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**AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY**

Series Title: Central Park Five; The  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 4/2/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:56:46

This new film from award-winning filmmaker Ken Burns tells the story of the five black and Latino teenagers from Harlem who were wrongly convicted of raping a white woman in New York City's Central Park in 1989. The film chronicles the Central Park jogger case, for the first time from the perspective of the five young men whose lives were upended by this miscarriage of justice.

Series Title: Amelia Earhart: American Experience  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/7/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, and the first to cross the North American continent alone. Her exploits as an aviator, her beauty and intelligence, her independence and charm made her a national heroine. In 1937, she set out to accomplish yet another first: to circle the earth along the equator on an east-west flight. Friends warned that her preparations were hurried, even careless. When her plane disappeared without a trace, the "First Lady of the Air" was instantly transformed into an American legend.

Series Title: Lavender Scare; The  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/18/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Narrated by Glenn Close and featuring the voices of Cynthia Nixon, Zachary Quinto, T. R. Knight and David Hyde Pierce, THE LAVENDER SCARE tells the little-known story of an unrelenting campaign by the federal government to identify and fire employees suspected of being homosexual. Produced and directed by Josh Howard and based on the award-winning book by David K. Johnson.

## CULTURE

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/12/2019 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:03:20

It has been nearly 20 years since the first mass school shooting in the U.S. -- the shocking tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, on April 20, 1999. As a "credible" threat closed Columbine and hundreds of other Denver schools Wednesday, John Ferrugia of Rocky Mountain PBS shares part of an upcoming documentary featuring survivors of the massacre in their own words.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Lost Viking Army  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/22/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Forty years ago, a sleepy village in the heart of England was the scene of a gruesome discovery when nearly 300 skeletons were unearthed in a mass grave. But no one has been able to prove who they were, until now. Forensic archaeologist Cat Jarman believes these bones are the last remains of The Great Heathen Army, a legendary Viking fighting force that invaded England in the 9th Century and has been long lost to history. Armed with the latest scientific methods, Cat's team will uncover extraordinary human stories from the front line, including explosive evidence of women warriors; a lost king, reunited with his son in death; and a tale of human sacrifice. And using pioneering technology, they will hunt for the army's lost camp.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/6/2019 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:39

Summer used to be a season of reruns, but the rise of the streaming era means there's plenty of new fare coming to the small screen. The season will also welcome back popular series like "The Handmaid's Tale," "Pose," "Big Little Lies" and "Stranger Things." Eric Deggens of NPR joins Jeffrey Brown to offer a viewer's guide.

**ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS**

Series Title: Nature  
Episode Title: Forest of the Lynx  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/3/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Kalkalpen National Park in the Austrian Alps was abandoned and unmanaged by man for close to a quarter of a century. Now the forest's dramatic cycle of regeneration is bringing back pygmy owls, woodpeckers, colorful insects and even the lynx.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/3/2019 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:06

A new UN report reveals the extent to which mankind is changing life on Earth. Written by an international panel of experts, it concludes that nearly a quarter of animal and plant groups are at risk of extinction, some within decades. William Brangham talks to one of the report's authors, the National University of Mexico's Patricia Balvanera, about what's driving the changes and how to stop them.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/4/2019 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:33

In parts of America's Heartland, prolonged wet weather and historic flooding are disrupting spring planting for many farmers. Nearly three months after waters washed over parts of Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska, some fields remain submerged -- and President Trump's trade war with China isn't making conditions for struggling farmers any easier. Jack Williams from Nebraska's NET Television reports.

## Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: All in the Family  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/9/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Radio host Joe Madison receives startling family news, and series host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. learns his own DNA story. Also features the "Finding Your Roots: The Seedlings" STEM Camp, with science and history inspiring the next generation.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Reporting on the Reporters  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/7/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. shows journalists Christiane Amanpour, Ann Curry and Lisa Ling that the stories within their own family trees are every bit as compelling as the news stories they have been covering for the world.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/14/2019 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:29

In 2015, actress Maddie Corman's life became a nightmare when her husband was arrested for having child pornography on his computer. Now Corman has written an emotional play, "Accidentally Brave," about the harrowing experience. Hari Sreenivasan sits down with Corman to discuss how the ordeal affected her, whether she's still with her husband and why she chose to write her story into a play.

## Health/Health Care

Series Title: Independent Lens  
Episode Title: The Providers  
Length: 90 minutes  
Airdate: 4/8/2019 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Follow three "country doctors" in rural New Mexico -- the site of a physician shortage and an opioid epidemic -- who work at clinics that offer care for all, regardless of ability to pay.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/14/2019 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:43

Affordable health care is a persistent concern for Americans and a topic of great political debate. Typically, generic prescription drugs offer a cheaper alternative to name brands, but a new multi-state lawsuit alleges that their manufacturers have been artificially raising prices. John Yang talks to William Tong, attorney general of Connecticut, whose office has been leading the investigation.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/21/2019 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:59

Uncertainty around the costs of prescription drugs and health care in general is worrying Americans. A recent study found that one in six were surprised by a medical bill from a hospital treatment in 2017. On Monday, President Trump issued executive orders requiring greater transparency around medical costs. But will they help? Nick Schifrin talks to Elisabeth Rosenthal of Kaiser Health News.

### Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Reconstruction: America After the Civil War  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 4/9/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Experience the aftermath of the Civil War -- a bewildering, exhilarating and terrifying time. For African Americans, despite their hard-won freedom, support for their social, economic and political gains did not last.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/1/2019 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:18

Traditionally, movies and books about Native American life have focused on tragedy and defeat. Now, a new work of history and reporting urges readers to consider a more complex culture that is not only still living, but evolving. Jeffrey Brown sits down with David Treuer, author of "The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee."

Series Title: Stonewall Uprising: American Experience  
Length: 90 minutes  
Airdate: 6/24/2019 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:26:46

"Stonewall Uprising" explores the dramatic event that launched a worldwide rights movement. Told by those who took part, from drag queens and street hustlers to police detectives, journalists and a former mayor of New York, and featuring a rich trove of archival footage, this film revisits a time when homosexual acts were illegal throughout America, and homosexuality itself was seen as a form of mental illness. Hunted and often entrapped by undercover police in their hometowns, gays from around the U.S. began fleeing to New York in search of a sanctuary. Hounded there still by an aggressive police force, they found refuge in a Mafia-run gay bar in Greenwich Village, the Stonewall Inn. When police raided Stonewall on June 28, 1969, gay men and women did something they had not done before: they fought back. As the streets of New York erupted into violent protests and street demonstrations, the collective anger announced that the gay rights movement had arrived.

## Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Secrets of Noah's Ark  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/17/2019 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

A 3,700-year-old inscribed clay tablet reveals a surprising new version of the Biblical flood story, complete with how-to instructions for assembling an ark. Following the directions, expert boat builders assemble and launch a massive reed boat.

Series Title: Breakthrough: The Ideas That Changed the World  
Episode Title: The Robot  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/1/2019 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn how robots were first conceptualized in ancient Rome and see how their use has evolved over the centuries, from the calculator to the Roomba. Then, take a sneak peek at what future robots will be able to do.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Cleopatra's Lost Tomb  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/18/2019 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Learn about the legendary queen Cleopatra, who ruled the Egyptian empire. Will an amateur archaeologist's theory reveal where the queen's lost tomb is hidden?