

Quarterly Issues/Program Report

January – March 2022

Agriculture

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 189
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2022 6:00:00 PM

The Black Sea region straddling Russia and Ukraine is known as the “breadbasket of Europe” because of the bounty from its fertile soil. But since the Russian invasion farmers have left those fields for safety or to take up arms, and the impacts are ricocheting around the world. Stephanie Sy reports.

American History/Biography

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Roberto Clemente
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2022 8:00:00 PM

Baseball great Roberto Clemente's talent and inimitable style drew legions of fans, but as this American Experience production reveals, he was more than an exceptional baseball player. He was also a committed humanitarian who challenged racial discrimination and worked for social justice.

Series Title: Fannie Lou Hamer's America: An America ReFramed Special
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/22/2022 8:00:00 PM

Archival audio footage and rare television appearances illustrate the political and humanitarian career of civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Zoot Suit Riots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/29/2022 8:00:00 PM

In the aftermath of a highly publicized trial for the murder of a young Mexican-American man in 1942, Los Angeles erupted in violent riots that scarred race relations for decades to come. Hector Elizondo narrates.

Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 138
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2022 6:00:00 PM

Eleven years ago this past weekend, on Jan. 8, a gunman opened fire at a political event in Arizona. That moment in 2011 underscored both the dangerous divisions and the epidemic of gun violence in America. Stephanie Sy visits Tucson, where a Jan. 8 memorial is steeped in symbolism starting with its location. It's part of our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 163
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/14/2022 6:00:00 PM

In the spirit of Valentine's Day we look at London's National Portrait Gallery, which for the first time has an international tour of some of its works depicting love and desire. Special correspondent Jared Bowen of GBH Boston shares these "Love Stories" with us for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 188
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/21/2022 6:00:00 PM

Shawn Dunwoody is a local artist and activist born and raised in Rochester, New York. Early in his career he found success in galleries and at universities. But he's now returning his focus to his own neighborhood, hoping to ignite conversations through art to create changes in the community. He shares Brief But Spectacular take on bridging communities for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 141
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2022 6:00:00 PM

The most serious federal charges yet in the Jan. 6 insurrection were unsealed Thursday. The leader of the Oath Keepers, a right-wing paramilitary group, and 10 of his members were charged with seditious conspiracy for attempting to overthrow the U.S. government. Kathleen Belew, assistant professor of history at University Chicago and the author of "Bring the War Home," joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 160
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/9/2022 6:00:00 PM

The opioid overdose crisis that killed more than 100,000 Americans in a year is being called one of the most pressing national security and public health challenges facing the U.S. A majority of the overdoses are driven by the potent synthetic opioid fentanyl. Maryland Rep. David Trone, co-chair of the federal Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking, joins William Brangham to discuss.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 192
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/25/2022 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Friday, Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson picked up the crucial support of West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was released from a Washington hospital, Minneapolis teachers reached a tentative deal to end a strike, rebel forces in Tigray agreed to a humanitarian ceasefire, and EU negotiators back landmark restrictions for Big Tech.

Education

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 148
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/24/2022 6:00:00 PM

The past two years of this pandemic have been especially difficult for students, who have experienced major disruptions to both their education and social lives. In a special program that premieres Tuesday, NewsHour's Student Reporting Labs team is exploring how many young people are dealing with the new normal. Here's a look at how one teacher has taken an unconventional approach to learning.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Bulletproof
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/14/2022 10:00:00 PM

In an era of mass shootings, take a provocative look at what Americans will do to feel safe in schools.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 191
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/24/2022 6:00:00 PM

For two years, the pandemic has hammered schools and accentuated the staffing shortages they are facing. It's led to enormous problems with teacher morale, burnout, school closures and learning losses. But some states are using the National Guard to fill in the gaps. Becky Pringle, president of the National Education Association, which represents 3 million educators, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.

Employment

Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
Episode Title: Episode 30
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/21/2022 7:30:00 PM

Former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi discusses her rise up America's corporate ladder after emigrating from India. She also weighs in on the future of the workplace, the care economy and the role companies should play in addressing problems in society.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 170
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/23/2022 6:00:00 PM

Among the reasons for the current labor shortage in the U.S. is the exodus of older workers retiring early during the pandemic. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Writing with Fire
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/28/2022 10:00:00 PM

In a male-dominated media landscape, the women journalists of India's all-female Khabar Lahariya ("News Wave") newspaper risk it all, including their own safety, to cover the country's political, social, and local news from a women-powered perspective. From underground network to independent media empire—now with 10 million views on their YouTube site—they defy the odds to redefine power.

Environmental/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 149
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2022 6:00:00 PM

As the impact of climate change grows, so does the risk of ever larger and more frequent wildfires. No state knows that better than California. But the Golden State is also grappling with the role of one of the country's largest utilities in the matter, and whether the company will do what's needed to prevent or stop fires. Stephanie Sy explores.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 156
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2022 6:00:00 PM

Crews and residents across the Midwest are digging their way out as a sprawling winter storm pushes further across the country. Some places have reported over a foot of snow, creating dangerous driving conditions in several states, while more than 4,000 flights were canceled Thursday alone. Nicole Ellis has our report.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Episode Title: Episode 178
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/7/2022 11:00:00 PM

With oil prices at a 14-year high, the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, said today that the EU has to “get rid of the dependency on Russian gas, oil, and coal.” Bill McKibben says responding with renewables is the way to both defeat Putin and alleviate climate change. He tells Hari Sreenivasan that now is the time to transition away from fossil fuels.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 175
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2022 6:00:00 PM

The number of Ukrainians who have left the country is nearing a million people, according to the United Nations. Many more are still in Ukraine unsure of what the next day will bring. Two Ukrainian parents in different parts of the country shared their experience with us, as they desperately try to keep themselves and their families safe.

Health/Health Care

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 133
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2022 6:00:00 PM

COVID continues to spread quickly throughout the U.S. on the first Monday of the new year, forcing airlines and businesses to limit operations as many workers are falling ill or testing positive. The surge from the omicron variant is disrupting back-to-school plans in many communities as well. Amna Nawaz reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 172
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/25/2022 6:00:00 PM

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday loosened its COVID-19 guidance on wearing masks in indoor public settings. The new standard says people don't have to mask-up if case counts and hospitalizations aren't especially high where they live. Dr. Jennifer Nuzzo, an epidemiologist and senior scholar at Johns Hopkins University, joins William Brangham to discuss.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 178
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/7/2022 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Monday, the pandemic's official worldwide death toll surpassed 6 million including 960,000 deaths in the U.S., Florida becomes the first state in the nation to recommend against vaccinations for healthy children, efforts to restore the 2015 Iran nuclear deal hit a new obstacle over the war in Ukraine, and the Biden administration is injecting \$3.7 billion into public transit.

Recreation/Leisure Sports

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In our news wrap Thursday, Major League Baseball players voted to end a lockout that threatened the 2022 season, inflation at the consumer level has hits a 40-year high, the Senate pressed to finish a bill funding the government through the rest of the federal fiscal year, and the Biden administration extended a COVID mask mandate for travelers on planes, trains and other public transportation.

Women

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 149
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2022 6:00:00 PM

Since the Taliban took over control of Afghanistan last year, the future of the country's women has been in peril. Many girls are barred from receiving an education, and women are prevented from holding many jobs. Back in 2019, special correspondent Jane Ferguson met with a female doctor in Kabul, and she recently returned to find that same doctor now faced with a previously unimaginable choice.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 156
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2022 6:00:00 PM

Afghanistan's women saw two decades of progress vanish when U.S. forces withdrew in August as the Taliban took back control of the country. The group's arch-conservative interpretation of Islam pushed women out of the workplace, and cast most young women and girls out of school. But as Jane Ferguson and videographer Eric O'Connor report, some women in Afghanistan are not taking this lying down.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 179
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/8/2022 6:00:00 PM

On International Women's Day, we take a closer look at the state of women and girls worldwide. Michelle Milford Morse, the United Nations Foundation's vice president for girls and women strategy, joins NewsHour's Nicole Ellis to discuss the agency's new report on gender inequality across the globe.