PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019 KNPB, Reno, NV

AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: James Watson: American Masters

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 1/2/2019 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

American molecular biologist James Watson is best known as one of the co-discoverers of the structure of DNA. In 1962, Watson shared the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine with Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins Wilkins, who, with Rosalind Franklin, provided the data on which the structure was based.

Series Title: Roads to Memphis: American Experience

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 2/26/2019 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 01:26:46

"We were never concerned with who killed Martin Luther King, but what killed Martin Luther King," says former King aide Andrew Young in this film, which tells the wildly disparate yet fatefully entwined stories of an assassin, James Earl Ray, and his target, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., against the backdrop of the seething and turbulent forces in American society that led these two men to their violent and tragic collision in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. Based on a forthcoming book by Hampton Sides (Ghost Soldiers), the program relies on eyewitness testimony from King's inner circle and the officials involved in Ray's capture and prosecution following an intense two-month international manhunt.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots

Episode Title: Relatives We Never Knew We Had

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 3/26/2019 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the family stories of Tea Leoni and Gaby Hoffmann who both have lives shaped by family mysteries. They are introduced to the identities and life stories of their ancestors, thanks to DNA detective work.

CULTURE

Series Title: Arteffects
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2019 830pm

Service: KNPB

ARTEFFECTS not only delves into the local arts scene but encompasses art features from across the nation. A play on the word "artifact" that emphasizes not only the positive, curious, intended and unintended [effects] the arts have in our daily environments, region and world, but also the long term and lasting impact the arts leave behind [artifact] in helping define and describe out culture, community, nation and world. Airs weekly Thursday at 8:30pm and repeats Sunday at 6:30pm.

Series Title: At the Gathering

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/31/2019 3pm

Service: KNPB

KNPB brings viewers all the atmosphere, history and fun of Elko's annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering to viewers through performances and interviews. Poets and musicians young and old entertain with the classics and new takes on old favorites, and the Gathering adds an international flavor with additions from cattle cultures around the world.

Series Title: Wild Nevada Length: 30 minutes Airdate: 1/3/2019 8pm

Service: KNPB

A travel-destination series that explores the interior of Nevada. Each program is filmed over two days. Hosts Chris Orr and Dave Santina begin their trip at starting point and travel to their destination. Along the way, they take short side trips to investigate points of interest and unique landmarks. This local production airs weekly on Thursday 8pm, Saturday 3pm, Sunday 6:30pm and Tuesday at 1pm.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 1/2/2019 6:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:06:48

What's long been referred to as the "modest" fashion of Muslim women has grown into a major industry generating hundreds of billions of dollars annually. The first U.S. museum exhibit highlighting Islamic culture within the context of fashion opened in San Francisco's de Young museum in 2018. Jeffrey Brown reports on why fashion that has previously been ignored is now gaining new attention.

Series Title: Independent Lens Episode Title: Black Memorabilia

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 2/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

From the South to Brooklyn to China, meet the people who reproduce, consume and reclaim black memorabilia, racially-charged objects often wrapped in the protective embrace of antiquity and historical preservation.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 3/6/2019 6:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:07:13

A quarter of the U.S. population is made up of people born from the mid-1990s to around 2010, known as Generation Z. When it comes to making purchases, this group is accustomed to buying online and using credit cards, but less familiar with cash. How does the absence of tangible currency, and the constant exposure to digital advertising, affect their relationship with money? Paul Solman reports.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 1/28/2019 6:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:02:10

Much of the American Midwest is experiencing a deep freeze that will bring with it the lowest temperatures seen in a generation. Arctic air and icy conditions led schools to close, flights to be canceled and railway officials to set fires on train tracks to prevent them from cracking. Judy Woodruff reports on the polar vortex.

Series Title: NOVA

Episode Title: Great Human Odyssey

Length: 120 minutes

Airdate: 2/27/2019 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Walk in the footsteps of our ancient ancestors as scientists trace the paths that led us out of Africa and around the world. From snowy Siberia to remote Pacific islands, discover how humans survived and thrived in every corner of the planet.

Series Title: Nature

Episode Title: The Cheetah Children

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 3/27/2019 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

Life on the African plains is a constant struggle, and for a single mother rearing her offspring, the odds seem to be stacked against them. This is an inspiring tale about motherhood and family, as we follow a cheetah family on the grasslands through the eyes of conservationist and cameraman Kim Wolhuter. The mother is completely on her own, protecting her five newborn cubs and teaching them how to hunt some of the continent's fastest game. Watch as the inquisitive cubs explore the world around them and discover their place in the forests of Zimbabwe. Over time, two sister cubs survive and develop into brave and successful predators ensuring their species will give birth to another generation.

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title: Frontline

Episode Title: Coal's Deadly Dust

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 1/22/2019 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Learn about the rise of severe black lung disease among coal miners. An investigation with NPR reveals the biggest disease clusters ever documented, and how industry and government failed to protect miners. Also, a report from Yemen.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 2/22/2019 6:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:05:28

The Trump administration intends to limit the Title X program that provides birth control and other reproductive health services. Under the new restrictions, any clinic accepting federal funds would be prevented from performing abortions -- or referring women to other providers for the procedure. William Brangham talks to Doreen Denny of Concerned Women for America, who supports the new policy.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 3/27/2019 6:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:06:16

More than 400,000 people in the U.S. have died from opioid use in the past two decades. As the country tries to contain the crisis, many states and cities are challenging the drug manufacturers in court. The latest lawsuit, brought by New York against Purdue Pharma, comes as the company considers filing for bankruptcy. William Brangham talks to Barry Meier, author of a book about Purdue Pharma.

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Series Title: Dictator's Playbook; The

Episode Title: Kim Il Sung Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 1/9/2019 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

Witness Kim Il Sung's transformation from guerilla fighter to brutal dictator of North Korea. How did he build the most controlled society on earth and launch a dictatorship that has lasted for three generations?

Series Title: Washington Week Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 2/1/2019 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Segment Length: 00:24:17

Days after President Donald Trump lashed out at his Intelligence chiefs' stark assessment of global threats, he downplayed disagreements saying they're all on the same page. Plus, the partial government shutdown may be over, but how long will it last? The budget and border wall funding standoff continues as the February 15th deadline approaches.

Series Title: Washington Week Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 3/1/2019 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Segment Length: 00:21:41

President Donald Trump returned from a high-stakes summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to more challenges than when he departed. Panelists recapped the historic summit in Vietnam that resulted in no deal, and the allegations by former attorney Michael Cohen heard on Capitol Hill this week. Plus, the panelists discussed the bombshell New York Times report claiming the president ordered officials to grant his son-in-law a top security clearance.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: NOVA

Episode Title: Einstein's Quantum Riddle

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 1/9/2019 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

Quantum entanglement is poised to revolutionize technology from networks to code breaking, but first we need to know it's real. Join physicists as they capture light from across the universe in a bid to prove Einstein's "spooky action at a distance."

Series Title: NOVA

Episode Title: Decoding the Great Pyramid

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 2/6/2019 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

Stunning new archaeological evidence provides clues about the Egyptians who built the Great Pyramid of Giza -- and how they did it. Join researchers as they delve into the logbook of a work crew and discover how the massive project transformed Egypt.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 3/5/2019 6:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:08:07

A milestone report on sexual harassment in science has identified pervasive problems and policy shortcomings at the field's highest levels. In response, NIH apologized for not addressing more quickly "the climate and culture that has caused such harm." William Brangham talks to NIH's director, Dr. Francis Collins, about the risk of potentially driving women away from careers in scientific fields.

WAR/VET/NATIONAL SECURITY

Series Title: USS Indianapolis: The Final Chapter

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 1/8/2019 10:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the waning days of WWII, the cruiser USS Indianapolis has just delivered the atomic bomb destined for Hiroshima - and sails off to join the Allied invasion force. Just after midnight on July 30, 1945, she is torpedoed by a Japanese sub in the Philippine Sea. She sinks within minutes, taking 300 of her crew down with her. The 900 survivors drift for four and a half days, battling the sun, thirst, sharks, and their own fear. It is a disaster that owes as much to bureaucratic snafus as it does to enemy action: the Navy loses track of the ship and fails to mount a search. Only 316 of them are pulled from the sea alive. The sinking of Indianapolis remains the U.S. Navy's worst single loss of life at sea. The tragic end of the Indianapolis and the location of its remains are shrouded in mystery for more than seven decades, until an expedition launched by philanthropist Paul G. Allen discovers the ship in August 2017, in some of the deepest waters on the planet. Now the definitive story of USS Indianapolis will finally be told as we reconstruct the ship's heroic legacy, and her dramatic final moments. This scientific detective story details the events that led up to the discovery of the wreck site, combining never-before-seen archival footage and CGI, with the moving accounts of the few remaining survivors, the testimony of historians, and spectacular HD footage of the well-preserved wreckage, 18,000 feet down.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 2/14/2019 6:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:04:47

In Syria, U.S.-backed Kurdish forces are retaking the final territory of the Islamic State. As the caliphate dissolves, however, what will happen to the 40,000 foreign fighters who joined the terror group's ranks over the past few years? Many of them have been detained, but the path for prosecuting them, and preventing them from driving an ISIS resurgence, remains unclear. Nick Schifrin reports

Series Title: Women, War and Peace II

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 3/25/2019 9:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:54:56

Follow three Egyptian women as they put their lives and bodies on the line fighting for justice and freedom. The film tells the story of Egypt's Arab Spring, the human rights abuses that came to define it and the women willing to risk everything.