

WPBS-TV ISSUES/PROBLEMS REPORT
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Title	Description	Source	Type	Time/Date	Broadcast
ECONOMY/BUSINESS/GOVERNMENT					
PBS NewsHour	The nation’s employers added 336,000 jobs in September, an unexpectedly robust gain that suggests that many companies remain confident enough to keep hiring despite high interest rates and a hazy outlook for the economy.	PBS	Gen. Int.	10/6/23 6pm	4 mins.
PBS NewsHour	President Joe Biden on Wednesday announced a proposed rule by the Federal Trade Commission to ban any hidden and bogus junk fees, which can mask the total cost of concert tickets, hotel rooms and utility bills.	PBS	Gen. Int.	10/11/23 6pm	4 mins.
PBS NewsHour	Millions of Social Security recipients will get a 3.2 percent increase in their benefits in 2024, far less than this year’s historic boost and reflecting moderating consumer prices. The cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, means the average recipient will receive more than \$50 more every month beginning in January, the Social Security Administration said Thursday.	PBS	Gen. Int.	10/12/23 6 pm	4 mins.
PBS NewsHour	The IRS plans to invite select taxpayers across 13 states to try out the agency’s pilot electronic free file tax return system beginning in January. The agency estimates that hundreds of thousands of taxpayers will participate in the limited rollout of the program for the 2024 filing season. The IRS faces intense blowback from private tax preparation companies that have made billions from charging people to use their software. The introduction of a government-run option could upend the industry and fundamentally change the way taxpayers interact with IRS.	PBS	Gen. Int.	10/17/23 6pm	5 mins.

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PBS NewsHour	Rite Aid has filed for bankruptcy protection and plans to sell part of its business as it attempts to restructure while dealing with losses and opioid-related lawsuits. The company said Rite Aid stores will continue to fill prescriptions, and customers will still be able to visit its locations or shop online while it goes through its voluntary Chapter 11 process. But that process also will allow it to speed up its plan to close underperforming stores.	PBS	Gen. Int.	10/16/23 6 pm	4 mins.
PBS NewsHour	The Biden administration on Monday designated 31 technology hubs spread across 32 states, including upstate New York, and Puerto Rico to help spur innovation and create jobs in the industries that are concentrated in these areas.	PBS	Gen. Int.	10/23/23 6pm	3 mins.
PBS NewsHour	New York’s highest court on Tuesday ordered the state to draw new congressional districts ahead of the 2024 elections, giving Democrats a potential advantage in what is expected to be a battleground for control of the U.S. House. The 4-3 decision from the New York Court of Appeals could have major ramifications as Democrats angle for more favorable district lines in the state next year. Republicans, who won control of the House after flipping seats in New York, sought to keep the map in place.	PBS	Gen. Int.	12/12/23 6pm	3 mins.
PBS NewsHour	The United States experienced a dramatic 12 percent increase in homelessness as soaring rents and a decline in coronavirus pandemic assistance combined to put housing out of reach for more Americans, federal officials said Friday. About 653,000 people were experiencing homelessness during the January snapshot. That’s the highest number since the country began using the yearly point-in-time survey in 2007 to count the homeless population.	PBS	Gen. Int.	12/15/23 6pm	3 mins.

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HEALTH					
PBS NewsHour	An estimated 17 million households reported problems finding enough food in 2022 — a sharp jump from 2021 when boosted government aid helped ease the pandemic-induced economic shutdown. A Department of Agriculture report, released Wednesday, paints a sobering picture of post-pandemic hardship with “statistically significant” increases in food insecurity across multiple categories.	PBS	Gen. Int.	10/25/23 6pm	3 mins.
To Be of Service	The effect of war is profound for all the players engaged in the conflict. Veterans returning home may experience a disconnect from the world they once inhabited and struggle to function. Some veterans come home with a psychological injury called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). In this program viewers meet several veterans with PTSD and the service dogs helping them return to the world. Through these deeply bonded relationships, viewers experience the duality of violence and redemption through the lens of addressing recovery from the trauma of warfare.	APT	Gen. Int.	11/5/23 Noon	90 mins.
Made In America	Program explores the trauma of war; domestic and abroad. The story contrasts the life of a young man growing up in urban America against a young Iraq veteran. The two seek healing in a country vexed with screens, brands, and isolation.	NETA	Gen. Int.	11/5/23 4 pm	1 hour
Stranger at Home: Healing the Psychological Wounds of War	Program weaves the life-altering stories of the Navy Psychologist forced into whistleblowing, the Army Ranger involved in the killing of Pat Tillman, and the Vietnam Marine turned world-renowned trauma expert, as they work tirelessly to deliver their urgent call-to-action for radical military mental health transformation.	NETA	Gen. Int.	11/12/23 2 pm	1 hour

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PBS NewsHour	Most U.S. cities would have to replace lead water pipes within 10 years under strict new rules proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency as the Biden administration moves to reduce lead in drinking water and prevent public health crises like the ones in Flint, Michigan and Washington, D.C. Millions of people consume drinking water from lead pipes and the agency said tighter standards would improve IQ scores in children and reduce high blood pressure and heart disease in adults.	PBS	Gen. Int.	11/30/23 6pm	4 mins.
PBS NewsHour	Hundreds of thousands of older Americans could pay less for some of their outpatient drug treatments beginning early next year, the Biden administration announced Thursday. The White House unveiled a list of 48 drugs — from chemotherapy treatments to growth hormones used to treat endocrine disorders — whose prices increased faster than the rate of inflation this year. Under a new law, drugmakers will have to pay rebates to the federal government because of those price increases. The money will be used to lower the price Medicare enrollees pay on the drugs early next year.	PBS	Gen. Int.	12/14/23 6pm	4 mins.
CRIME/LEGAL ISSUES/LAW ENFORCEMENT					
PBS NewsHour	The Supreme Court agreed on Friday to decide whether a Trump era-ban on bump stocks, the gun attachments that allow semi-automatic weapons to fire rapidly like machine guns, violates federal law. The justices will hear arguments early next year over a regulation put in place by the Justice Department after a mass shooting in Las Vegas that killed 58 people in 2017.	PBS	Gen. Int.	11/3/23 6pm	3 mins.

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PBS NewsHour	The use of police body cameras has become much more widespread in recent years with the hope that they will curb police violence and improve accountability. But a new investigation by ProPublica and The New York Times Magazine found it can often take months or years before the video is released, if at all. William Brangham discussed more with Eric Umansky of ProPublica.	PBS	Gen. Int.	12/18/23 6pm	6 mins.
PBS NewsHour	The U.S. Justice Department has created a database to track records of misconduct by federal law enforcement officers that is aimed at preventing agencies from unknowingly hiring problem officers, officials said on Monday. The federal move is a step toward accountability amid growing calls to close loopholes that allow law enforcement officers to be rehired by other agencies after losing their jobs or resigning after misconduct allegations.	PBS	Gen. Int.	12/18/23 6pm	3 mins.
PBS NewsHour	New York state will create a commission tasked with considering reparations to address the persistent, harmful effects of slavery in the state, under a bill signed into law by Gov. Kathy Hochul on Tuesday. The law, which was passed by state lawmakers in June, says the commission will examine the institution of slavery, which was fully abolished in New York by 1827, and its ongoing impact on Black New Yorkers today.	PBS	Gen.. Int.	12/19/23 6pm	3 mins.
EDUCATION/CAREER					
Whiz Quiz	The much-beloved high school trivia competition returned for its 43 rd year on WPBS. Competition featured 32 schools from across the North Country of New York State spotlighting the academic excellence of local students.	WPBS	Gen. Int.	Weeknights 7:30pm 10/16/23- 11/24/23 and 12/4/23- 12/6/23	31 ½-hour programs and one 1- hour program

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PBS NewsHour	School board elections have become a new battleground in American politics, with typically non-partisan races becoming increasingly polarized and garnering national attention. That was true in this week's election among a few closely watched counties. Julie Marsh, a professor of education policy at the University of Southern California, joins Geoff Bennett to discuss.	PBS	Gen. Int.	11/8/23 6pm	5 mins.
PBS NewsHour	Across the country, more school districts are making the change to a four-day school week. NewsHour Communities Correspondent Gabrielle Hays traveled to one of those districts in Missouri to see how teachers and parents are adjusting.	PBS	Gen. Int.	12/18/23 6pm	6 mins.
ARTS					
Great Performances at the Met – Der Rosenkavalier	Enjoy Strauss' Viennese comedy with Lise Davidsen as the aging Marschallin opposite Samantha Hankey in the "pants role" as her lover Octavian with Erin Morley as the younger woman who steals his heart. Simone Young conducts and Deborah Voigt hosts.	PBS	Gen. Int.	10/1/23 Noon	4 hours
Crane Candlelight Concert – Let It Shine!	Students from Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam perform a concert that has become a holiday tradition.	NETA	Gen. Int.	12/7/23 7pm	1 hour
Great Performances at the Met – Giovanni	Tony-Award-winning director of Broadway's "A View from the Bridge" and "West Side Story," Ivo van Hove makes a major Met debut with a new take on Mozart's tragicomedy, re-setting the familiar tale of deceit and damnation in an abstract architectural landscape and shining a light into the dark corners of the story and its characters. Maestro Nathalie Stutzmann makes her Met debut conducting a star-studded cast led by baritone Peter Mattei as a magnetic Don Giovanni, alongside the Leporello of bass-baritone Adam Plachetka.	PBS	Gen. Int.	12/10/23 Noon	3 ½ hours

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Season of Light: Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir	The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square join with award winning artists Lea Salonga and Sir David Suchet for Season of Light: Christmas with The Tabernacle Choir, a festive and uplifting Christmas special. This concert will illuminate your holiday experience with timeless carols, treasured songs, and a story of heroic service.	PBS	Gen. Int.	12/12/23 8 pm	90 mins.
Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas	The documentary tells the story of the unlikely Jewish immigrants who, enamored with Broadway and Hollywood, wrote some of the most popular songs in America: Christmas music. The doc features rarely-seen archival footage, musical performances and interviews.	APT	Gen. Int.	12/24/23 1pm	1 hour
Handel's Messiah Presented by the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus	Experience the magnificent beauty of Handel's masterpiece, brought to life by the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and members of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Music Director Dr. Adam Luebke. Prepare to be moved by the powerful voices and dynamic baroque orchestration as they perform in the historic Our Lady of Victory Basilica and Shrine, selections include " <i>For Unto Us A Child is Born,</i> " " <i>Let All the Angels of God,</i> " and the resplendent " <i>Hallelujah Chorus.</i> " Filmed and recorded November 26, 2023, Buffalo, NY.	WNED	Gen. Int.	12/24/23 5pm	1 hour
Next at the Kennedy Center – Cynthia Erivo & Friends: A New Year's Eve Celebration	Cynthia Erivo, enchanting star of the stage and screen, invites you to ring in the New Year with her magnificent friends Ben Platt and Joaquina Kalukango as they bring their powerful voices and favorite songs to the Kennedy Center stage.	PBS	Gen. Int.	12/31/23 8pm	1 hour

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ENVIRONMENT					
Great Lakes Now	Program takes a look at an eFoiling adventure on Lake Huron, water infrastructure woes in Benton Harbor, MI, and a brand-new edition of The Catch.	WTVS	Gen. Int.	10/5/23 7:30pm	½-hour
Great Lakes Now	In this episode sneak peek watch party, we dive into the world of rock hunting in the Great Lakes. Join us to learn about some of the coolest rocks you can find at beaches throughout the region and learn about what goes into becoming a true rockhound!	WTVS	Gen. Int.	10/11/23 7:30pm	½-hour
Great Lakes Now	Building mountain bike trails on the shores of Lake Superior, investigating how a Supreme Court ruling threatens wetlands, and The Catch offers even more news from around the lakes.	WTVS	Gen. Int.	10/12/23 7:30pm	½-hour
PBS NewsHour	A federal judge on Thursday upheld the Biden administration’s approval of the Willow oil-drilling project on Alaska’s remote North Slope, a massive project that drew the ire of environmentalists who had accused the president of backpedaling on his pledge to combat climate change.	PBS	Gen. Int.	11/9/23 6pm	3 mins.
Earthshot Prize 2023	Founded by Prince William in 2020, The Earthshot Prize aims to discover and help scale the world's most innovative climate and environmental solutions to protect and restore our planet. A star-studded awards ceremony, filming in Singapore on November 7, celebrates this year's fifteen finalists before awarding the five winners of The Earthshot Prize.	PBS	Gen. Int.	11/12/23 7 pm	1 hour

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PBS NewsHour	Last year, the U.S. exported more than 950 million tons of plastic waste meant for recycling and a significant portion of that ended up in Southeast Asia. The region has been inundated with plastic scrap after China blocked all but the cleanest plastic waste imports in 2018. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on how Thailand is dealing with the problem of plastic.	PBS	Gen. Int.	11/23/23 6pm	8 mins.
Great Lakes Now	Visit the remote Isle Royale National Park to learn how wolves and moose are shaping a delicate island ecosystem, see what goes into piloting freighters passing through the Great Lakes, and The Catch offers even more news from around the region.	WTVS	Gen. Int.	12/13/23 7:30pm	½-hour
CULTURAL ISSUES, RECREATION					
WPBS Weekly: Inside the Stories	Tag along with paranormal investigators at Flower Memorial Library in Watertown. Discover the dedication and artistry at Artisan Engraving in Sandy Creek. Dive into the world of button collecting with The Button Society of Canada.	WPBS	Gen. Int.	10/10/23 7:30pm	26 mins.
WPBS Weekly: Inside the Stories	Meet the Canadian author of 'Twas the Night, an historical journey of the original poem by Clement C. Moore. Operation Christmas Child gears up to ship out hundreds of gift boxes to children in need. A local hat and mitten maker in Mansville, NY creates one-of-a-kind winterwear from upcycled materials.	WPBS	Gen. Int.	12/19/23 7:30pm	26 mins.
WPBS Weekly: Inside the Stories	Join us in the kitchen with Johnny Spezzano of the Border as he fire grills a healthful meal to get us all ready for the New Year! The history of Canada's Boxing Day unfolds as we take you through how it all began.	WPBS	Gen. Int.	12/26/23 7:30pm	26 mins.