

Louisiana Public Broadcasting

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Arts, Literature & Architecture

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!

Great Performances: From Vienna - The New Year's Celebration 2021

Airdate: 1/1/21, 8:00pm

Length: 90 min

Explore Ring in 2021 with host Hugh Bonneville joined by guest conductor Riccardo Muti and the Vienna Philharmonic performing a festive selection of Strauss Family waltzes. This program continues the beloved tradition of ringing in the New Year with the Vienna Philharmonic at the world-famous Musikverein in historic Vienna. The celebration features the Vienna State Ballet dancing on location from notable Vienna landmarks.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4422

Airdate: 2/12/21, 7:00pm; 2/14/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19: Keeping Cameras Rolling

The film and television industry came to a complete stop when COVID-19 arrived, with the exception of at least one major independent filmmaker and TV producer. How did Jonah Monet, CEO of Switch Stand Productions, keep her small, loyal crew focused, safe and working non-stop? We talk with Monet and Chris Stelly, who heads up LED's Louisiana Entertainment, to get the pulse of the local film community and find out how larger studios are faring.

Unexpected Modernism: The Wiener Brothers Story

Airdate: 3/8/21, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

The story of architects Samuel G. and William B. Wiener, brothers from Shreveport whose modernist designs of residential, institutional, and commercial buildings from the 1930s through the 1960s made Shreveport an early hub of International Modernist design in the United States. The documentary took two years of filming and includes interviews with members of the Wiener family, architecture experts, and the authors of related books.

Culture / Heritage

Jazz

Airdate: 1/9/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Filmmaker Ken Burns tells the story of jazz -- the quintessential American art form. The 10-part series follows the growth and development of jazz music from the gritty streets of New Orleans to the Lincoln Gardens on Chicago's south side where Louis Armstrong first won fame. From Prohibition-era speakeasies to the wide-open clubs of Kansas City, from the elegant Roseland Ballroom in Times Square, where only whites were allowed to dance, to the more egalitarian Savoy Ballroom in Harlem, where people of all colors mingled, JAZZ was six years in the making.

American Masters: How It Feels to Be Free

Airdate: 1/18/21, 8:00pm

Length: 120 min

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.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4419

Airdate: 1/22/21, 7:00pm; 1/24/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Mardi Gras 2021 - The Year of the Float House

In this segment, we look at how the decorating of houses, in a much bigger way than ever seen, could form the nucleus of Carnival 2021. We explore how residents are adding traditional float décor to the exteriors of their homes, in an effort to immortalize traditional float parades.

Mary Queen of Vietnam

Airdate: 2/9/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

This program offers a lively look at one of Louisiana's and America's most fascinating but least understood ethnic cultures by going inside the community surrounding Mary Queen of Vietnam Catholic Church in eastern New Orleans as it prepares for its huge annual Tet Festival.

Spirit of a Culture: Cane River Creoles

Airdate: 2/15/21, 10:00pm

Length: 60 min

In a story that pre-dates America, the multi-cultural Creoles of Cane River, Louisiana see themselves as somewhere between black and white. The Spirit of a Culture: Cane River Creoles recounts the Cane River Creole identity struggle from colonial French Louisiana to today's Creole led multicultural renaissance – against the notion of race as a deciding feature of a population.

Finding Cajun

Airdate: 3/10/21, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

This documentary film presents a critical and historically informed perspective on the origin and evolution of Cajun identity and the complex issues being debated today. It examines how cultural and racial labels in Louisiana have shifted, and considers the stakes of maintaining (or losing) heritage languages in the United States. Through interviews with leading experts, viewers will discover the diversity and complexity of South Louisiana's French- and Creole-speaking communities and see how Americanization, racism, and language shift have reshaped the cultural landscape of Louisiana.

Economy / Agriculture

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4417

Airdate: 1/8/21, 7:00pm; 1/10/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19 - Mardi Gras Millions Lost

Mardi Gras as we know it will not happen in 2021. Most prominent parade krewes have already canceled and the economic impact is huge, as millions of dollars are expected to be lost. In this segment, we talk with New Orleans councilman Jay Banks and the President of the Krewe of Zulu, Elroy James.

Secret Life of Farm Animals

Airdate: 1/10/21, 5:00pm

Length: 60 min

From the makers of Secret Life of Dogs comes a magical series that will change the way we look at farm animals forever. Meet the sheep who thinks he's a dog, the lonely goose who's in love with his own reflection and the cows who love music. Each episode is set against the backdrop of a farming season and follows the birth and development of one animal character - a lamb, a calf and a piglet. Along the way, the series meets a whole supporting cast of animals - from harvest mice to ducklings. Full of extraordinary revelations and heart-warming stories, this enchanting series shines a light on a hidden world that has been virtually overlooked, until now!

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4419

Airdate: 1/22/21, 7:00pm; 1/24/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Shaky Budget Picture

The state Revenue Estimating Committee recently met to discuss a shaky budget picture. The state will have \$228 million less to spend, as it works to craft a budget in the coming months. Andre' Moreau talks with Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne about the forecast, slowed greatly because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4425

Airdate: 3/5/21, 7:00pm; 3/7/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Crawfish Season Outlook

The start of spring means it's time to break out the crawfish pots and spice, but what will this crawfish season be like? The industry has experienced highs and lows between 2019 and 2021, and received another blow late winter hard freeze. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits down with Duane Smith, owner of Duane's Crawfish Farm in Opelousas, to find out what wholesalers predict for this spring season.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4427

Airdate: 3/19/21, 7:00pm; 3/21/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Financial Assistance to Renters during Covid-19

The ramifications of COVID-19 have made it difficult or impossible for some to pay rent. In this segment, LPB's Andre' Moreau sits down with Office of Community Development Director Pat Forbes about a new program launched to provide financial assistance to Louisiana renters and landlords experiencing financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

Education / Youth

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4417

Airdate: 1/1/21, 7:00pm; 1/3/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19 - Higher Education Evolution

The COVID pandemic hits its highest mark just as the spring semester begins at Louisiana universities. How will campuses look across the state and what is expected of students? We hear from UL System President Dr. Jim Henderson and LSU President Tom Galligan.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4420

Airdate: 1/29/21, 7:00pm; 1/31/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Reading Rates Drop

A new report shows reading skills for Louisiana's earliest learners have dropped for a third consecutive year. In this segment, we talk with State Superintendent of Schools Cade Brumley, along with Barry Erwin, President of Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL).

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4423

Airdate: 2/19/21, 7:00pm; 2/21/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Public School Enrollment Down

Enrollment in Louisiana's public schools is down 17,000 students this current school year amid the COVID-19 pandemic, with half of those declines in Kindergarten and pre-K. These local numbers reflect the national trend, as more and more parents decide to home school their children. In this segment, we talk with parent Jennifer Scott, about why she has made the decision to keep her two children at home.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4426

Airdate: 3/12/21, 7:00pm; 3/14/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Covid-19 - Pandemic & School Test Scores

For the few years, standardized testing scores have been dropping in schools across Louisiana. Now that the pandemic has moved many schools to virtual learning with rearranged curriculum, some students are struggling to retain information. What will that mean for test scores this spring when testing gets underway? State Superintendent Cade Brumley gives insight on how test scores may look in 2021 and what this means for students and the school system at-large.

Healthcare

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4417

Airdate: 1/1/21, 7:00pm; 1/3/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19 - Vaccination Process

In this segment, we have the latest on Louisiana's vaccination efforts. First, we hear from Brad Harrison, a nurse and front line worker, as he receives the second of his COVID-19 shots. We also look at who else is getting the coveted shots, as those eligible for vaccination now includes individuals age 70 and above.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4418

Airdate: 1/15/21, 7:00pm; 1/17/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19 - Vaccination Logistics

While Coronavirus vaccines are being delivered to Louisiana, the actual vaccination of people is proving problematic. Andre' Moreau hears from Governor John Bel Edwards, Dr. Joseph Kanter from the Department of Public Health and Jan Moller of the Louisiana Budget Project about the current methods used to vaccinate and plans for larger scale vaccination sites.

Louisiana Public Square: Healthy New Year!

Airdate: 1/27/21, 7:00pm; 1/31/21, 11:00am

Length: 60 min

January marks the beginning of a New Year and for many, a resolution to practice a healthier lifestyle. According to the 2020 State of Obesity report, Louisiana ranks ninth in the country for adult obesity. So, what is the best approach to shedding pounds in a state where cuisine is part of its culture? Which diet is the most effective for losing weight? What weight loss surgeries are available and how safe are they? And what role does exercise play in the health equation? Louisiana Public Square searches for answers on this month's episode, "Healthy New Year!"

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4420

Airdate: 1/29/21, 7:00pm; 1/31/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19 - The Vaccine & The Variant

In this segment, we report the latest on Louisiana's vaccination situation and the expected impact

of the new Covid-19 variant recently discovered. Andre' Moreau talks with Dr. Joseph Kanter from the State Department of Health.

Frontline: China's COVID Secrets

Airdate: 2/2/21, 9:00pm

Length: 90 min

The untold story of the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic and how China responded. Chinese scientists and doctors, international disease experts and health officials reveal missed opportunities to suppress the outbreak, and lessons for the world.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4421

Airdate: 2/5/21, 7:00pm; 2/7/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19 - Mental Health

In this segment, we discuss how the Covid-19 pandemic continues to present mental health challenges in everyday life. The CDC says more than 4 in 10 Americans report having mental or behavioral health issues before factoring in Covid-19, so we talk with Baton Rouge psychotherapist Leslie Todd to better understand the full impact that the pandemic is having on society.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4426

Airdate: 3/12/21, 7:00pm; 3/14/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Covid-19 - One Year Later

Marking one year since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, LPB looks back a very difficult twelve months for the state's residents. After three different surges, virus variants, and close to 10k deaths in Louisiana, the state still finds itself in the midst of a biological battle. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits down with Dr. Louis Mensky from Baton Rouge General Hospital and Dr. Catherine O'Neal with Our Lady of the Lake to talk about the lessons learned and challenges still ahead.

Frontline: Death Is Our Business/Love, Life & the Virus

Airdate: 3/23/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

At Black-owned funeral homes in New Orleans, COVID-19 reshapes the grieving process. How the pandemic has transformed mourning in a city known for its jazz filled funerals. Also, the story of a mom's fight to survive the virus and see her newborn.

History / Military

Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents

Airdate: 1/15/21, 12:00pm

Length: 60 min

This series uncovers the secret state that helped keep Queen Elizabeth in power for over 40 years. During a time when Britain was divided, unstable and violent the world's first secret service was born. Run by William and Robert Cecil, this father and son team had the duty of protecting the Queen and the Country.

The Real Prince Phillip: A Royal Officer

Airdate: 2/2/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

This program examines the Duke of Edinburgh's life story, emphasizing the role his military experiences played in his later achievements, and suggesting that his admirable ethos of service and duty was forged during his impressive naval career.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4421

Airdate: 2/5/21, 7:00pm; 2/7/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana's Black Church - The Politics of Perseverance (Part I)

Kicking off a special series for Black History Month, Kara St. Cyr explores the importance and perseverance of the Black Church in Louisiana. She visits both Catholic and Protestant churches to uncover the origins and the roles played in the lives of Louisiana residents.

Rise of the Clans

Airdate: 2/7/21, 11:00am

Length: 60 min

Scotland's early history is a bloody saga of warring clans, assassinations, feuds, love and betrayal. Neil Oliver steps back in time to reveal the story of the ancient clans, exploring the efforts of Robert the Bruce to attain the Scottish crown, the ascension of Clan Stewart to become Scotland's royal dynasty, and the treachery that led to the downfall of Mary, Queen of Scots. With insights from experts and dramatic recreations of key historical events, Neil investigates how the clans shaped Scotland into the country it is today.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4422

Airdate: 2/12/21, 7:00pm; 2/14/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana's Black Church: The Politics of Perseverance (Part II)

In this segment, LPB's month-long look at "Louisiana's Black Churches" continues, as Kara St. Cyr explores how several churches formed the backbone of our local Civil Rights movements. We look at how church preaching and congregation directly and indirectly affected the Baton Rouge Bus Boycott and voter registration in West Feliciana parish.

American Experience: Voice of Freedom

Airdate: 2/15/21, 8:00pm

Length: 120 min

Explore the fascinating life of celebrated singer Marian Anderson. In 1939, after being barred from performing at Constitution Hall because she was Black, she triumphed at the Lincoln Memorial in what became a landmark moment in American history.

The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song (Part I)

Airdate: 2/16/21, 8:00pm

Length: 120 min

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of African American religion beginning with the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the extraordinary ways enslaved Africans preserved and adapted faith practices from the brutality of slavery to emancipation.

The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song (Part II)

Airdate: 2/17/21, 8:00pm

Length: 120 min

Discover how the Black church expanded its reach to address social inequality and minister to those in need, from the Jim Crow South to the heroic phase of the civil rights movement, and the Black church's role in the present.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4423

Airdate: 2/19/21, 7:00pm; 2/21/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana's Black Church: The Politics of Perseverance (Part III)

In this segment, LPB's month-long look at "Louisiana's Black Church" continues, as Kara St. Cyr explores the history and significance of Black gospel music and how it both inspired and supported the Black community.

Diana, 7 Days

Airdate: 2/21/21, 9:30pm

Length: 90 min

At 3 AM on August 31, 1997, Princess Diana was declared dead following a tragic and controversial car accident. The public grief was instantaneous and unprecedented. Amid this outpouring of grief, the Royal family elected to remain out of the public eye. Tensions grew and the relationship between the British monarchy and public hit a long-term low. This program investigates the dramatic week leading up to Princess Diana's funeral at Westminster Abbey. It explores the practical, constitutional and emotional implications of the week, and examines how Diana's death helped preserve the British monarchy's future.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4424

Airdate: 2/26/21, 7:00pm; 2/28/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana's Black Church - The Politics of Perseverance (Part IV)

In this segment, LPB's month-long look at "Louisiana's Black Church" concludes. This week, Kara St. Cyr explores how Louisiana's historical black churches are facing new challenges. She sits down with a member of the Greater United Baptist Church, a church targeted by terrorism in 2019. She also speaks with a Dillard University chaplain about youth involvement in the church.

Ken Burns' The Civil War

Airdate: 3/5/21, 11:00pm

Length: 90 min

This series explores one of the most important conflict in our nation's history, as the Civil War was the watershed of a new political and economic order. Heralded as an unforgettable introduction to the conflict when it was released in 1990, the film draws on archival images of 16,000 photographs, along with paintings, lithographs, and headlines, newsreel footage of Civil War veterans, evocative live cinematography of battle sites, interviews with historians, and numerous first-person accounts.

Louisiana's Black Church: The Politics of Perseverance

Airdate: 3/9/21, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

This program looks at the role predominately Black churches have made on their local communities, both Protestant and Catholic – a difference that is somewhat unique to Louisiana. It also explores the role the Black church had on the Civil Rights Movement and the lasting influence on music and education.

Secrets of the Six Wives

Airdate: 3/15/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

In this series, travel with historian Lucy Worsley back to the Tudor court to witness some of the most dramatic moments in the lives of Henry VIII's six wives, each of whom found a method of exerting influence. The show combines re-enactments with historical comment.

Lucy Worsley's Royal Secrets and Myths

Airdate: 3/23/21, 1:00pm

Length: 60 min

In this series, historian Lucy Worsley travels across Britain and Europe visiting the incredible locations where Royal history was made. In beautiful palaces and castles and on dramatic battlefields she investigates how Royal history is a mixture of facts, exaggeration, manipulation and mythology.

Nature / Ecology

Wild Shetland: Scotland's Viking Frontier

Airdate: 1/6/21, 10:00pm

Length: 60 min

This program provides a captivating portrait of the Shetland islands off the coast of Scotland and traces the course of a breeding season as the animals on these remote islands battle for survival. From otters and puffins - to spectacular underwater diving gannets and rarely seen storm petrels, viewers will be mesmerized by the breathtaking scenery of these islands.

Nature: The Alps

Airdate: 1/13/21, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

In Europe's highest mountain range, discover how Alpine lynx, griffon vultures, ibex, crocuses, marmots and more face extreme seasonal fluctuations, from volatile thunderstorms and landslides of summer to avalanches and frozen temperatures of winter.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4418

Airdate: 1/15/21, 7:00pm; 1/17/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Grand Isle Levee System

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority has completed repairing and rebuilding of Grand Isle's levee system, as multiple hurricanes and tropical systems battered the state in 2020, destroying much of the existing coastal protections. In this segment, LPB heads to the coast to hear from Grand Isle Mayor David Camardelle and other officials.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4419

Airdate: 1/22/21, 7:00pm; 1/24/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Preparing for Climate Change

The Army has awarded LSU with a \$9.3 million dollar grant to help prepare the U.S. military for climate change hazards that may be incurred by armed forces installations and operations in the coming decades. Four military bases are considered at risk for rising seas, rainfall and hurricanes. In this segment, a group of LSU climate change and coastal sustainability experts discuss LSU's role.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4421

Airdate: 2/5/21, 7:00pm; 2/7/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Climate Policies; Louisiana Impact

People across Louisiana are taking great interest in President Joe Biden's first presidential actions on climate change. In this segment, LPB's Andre' Moreau lines up a panel to discuss how these policies will impact the oil and gas industry in our state. He talks with Darry Malek-Wiley from the Sierra Club; economist Stephen Barnes from Blanco Public Policy Center at UL-Lafayette; Professor David Dismukes, Director of the LSU Center for Energy Studies; and LABI CEO Stephen Waguespack.

Nature: Big Bend - The Wild Frontier of Texas

Airdate: 2/10/21, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

Roam the Wild West frontier land of the Rio Grande's Big Bend alongside its iconic animals, including black bears, rattlesnakes and scorpions.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4423

Airdate: 2/19/21, 7:00pm; 2/21/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Winter Weather and the Arctic Blast

A bout of winter weather recently coated central and northern Louisiana with ice and snow. In this segment, LPB's Andre' Moreau talks with Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins and KSLA-TV Chief Meteorologist Jeff Castle about the bitter record cold, as well as the problems it causes with water and power.

Louisiana Public Square: Litter in Louisiana

Airdate: 2/24/21, 7:00pm; 2/28/21, 11:00am

Length: 60 min

It's estimated that \$40 million is spent each year in Louisiana on litter removal, abatement, education and enforcement. Last year the Department of Transportation & Development spent \$9 million on litter pickup, diverting enough money to overlay 90 miles of roadway. Litter finds its way into the state's waterways, harming wildlife and creating flooding. Improper disposal of PPE since the COVID pandemic has only made the problem worse. Given this reality, how is Louisiana combatting its litter problem? What role can citizens play? And what can we learn from other states to reduce our litter problem?

Louisiana Public Square: Renewable and Reality

Airdate: 3/24/21, 7:00pm; 3/28/21, 11:00am

Length: 60 min

President Joe Biden has aggressive plans to transform the nation's heavily fossil-fuel powered economy into a clean-burning one by 2035. Governor John Bel Edwards is encouraging members of the state's new Climate Initiatives Task Force to explore wind power in the Gulf. While oil and gas consumption has declined recently, domestic oil production still remains essential to the economy of Louisiana. How realistic are plans to rapidly move towards a nationwide reliance on wind and solar energy? How is Louisiana's energy industry already addressing climate change? And what will a pause in offshore leases and other federal measures mean for jobs and the economy in Louisiana? Louisiana Public Square looks for answers to these questions and more on "Renewable and Reality".

Nature: Hippos – Africa's River Giants

Airdate: 3/24/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

The hippopotamus has long been an enigma: an aquatic mammal that cannot swim, a vegetarian that is also the most dangerous animal in Africa. All hippos are utterly dependent on water, but in Botswana hippos face an unparalleled challenge as deep floodwaters dry to dust in a matter of months. This documentary goes beneath the surface to show how hippos protect their families and face their enemies, revealing an animal that is highly sensitive and surprisingly intelligent. This program uncovers the life and true nature of the hippo as never seen before.

Extinction: The Facts

Airdate: 3/31/21, 7:00pm

Length: 120 min

With one million species at threat, David Attenborough explores extinction and how this crisis has consequences for us all, even putting us at greater risk of pandemic diseases.

News / Current Affairs

Amanpour and Company

Airdate: 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.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4425

Airdate: 3/5/21, 7:00pm; 3/7/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Hurricane Laura Update

It's been nearly six months since Hurricane Laura battered southwest Louisiana, leaving Lake Charles and surrounding areas in ruin. In this segment, Andre' Moreau gets an update on recovery efforts with Casey Tingle, Deputy Director at Governor's Office of Emergency Preparedness and John Long, local FEMA coordinating officer.

Politics

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4416

Airdate: 1/1/21, 7:00pm; 1/3/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Looking Toward 2021 – Conversation with Governor John Bel Edwards

In this special segment, LPB's André Moreau talks with Governor John Bel Edwards in an end-of-the year interview. The topic is no surprise: COVID-19. Some of the key questions posed are: What are the steps that will help Louisiana begin to move past the pandemic and the many restrictions that have come along with it? Is Governor Edwards optimistic about Louisiana's ability to bounce back? What is the outlook for business and industry? What is the governor saying to the families of the thousands who have died during the pandemic?

Frontline: President Biden

Airdate: 1/19/21, 9:00pm

Length: 120 min

The story of how crisis and tragedy prepared Joe Biden to become America's next president. Those who know him best describe the searing moments that shaped President-elect Biden and what those challenges reveal about how he will govern.

Frontline: Trump's Carnage

Airdate: 1/26/21, 9:00pm

Length: 90 min

From his first days as president to his last, Trump stoked division, violence and insurrection. Frontline investigates Trump's siege on his enemies, the media and even the leaders of his own party, who for years ignored the warning signs of what was to come.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4420

Airdate: 1/29/21, 7:00pm; 1/31/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19: The 5th District Race

In this segment, we talk with Julia Letlow, the wife of Representative-elect Luke Letlow. Earlier this month, Luke died of complications from Covid-19 days before he was to be sworn in. Ms. Letlow will run as a Republican to represent Louisiana's Fifth District and discusses with us her decision to stand for this office in the coming special election for her husband's seat.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4427

Airdate: 3/19/21, 7:00pm; 3/21/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Special Congressional Election

Voters will soon go to the polls in a special election to choose Congressional representative for two of the state's districts. In this segment, USA Today Network political expert Greg Hilburn takes a look the at the races.

Public Safety / Crime / Justice

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4417

Airdate: 1/8/21, 7:00pm; 1/10/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: A New Louisiana Chief Justice

Justice John Weimer was recently sworn in as Louisiana's Chief Justice at the Supreme Court in New Orleans. Two of Justice Weimer's friends and associates, Kathleen Richey, a former judge and Executive Director of the Louisiana CASA Association and Harold Block, a Thibodaux attorney, tell Andre' Moreau why Weimer is the perfect choice for being Chief Justice.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4418

Airdate: 1/15/21, 7:00pm; 1/17/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19 - Can Vaccines Be Required?

In recent weeks, the first phase of vaccine doses have been distributed to eligible Louisiana residents. But there is some grey area about whether businesses and schools will require their employees/students to be vaccinated once the doses are widespread. Kara St. Cyr speaks with attorney Brandon Vesser about whether the requirement is legal.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4418

Airdate: 1/15/21, 7:00pm; 1/17/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana on Alert

Recently, the FBI has issued warnings about armed protests planned at all fifty state capitol buildings in the days leading up to the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden. The FBI bulletin warns of the escalation of violence especially if President Donald Trump is removed from office before inauguration date. In this segment, we explore state law enforcement plans in advance of these protest and talk with LSU law professor Lisa Avalos about the implications.

Independent Lens: Women in Blue

Airdate: 2/9/21, 10:00pm

Length: 90 min

Under the leadership of the Minneapolis Police Department's first female chief, women officers seek gender equity, redefining what it means to protect and serve. But, a fatal shooting and a new male chief imperil their progress.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4422

Airdate: 2/12/21, 7:00pm; 2/14/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Law Enforcement Task Force

After a summer of questions and protests following George Floyd's death, Louisiana lawmakers struggled to pass effective legislation concerning police brutality. State Senator Cleo Fields organized a task force to find ways to better manage law enforcement and their approach to arrests. In this segment, we sit down with Senator Fields to discuss the force's recommendations and how that could influence legislation in the 2021 legislative session.

Science / Technology / Infrastructure

American Experience: Sealab

Airdate: 1/8/21, 10:00pm

Length: 60 min

The Sealab project, as it was known, was the brainchild of a country doctor turned naval pioneer who dreamed of pushing the limits of ocean exploration the same way NASA was pushing the limits of space exploration. As Americans were becoming entranced with the effort to land a man on the moon, these divers, including one of NASA's most famous astronauts, were breaking depth barrier records underwater. Sealab tells the little-known story of the daring program that tested the limits of human endurance and revolutionized the way humans explore the ocean.

Secrets in Our DNA

Airdate: 1/13/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Some 30 million Americans have sent their DNA to be analyzed by companies like 23andMe and AncestryDNA. But what happens once the sample is in the hands of testing companies, and how accurate are their results? NOVA explores the power of genetic data to reveal family connections, ancestry, and health risks—and even solve criminal cold cases.

Beyond the Elements on Nova

Airdate: 2/3/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Discover the fascinating chemistry that makes our world and everything in it—including us. Episode one dives into the transformative world of chemical reactions, from the complex formula that produces cement to the single reaction that's allowed farmers to feed a global population by the billions—a reaction that when reversed, unleashes the powerful chemistry of high explosives.

NOVA: Looking for Life on Mars

Airdate: 2/24/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Follow along as NASA launches the Mars 2020 mission, perhaps the most ambitious hunt ever for signs of life on Mars. For the first time, a rover attempts a risky landing in Jezero Crater, the coveted site of an ancient river delta that scientists believe once held all the ingredients for life. If the rover, called Perseverance, finds signs of life from an age when Mars was a watery planet like Earth, it could mean life is more likely to exist elsewhere in the solar system—and beyond.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4424

Airdate: 2/26/21, 7:00pm; 2/28/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Capitol Region's Traffic Plans

What are the long-range traffic goals for the heavily congested Baton Rouge Metro area? In this segment, we look at the Capitol Region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This federally required plan is updated every four years and establishes a shared vision for the future of transportation in the region. More specifically, it develops goals, strategies, and projects that will help achieve that vision over the next 25 years.

8 Days: To the Moon and Back

Airdate: 3/4/21, 12:00pm

Length: 60 min

This program takes a look at Apollo 11's historic journey to the Moon. The film seamlessly blends mission audio featuring conversations among Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins with new footage, NASA archive and stunning CGI to recreate the first moon landing.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4426

Airdate: 3/12/21, 7:00pm; 3/14/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: LPB Young Hero Reaches for the Stars

It was recently announced that Louisiana native Hayley Arceneaux has been chosen to join an all-civilian crew that journey into space later this year aboard a SpaceX capsule. A former LPB Young Hero, Arceneaux, talks about her upcoming space mission, as well as her battle at the age of 10 to beat bone cancer. Inspired by her treatment, she now works at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4427

Airdate: 3/19/21, 7:00pm; 3/21/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Facial Recognition Technology

In the PBS documentary Coded Bias, filmmakers explain the dangers associated with facial recognition technology, and explore how law enforcement and other agencies might unwittingly incorporate biases against race, gender and sexuality into technology. In Louisiana, activist groups and law enforcement have already discussed these technology drawbacks. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr explores the technology already present in the state and how this artificial intelligence may develop into something discriminatory.

Social Issues

Frontline: American Voices - A Nation in Turmoil

Airdate: 1/5/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

From the pandemic to the polls, 2020 has been a time of tumult across a deeply divided America. FRONTLINE presents a post-election special on the lives, fears and hopes of Americans in the chaotic months leading up to the historic presidential contest. This documentary was filmed around the U.S. for much of the year, following Americans as they dealt with COVID-19 in their communities this spring, responded to George Floyd's killing this summer, and then experienced the polarizing election and its aftermath this fall.

Independent Lens: A Woman's Work - NFL's Cheerleader Problem

Airdate: 1/5/21, 10:00pm

Length: 60 min

NFL cheerleaders revolve their lives around their sport, but most earn less than minimum wage. Three of them decide they deserve more. In high-stakes lawsuits, these courageous women take a stand against the massive, male-dominated sports league.

POV: American Promise

Airdate: 1/15/21, 12:00pm

Length: 60 min

American Promise spans 13 years as Joe Brewster and Michèle Stephenson, middle-class African-American parents in Brooklyn, N.Y., turn their cameras on their son, Idris, and his best friend, Seun, who make their way through Dalton, one of the most prestigious private schools in the country. Chronicling the boys' divergent paths from kindergarten through high school graduation, this provocative, intimate documentary presents complicated truths about America's struggle to come of age on issues of race, class and opportunity.

Independent Lens: 9 to 5 - The Story of a Movement

Airdate: 2/2/21, 10:30pm

Length: 90 min

Go inside the inspiring movement for women's workplace equality in the 1970s. Started by a group of Boston secretaries, the 9to5 cause used humor to attract press attention and shame bosses into giving better pay and ending sexual harassment.

John Lewis: Get in the Way

Airdate: 2/5/21, 12:00pm

Length: 60 min

The son of sharecroppers, John Lewis grew up in rural isolation, seemingly destined to a bleak, segregation-imposed future. But his fate took a different turn, and Lewis rose from Alabama's Black Belt to the corridors of power on Capitol Hill, his humble origins forever linking him to those whose voices customarily go unheard. A man of the people, a Congressional elder statesman, Lewis is as exceptional as he is ordinary.

Rick Steves' Hunger and Hope

Airdate: 3/4/21, 9:30pm

Length: 90 min

In this documentary, Steves looks at different ways the two countries are increasing access to water, education and food. His travels around Ethiopia and Guatemala show how development aid has changed over the years. Rather than encouraging farmers to move to cities, for example, nonprofits are empowering people to sell their products globally. And they're focusing in on women, in particular.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4426

Airdate: 3/12/21, 7:00pm; 3/14/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: LSU Sexual Abuse Investigation

A recent independent investigation found LSU was negligent in its handling of cases of sexual abuse and misconduct on campus. In this segment, LPB's Andre' Moreau talks with LSU President Tom Galligan and State Senator Kim Mizell, who opened dialogue for all state universities and allowed victims a safe place to tell their stories. We also hear from a number of students who protested the university's handling of the allegations, who demand more accountability.

Independent Lens: Coded Bias

Airdate: 3/22/21, 9:00pm

Length: 90 min

When MIT Media Lab researcher Joy Buolamwini discovers most facial recognition does not see dark-skinned faces or women with accuracy, she joins the fight to expose the threats to civil liberties posed by an increasingly data-driven, automated world.

The Talk – Race in America

Airdate: 3/29/21, 10:00pm

Length: 120 min

This two-hour documentary is about the increasingly common conversation taking place in homes and communities across the country between parents of color and their children, especially sons, about how to behave if they are ever stopped by the police. This program originally aired in 2017.

By One Vote: Women Suffrage in the South

Airdate: 3/31/21, 12:00pm

Length: 60 min

In August 1901 in Nashville, Tennessee legislators cast the deciding vote to ratify the 19th Amendment, thus giving women in the United States the right to vote. Narrated by Rosanne Cash, "By One Vote: Woman Suffrage in the South" chronicles events leading up to that turbulent, nail-biting showdown.