

Quarterly Programs/Issues List

January 1, 2014 – March 31, 2014

KOPB Portland, Oregon

Abortion

January 15, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Do abortion clinic buffer zones protect public safety or restrict free speech? Pro-choice advocates believe buffer zones around abortion clinics are necessary to prevent harassment and targeted violence, while opponents feel their free speech rights are being restricted. Judy Woodruff hears both sides of the debate from Steven Aden of Alliance Defending Freedom and Ilyse Hogue of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

January 22, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

News Wrap: Anti-abortion activists protest Roe vs. Wade: In our news wrap Wednesday, thousands of activists gathered in Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life to rally against the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Also, protests in Ukraine turned deadly when the clashes in Kiev killed two people. Crisis talks have yielded no resolution.

February 16, 2014 4pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes

Wendy Davis: Are her newest declarations on abortion flip-flopping or consistent? Women-Owned Businesses: They may outlast male-owned companies in certain areas. Behind the Headlines: Jane Pauley on reinventing yourself. PANEL: Sam Bennett, Jennifer Marshall, Danielle Moodie-Mills, Rina Shah.

Aging

January 3, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Increasing demand moves long-term care centers to cater to Latino elders: Traditionally, Latino American seniors have lived out their years at home, receiving care from family members. But as economic factors shift, more Latino elders are moving to nursing homes or going to day centers to receive additional support. The NewsHour's Mary Jo Brooks reports on how some facilities have addressed the need.

January 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Closing the digital divide by helping seniors get online: It's estimated that about half of Americans over the age of 65 use the Internet. But for the other half, increasing societal dependence on digital technology threatens to leave behind those who don't go online. NewsHour correspondent Mary Jo Brooks reports on efforts to teach elders how to stay connected through computers.

February 1, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes

Obama announces retirement savings initiative: One initiative President Obama highlighted during his State of the Union address this week, is a plan to help more Americans save for their retirement. What does this initiative mean for your retirement? Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Alexa Simendinger of Real Clear Politics about how this proposal, known as the MyIRA, will work and what issues it will address

Agriculture

January 28, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Congress nears compromise on farm bill: After two years of work and battle, Congress seems close to a farm bill deal. Gwen Ifill talks to Bloomberg News' Alan Bjerga about what's in the bipartisan compromise - including changes to farm subsidies and \$8 billion in cuts to food stamps -- and how the fight was uncharacteristically partisan.

January 22, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

California's drought could mean bad news at the grocery store: The record drought in California is not only likely to decrease the state's agricultural yield and affect food prices, it could also wreak severe economic consequences for rural communities. To discuss the impact on farming and for consumers, Jeffrey Brown talks to Karen Ross of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

February 7, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

In our news wrap Friday, President Obama signed into law a new five-year farm bill, costing \$956 billion, that keeps most subsidies in tact but cuts food assistance by \$800 million. Also, Montana's Lt. Gov. John Walsh was named to replace Sen. Max Baucus, who is resigning from the Senate to become the next U.S. ambassador to China.

February 14, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

California is in bad shape water-wise. Despite some relief in early February, the rainy season is half over and reservoirs are still far below capacity, putting the state's agricultural production in jeopardy. Special correspondent Spencer Michels visits Sonoma County, a region known for its dairies, winemaking and breweries, to learn how communities are preparing for their worst-case scenarios.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction

January 1, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

How Colorado is regulating its retail pot sales: The New Year ushered in Colorado's first day of legal retail sales of pot. Ricardo Baca, the first ever marijuana editor at the Denver Post, joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss the details of the law, how its measures are -- or are not -- being enforced and what it means for the culture at large.

January 9, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Vermont Gov. confronts deadly heroin crisis as public health problem: Gov. Peter Shumlin devoted his entire State of the State address to a "full-blown heroin crisis" ravaging Vermont. Shumlin joins Judy Woodruff to discuss his shift in focus on the issue of opiate addiction and Ryan Grim of the Huffington Post offers context on why heroin has made a major comeback in the United States.

January 26, 2014 5:30PM

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 2 minutes

Legal marijuana businesses seek banking solutions: Attorney General Eric Holder said Thursday the administration will soon roll out regulations to allow banks to do business with legal marijuana sellers. How will the Department of Justice's decision impact owners of legal marijuana stores and dispensaries? Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Alex Altman of Time to learn more about what the future of transactions may be for these cash-only businesses.

February 3, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Why more Americans are getting high – and overdosing – on heroin: Heroin is chemically almost identical to prescription painkillers. But the illegal drug is more dangerous and much cheaper than regulated opiates. Jeffrey Brown talks to National Drug Control Policy director R. Gil Kerlikowske and Los Angeles Times reporter Sam Quinones about why heroin use in America has doubled since 2007 and the deadly consequences for users and addicts.

January 24, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Under Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, Mexico's Sinaloa drug cartel rose to dominate or destroy rivals on the U.S.-Mexican border. Jeffrey Brown looks at how the arrest affects the drug trade with former Mexican intelligence official Alejandro Hope and Sam Quinones of the Los Angeles Times.

American History/Biography

January 8, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Former Defense Secretary Gates critiques Obama, Congress in new war memoir: As former defense secretary for both the Bush and Obama administrations, Robert Gates oversaw wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, testified before Congress and grieved the deaths of his troops. Judy Woodruff talks to Greg Jaffe of The Washington Post for a preview of Gates' new book, "Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary at War."

January 14, 2014 8pm

1964: American Experience, 120 minutes

It was the year of the Beatles and the Civil Rights Act; of the Gulf of Tonkin and Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign; the year that cities across the country erupted in violence and Americans tried to make sense of the Kennedy assassination. Based on *The Last Innocent Year: America in 1964* by award-winning journalist Jon Margolis, this film follows some of the most prominent figures of the time – Lyndon B. Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Barry Goldwater, Betty Friedan – and brings out from the shadows the actions of ordinary Americans whose frustrations, ambitions and anxieties began to turn the country onto a new and different course.

January 7, 2014 8pm

Poisoner's Handbook: American Experience, 120 minutes

In the early 20th century, the average American medicine cabinet was a would-be poisoner's treasure chest: radioactive radium in health tonics, thallium in depilatory creams, morphine in teething medicine and potassium cyanide in cleaning supplies. While the tools of the murderer's trade multiplied as the pace of industrial innovation increased, the scientific knowledge (and political will) to detect and prevent the crimes lagged. This changed in 1918, when New York City hired its first scientifically trained medical examiner, Charles

Norris. Over a decade and a half, Norris and his chief toxicologist, Alexander Gettler, turned forensic chemistry into a formidable science, sending many a murderer to the electric chair and setting the standards that the rest of the country would ultimately adopt. Based on the best-selling book by Deborah Blum.

January 21, 2014 8pm

War Letters: American Experience, 60 minutes

This collection of personal correspondence brings to life the deepest, most human side of war, from the American Revolution to the Gulf War. Based on Andrew Carroll's bestseller, *War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars*, the one-hour film transcends the subject of war by exploring the love, passion, pain, horror and hope of the men and women who fought and those who waited at home.

January 20, 2014 8pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Rediscovering a Martin Luther King Jr. speech: In November, the only known recording of a 1962 speech made by Martin Luther King Jr. was uncovered. Not heard for more than 50 years, King delivered this notable speech in the wake of a number of attacks on black churches. The NewsHour's Stephen Fee reports on the rediscovered recording and the document that inspired it.

January 21, 2014 9pm

Salinger: American Masters, 150 minutes

AMERICAN MASTERS' 200th episode features interviews with 150 subjects, including J.D. Salinger's friends, colleagues and members of his inner circle who have never spoken on the record before, as well as film footage, photographs and other material that has never been seen. Additionally, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Edward Norton, John Cusack, Danny DeVito, John Guare, Martin Sheen, David Milch, Robert Towne, Tom Wolfe, E.L. Doctorow, Gore Vidal and Pulitzer Prize-winners A. Scott Berg and Elizabeth Frank talk about Salinger's influence on their lives, their work and the broader culture. The film is the first work to get beyond the Catcher in the Rye author's meticulously built-up wall: his childhood, painstaking work methods, marriages, private world and the secrets he left behind after his death in 2010.

February 11, 2014 9pm

Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid: American Experience, 60 minutes

Long before Paul Newman and Robert Redford immortalized them on screen, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid captivated Americans from coast to coast. In the 1890s, their exploits – robbing banks and trains in the West and then seemingly vanishing into thin air – became national news and the basis of rumors and myth. But who were Robert Leroy Parker and Harry Alonzo Longabaugh? How did they come together to form the Wild Bunch gang? And how did they manage to pull off the longest string of successful holdups in history while eluding the Pinkertons, the nation's most feared detective force? Separating fact from fiction, the latest installment of AMERICAN EXPERIENCE's popular *The Wild West* series explores the last pair of outlaws to flee on horseback into a setting sun.

February 25, 2014 8pm

Triangle Fire: American Experience, 60 minutes

On March 25, 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York's Greenwich Village. The blaze ripped through the congested loft; huge piles of trimmings fed the flames. Petrified workers desperately tried to make their way downstairs, but the factory owners kept the doors on the ninth floor locked and the woefully inadequate fire escape soon crumpled. Hundreds of horrified on-lookers arrived just in time to see young men and women jumping from the windows. By the time the fire had burned itself out, 146 people were dead. Less than two years earlier, the workers of the factory had been leaders in an industry-wide strike to protest dismal wages and dangerous working conditions. Despite unlikely support from some of the wealthiest women in the city, including Anne Morgan, most of the workers returned to their shops without having their demands met. It took the tragedy of the fire and the ensuing public outrage to force government action. The landmark legislation that followed gave New Yorkers the most comprehensive workplace safety laws in the country.

Arts

January 2, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Storm Large is a performer to be reckoned with! Art Beat first profiled her when she was singing in clubs with her band The Balls. Now, with stage and TV appearances under her belt - not to mention a gig at Carnegie Hall - we reconnect with her as she sings with Pink Martini. Visually impaired students learn the work of piano tuning and restoration. We follow one student as he learns the skills and prepares a piano for Vancouver's "Keys to the City" event; a program that makes the pianos accessible to the public. In 2001 Art Beat profiled Michael Curry as he worked on a performance called Spirits. We catch up with him a dozen years later - after creating work for Disney's Lion King, Blue Man Group and Cirque Du Soleil - to see how his company has grown and his work has evolved since then.

January 9, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Found ocean object sculpture - tons of plastic is pulled out of the Pacific and turned into large scale sculptures that speak to the issues our oceans face. Portland hula school keeps Hawaiian tradition alive. See them in the city on the beach and get to know Portland's Hawaiian community. Ashley Mersereau - Jewelry maker in Cannon Beach finds a way to create and sell her work in her own small hometown.

January 16, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Oregon Art Beat returns this month with the premiere of a half-hour special dedicated to the art, life and legacy of famous Oregon poet William Stafford. In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of his birth, Stafford's poetry appealed to a wide range of individuals across all walks of life. His influence can be felt by everyone from literary artists to public figures, Oregonians, and the thousands of students he taught over the decades as an English professor at Lewis and Clark College. In this special, *Art Beat* takes a look at the life, career and impact of the beloved poet laureate, lifelong pacifist and National Book Award winner. Through extensive archival stills, footage and interviews with Stafford's children, colleagues and fans, they will delve into the significant legacy he has left behind.

January 23, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

PM Shore paints stylized and representational pictures of city neighborhoods all over Portland. She loves buildings and scenery, and occasionally includes people in her paintings. Her canvases are large, and she likes bright colors. We watch as she researches, photographs and paints in her studio in the Pearl.

January 30, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

A quick tour of Art in the High Desert, a juried art show in Bend, Oregon every August. Iraqi artist Samir Khurshid was drafted into military service along with every Iraqi man of his age. He was ordered to paint the country's president, Saddam Hussein. Hussein liked the portraits so much that he ordered many others. In all, Khurshid painted 83 portraits of the President before he fled the country.

February 6, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Willy Vlautin is a novelist and musician with Portland band Richmond Fontaine. His novel "Lean on Pete" won two Oregon Book Awards: the Ken Kesey Award for Fiction and a Readers' Choice Award. Vlautin writes a story into every song, and his prose has been called an elegy of pain, sorrow, beauty and hope. Eva Lake is involved in the Portland art scene in a variety of ways. She hosts an arts talk show on KBOO, is a painter and journalist, and produces collage art featuring images of women.

February 13, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Award-winning painter Diane Russell captures the essence of Portland's blues greats. Robert Adams is a photographer who documents environmental change through his work. In this short piece, we interview him about his decades as an environmentalist and observer and the importance of photography as a tool. He currently works with his wife creating books of his photographs, as he believes that books will last longer and have the chance for greater impact. Bruce Guenther of the Portland Art Museum speaks about the Francis Bacon triptych on display.

February 20, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

What makes Oregon's jazz scene so special? And why are women from Portland like Esperanza Spalding taking the jazz world by storm? Meet musician, teacher and mentor Thara Memory, and two of his previous students, Spalding and Hailey Niswanger. Enjoy a concert at Portland Center Stage featuring all of these artist, plus Thara Memory's American Music Project band - where it all begins for musicians.

February 27, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Barber Adam Baker took up painting to kill time between customers... and then began using those customers as subjects. But it doesn't stop there; Adam turned his imagination loose, portraying his modern-day customers as 19th-century gunslingers and other western characters. Adam's novel approach and artistic skill turned this hobby into a real-world career as an artist. He has painted more than 500 portraits to date and his barbershop in historic Oakland, Oregon also serves as a gallery. Traditional rawhide braiding is as utilitarian as it is beautiful and used to be widely practiced by working cowboys. Sure, they enjoyed it but they also needed the finished reins, riatas and bosals to handle their horses on-the-job. Pendleton's Tim George takes this meticulous, traditional cowboy art form to the level of fine art.

March 20, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

For one night, Portland State University students took over the city's Art Museum. Amidst the museum's art, there was dancing, dentistry, a séance - they even renamed a hall. Mary Josephson is a painter, lithographer and mosaic maker who loves to create. She has an extensive background in fine art studies, but her work has an almost folksy quality. Vancouver, Wash.-based glass artist David Schwarz creates colored, faceted globes that seem to change as the viewer moves. His most recent work, called the Z-Axis Series, explores ideas of space and gravity.

March 27, 2014 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Darren Orange is a painter in Astoria. He's inspired by the ocean, a shipwreck on the Astoria coast, and the colors around him. This Eugene-based artist updates steampunk, making elaborate designs that actually compute, show movies, and pour a stiff drink. And when he's not building, he's collecting. LaRiccia's home is its very own gallery, and he is the curator of "Les Salon des Refuses," an exhibit of work refused by the Mayor's Art Show in Eugene. A tour of the Venice exhibition at Portland Art Museum with curator Dawson W. Carr, Ph.D.

January 1, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Newly released recordings reveal Beatles before they inspired mania: Before the Beatles took America by storm, Paul, John, Ringo and George were featured on BBC radio programs 53 times. Those Beatles performances, recorded between 1962 and 1965, have now been released. Jeffrey Brown talks to Kevin Howlett of BBC about his laborious search for many of these live, early, pre-Beatlemania recordings.

January 28, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Remembering Pete Seeger, 94, who made music to unite people: A central figure of American music, Pete Seeger touched the lives of generations with his long list of folk and protest songs that became cultural landmarks of various social movements. Jeffrey Brown talks to Peter Yarrow, friend of Peter Seeger and member of the folk group "Peter, Paul and Mary," for more on Seeger's influence.

February 11, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

During World War II, the Nazis systematically looted art works from all over Europe, while combat and aerial bombing unintentionally destroyed major landmarks. The story of the quest to protect, rescue and restore Europe's cultural treasures is told in a new movie, "The Monuments Men." Robert Edsel, author of the book that inspired the new film, joins Jeffrey Brown for a conversation.

Business/Industry

January 7, 2014 10pm

Frontline: To Catch A Trader, 60 minutes

In just over two decades, Steven A. Cohen has amassed a gigantic fortune: a sprawling 35,000-square-foot mansion on Connecticut's gold coast; a \$62-million beach house in the Hamptons, and several New York apartments, including a \$115-million mid-town duplex--all of them furnished with some of the world's most expensive art. How did he do it? From small-time options trader to King of Wall Street hedge fund managers, FRONTLINE investigates Cohen and his company, SAC Capital, and other Wall Street characters with never-before-seen video and incriminating FBI wiretaps. The film is a taut crime drama with a cast of colorful characters: from cheating traders with their "Mr. Whisper" sources to some of the most respected figures in American business. To date, the government has convicted 76 people of securities fraud and conspiracy. Will Cohen be the next to fall? FRONTLINE tracks an ongoing seven-year investigation into the largest insider trading scandal in U.S. history.

January 2, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

What role does the human touch play in the digital age? In a digital age that creates more automated services at ever-lower prices, how can we retain the value of human work and relationships? Hari Sreenivasan ponders this with computer scientist Jaron Lanier, author of "Who Owns the Future?", and Andrew McAfee from MIT's Center for Digital Business at the Sloan School of Management

January 15, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Will end of net neutrality rules impact future innovation? The FCC's net neutrality rules were adopted to guarantee equal access to all sites on the Internet. But an appeals court ruling releases broadband providers from those guidelines, allowing them to prioritize certain traffic. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Craig Aaron of Free Press and former FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell.

January 24, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

News Wrap: JPMorgan gives raise to CEO Dimon despite year of hefty fines: In our news wrap Friday, JPMorgan announced it would pay CEO Jamie Dimon a total of \$20 million for 2013, a 74 percent raise in a year when the company settled for \$13 billion for misleading investors ahead of the 2008 financial crisis. Also, a wave of bombings in Cairo killed six people.

February 20, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

In four years of existence, the messaging service WhatsApp has attracted hundreds of millions of users around the globe. Now Facebook is buying WhatsApp -- which charges long-term users just \$1 per year -- for \$19 billion, a value that eclipses most every startup deal in recent memory. Judy Woodruff talks to The Verge's Ellis Hamburger for why Facebook believes the app is worth the price tag.

February 26, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

A Senate probe concluded that Credit Suisse has helped thousands of wealthy Americans hide billions of dollars from the IRS overseas. In a hearing on Capitol Hill, the Swiss banking giant's leadership refused to provide more information or disclose names to the Senate, citing Swiss law. Gina Chon of The Financial Times joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the hearing and the Swiss bank's liability.

Child Abuse

February 5, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: UN report details Syrian civil war child abuses: In our news wrap Wednesday, a U.N. report charges Syrian government forces have tortured children, while rebels have sometimes killed or recruited youths into their ranks. Meanwhile, in the Northeast and Midwest, a second winter storm in three days has knocked out power, grounded flights and disrupted traffic.

February 9, 2014 3:30pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 5 minutes

UN Report on Vatican Child Sexual Abuse: "If we had had 30 or 40 bishops in this country stand up and say, 'I've made a mistake. I take full responsibility. I'm sorry, and I resign,' we wouldn't be where we are today," says Rev. Thomas Reese, a senior analyst at the National Catholic Reporter. Watch our conversation about the United Nations' criticism of the Holy See's handling of sex abuse by priests.

Community Politics/Government

January 3, 2014 12 minutes

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

Shields and Brooks discuss how government can address economic inequality: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's top political news, including the inauguration of New York's new Mayor Bill de Blasio and his pledge to address economic inequality, plus how new laws on legal marijuana signal a U.S. cultural shift.

January 9, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 hours

'Blindsided' by bridge lane closure scandal, NJ Gov. Chris Christie apologizes: When several lanes on the George Washington Bridge were closed for four consecutive days in September, legislators began to ask why. Newly released emails and text messages suggest it was aimed at a politician for not endorsing Gov. Chris Christie's re-election. Kwame Holman reports on the governor's response to the scandal.

January 22, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Indictment of former Gov. McDonnell paints picture of couple living to extremes: Former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife were indicted on federal corruption charges for receiving tens of thousands of dollars in gifts and loans from a wealthy campaign donor. The former rising star in the Republican Party has vowed to fight the charges. Judy Woodruff talks to Rosalind Helderman of The Washington Post.

January 23, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Commission finds voting process needs to catch up with how Americans live today: Operating on the principle that Americans should not find it difficult to vote, a bipartisan committee came to a unanimous conclusion about how to improve the election process. Robert Bauer and Benjamin Ginsberg, co-chairs of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration, join Gwen Ifill to discuss their suggestions.

February 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Outside groups start fundraising early ahead of Senate midterm elections: In the battle to win or defend Senate seats in the November's midterm elections, outside groups have already begun to spend massive sums of money. What role will this money play in shaping the campaigns and outcomes? Judy Woodruff talks to Matea Gold of The Washington Post.

Consumerism

January 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

At Consumer Electronics Show, 'smartphone revolution' spreads from car to closet: The Internet is moving beyond computers and phones. From your toaster to your car to your socks, almost everything you touch can be wired for connectivity. Judy Woodruff talks to Cecilia Kang of The Washington Post about the technological breakthroughs featured at the annual Consumer Electronics Show.

January 14, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

How can shoppers keep their information secure amid retail hacks? U.S. retailer Target has acknowledged that up to 110 million customer accounts could have been compromised by a data breach, raising consumer concerns and prompting lawmakers to demand answers. How can shoppers protect themselves? Gwen Ifill talks to Nicole Perlroth of The New York Times and Ken Stasiak of SecureState.

January 11, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes

Stagnant wages imperil financial security: Wages in the U.S. have been largely stagnant over the past 45 years, but during the same time span consumer prices have risen dramatically. Hari Sreenivasan discusses this trend and its effect on poverty with Bloomberg BusinessWeek reporter, Roben Farzad.

January 27, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Demand, infrastructure affects price and delivery of heat: Despite a large supply, the especially cold winter weather is having an impact on prices and delivery of natural gas and propane for Americans. Judy Woodruff discusses the various factors with Marty Durbin of America's Natural Gas Alliance.

February 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Comcast is making a bid to buy Time Warner for \$45 billion. If approved, Comcast will extend its geographic reach and control nearly 30 percent of all paid cable subscribers in the United States. Gwen Ifill learns more about the motivation behind the deal and possible changes for consumers from Edmund Lee of Bloomberg News.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

January 2, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Envoy says administration moving aggressively to transfer Guantanamo detainees: In the long saga to close Guantanamo Bay, nine detainees were transferred from the prison in December, including the three remaining ethnic Uighurs who had been captured in 2001. Judy Woodruff discusses that milestone and the prison's future with Cliff Sloan, the State Department's special envoy for Guantanamo closure.

January 7, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

JPMorgan settles for \$2.6 billion fine over Madoff fallout: JPMorgan Chase agreed to pay a record-breaking \$2.6 billion fine to settle criminal charges related to the Bernie Madoff fraud case. Authorities charged the bank had turned a blind eye to Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme. Jeffrey Brown gets more detail from Patricia Hurtado of Bloomberg News

January 17, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: Miss. man pleads guilty to sending poisoned letters to politicians: In our news wrap Friday, James Everett Dutschke of Mississippi pleaded guilty to sending letters laced with the toxic substance ricin to the president, a U.S. senator and a judge. Also, California Gov. Jerry Brown declared a drought emergency in light of the state's worst dry spell in 100 years of record keeping.

January 30, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Prosecutors will seek death penalty for Boston bomber: In our news wrap Thursday, Federal prosecutors announced that they will seek the death penalty against Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, accused of bombing the 2013 Boston Marathon, where three were killed and more than 260 were wounded. Also, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio dropped his city's appeal in a court battle over stop-and-frisk tactics used by police.

February 11, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

The Obama administration confirmed that it is considering targeting a U.S. citizen in Pakistan, believed to be involved in plotting terrorist attacks against Americans, with a drone strike. Mark Mazzetti of The New York Times joins Judy Woodruff to offer background on the government's disclosure.

February 2, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 10 minutes

A new probation program in Hawaii beats the statistics: NewsHour Weekend profiles an innovative probation program in Hawaii that has been so successful in reforming offenders and keeping them out of prison, it's now being copied in courtrooms across the nation.

February 17, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

In 2012, Michael Dunn fired 10 bullets at an SUV after an argument with four black teenagers, claiming self-defense. Jordan Davis, an unarmed 17-year-old, was killed. While Dunn was convicted of attempted murder, a jury declared a mistrial for a separate murder charge. Gwen Ifill talks to the Advancement Project's Judith Browne Dianis and David Weinstein of Clarke Silverglate, who offer two views on the influence of race in the case.

February 24, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

One of the world's most dangerous men was captured in Mexico over the weekend after a 13-year hunt. Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, the head of the powerful and brutal Sinaloa drug cartel who escaped from jail in 2001, faces charges in both Mexico and the U.S. Jeffrey Brown reports on the reactions to his arrest.

Culture

January 1, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: Celebrations around the world usher in 2014: In our news wrap Wednesday, the first day of 2014 was marked by a papal address, mayoral inaugurations and a series of bowl games for football fans. Also, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor temporarily blocked a health care law mandate that some church-affiliated groups provide coverage for birth control.

January 12, 2014 3:30pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 8 minutes

Jews and Humor: Comedy has played an important role in Jewish culture through centuries of persecution. "Some people call it laughter through tears. I would suggest you could call it laughter through fears," says Harvard University Yiddish literature professor Ruth Wisse.

January 4, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 5 minutes

Can new apps lead to a new you for 2014? Take a look at these new technologies that allow people to keep track and quantify every detail of their daily lives. It's a growing movement called "quantified self." The personal data gathered is often health-related, but there are applications to measure productivity and time spent in REM sleep. Is this data gone wild?

January 28, 2014 8pm

Amish: American Experience, 120 minutes

THE AMISH answers many questions Americans have about this insistently insular religious community, whose intense faith and adherence to 300-year-old traditions have by turns captivated and repelled, awed and irritated, inspired and confused for more than a century. With unprecedented access, built on patience and hard-won trust, the film is the first to penetrate deeply and explore this attention-averse group. In doing so, THE AMISH paints an intimate portrait of contemporary Amish faith and life.

February 17, 2014 11pm

Independent Lens: Las Marthas, 60 minutes

The annual debutante ball in Laredo, Texas, lasts an entire month and coincides with George Washington's birthday. For more than a century, the city's coming-out celebrations have involved intricate paeans to America's colonial past. In 1939, the Society of Martha Washington was founded to usher each year's debutantes (called "Marthas") into proper society. The centerpiece of the festivities is the Martha Washington Pageant and Ball, when the girls are presented. The festival resonates anew in a time of economic uncertainty and political tension over immigration. Still, the Washington celebration has managed to persevere and even flourish, thanks in large part to the Mexican-American girls who carry this gilded tradition on their young shoulders.

Disabilities

February 23, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 2 minutes

The gear that a sled hockey player puts on for a game is pretty much the same as it is for an able-bodied player. With one key difference. Rather than ice skates, players ride on a sled with blades on the bottom. Jay Shefsky of WTTW in Chicago reports.

Economy

January 3, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

Shields and Brooks discuss how government can address economic inequality: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's top political news, including the inauguration of New York's new Mayor Bill de Blasio and his pledge to address economic inequality, plus how new laws on legal marijuana signal a U.S. cultural shift.

January 7, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

How will Yellen's interest in the 'human face' of economics influence policy? The economic impact of unemployment in the United States is among the chief concerns of the next chair of the Federal Reserve, Janet Yellen. Judy Woodruff talks to Michael Hirsh of National Journal and Gillian Tett of Financial Times about how that and other challenges may shape her approach.

January 14, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Lawmakers work toward budget compromise, but remain split on jobless benefits: The House of Representatives passed a bill to fund the government short-term while they finish work on a long-term bipartisan plan to fund the government through September. Kwame Holman reports on the details and concessions of the \$1.1 trillion budget package and Gwen Ifill gets analysis from Ed O'Keefe of The Washington Post.

January 27, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

How will GOP lawmakers react to Obama's State of the Union agenda? \In his annual address to Congress and the nation, President Obama is expected to lay out plans to address American income inequality. Judy Woodruff talks to Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., about bipartisan cooperation and whether or not the president will lead action via Congress, rather than use independent executive action.

January 31, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Grading Ben Bernanke's time at the Fed: After eight years, a financial crisis, a Great Recession and an economic recovery, it is Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke's final day on the job. Economics correspondent Paul Solman looks back at Bernanke's performance for an assessment of his legacy by two economists.

February 5, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Closing the Gap: Rep. George Miller on why raising the minimum wage is now practical: Some conservatives argue that raising the minimum wage will slow job growth without improving prospects for people in poverty. In a series of conversations about the growing divide between rich and poor, Judy Woodruff talks to Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., co-author of a bill to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour, who says those arguments are obsolete.

February 7, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including the state of the economy in light of the latest job numbers, whether the debt ceiling will inspire another fight, the ongoing immigration debate in the House, plus hopes for the Olympic Games.

February 2, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 4 minutes

Market turmoil overseas causes concern for Wall Street: After the Dow saw its worst performance in more than a year and a half in January, concerns are rising about turmoil in overseas markets. How are the problems in emerging markets linked to the stock market in the United States? Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Roben Farzad of Bloomberg Businessweek about the connection between these two interconnected issues.

February 23, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes

Federal Reserve Board transcripts from 2008 released on Friday give a behind-the-scenes look at how the nation's central bankers reacted to the global financial meltdown. Hari Sreenivasan speaks with the Wall Street Journal's Jon Hilsenrath about what new insight these documents give us about how the Fed handled the crisis.

Education

January 1, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Will a GED exam makeover be better for workers? For more than 70 years, the General Educational Development exam, or the GED, has been an important tool for those who didn't complete high school and for immigrants looking to make inroads into higher education or secure better jobs. An overhaul of the exam is set to take effect in January.

January 8, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Are some U.S. school discipline policies too punitive? The Education and Justice Departments released new guidelines on school discipline, urging schools to ensure that punishments comply with civil rights laws. Hari Sreenivasan gets debate on the recommendations from Sherrilyn Ifill of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and Chester Finn of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

January 4, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 9 minutes

Making sure young brains get the benefits of music training: The percentage of students receiving music education has been in decline for decades. The Harmony Project, a music program for inner city kids in Los Angeles partners with a neurobiologist to study the impact of music training on the learning skills of poor children.

January 16, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Offering high school dropouts a second chance: Goodwill is known for its charitable resale stores, but Goodwill of Central Indiana has expanded their mission to help give high school dropouts a second chance at graduation. The NewsHour's April Brown reports on the program's approach to education

January 22, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Certification test focuses on readying students for work, not college: For American industry, finding employees who have all the requisite skills is a big challenge, and hiring people who don't stack up can cost businesses a great deal of money. Special correspondent John Tulenko from Learning Matters reports on a certification test that aims to boost U.S. students' workforce readiness.

February 4, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Schools reprioritize playtime to boost concentration and teach social skills: Tight budgets and high-stakes tests can lead schools to cut time for the arts, physical education and even recess to make more room for academics. But taking away exercise may be counterproductive. The NewsHour's April Brown reports on how nonprofit Playworks helps schools reincorporate play into their day.

February 11, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

North Carolina mandates that all elementary school students have equal access to art instruction, but enforcement of the law appears inconsistent across the state. Special correspondent for education John Merrow reports on two elementary schools' different approaches to arts education and the effects on student performance.

February 18, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

As high school students gear up to take the SAT or ACT as part of the college application process, a new study claims that these standardized test scores don't predict academic success as well as grade point average. William Hiss, the former dean of admissions at Bates College and lead author of the paper, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss why some institutions have dropped them as requirements.

Employment

January 3, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

With money and jobs on the line, Boeing workers vote on critical labor contract: Thirty-thousand machinists employed by Boeing voted on a labor contract that will decide whether the company will build a new factory in Seattle or move to another state. Jeffrey Brown reviews what's at stake with Harley Shaiken of the University of California, Berkeley, and Richard Gritta of the University of Portland.

January 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 14 minutes

Should lawmakers extend emergency benefits for long-term unemployed? Emergency benefits for the long-term unemployed stopped for 1.3 million Americans at the end of December. Kwame Holman recaps the political debate over restarting those payments. Gwen Ifill gets perspectives from Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez and Douglas Holtz-Eakin of the American Action Forum on how to address unemployment.

January 10, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

Weak job growth, unemployment drop signal 'unwinding' of labor participation: The December jobs report showed a gain of just 74,000 jobs, while the drop in unemployment was due largely to people leaving the workforce. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reviews the numbers and Judy Woodruff talks to Dean Baker of the Center for Economic and Policy Research and Robert Shapiro of Sonecon.

February 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

News Wrap: Senate GOP blocks renewal of long-term jobless benefits: In our news wrap Thursday, Senate Democrats fell short by one vote to limit debate on a bill that would restore benefits to Americans who have been unemployed for six months or more. Also, the American Heart Association released its first set of guidelines for preventing strokes in women.

February 7, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Just 113,000 new jobs were added in January, according to the Labor Department's monthly employment report. The numbers failed to meet expectations, but the unemployment rate nevertheless ticked down to 6.6 percent. Economics correspondent Paul Solman deciphers the numbers with Justin Wolfers of the Brookings Institution.

February 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

In Chattanooga, Tenn., workers at a Volkswagen plant are voting to decide whether to join the United Auto Workers union. While VW has remained neutral, state politicians and Republican Sen. Bob Corker have vocally opposed the union option. Jeffrey Brown gets views from Vincent Vernuccio of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and Harley Shaiken of the University of California, Berkeley.

February 18, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

At \$3 an hour, the workers at the Alta Gracia garment factory in the Dominican Republic are earning enough to feed a family of five. But after three years, this new, living wage-based business model has yet to turn a profit as global competition has pushed thousands of jobs to lower-cost countries. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

February 26, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

A two-year effort to organize workers at the Volkswagen auto plant in Chattanooga, Tenn., concluded in a close vote against unionizing. The United Auto Workers, whose rolls have drastically declined in the past three and a half decades, hoped a victory might motivate a larger push for the union among autoworkers across the South. Jeffrey Brown reports on how both sides are now claiming outside interference.

Energy

January 23, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

The tortoise and the flare: Calif. solar power projects confront habitat impact: Around the country, developers, policy makers and environmentalists are faced with balancing the need for clean energy with the protection of the existing landscape. In California's Mojave Desert is one of the world's finest solar power resources, but it's also the habitat of endangered tortoises. Gabriela Quiros of KQED reports.

January 27, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Demand, infrastructure affects price and delivery of heat: Despite a large supply, the especially cold winter weather is having an impact on prices and delivery of natural gas and propane for Americans. Judy Woodruff discusses the various factors with Marty Durbin of America's Natural Gas Alliance.

January 31, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Keystone XL pipeline clears major hurdle: A report by the State Department on the potential impact of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline raised no major environmental risks to deter its construction. Jeffrey Brown gets an update on the controversial project from Juliet Eilperin of The Washington Post.

February 11, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

An organized sniper attack on an electrical substation near San Jose, Calif., last April raises unsettling questions about the vulnerability of our nation's power grid. Judy Woodruff talks to Jon Wellinghoff, former chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Mark Weatherford, former deputy undersecretary of the Department of Homeland Security, about future risks and protection.

February 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Snow, sleet and freezing rain swept across a large swath of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and the South, where hundreds of thousands of residents lost power. Airport runways and federal offices were closed in Washington, and in some drivers in Raleigh, N.C., abandoned their cars on icy roads. Kwame Holman reports.

February 18, 2014 8pm

Grand Coulee Dam: American Experience, 90 minutes

Grand Coulee was more than a dam – it was a proclamation. In the wake of the Great Depression, America turned from private enterprise to public works – not simply to provide jobs, but to restore faith. The ultimate expression of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, Grand Coulee played a central role in transforming the Northwest; it was the largest hydroelectric power producing facility in the world when it was completed in March 1941. After WWII, a vast irrigation project made possible by the dam helped turn the barren deserts of central Washington into rich farmland. But the dam prevented access to one of the greatest salmon rivers in the world. Deprived of the salmon – their most important resource – the native people who lived along the Columbia witnessed a profound cultural decline. Featuring the men and women who lived and worked at Grand Coulee and the native people whose lives were changed, as well as historians and engineers, this film explores how the tension between technological achievement and environmental impact hangs over the project's success.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

January 2, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

More bald eagles spend the winter in Oregon than anywhere in the U.S. outside Alaska. The national symbol is no longer endangered. Yet there is one area in Oregon where eagles have trouble successfully hatching eggs. Jim Anderson is one of Oregon's most beloved naturalists. We celebrate his legacy and the many stories he's been involved with over the decades on Oregon Field Guide.

January 9, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Cattle and birds co-exist in harmony on the largest native prairie in the Northwest. In a rare partnership, conservationists encourage grazing cattle because the cows improve the land and live well with wildlife. John Hartog is a nature sound recordist who heads into the countryside (Sauvie Island and Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge) with a microphone and a recording deck to capture the natural sounds of wild Oregon. These audio snapshots in time tell us something about the place we live, and the wildlife that share it with us. Silver Falls State Park-Silver Falls is the most popular state park in Oregon. But did you know that 80 years ago a town sat there, the area was full of stumps and the biggest waterfall was a daredevil's playground. We look back at the park's history and the single-minded photographer determined to protect it for everyone to enjoy.

January 16, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

An exceedingly rare population explosion of pine butterflies fills the Malheur National Forest with a virtual snowstorm in August. The mysterious outbreak may occur for 2 or 3 years and then disappear for 3 decades. The beauty extracts a price: the butterflies, while caterpillars, ate needles off 250,000 acres of trees. Open Water Swimming. We meet competitive swimmers who race in open lakes, not comfy pools. Two men in their 70's call it their fountain of youth.

January 23, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Oregon Field Guide journeys back to the remote, Chetco River almost 10 years after the massive Biscuit fire engulfed the Chetco's remarkable wilderness river canyon. We discover that the river remains as remote and difficult to access than it was before the fire, and yet it's even more enticing.

January 30, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Balloon archaeology provides a whole new view of mysterious circles now found in Oregon. Archaeologists trade working on hands and knees for a viewpoint floating high overhead. Rare access to a helium balloon and remote controlled camera provides the clearest view of the most intriguing discovery in Oregon in years: stone circles that resemble the medicine wheels found in Wyoming and farther east.

February 6, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Oregon is home to nearly seven percent of the nation's wild horses, which are among the most photographed in the U.S. In 1971, Congress declared wild horses "living symbols of the pioneer spirit" and passed a law to protect them from "capture, branding, harassment or death." However, wild horses in captivity now outnumber those living free on the range. The nation faces a crisis in managing wild horses that costs \$76 million a year. In this special, "Mustangs of Oregon," *Field Guide* examines why a large number of horses are removed from the wild to live out their lives in permanent holding. The federal government's own horse managers call the current program "unsustainable"—a view shared by critics and independent scientists.

March 27, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Is Oregon prepared for another tsunami? We look at what has and hasn't changed since a deadly tsunami struck the west coast 50 years ago.

January 15, 2014 8pm

Chasing Shackleton, 60 minutes

Following in the wake of legendary polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, a team of six men risks their lives to discover what it's like on the greatest survival journey of all time. In a 22-foot replica wooden lifeboat, with 100-year-old equipment, clothes and rations, the team battles 800 miles across the roughest ocean on the planet.

January 2, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

News Wrap: First major snowstorm of 2014 shuts down Midwest cities: In our news wrap Thursday, the first major winter storm of 2014 shut down cities in the Midwest as it barreled towards the Northeast. Heavy snow is expected across New England. Also, Sunni militants linked to al-Qaida battled for control of two Iraqi cities, storming government buildings and police stations.

January 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Polar vortex descends on U.S. with dangerously low temperatures: A cyclone of arctic air known as a polar vortex stretched from the Dakotas to the deep South, bringing wind chill warnings on the heels of near-blizzard conditions in some regions. Several Midwest states shut schools and urged everyone to stay inside, while airlines canceled thousands of flights. Gwen Ifill reports.

January 10, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Federal disaster declared in W.Va., where chemical spill caused water emergency: Residents of nine West Virginia counties are being told to avoid using tap water to bathe, drink, cook or wash clothes and dishes after a foaming agent used in coal production leaked from a chemical plant into the Elk River. Hari Sreenivasan reports on efforts to cleanup the water emergency.

January 21, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

News Wrap: Northeast braces for major snowstorm: In our news wrap Tuesday, a winter storm along the East Coast shuttered government offices and disrupted flight schedules, as New York and other cities prepared for at least a foot of snow. Also, a car bomb in Lebanon targeted supporters of Hezbollah, killing four people and wounding 35 in a Shiite neighborhood of Beirut.

January 29, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Winter weather wallops the South: A winter storm that brought freezing temperatures and dumped a few inches of snow had a major impact on some southern states. In Atlanta, thousands of people were stranded trying to get home, including one woman who gave birth on an interstate and hundreds of children who spent the night on school buses. Jeffrey Brown reports.

January 30, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Concerns remain about W.Va. water supply: Weeks after a chemical spill fouled the Elk River in West Virginia, some affected residents worry that they cannot trust that their water is safe despite assurances from officials. Jeffrey Brown reports on the lingering concerns about whether the spill has posed an undetected public health threat.

February 12, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

In our news wrap Wednesday, a powerful winter storm has begun to sweep across the South. A thick coat of ice has already knocked out power for hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses in Georgia, while black ice in North Carolina caused havoc for drivers. Also, the Senate gave final approval Wednesday to raise the national debt ceiling.

February 14, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

In our news wrap Friday, a volcano erupted on the Indonesian island of Java, killing at least three people and forcing more than 100,000 people to flee. Also, England's coastal towns braced for another round of rain, wind and waves, adding to already extreme flooding.

February 17, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

The global approach to addressing climate change has shifted from putting the onus on wealthy countries, to recognizing that big, fast-growing developing countries must also play a big part in reducing emissions. Judy Woodruff talks to Andrew Steer of the World Resources Institute and Scott Barrett of Columbia University about ways countries might work together in the fight against global warming.

February 26, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

An estimated 3 billion people worldwide rely on open-fire cook stoves that burn wood, dung or crop residues for food preparation. But the smoke from these stoves harms the environment and can be blamed for some 2 million deaths every year. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports from El Salvador on efforts to provide cleaner stoves to people in developing countries.

Family/Marriage

February 12, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

In the debate over how to cure income inequality, talk about poverty and opportunity are increasingly converging. In a series of conversations about the growing divide between rich and poor, Gwen Ifill talks to Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., about the importance of encouraging strong families and improving educational opportunities as keys to restoring the American dream.

February 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Judy Woodruff talks to Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., in another conversation in our series on income inequality, about his personal experience growing up in a single-parent home, expanding educational opportunities for disadvantaged children, the impact of the Affordable Care Act on workers and the debate on raising the minimum wage.

Health/Health Care

January 2, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Concerns linger about enrollment glitches as millions start new health coverage: On Jan. 1, health coverage under the Affordable Care Act kicked in for millions of Americans, but concerns remain about whether people who bought new insurance will encounter issues with their enrollment. Jeffrey Brown talks to Julie Appleby of Kaiser Health News for an update on the latest milestone in the rollout of the law.

January 3, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Study on ER visits by people with Medicaid challenges theory they would go less: A new study published in "Science" found that low-income people who have Medicaid insurance go to the emergency room for care 40 percent more than their counterparts without any insurance. Katherine Baicker of Harvard School of Public Health, a co-author of the study, joins Hari Sreenivasan.

January 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Alzheimer's researchers seek better prevention with early detection: With no cure or successful treatment yet available, scientists are hoping to stave off Alzheimer's devastating debilitation by treating people before they show a single symptom. Jeffrey Brown reports on how researchers are looking at risk signs, lifestyle factors and alternative therapies to help keep brains healthy.

January 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minute

Why investing in the health of Americans should start early: A group of doctors from the Commission to Build a Healthier America has issued a list of recommendations to improve health in America, noting relationships between socioeconomic status and wellness. Judy Woodruff talks to David Williams of Harvard University about the importance of laying foundations for health in childhood.

January 17, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Former health care CEO argues America's medical system rewards bad outcomes: Judy Woodruff talks to George Halvorson, former CEO of Kaiser Permanente and author of "Don't Let Health Care Bankrupt America," who argues we spend too much money on care that doesn't deliver optimal benefits. How can the U.S. alter its approach to serve all Americans more cost-effectively and with better outcomes?

January 17, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

India marks three years without polio, but challenges still remain: Health officials in India have hit a milestone in their efforts to eradicate polio: It has been three years since the country's last reported case of the crippling disease. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on India's challenge to remain vigilant in its campaign to immunize children one mouthful at a time.

January 29, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

A possible breakthrough for stem cell research? For many years scientists have been investigating how to make adult stem cells act more like embryonic stem cells. A new simple treatment seems to have helped derive mouse embryos from beating heart cells. Gwen Ifill talks to one of the study's lead researchers, Dr. Charles Vacanti of Brigham and Women's Hospital.

February 3, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

News Wrap: Health care enrollment troubles continue for thousands of Americans: In our news wrap Monday, The Washington Post reported that 22,000 appeals are still outstanding from customers whose attempts to sign up for coverage under the Affordable Care Act were denied or processed incorrectly. Also, the U.S. abortion rate is at its lowest since 1973.

February 17, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

In Arkansas, an alternative to the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion uses federal dollars to purchase private health plans for low-income residents who fall in a coverage gap. But now, as other states consider following suit, the Arkansas law, known as the "private option," could end unless it is renewed by state lawmakers. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

February 16, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 7 minutes

With obesity levels rivaling those seen in the United States, Mexico has launched a rigorous campaign to combat the epidemic, including taxes on sugary drinks and other high-calorie snack foods. How well is that strategy working -- and what lessons can U.S. policy makers learn from their Mexican counterparts?

Homosexuality

January 23, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

News Wrap: Va. attorney general says state will side with gay marriage rights: In our news wrap Thursday, newly elected Attorney General Mark Herring announced that Virginia will no longer defend its ban on same-sex marriage, believing the law is unconstitutional. Also, Iran's President Hassan Rouhani promised more moderate policies for his country at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

February 4, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Debating how issues of sexual orientation will play at the Sochi games: Despite global concerns over Russia's stance on gay rights, President Vladimir Putin has insisted that his country would uphold the Olympic charter and that no athlete will be mistreated. Should gay athletes still be concerned? Jeffrey Brown gets views from Brian Moulton of the Human Rights Campaign and Andranik Migranyan of the Institute for Democracy and Cooperation.

February 10, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Does coming out by openly gay NFL prospect Michael Sam reflect changing attitudes?

February 25, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

In our news wrap Tuesday, Attorney General Eric Holder said his state counterparts are not obliged to defend bans on gay marriage. Meanwhile, an Arizona state senate bill allowing business owners to deny service to gays on religious ground has sparked outrage among gay rights activists. Also, audio recordings appear to show Turkey's prime minister telling his son to dispose of money before police raids.

Housing/Shelter

February 11, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

As a new wave of tech enterprises gentrify San Francisco's older, modest neighborhoods, an area known as the Tenderloin, populated by the city's poorer residents, remains in the grips of drugs and crime. Special correspondent Spencer Michels explores the dilemma of whether upgrading the neighborhood will result in inhabitants being displaced en masse.

February 24, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

It took months of digging through documents and interviewing sources for journalists at the Center for Investigative Reporting to flesh out myriad troubles at the housing authority in Richmond, Calif. But this investigation had a twist: three young poets from Richmond teamed up as part of the Off/Page Project to help report the reality for residents living in decrepit conditions. Jeffrey Brown reports.

February 12, 2014 8pm

Nature: Animal House, 60 minutes

Why do some animals build structures and others don't? And how do animals decide where to build? Animal homes need to be safe and secure, protected from predators and the weather. An eagle's nest can weigh up to one ton, a termite mound can stand eight feet tall, and some falcon nest sites have been around for centuries.

Immigration/Refugees

January 27, 2014 11pm

Independent Lens: The State of Arizona, 90 minutes

This vérité documentary captures the explosive emotions and complex realities behind Arizona's headline-grabbing struggle with illegal immigration. Tracking the year after Arizona passed SB1070, its controversial "papers please" law, the film tells the stories of Arizonans on all sides of this divisive issue – activists, politicians, Latino immigrants, controversial Sheriff Joe Arpaio, ranchers and others – and depicts a state and its people testing the edges of our democratic values.

January 30, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 13 minutes

House GOP recasts agenda as White House alternative: While President Obama pushed his economic agenda on the road, House Republicans met to discuss their way forward on major issues, including immigration. Gwen Ifill gets views on the year's political outlook from Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson, Neera Tanden of the Center for American Progress and Andrew Rudalevige from Bowdoin College.

February 5, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Language barrier, immigration status keep some Latinos from health care enrollment: As the largest uninsured ethnic group in the country, Latino Americans are considered key to the success of the Affordable Care Act. In California, enrollment numbers continue to lag despite tens of millions of dollars spent to reach Latinos, who represent more than half of the 7 million who lack coverage in that state. The NewsHour's Cat Wise reports.

February 19, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

As the United States military prepares to withdraw from Afghanistan, the lives of thousands of Afghan citizens who worked for Americans are being threatened by insurgents. While legislation greatly increased the number of visas available to those Afghans, the State Department has only approved around 25 percent of the quota. The NewsHour's P.J. Tobia investigates the holdup.

February 25, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Some states now allow students who entered the U.S. illegally as children to pay in-state tuition at public colleges and universities, but they are not eligible for federal financial aid. Jeffrey Brown talks to Carlos Gutierrez of Republicans for Immigration Reform and Henry Munoz of the Democratic National Committee about a private sector effort to help these scholars.

Minorities/Civil Rights

January 16, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: DOJ revising definition of racial profiling: In our news wrap Thursday, the Justice Department is expected to revise their definition of racial profiling. The new rules are likely to include religion, national origin, gender and sexual orientation. Also, Vatican officials appeared at a UN hearing to answer claims that church leaders have protected pedophile priests.

January 20, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

The conflict in Syria through the eyes of a young poet: Instead of weapons, Amal Kassir uses words to fight. An 18-year-old Syrian-American activist, Kassir grew up in Syria, but now lives in the United States, where she performs slam poetry to bring attention to the suffering in the Middle East.

March 5, 2014 9:30pm

Independent Lens: Spies of Mississippi, 60 minutes

View the story of a secret spy agency formed during the 1950s and 60s by the state of Mississippi to preserve segregation and maintain white supremacy. Over a decade, the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission employed a network of investigators and informants, including African Americans, to help infiltrate the NAACP, CORE and SNCC. They were granted broad powers to investigate private citizens and organizations, keep secret files, make arrests and compel testimony. The program tracks the commission's hidden role in important chapters of the civil rights movement, including the integration of the University of Mississippi, the trial of Medgar Evers and the KKK murders of three civil rights workers in 1964.

February 27, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 14 minutes

Leaders from different sectors of American life convened at the White House to help launch an initiative called "My Brother's Keeper," meant to address challenges facing young men and boys of color. Gwen Ifill discusses the effort with Gail Christopher of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Eddie Glaude of Princeton University.

February 23, 2014 3:30pm

Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, 3 minutes

Racial Reconciliation: More and more churches and denominations are continuing to repent of the sin of racism. The recent reconciliation service in New Orleans was "about acknowledging what has taken place in history, apologizing for that, and seeking ways to see our neighbor in a different light," says Bishop Morris Thompson of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.

National Politics/Government

January 14, 2014 10pm

Frontline: Secret State of North Korea, 60 minutes

Just two years in the job and armed with nuclear weapons, North Korea's Kim Jong-Un is the world's youngest dictator, ruling one of the world's most isolated countries. Like his father and grandfather, he wants to maintain tight control over what North Koreans see of the world - and what the world sees of North Korea. But with unique access, FRONTLINE goes inside the secret state to explore life under its new ruler, and investigate the enigmatic "Morning Star King" as he tries to hold onto power. Using new footage smuggled from inside and never-before-told stories from recent defectors living in South Korea, the film offers a rare glimpse of how some North Koreans are defying authority in a country where just being caught with illegal DVDs could mean immediate imprisonment.

January 2, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Examining Obama's options to push his agenda in 2014: President Obama emerged from 2013 with near all-time low job approval ratings after the botched rollout of the health care law. Susan Page of USA Today and Jerry Seib of The Wall Street Journal join Judy Woodruff to discuss what the president can try to do to achieve a productive year as midterm elections approach.

January 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

News Wrap: Senate confirms Janet Yellen as Fed chief: In our news wrap Monday, Janet Yellen won Senate confirmation to lead the Federal Reserve. Taking over for outgoing chair Ben Bernanke, the former vice chair becomes the first woman to lead the U.S.'s central bank. Also, peace talks to end violence in South Sudan continue to be stalled, awaiting face-to-face discussions.

January 9, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Why the next wave of Arab awakening should be waged for pluralism: Marwan Muasher, the former deputy prime minister of Jordan, thinks it was too simplistic for the world to expect that the Arab Spring would so quickly evolve autocracies into democracies. Margaret Warner sits down with Muasher to discuss his new book, "The Second Arab Awakening: And the Battle for Pluralism."

January 17, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

Brooks and Marcus on Obama's surveillance reforms, Benghazi attack blame: New York Times columnist David Brooks and Washington Post columnist Ruth Marcus join Gwen Ifill to discuss the week's top political news, including whether or not President Obama went far enough with his recommended surveillance reforms, who's blame for the Benghazi attack and the possibility for new sanctions on Iran.

January 20, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: Iran unplugs centrifuges, U.S. begin nuclear deal: In our news wrap Monday, to begin the interim nuclear deal, Iran unplugged banks of centrifuges used to enrich uranium to high levels. In exchange, the U.S. and European Union announced easing of economic sanctions. Also, a wave of bombings killed at least 31 people near Baghdad.

January 29, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Viewers respond to the 2014 State of the Union: What did the American public think of President Obama's 2014 State of the Union? NewsHour asked viewers to send in video responses. From thoughts on renewable energy to the minimum wage, health care reform to NSA data collection, we sample a few of your reactions.

February 4, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

International Olympic Committee speaks out against using Sochi as 'stage for political dissent': With the start of the 2014 Winter Games only days away, the president of the International Olympic Committee insisted that all countries respect the neutral, apolitical nature of the competition. That statement comes in the wake of international furor over a recently adopted Russian law that bans so-called gay propaganda. Jeffrey Brown reports.

February 11, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

In our news wrap Tuesday, House Republicans gave up the hope of adding a provision on military pensions to legislation that would raise the debt ceiling. Also, in her first public comments as the chair of the Federal Reserve, Janet Yellen signaled she would preserve policy established by Ben Bernanke in reducing stimulus efforts.

February 24, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel presented a plan to reshape the nation's military after more than a decade of war. Measures include cutting active-duty rolls, eliminating certain technology and making adjustments to benefits. Gwen Ifill weighs the options and the potential side effects with former National Security officer Gordon Adams and Thomas Donnelly of the American Enterprise Institute.

Nuclear Issues/WMD's

January 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

With Iran interim deal settled, what challenges lie ahead for a permanent fix? The U.S. and Iran have finally settled on the details of an interim nuclear deal, with talks for a final agreement slated for February. Gwen Ifill talks to chief foreign correspondent Margaret Warner about diplomatic relations going forward with Iran, including the Syrian peace efforts and pressure on Capitol Hill for sanctions.

January 16, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Some Iranians hopeful that nuclear deal could relieve sanctions' economic bite: On the streets of Tehran, how are citizens reacting to the completion of an interim deal over Iran's nuclear program? Hari Sreenivasan talks to William Brangham of NewsHour Weekend about the pressure on President Rouhani and what role economic sanctions have played in fueling diplomatic negotiations.

January 16, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Air Force officers caught in cheating scandal: Thirty-four Air Force officers who conduct nuclear operations have thus far been implicated in a proficiency test cheating scandal. Gwen Ifill talks to Robert Burns of the Associated Press and Bruce Blair of Princeton University about the larger implications of the cheating revelations for the Air Force.

January 25, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

How have economic sanctions impacted daily life in Iran? Since November the news about Iran has focused on the deal to limit that country's nuclear program. But what is life like for average Iranians? NewsHour Weekend correspondent William Brangham reports on how sanctions have impacted daily life for the people of Iran.

February 10, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Economic sanctions have been instrumental in getting Iran to the table for negotiations on its nuclear program. NewsHour Weekend correspondent William Brangham takes a closer look how sanctions have affected daily life in Iran, from air quality to health care to the price of a bar of soap.

February 9, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 4 minutes

Iran and officials of the International Atomic Energy Commission are meeting in Teheran. Prospects for success of negotiations, ultimately designed to make it impossible for Iran to produce a nuclear weapon, are unclear. David Albright, one of the leading experts on Iran's nuclear program and president of the Institute for Science and International Security, talks with Hari Sreenivasan about the what concrete steps have been agreed to and what remains on the table.

February 28, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

The site of the Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan remains a post-apocalyptic landscape of abandoned towns, frozen in time. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien got a rare tour inside the plant, where three nuclear reactors melted down after the earthquake and tsunami in 2011, to learn more about the long-term solutions for stemming the radioactive contamination.

Poverty/Hunger

January 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Confronting bitter weather, Midwest mayors address help for vulnerable citizens: Gwen Ifill talks to Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay about the precautions they are taking in their cities and what special help they offer for citizens like the elderly and the impoverished who may be in greater danger during this winter chill.

January 7, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

World Food Programme faces 'highly unusual' quadruple food emergency: The World Food Programme is fighting major food emergencies in the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Syria and the Philippines. Jeffrey Brown talks to Ertharin Cousin, executive director of the UN organization, about the great challenge of relieving hunger in inaccessible regions that have been plunged into conflict.

January 8, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

50 years on, what strides have we made in the war on poverty? In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson launched a broad platform to abolish American poverty. Fifty years later, Kwame Holman looks back on the historic legislation, while Jeffrey Brown talks to presidential historian Robert Dallek, Angela Glover Blackwell of PolicyLink and Glenn Hubbard of Columbia University about our progress.

January 11, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 9 minutes

Poverty rates surge in American suburbs: When President Johnson declared a "War on Poverty" fifty years ago, images of the American poor focused on the inner-city and rural poor. What is the state of American poverty today? Megan Thompson reports on the less visible but growing number of poor in America's suburbs.

February 24, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Orange County's campaign to waste less to feed hungry kids:
California's Orange County is home to some of the wealthiest Americans, as well as more than 150,000 children who don't know where their next meal will come from. Hari Sreenivasan reports on how the county is trying to address and combat the serious health effects of malnutrition for the OC's neediest residents.

January 19, 2014 3:30pm

Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, 8 minutes

Social Entrepreneurship in the Philippines: To lift the Philippines out of poverty, economist Antonio Meloto believes the next generation of Filipinos needs to create jobs at home rather than seeking jobs abroad.

February 12, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

In the debate over how to cure income inequality, talk about poverty and opportunity are increasingly converging. In a series of conversations about the growing divide between rich and poor, Gwen Ifill talks to Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., about the importance of encouraging strong families and improving educational opportunities as keys to restoring the American dream.

February 14, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the politics behind the debt limit increase, the outlook for legislation on fighting poverty and new enrollment numbers for the Affordable Care Act.

February 18, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

What does hunger look like in America? In Colorado, a diverse group of women who receive food assistance benefits are chronicling their personal experiences through photography. The NewsHour's Mary Jo Brooks takes a closer look at their work, which has been exhibited at coffee shops, libraries and the state capitol.

February 22, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 8 minutes

On Dec. 28, 1.3 million Americans lost their unemployment insurance when an emergency federal unemployment insurance program expired. Critics of extended unemployment benefits say the benefits raise jobless numbers by allowing people to stay unemployed longer instead of taking an available job. But people like Trista Selmar-Steed, a 38-year-old former medical biller who lost her job in 2012, say the benefits have kept her family above water while she looks for work. Special correspondent John Carlos Frey reports from Georgia.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

February 13, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

One very special spot in the Grande Ronde Valley is home to some of the rarest flowers in Oregon. We travel to Gold Hill, OR in time to join the Siletz Tribes for their first salmon ceremony. Educational Recreational Adventures takes students whose family roots trace to Africa and the Middle East to Snow School.

February 20, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

26-miles of clear lakes, dramatic waterfalls and majestic old-growth forests earn this Oregon river corridor the nickname "America's #1 Trail." We check in with hikers and bikers, as well as forest managers and a geologist to explore all things Trail.

Nature photographer [Chris Carvalho](#) used to collect butterflies. Now he just collects images of them. Going on a hike with him often doesn't end up covering much ground because butterflies easily distract him. His macro photography reveals a world of colorful wings and complex camouflage.

February 27, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

A group of dedicated mountain bikers have constructed ramps, jumps, banks and crazy features for one of Oregon's only designated 'bike only' trail systems. The all volunteer-created Black Rock mountain biking area outside of Salem has grown to become a destination for thrill seeking 'freeriders' from all over the West.

March 20, 2014 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Kayakers plunge over waterfalls up to 80 feet high while paddling a spectacular canyon that can't be seen any other way.

January 9, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Will ex-players find the NFL's head trauma settlement sufficient? The NFL went to court to file the details of a \$760 million settlement over the impact of concussions and head injuries for retirees. Hari Sreenivasan discusses the details of the how the league came up with various values to offer different players -- and whether players are satisfied -- with Mike Pesca of NPR.

January 28, 2014 10pm

Frontline: League of Denial: The NFL's Concussion Crisis, 60 minutes

The National Football League, a multibillion-dollar commercial juggernaut, presides over America's indisputable national pastime. But the NFL is under assault as thousands of former players and a host of scientists claim the league has covered up how football inflicted long-term brain injuries on many players. In this special investigation, FRONTLINE and prize-winning journalists Steve Fainaru and Mark Fainaru-Wada of ESPN reveal the hidden story of the NFL and brain injuries, drawn from their forthcoming book *League of Denial: The NFL, Concussions and the Battle for Truth* (Crown Archetype, October 2013). What did the NFL know and when did it know it? What's the truth about the risks to players? What can be done? The FRONTLINE investigation details how, for years, the league denied and worked to refute scientific evidence that the violent collisions at the heart of the game are linked to an alarming incidence of early onset dementia, catastrophic brain damage, death, and other devastating consequences for some of football's all-time greats.

January 21, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Why the Sochi Olympics may be a prime terror target: Security pressures for the upcoming Olympics are high, due to the bloody history of its location. Sochi was the site of a massacre 150 years ago, bringing fresh symbolism to insurgents wishing to avenge more recent bloodshed. For more, Hari Sreenivasan talks to Robert Bruce Ware of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

February 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Athletes prepare to prove their mettle at Sochi: In Sochi, the Olympic torch made its final tour and some preliminary competitions got underway. A day before the opening ceremony, Gwen Ifill gets a preview of the venues, the security, the new official events and the athletes to watch from Steve Wilson of the Associated Press, who is in Russia to cover the Olympic Games.

February 10, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

While Olympic competition on the slopes of Sochi has been sportsmanlike, the geopolitical competition between Russia and the U.S. over the past few decades has been frequently contentious. Margaret Warner interviews Angela Stent, the author of "The Limits of Partnership: U.S.-Russian Relations in the Twenty-First Century."

February 26, 2014 11pm

Ice Warriors, USA Sled Hockey, 60 minutes

Watch a portrait of the U.S. sled hockey team as they prepare for the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. Sled hockey, also known as "murderball on blades," is played as aggressively as able-bodied hockey – but these players battle with their sticks, sharp sled runners and the serrated ice picks used to propel their sleds. Strapped into molded sleds, they're often playing at eye level with the fast-moving puck in this game of force, speed and strategy.

Religion/Ethics

January 12, 2014 3:30pm

Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, 6 minutes

Typhoon Faith: Months after super typhoon Hayaan destroyed large parts of the Philippines, many survivors say prayer got them through the storm and the difficult times afterwards. "The comment that I have heard is that God can send the cyclone here because the Filipino people are so strong that we can overcome even a storm this strong," says Catholic Relief Services emergency coordinator Elizabeth Tromans.

January 26, 2014 3:30pm

Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, 12 minutes

Jordan's Syrian Refugees: Almost two and a half million Syrians have fled their country in what the United Nations has called the "greatest humanitarian catastrophe of modern times." Faith-based groups—Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Orthodox, Mennonite, and more—in Jordan, home of the largest Syrian refugee camp, are doing what they can to help. "Behind each of these wonderful people is a life that is completely disrupted. We see God in all of these people. We see that these are brothers and sisters like us," says Catholic Relief Services president Carolyn Woo.

February 4, 2014 9pm

Amish Shunned: American Experience, 120 minutes

Follow seven former members of an Amish community, filmed over the course of 12 months, as they reflect on their decisions to leave one of the most closed and tightly knit communities in the United States. Estranged from family, the ex-Amish find themselves struggling to understand and make their way in modern America. Interwoven through the stories are the voices of Amish men and women who remain staunchly loyal to their traditions and faith. They explain the importance of obedience, the strong ties that bind their communities together and the pain they endure when a loved one falls away.

February 5, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Has the Catholic Church done enough to address sexual abuse by clergy? A United Nations panel has sharply critiqued how the Vatican responded to widespread sexual abuse by Catholic priests, which the Vatican calls distorted and unfair. Rev. Thomas Rosica of the Catholic Salt and Light Television Network and Katherine Gallagher of the Center for Constitutional Rights join Gwen Ifill to offer different views on the report.

February 16, 2014 3:30pm

Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly, 9 minutes

Jordan, the Other Holy Land: Jordanian Christians insist some of the most important ancient sites, such as the site of Jesus' baptism, are on their side of the Jordan River. "We are the ones who inherited this birthplace of Christianity. I think we are agents to carry this as witnesses to the whole world," says Father Nabil Haddad, a priest in the ancient Melkite Catholic Church who lives in Amman. Correspondent Kim Lawton reports on the Christian presence in Jordan.

February 25, 2014 9pm

Frontline: Secrets of the Vatican, 90 minutes

Pope Benedict made history when he announced his resignation, becoming the first Pope to step down voluntarily in six hundred years. In his wake he left a bitterly divided Vatican mired in scandals. But is Benedict's successor, Pope Francis, taming the forces that helped destroy Benedict's papacy? Is he succeeding in lifting the Church out of crisis? Nearly a year in the making, this special two-hour FRONTLINE goes inside the Vatican - one of the world's most revered and mysterious institutions - to unravel the remarkable series of events that led to the resignation that shook the world. Through interviews with those at the very heart of what happened - cardinals, priests, convicted criminals, police, prosecutors and whistle-blowers - FRONTLINE gives a first-hand account of the final days of Benedict's papacy and the current battle to set the Church on a new path under Francis.

Science/Technology

January 7, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

How a winter 'wobble' brought freezing North Pole temperatures to the U.S.: The strong winds that normally keep the masses of very cold air contained near the North Pole weakened this week, allowing frigid temperatures to reach down into the United States. Judy Woodruff talks to Andrew Freedman of Climate Central about the science behind the polar vortex.

January 9, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Health care sign up improves, but some states seek workarounds for tech issues: The process of enrolling in health care coverage appears to be going smoother, but problems persist for some state-run exchanges and consumers. Judy Woodruff gets an update from Sarah Kliff of The Washington Post, who also discusses an effort by the GOP to put a spotlight on security issues facing HealthCare.gov.

January 15, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

How the NSA used special devices, radio waves to spy on offline computers: The newest revelations from documents leaked by Edward Snowden show that since at least 2008, the National Security Agency has implanted hardware to tap into as many as 100,000 offline computers overseas. Gwen Ifill talks to David Sanger of The New York Times and Cedric Leighton, a former deputy training director for the NSA.

January 29, 2014 10pm

Hawking, 60 minutes

This is the intimate and revealing story of Stephen Hawking's life. Told for the first time in Hawking's own words and with unique access to his home and public life, this is a personal journey through Hawking's world. The audience joins him at home, under the care of his nursing team; in San Jose as he "wows" a packed theatre audience; in Silicon Valley as he meets a team of technicians who hope to speed up his communication system; and as he throws a party for family and friends. HAWKING also carefully tells Hawking's life journey, from boyhood under-achiever to PhD genius, and from a healthy cox on the Oxford rowing team to diagnosis of motor neuron disease, given just two years to live – yet surviving several close brushes with death. The film also highlights his greatest scientific discoveries and plots his rise to fame and superstardom.

January 20, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Scientists search for understanding of dark matter: At the bottom of a nickel mine near Sudbury, Ontario, scientists at one of the world's most sophisticated particle physics observatories are investigating one of the biggest mysteries of the cosmos: What is dark matter? Science correspondent Miles O'Brien helps to shed some light on the research at SNOLAB.

February 3, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

'Talking cars' could prevent accidents before they happen: On some new car models, sensors can monitor outside surroundings and warn drivers of peril or kick in automatic braking. The Department Of Transportation is considering a mandate for all automakers to adopt this vehicle-to-vehicle technology. Gwen Ifill talks to Wall Street Journal reporter Dan Neil about how "talking cars" could improve safety on the roads but at the expense of drivers' privacy.

February 10, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Composer, computer scientist and futurist Tod Machover has joined the power of technology with one of the great classical art forms. In "Death and the Powers," opera robots take the stage to sing about the search for immortality and how our humanity is transformed by tech. Jeffrey Brown reports on the preparations taking place at the MIT Media Lab for an upcoming interactive performance.

February 12, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

A Canadian study conducted across more than two decades raises doubt that annual mammogram screenings reduce the risk of death among women between the ages of 40 and 59. What do the latest findings mean for women and their health? Judy Woodruff gets different viewpoints from Dr. Carol Lee of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Dr. H. Gilbert Welch of the Dartmouth Institute.

February 12, 2014 10pm

Super Skyscrapers: Building America, 60 minutes

Commonly known as "the cheese grater," the Leadenhall Building is the pinnacle of London's avant-garde architecture. Designed as a tapered tower with a steel exoskeleton, it's the tallest skyscraper in the City of London and the most innovative. The teams behind the Leadenhall project had to radically rethink every aspect of the traditional building model. This program follows the monumental challenges that come with erecting this super skyscraper: it will be constructed off-site, delivered to location, and stacked and bolted together like a giant Lego set.

Sexuality

February 5, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

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Groups work to combat sex trafficking around the Super Bowl: As millions of fans debate who will win the game and by how much on Super Bowl Sunday, others, including law enforcement, will be focused on preventing the exploitation and trafficking of young women that they say increases around large sporting events.

Social Services

February 12, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

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February 11, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

As a new wave of tech enterprises gentrify San Francisco's older, modest neighborhoods, an area known as the Tenderloin, populated by the city's poorer residents, remains in the grips of drugs and crime. Special correspondent Spencer Michels explores the dilemma of whether upgrading the neighborhood will result in inhabitants being displaced en masse.

February 22, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 8 minutes

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State Wide Culture and History

January 6, 2014 9pm

Linus Pauling, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes

Born in eastern Oregon in 1901, raised in Portland and a graduate of Oregon Agricultural College in Corvallis, Linus Pauling was one of the greatest scientists and humanitarians of the 20th century. He was the only person ever to win two unshared Nobel Prizes (for Chemistry in 1954 and for Peace in 1963). Pauling won his Peace prize during the height of the Cold War and his many critics labeled him a communist sympathizer - a label that still tarnishes his name today. Pauling pioneered the field of orthomolecular medicine and was the first researcher to promote taking Vitamin C to prevent the common cold - an idea that remains controversial. He wrote numerous articles and books for the general public on science, peace and health including *How to Live longer and Feel Better*. Pauling died at his California ranch in 1994. He left more than 400,000 journals, scientific writings, papers, models, and other scientific memorabilia to his alma mater Oregon State University. The collection makes up one of the great scientific archives of the 20th century.

January 13, 2014 9pm

Oregon: Grapes Of Place, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes

In the 1960s a new breed of pioneers began arriving in Oregon's Willamette Valley determined to grow *Vitis vinifera*, the fine wine grapes of Europe. They were told it couldn't be done and were amply warned that western Oregon was too cold and wet for *vinifera* to flourish. But they came anyway with a dream of producing premium wines - in particular, *Pino Noir* - made from the delicate red grape of Burgundy, France. The pioneers' risky experiment created a new industry in Oregon and changed the world of wine forever.

January 20, 2014 9pm

Ken Kesey, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes

The 1960's might have been very different without Ken Kesey. He wrote two of the decade's best-selling novels, *"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"* and *"Sometimes a Great Notion"*. He became a brazen harbinger of psychedelic substances. And he starred as the Merry Prankster protagonist of Tom Wolfe's chronicle of the times, *"The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test"*. Ken Kesey grew to be one of Oregon's most colorful all-time, small-town characters. People knew him as an unlikely mix of writer, jester, artist and intellectual. But he lived his latter years as a Lane County farmer. And Kesey himself liked to describe his life with a simple: *"What a long, strange trip it still do be, doobie, doobie-doo"*.

January 27, 2014 9pm

Hanford, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes

A look at the history of the 670 square mile Hanford Nuclear Reservation. In 1943 a city sprang up over night in the desert. 45,000 workers came from all over the United States to build the world's first large-scale nuclear reactor in the top secret Manhattan Project launched during World War II. Life at Hanford was one of constant secrecy. Workers were told only a bare minimum about the project only knowing they were contributing to the war effort. Less than 1% actually knew the true nature of their work.

February 3, 2014 9pm

Beervana, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

In 1852, beer came to the Pacific Northwest when Henry Saxer opened the Liberty Brewery at the corner of First and Davis in downtown Portland. Many came in Saxer's wake - most notably fellow German immigrant, Henry Weinhard - to quench the thirsts of loggers, miners, fishermen and farmers who would build the region. But over 150 years later, it's the craft beer of Oregon - made locally, recognized worldwide - that contributes significantly to the economy and fuels a vibrant social culture in the form of numerous brewpubs. Beervana tells the story of this industry through compelling and amusing anecdotes and the fascinating characters of the Oregon beer community.

February 10, 2014 9pm

Pacific Crest Trail: A Ride To Remember, Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

In 1959 Washington ranchers Don and June Mulford decided to try what everybody said couldn't be done -- ride the entire length of the 2,400 mile Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada in one year. It would prove to be the adventure of a lifetime. Armed with a movie and slide camera they documented their five-month journey capturing many surprises along the way. A Ride to Remember showcases the Mulford's stunning film photography and will delight viewers with memories still fresh after fifty years.

February 10, 2014 9:30pm

Cuisine Of Our Own, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

Oregon gets lots of national attention these days for its food. We all know the buzzwords: Northwest cuisine. Farmers' markets. Seasonal, local produce. Free-range meats. Farm-to-table restaurant offerings. But these aren't new -- this is the food of James Beard's Portland 100 years ago! Did it just go away, and then come back? What is Northwest cuisine? Why is Oregon at the forefront of the "new food" movement? What did Oregonians used to eat? How did we wind up with so many great restaurants?

February 17, 2014 9pm

Bull Run, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

Portland's water comes from the Bull Run Watershed, likely the only U.S. supply protected by Presidential proclamation. Few Oregonians have ever set foot in Bull Run but one in four of them drink its water every day. We'll take you into the watershed, explore how it was identified back in 1886 and show you the brilliantly effective system for transporting and distributing the water. Bull Run has long been closed to public entry but over the years protecting this extraordinarily pure water has taken many different paths.

February 17, 2014 9:30pm

Civilian Conservation Corps, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

The Civilian Conservation Corps was one of the most popular New Deal relief programs. During the Great Depression, the program put millions of young men to work improving public lands. In its short existence, enrollees planted three billion trees earning the name Roosevelt's Tree Army. Today, their work is still enjoyed in parks and forests around the state. Through interviews with former enrollees and historic images, the program tells the story of the CCC in Oregon.

February 24, 2014 9pm

Bill Bowerman, An Oregon Experience

Bill Bowerman tells the story of the legendary University of Oregon track coach and co-founder of NIKE. During 24 years at the University of Oregon, he coached the Ducks to four NCAA championships, inspired and trained 33 Olympians and coached 16 sub-four minute milers. Bowerman was passionately dedicated to his sport and to his "Men of Oregon." He believed that each athlete was unique and trained each as an individual. He's famous for cobbling handmade, lighter weight running shoes and invented the famous waffle sole by ruining his wife's waffle iron. He teamed up with former student Phil Knight to co-found NIKE. Bowerman believed that everyone could benefit from physical fitness training and introduced Eugene and the nation to jogging in the early 1960s. This program tells Bowerman's colorful story through the eyes of people who knew him best? His wife of 65 years, Barbara Bowerman, his students and biographer Kenny Moore, NIKE's Phil Knight and more.

February 24, 2014 9:30pm

Spirit of Tek, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

Tektronix was founded in 1946 and seeded Oregon's high tech industry known as the Silicon Forest. The founders, Howard Vollum and Jack Murdoch encouraged their engineers to invent and the company earned a reputation as a freewheeling idea factory, with ambitious and brilliant engineers. It became the world's largest manufacturer of oscilloscopes and in its heyday was the largest employer in Oregon. In 2007, Tektronix was purchased for \$2.8 billion dollars by a company based in Washington, D.C.

March 17, 2014 9pm

Suffragists, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

2012 marks the 100th anniversary of Oregon women winning the vote. Oregon Experience celebrates the centennial with a look at a new generation of women who helped win the vote and what happened after they gained the vote. Many became very active in politics and were elected to office in towns across the state. They took the opportunity to pass various laws affecting the well-being of women and safety at work; and children and families. Many suffragists from Oregon traveled to Washington DC and worked to pass the national amendment as well.

March 17, 2014 9:30pm

Lola Baldwin, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

Lola Baldwin began working for the Portland Police Department in 1905 for the Lewis & Clark Exposition to protect women and children coming to town for the event. She was hired officially in 1908 becoming the country's first sworn policewoman crusading for the moral and physical welfare of families, single working-women and children. An ardent suffragist, Baldwin advocated for pay equity and a living wage to keep young women workers from lives of prostitution and crime. Preventive police strategies developed by "municipal mothers" like Baldwin influence policing policies to this day.

March 24, 2014 9pm

Loggers' Daughter, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

An African-American woman, born and raised in Eastern Oregon, sets out to explore her family's past. The search leads Gwen Trice to a logging community in Wallowa County and the handful of people who remember the 1920s town of Maxville.

March 24, 2014 9:30pm

Vortex, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

Nixon "The Vietnam War" and tens of thousands of raging anti-war protestors girding for battle with the American Legion during their Portland convention. Time for a party, right, so went the wisdom of Oregon's Governor Tom McCall during the summer of 1970. His idea' Stage the first-ever state sponsored rock festival, promise 'big name talent,' and host the event just far enough out of town so that the ' hippies' wouldn't wreak havoc on Portland during Nixon's visit.

Transportation

January 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Big trucks gain greater efficiency for Detroit auto show: At the 2014 North American International Auto Show, the spotlight shines on sports cars and trucks, rather than alternative fuel vehicles. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Dan Neil of The Wall Street Journal and Karl Brauer of Kelley Blue Book about the state of the industry and how gas mileage improvements are shaping trends.

February 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Snow, sleet and freezing rain swept across a large swath of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and the South, where hundreds of thousands of residents lost power. Airport runways and federal offices were closed in Washington, and in some drivers in Raleigh, N.C., abandoned their cars on icy roads. Kwame Holman reports.

February 25, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

The A-10 Warthog was designed specifically to fly in low and attack enemy forces, loitering over the battlefield. But top Pentagon officials now say the Warthog's days are over. The Defense Department plans to eliminate the entire fleet and save \$3.5 billion over five years in order to save for newer and more capable aircraft. Kwame Holman reports on the debate.

February 22, 2014 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes

This week the U.S. Transportation Secretary warned the federal Highway Trust Fund may run out of money later this year. Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Bob Cusack, Managing Editor for The Hill, about the logistics of the fund and how state transportation spending could be affected if Congress fails to agree on a solution.

February 18, 2014 9pm

Rise and Fall of Penn Station: American Experience, 60 minutes

One of the greatest architectural and engineering achievements of its time, New York's Pennsylvania Station opened to the public in 1910. Designed by renowned architect Charles McKim, the station was a massive civil engineering project, covering nearly eight acres and requiring the construction of 16 miles of underground tunnels. Alexander Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, gambled millions of dollars to link the nation's biggest railroad to America's greatest city, but died bringing the station to life. No one could imagine that this architectural marvel built for the ages would be torn down a few decades later to make way for Madison Square Garden. Yet its destruction galvanized New York to form the Landmarks Preservation Commission, saving Grand Central Station and countless other historic structures.

Urban Development/Infrastructure

January 8, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

LaHood, Rendell make bipartisan push to revitalize America's infrastructure: A bipartisan group of former lawmakers is making a push to revitalize America's roads and bridges. Judy Woodruff talks to the co-chairs of Building America's Future, former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and former Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, about the advantages of investing in the nation's infrastructure.

February 11, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 13 minutes

An organized sniper attack on an electrical substation near San Jose, Calif., last April raises unsettling questions about the vulnerability of our nation's power grid. Judy Woodruff talks to Jon Wellinghoff, former chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Mark Weatherford, former deputy undersecretary of the Department of Homeland Security, about future risks and protection.

February 24, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

It took months of digging through documents and interviewing sources for journalists at the Center for Investigative Reporting to flesh out myriad troubles at the housing authority in Richmond, Calif. But this investigation had a twist: three young poets from Richmond teamed up as part of the Off/Page Project to help report the reality for residents living in decrepit conditions. Jeffrey Brown reports.

February 19, 2014 10pm

Super Skyscrapers: The Vertical City, 60 minutes

Shanghai Tower isn't just a skyscraper -- it's a vertical city, a collection of businesses, services and hotels all in one place, fitting a population the size of Monaco into a footprint the size of a football field. Within its walls, residents can literally work, rest, play and relax in public parks, looking up through 12 stories of clear space. Not just one, however, but eight of them, stacked on top of each other, all the way to the 120th floor. When complete, the structure will dominate Shanghai's skyline, towering over its neighbors as a testament to China's economic success and the ambitions of the city's wealthy elite.

War/Veterans/National Security

January 6, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

What role should the U.S. play in keeping al-Qaida from gaining Iraq foothold? While Iraqi government tanks lined the outskirts of Fallujah, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki urged Sunni tribal leaders to help drive out al-Qaida militants. Judy Woodruff talks to journalist Jane Arraf and former U.S. ambassador to Iraq James F. Jeffrey about the sectarian grievances at play and the U.S.'s role.

January 15, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Senate concludes State Dept. ignored security warnings ahead of Benghazi attack: A bipartisan Senate report has concluded that the State Department could have prevented the deadly 2012 attack at the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. The Senate Intelligence Committee found officials ignored warnings of growing terrorist activity. Gwen Ifill talks to Adam Goldman of The Washington Post.

January 20, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

How does political uncertainty affect Afghanistan security? An American soldier died in a Taliban attack at a military base, which came on the heels of a suicide bombing at a Kabul restaurant that killed 21 civilians. Gwen Ifill talks to Pamela Constable of The Washington Post and Omar Samad, a former Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman, about instability in Afghanistan.

January 21, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

As diplomats ready for Syrian talks, what unites organizers Russia and U.S.? The Syrian peace talks are set to begin, but diplomatic drama is brewing. Without shared goals and some rancor over Iran's role, expectations are low. Chief foreign correspondent Margaret Warner joins Hari Sreenivasan from Switzerland to discuss what major players Russia and the U.S. have in common going into the talks.

January 27, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

U.S.-Afghan relations hit new barrier for security deal: Amid efforts to strike a U.S.-Afghanistan security deal that would outline American presence in the nation after 2014, the Afghan government released 37 prisoners the U.S. claims are a security threat. Gwen Ifill talks to former Defense Department official David Sedney and Zalmay Khalilzad, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan.

February 11, 2014 10pm

Frontline: Syria's Second Front, 60 minutes

FRONTLINE makes a dangerous trip to the battlefields of Syria, gaining exclusive access to rebel forces as they try to unify against extremist Islamic factions that have thwarted the fight against the regime of Bashar al-Assad. With international peace efforts foundering and Western news organizations unable to safely report inside the country, journalist Muhammad Ali crosses into Syria to travel with moderate rebel commanders and fighters as they launch what they are calling "The Second Revolution," this time against jihadis from the Al Qaeda-linked group known as ISIS. From inside the war zone, FRONTLINE gives the most timely view yet of this newest front in the Syrian revolution. Also in this hour: a report from the besieged city of Aleppo, where more than 2,000 children have been killed in the fighting. This intimate portrait

exposes what life is like for children who stay behind and are forced to adapt, as the world around them slips further into chaos.

February 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

In our news wrap Thursday, the Afghan government released 65 accused Taliban militants from a prison formerly run by the U.S. military, despite American objections. Also, the U.N. mediator met with envoys from the U.S. and Russia to pledge to help keep up talks between Syria's warring parties.

February 18, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

In our news wrap Tuesday, more than a dozen people were killed in Ukraine's capital city Kiev, as thousands of police attacked thousands of anti-government protesters, who have been demanding closer ties with the West. Meanwhile, in Iraq, a string of car bombings left 49 people dead and 90 wounded.

February 24, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel presented a plan to reshape the nation's military after more than a decade of war. Measures include cutting active-duty rolls, eliminating certain technology and making adjustments to benefits. Gwen Ifill weighs the options and the potential side effects with former National Security officer Gordon Adams and Thomas Donnelly of the American Enterprise Institute.

Women

January 6, 2014 10pm

Extraordinary Women: Josephine Baker, 60 minutes

Josephine Baker was a black entertainer who took the world by storm. Born into poverty in America's Midwest, she witnessed first-hand the brutal violence of the East St Louis Race Riots of 1917, then the worst in US history. Determined to escape a life of deprivation and racial prejudice, she danced her way to New York and then Paris. Famed for her 'Banana Dance', performed at the famous Folies-Bergere, by the end of the 1920s, Josephine was making more money than any other entertainer in Europe. With her own nightclub, a famously flamboyant lifestyle and a personal wealth estimated at over a million dollars, Josephine captivated the hearts and imagination of her Parisian audiences. Her reception couldn't have been more different back home in America. Josephine was not only rejected by critics and theatre-goers there, but also hotel staff who refused to let her enter their establishments except via the servants entrance because she was black. Josephine took French citizenship and even worked on her adopted country's behalf as an undercover agent during the Second World War, risking her life, smuggling secrets in her sheet music.

February 24, 2014 10pm

Extraordinary Women: Amelia Earhart, 60 minutes

Amelia Earhart was an aviation pioneer and female icon. Born to a privileged family in Kansas in the United States, Amelia grew up a tomboy. It was no surprise that when her father Edwin took her to an air show, Amelia was hooked. She took numerous part time jobs, and borrowed money from her mother's inheritance, in order to pay for flying lessons and buy her first plane. But Charles Lindberg's record-breaking flight across the Atlantic awakened in Amelia, a daring need for adventure on a massive scale. She caught the attention of high profile publisher of adventure books, George Palmer Putnam who gave

Amelia the chance to equal Lindbergh's Atlantic feat. The successful crossing in 1928 brought Amelia instant fame.

January 1, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Malala hopes to earn prize of seeing 'every child' go to school: Pakistani student Malala Yousafzai, 16, rose to international fame when she was shot in the head for speaking out against the Taliban's ban on girl's education. Malala made a remarkable recovery, becoming the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize. Margaret Warner talks to Yousafzai about her mission.

January 3, 2014 4pm

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 25 minutes

Saving Women and Girls: Melinda Gates, Barbara Bush, Mandy Moore, and other global health leaders on efforts to save the lives of women and girls by increasing access to maternal and child healthcare. Executive producer Cari Stein reports in this special documentary from Malaysia and the Women Deliver Conference.

January 12, 2014, 4pm

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 25 minutes

What do low-income women need to succeed? Writer Amanda Hess on why online misogyny is the next civil rights issue. Professor Lynne Segal's book says ageism is the new frontier of feminism. PANELISTS: Democratic commentator Megan Beyer, Heritage Foundation's Genevieve Wood, progressive commentator Patricia Sosa, Red Alert Politics editor Francesca Chambers.

February 23, 2014, 4pm

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 25 minutes

Women In Media: The 2014 annual Women In The Media report shows that women remain underrepresented; Sochi Olympic Courses: too dangerous for both genders or just women? Mountain Top Removal: West Virginia residents struggle against pollution. PANEL: Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mercedes Viana Schlapp, Kim Gandy, Rina Shah, Janet Keating.

Youth

January 10, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

From author to ambassador, Kate DiCamillo approaches reading with celebration: Author Kate DiCamillo gained acclaim for her children's novels "Because of Winn-Dixie" and award-winning "The Tale of Despereaux." Jeffrey Brown talks to DiCamillo about her latest role as National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and her goal to "remind people of the great and profound joy that can be found in stories."

January 13, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Why investing in the health of Americans should start early: A group of doctors from the Commission to Build a Healthier America has issued a list of recommendations to improve health in America, noting relationships between socioeconomic status and wellness. Judy Woodruff talks to David Williams of Harvard University about the importance of laying foundations for health in childhood.

January 24, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Orange County's campaign to waste less to feed hungry kids:
California's Orange County is home to some of the wealthiest Americans, as well as more than 150,000 children who don't know where their next meal will come from. Hari Sreenivasan reports on how the county is trying to address and combat the serious health effects of malnutrition for the OC's neediest residents.

February 4, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Schools reprioritize playtime to boost concentration and teach social skills: Tight budgets and high-stakes tests can lead schools to cut time for the arts, physical education and even recess to make more room for academics. But taking away exercise may be counterproductive. The NewsHour's April Brown reports on how nonprofit Playworks helps schools reincorporate play into their day.

February 11, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

North Carolina mandates that all elementary school students have equal access to art instruction, but enforcement of the law appears inconsistent across the state. Special correspondent for education John Merrow reports on two elementary schools' different approaches to arts education and the effects on student performance.

February 18, 2014 10pm

Frontline: Generation Like, 60 minutes

Thanks to social media, today's teens are able to directly interact with their culture - artists, celebrities, movies, brands, and even one another - in ways never before possible. But is that real empowerment? Or do marketers still hold the upper hand? In Generation Like, author and FRONTLINE correspondent Douglas Rushkoff (The Merchants of Cool, The Persuaders) explores how the perennial teen quest for identity and connection has migrated to social media - and exposes the game of cat-and-mouse that corporations are playing with these young consumers. Do kids think they're being used? Do they care? Or does the perceived chance to be the next big star make it all worth it? The film is a powerful examination of the evolving and complicated relationship between teens and the companies that are increasingly working to target them.

February 20, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

At Hinkley High School in Aurora, Colo., students, parents and administration are meeting face-to-face to resolve student conflict with conversation. The number of physical altercations has taken a nosedive as this new type of disciplinary action, called "restorative justice," replaces suspension. Hari Sreenivasan has the story.

February 26, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

The Centers for Disease Control is reporting progress in cutting obesity among preschoolers. During the past decade, obesity in children aged 2 to 5 has dropped from 14 percent to 8 percent. Christina Economos of the Tufts University School of Medicine joins Gwen Ifill to discuss possible factors in the decrease, including changes to food assistance programs and nutrition and exercise campaigns.

February 21, 2014 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

At Rikers Island, New York City's main jail complex, about a quarter of the underage teenagers who are awaiting trial are in solitary confinement, spending 23 hours a day in a 6 by 8 ft. cell. Daffodil Altan of the Center for Investigative Reporting takes a look at concern from city officials and others about the psychological effects of isolation on young inmates.