RMPBS Denver, CO PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report January 1 – March 31, 2024

ARTS

Series Title:American MastersEpisode Title:HOPPER: An American Love StoryLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/2/2024 9:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:26:46

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

Series Title:American MastersEpisode Title:Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and RollLength:120 minutesAirdate:2/2/2024 9:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:01:26:46

Experience the meteoric rise and enduring legacy of Little Richard. This portrait of the "King and Queen of Rock and Roll" explores his far-reaching influence as well as his advocacy for the rights of Black artists in the music industry.

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 175Length:60 minutesAirdate:3/1/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:06:00

This week, Beyoncé continued her reign at the top of the country charts. Last week she became the first Black woman to hit number one with her banjo-infused bop "Texas Hold 'Em." The song has brought a new audience to the genre and reminded music fans of country music's deep African and African American roots. Amna Nawaz has a closer look for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Program Title:Fabrica de Arte AmericasLength:30 minutesAirdate:2/16/2024 9:30:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:26:40

Fabrica de Arte Americas is a major interdisciplinary creative lab of contemporary art originally founded in Havana, Cuba and brought to Denver as part of the Cities Summit of the Americas.

CULTURE

Series Title:Tutankhamun: Allies & EnemiesEpisode Title:Episode 2Length:60 minutesAirdate:1/16/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:53:12

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

Series Title: NOVA Episode Title: Easter Island Origins Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 2/7/2024 9:00:00 PM Service: PBS-NPS Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

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

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 177Length:60 minutesAirdate:3/5/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:02:55

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

Program Title:Frozen Dead Guy DaysLength:30 minutesAirdate:2/11/2024 5:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:55

Origin and colorful history of Colorado's winter festival celebrating a frozen dead guy!

Series Title:Roadtrip NationEpisode Title:Peak Possible, Starting the ClimbLength:30 minutesAirdate:3/14/2024 7:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:25:05

See how Coloradans are reshaping existing industries, jumpstarting career trajectories for the future, and challenging outdated notions of what's possible in the state.

Series Title:Great Colorado WomenEpisode Title:Julie Penrose - A Grand and Giving LifeLength:30 minutesAirdate:3/21/2024 7:30:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:26:40

Julie Penrose was an astute community leader, dedicated philanthropist, and arts patron.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title:NatureEpisode Title:The Serengeti RulesLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/3/2024 8:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title: Nature Episode Title: Flyways Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 2/7/2024 8:00:00 PM Service: PBS-NPS Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:53:10

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

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 176Length:60 minutesAirdate:3/4/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:06:26

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

Series Title:Colorado ExperienceEpisode Title:The Most Polluted Zip Code, Part 1Length:30 MinutesAirdate:1/18/2024 at 7:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:27:00

In north Denver, the 80216 zip code has been named one of the most polluted in the country. From redlining to factories and highways built through the neighborhoods, we learn what led to this unfortunate designation.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title:Finding Your RootsEpisode Title:Fathers and SonsLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/16/2024 8:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:Interview/Discussion/ReviewSegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:Finding Your RootsEpisode Title:Far and AwayLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/6/2024 8:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:Interview/Discussion/ReviewSegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:Finding Your RootsEpisode Title:Secret LivesLength:60 minutesAirdate:3/26/2024 7:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:Interview/Discussion/ReviewSegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:Colorado VoicesEpisode Title:Our Next GenerationLength:30 MinutesAirdate:3/28/2024 7:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:27:20

In this episode of Colorado Voices, we journey across the state to hear the stories of youth in cities and in rural areas. We meet kids who are struggling and celebrating their success. All of it shows the dreams and hopes of Colorado's next generation.

Series Title:Great Colorado WomenEpisode Title:Lily Nie: A Legacy of LoveLength:30 minutesAirdate:3/14/2024 7:30:00 PMService:PBS

Format:DocumentarySegment Length:00:26:40

Lily's Chinese Children Adoption International has changed the fate of many abandoned children.

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:Van Gogh's EarLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/10/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:01:00:00

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

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:The Woman in the Iron CoffinLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/14/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:American ExperienceEpisode Title:The Cancer DetectivesLength:60 minutesAirdate:3/26/2024 8:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:51:49

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

Series Title:Colorado ExperienceEpisode Title:The Healing Power of JoyLength:30 MinutesAirdate:1/4/2024 7:00:00 pmService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:27:00

Roundup River Ranch Camp gives kids with serious medical diagnoses a chance to enjoy summer camp despite their diagnoses. The camp, in a valley near Gypsum, is complete with a medical facility, dining hall, cabins and, of course, many fun activities. The documentary covers the importance of the camp, the history of the land and follows two campers through their stay.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title:Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; TheLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/8/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

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

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 157Length:60 minutesAirdate:2/6/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:10:06

A love story is helping paint a fuller picture of the civil rights movement. Activist Medgar Evers was killed in 1963 by a white supremacist outside his home in Mississippi. His murder thrust Myrlie Evers into the spotlight, becoming a freedom fighter in her own right. Joy-Ann Reid traces their extraordinary lives in "Medgar and Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story That Awakened America."

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 184Length:60 minutesAirdate:3/14/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:08:14

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

Series Title:Colorado ExperienceEpisode Title:Cultivating ChangeLength:30 MinutesAirdate:1/11/2024 7:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:27:20

A historical look at northern Colorado's development in agriculture and how labor conditions for the Hispanic farmworkers led to El Movimiento of the 1960s. The turn of the 20th century was a time for new industry and a renewed effort to find cheap labor, which brought thousands of immigrants, Chicanos and other Hispanic community members to the area. In the 1960s, workers in northern Colorado stood up for the rights of Hispano laborers through protests and strikes, leading to substantial change.

Program Title:Heartbreak CountryLength:30 minutesAirdate:2/21/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:26:40

The remains of thousands of undocumented immigrants lie undiscovered in the remote and inhospitable landscape of Brooks County, TX. This documentary explores attempts by the non-profit organization Operation Identification and the South Texas Human Rights Center to locate, exhume, and identify the dead from this heartbreaking humanitarian crisis.

Series Title:Great Colorado WomenEpisode Title:Gale Norton - From Peaks to PolicyLength:30 minutesAirdate:3/28/2024 7:30:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:26:40

Gale Norton was both first female Colorado Attorney General and Secretary of the Interior.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:Nero's Sunken CityLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/3/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:OtherSegment Length:01:00:00

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

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:Graveyard of the Giant BeastsLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/7/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:01:00:00

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

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

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

Program Title:Geothermal: The Heat Beneath Our FeetLength:30 minutesAirdate:2/4/2024 5:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:26:40

Explore the growing use of geothermal for heating and cooling, not only on Colorado Mesa University's campus, but throughout Western Colorado. Discover how geothermal works, where geothermal may be utilized, its efficiency and cost savings and how it has impacted the lives, and pocketbooks, of Colorado citizens.