARY/VETERANS/NATIONAL SECURITY

Title: In Search of Resolution
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 09/05/2023 09:00:00 PM
Service: APTEX
Format: Documentary

Against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine and Russian President Vladimir Putin's veiled nuclear threats, IN SEARCH OF RESOLUTION examines the continuing dangers posed by the existence of nuclear weapons. It also spotlights the dignitaries, politicians, and organizations that bolster the preventative measures helping to protect the world from this danger. Filmed in 2022 after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, this timely documentary takes viewers inside recent critical international meetings, such as the Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons, the U.N. Youth Champions for Disarmament Training Program, the First Meeting of the States Parties on the Treaty of the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and the 10th Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. In-depth interviews with scholars, ambassadors, and leaders in the field provide historical context, while international experts reflect on arms control measures, nuclear disarmament, and possible ways forward. Interviewees in the film include: Rebecca Johnson, executive director of the Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy; Angela Kane, former U.N. undersecretary-general and high representative for disarmament affairs; Elena Sokova, executive director at the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation; Tatsujiro Suzuki, vice director and professor at the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition at Nagasaki University; Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins, U.S. Department of State undersecretary for arms control and international security; Randy Rydell, executive advisor of Mayors for Peace; and Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association; among others.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 59
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/21/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:21

In our news wrap Thursday, the Senate confirmed two more top military nominees after a monthslong blockade, a U.S. government contractor was charged with

espionage, Congress heads home for the weekend as a government shutdown looms, Azerbaijan officials met with representatives from the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region, and India suspended visa services in Canada amid a widening diplomatic rift.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: Miriam and Alan: Lost In Scotland
Episode Title: Episode 203
Length: 45 minutes
Airdate: 7/07/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: APTSY
Format: Travel

Miriam and Alan visit a Santa Barbara 'drug den'. In Palm Springs, they enjoy drag bingo and join a gay knitting group. Then, it's on to L.A. where Miriam takes Alan to meet a relative she's never met in person.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 28
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/9/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:11:05

Since the Supreme Court struck down affirmative action in college admissions, questions remain over how this will affect students and who will be impacted. The court sided with plaintiffs who argued race-conscious admissions discriminate against Asian Americans. We hear Asian American students' thoughts on the decision and Amna Nawaz discusses their views with Janelle Wong and Susana Liu-Hedberg.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Episode Title: Episode 41
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/28/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:17:23

60 years ago, huge crowds descended on Washington, D.C. to demand racial justice. Martin Luther King, Jr. made history when he addressed the crowd in his "I have a dream" speech. Last Saturday, thousands gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate the march and continue the fight for equality. Bestselling author Michael Eric Dyson joins the show to discuss the historic event and its legacy.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: A Song for Cesar
Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 9/29/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Trace the life and legacy of labor activist Cesar Chavez. Through interviews with Maya Angelou, Joan Baez, Carlos Santana and more, see how music and the arts were instrumental to the success of the farmworkers' movement Chavez helped found.

RECREATION/LEISURE/SPORTS

Title: Roar: The Story of the Southern Columbia Football Tigers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/2/2023 06:00:00 PM
Service: WVIA
Format: Documentary

The story of the 2022 Southern Columbia Area High School Football Tigers season from the locker room to practices to the sidelines of the games, giving viewers an up close and never-before-seen look at one of the top high school football programs in the state. The documentary examines how this small school from rural Catawissa, Pennsylvania finds itself at the pinnacle of high school football every year.

Series Title: Great American Recipe; The
Episode Title: Episode 3
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other

Feel the love as the cooks prepare their favorite comfort food and a dish inspired by a loved one. The cooks pour their hearts and souls into recipes ranging from bacon-wrapped meatloaf and cornbread to crab cakes, elk stew and chicken curry.

Series Title: Culinary Connections #103
Episode Title: Everything Comes From Mama
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/07/2023 at 10:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Documentary

From Sicily to Altoona, the Randazzo family has been cooking up Italian staples for years. Experience this family-run restaurant and learn how to make one of their signature dishes.

Series Title: Challenger Exhibition Game at the Little League World Series 2023
Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/26/2023 10:30:00 AM
Service: WVIA
Format: Live Event

The Challenger Division was established in 1989 as a separate division of Little League that enables boys & girls with physical and developmental challenges, ages 4-18, or up to age 22 if still enrolled in high school, to enjoy the game of baseball. Since 2001, two Little League Challenger Division teams have been invited to play an exhibition game at the Little League World Series. The first 3 years the teams came from local programs. Since then, teams from nine different states, from as far away as California, have participated. The teams playing in the Challenger game as part of the World Series are representing more than 30,000 Challenger players in more than 900 leagues worldwide.

Title: Unrivaled: Sewanee 1899
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 8/27/2023 08:00:00 PM
Service: NETA
Format: Documentary

In 1899, the Sewanee football team went undefeated and untied in a long 12-game season, including a string of 5 games in 6 days. Not only did they beat every team they played - including Texas, Texas A& M, LSU, Ole Miss and Auburn - but they held every other team scoreless until their final two games. Unrivaled: Sewanee 1899 tells the story of this team that coaches agree will never be equaled, and the very different game of football played a century ago. Unrivaled includes interviews with football coaches across the south, descendants of many of the players, and music by Bobby Horton who has scored more than a dozen Ken Burns' films.

Series Title: Facing Waves
Episode Title: Series
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/2/23 at 10:30 AM
Service: NETA
Format: Documentary Series

For the first time ever, Ken Whiting trades his whitewater kayak for a whitewater canoe.

Title: Thrift Shop Chef
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/16/2023 at 07:30:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Cooking

Host Satchel Mantz find unique kitchen devices in area thrift shops and then uses those tools, along with locally-sourced ingredients, to create incredible meals that you can prepare in your own home.

RELIGION/ETHICS

Series Title: How Saba Kept Singing
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/21/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Musician David "Saba" Wisnia believed that he survived the horrors of Auschwitz by entertaining the Nazi guards with his beautiful singing voice. Join David and his grandson Avi as the pair embark on a journey exploring the mystery of Saba's past.

Series Title: The Jewish Journey: America
Length: 90
Airdate: 8/16/2023 @ 09:30 PM
Service: PFP
Format: Documentary

A film that tells the three part story of I) Jewish life in the old country, II) the reasons behind leaving their respective homes and journeying to the US and III) both the establishment of communities and the great accomplishments made in the US.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: Weather World
Length: 15 Minutes
Airdate: Weekdays at 5:30 PM and 5:45 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:14:00:00

Weather World, presented by the Penn State Department of Meteorology, provides weather education as well as a comprehensive weekday forecast.

Series Title: NOVA | The Planets
Episode Title: Inner Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

The rocky planets - Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars - were born of similar material around the same time, yet only one supports life. Were Earth's neighbors always so extreme? Is there somewhere else in the solar system where life might flourish?

Series Title: Power Trip: The Story of Energy
Episode Title: Series
Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: Sunday's starting 9/03/23 at 03:00 PM
Service: PBSPL
Format: Documentary Series

Take a journey through the past, present and future of energy, humanity's most important resource, and uncover the hidden energy that is embedded in six major facets of our modern way of life.

Series Title: Weather World
Episode Title: 40th Anniversary Special
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 09/05/2023 06:00:00 PM
Service: WPSU
Format: Interview/Discussion

A retrospective on 40 years of Weather World - the forecasts, faces and following that have defined the show and its enduring legacy.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Rebuilding Notre Dame
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/13/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In April 2019, the world watched as a devastating fire almost destroyed Paris's iconic Notre Dame Cathedral. Go behind the scenes with a team of engineers, masons, and timber workers tackling the daunting challenges of restoring the historic landmark.