

Quarterly Programs/Issues List

October 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

KOPB Portland, Oregon

Abortion

November 26, 2013 11pm

Independent Lens: Young Lakota, 60 minutes

Three young people living in the Pine Ridge Reservation try to forge a better future. When the first female president of Oglala Lakota defies a South Dakota law criminalizing abortion by vowing to build a women's clinic in their sovereign territory, the three young tribe members are faced with difficult choices.

November 16, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 10 minutes

Controversial case opens up discussion of abortion in Chile: On Saturday, we report from Santiago. Chile has some of the most restrictive abortion laws in the world, but the recent rape and impregnation of an 11-year-old girl has ignited a national debate on this previously taboo topic.

Aging

October 14, 2013 10pm

POV: 56 UP, 150 minutes

"56 Up" is the eighth film in a series of landmark documentaries that began 49 years ago when UK-based Granada's World in Action team interviewed a diverse group of seven-year-old children from all over England, asking them about their lives and their dreams for the future. Michael Apted, a researcher for the original film, has returned to interview the "children" every seven years since, at ages 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49 and now at age 56. In this latest chapter, more of the original group takes part than ever before.

November 10, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes

Justin Fox on 'why retirement risks are best shared': Justin Fox, the executive editor of the Harvard Business Review Group and author of The Myth of the Rational Market, has studied the Dutch pension system extensively. He discusses what aspects of the system -- mandatory savings, annuitized payments, and national pools -- might work in the United States.

December 3, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

News Wrap: Illinois moves to cut pension benefits, raise retirement age: In our news wrap Tuesday, Illinois lawmakers moved to make major cuts to pension benefits for thousands of state employees and retirees. The bill also raises the retirement age. Also, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to renew a ban on plastic firearms that can evade metal detectors and X-ray machines for 10 more years.

December 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

States and cities grapple with cuts to pensions that workers have already earned: Illinois joined other cities and states in cutting pensions as way to curb costs. Should public employees who have already earned their retirement be subject to cuts? Judy Woodruff talks to Andrew Biggs of the American Enterprise Institute and Steven Kreisberg of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Agriculture

November 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Wash. voters weigh GMO labeling; Colo. votes on marijuana tax measure: Gwen Ifill gets an update on two states putting critical initiatives on the ballot Tuesday. Enrique Cerna of KCTS in Seattle offers insight on a Washington measure that would require the labeling of GMO foods. Megan Verlee of Colorado Public Radio talks about two tax initiatives there, one concerning recreational marijuana.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction

October 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Feds bust online illegal drug market and its 'Pirate' proprietor: Federal investigators shut down the high-profile online market for illegal drugs known as Silk Road and arrested the site's alleged mastermind, Ross Ulbricht. Cordelia Lynch of International Television News reports on how easy it was to access illicit substances using the website.

October 3, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

For some wounded veterans, strong prescription drugs can be cause of more pain: Some veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have returned home to face another battle: addiction to narcotic painkillers prescribed by their doctors. Aaron Glantz of the Center for Investigative Reporting takes a look at whether these wounded warriors are being overmedicated with prescription opiates.

American History/Biography

October 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Remembering Tom Clancy, 66, blockbuster novelist of high-tech spy thrillers: Best-selling author Tom Clancy has died in Baltimore at the age of 66. His espionage novels ushered in a new genre of military thrillers and spawned successful films. What made Clancy's books so popular? Gwen Ifill talks to NPR book commentator Alan Cheuse about the late author's characters and strong imagination.

October 15, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Jim Lehrer returns to haunting 'what if' in novel on the JFK assassination: What if the glass bubble top on the car in which President John F. Kennedy was riding in Dallas had not been removed by a Secret Service agent? The NewsHour's own Jim Lehrer explores that idea in "Top Down: A Novel of the Kennedy Assassination." Jim joins Judy Woodruff to discuss his personal experience that inspired the book.

October 15, 2013 8pm, 9pm and 10pm

Superheroes: A Never Ending Battle, 60 minutes (each episode)

Episode 101: During the Depression, the popularity of dozens of superhero characters opens the door for a new generation of artists and writers. World War II creates a patriotic fervor for star-spangled adventurers to represent the American spirit at war and on the home front, but in the 1950s, superheroes are caught in the fire of government scrutiny and regulation. When the thrilling "Adventures of Superman" is broadcast on the new medium of television, America's first and greatest superhero leads the entire comic book industry to renewed strength.

Episode 102: In the 1960s, a new breed of superhero emerges in pages of Marvel Comics, inspired by the age of atomic energy and space travel and, in turn, inspiring the pop culture and pop artists of the time. Spider-Man, the Hulk and others are the first to have "problems" with which an adult audience can identify, and contemporary social issues make their way into comic books. Black powerhouses such as the Black Panther and Luke Cage appear on the scene, and the pages of "Green Lantern/Green Arrow" explode with relevant storylines as comic books are forced to confront the reality of an increasingly complex world.

Episode 103: Superheroes are enthusiastically embraced in all forms of media and by all demographics, beginning with the historic Superman movie featuring Christopher Reeve as the Man of Steel. In 1986, Batman is overhauled as The Dark Knight to reflect the nocturnal underside of his character, and Watchmen brings new sophistication to comic book narratives, illuminating a violent and politicized world. In the new millennium, superheroes have taken over popular culture with feature films, television shows and video games complementing a new generation of web-based comics that bring superhero adventures to every corner of the world.

November 5, 2013 9pm

Jimi Hendrix: American Masters, 120 minutes

Experience the pioneering guitarist Jimi Hendrix's life and music through never-before-seen performance footage, archival interviews, photographs and family letters. The film features new interviews with Hendrix family members, band mates, Paul McCartney and others.

November 11, 2013 9pm

JFK: American Experience, 120 minutes

Follow JFK's rise to power from his birth to his election as president in 1960 – the youngest man ever to be elected to the office. With illuminating interviews from family members including sister Jean Kennedy Smith, niece Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, historian Robert Dallek and author Robert Caro, this episode offers new insight into Kennedy's early years, from his transformation from a sickly youth to Washington's most eligible bachelor to the nation's president.

Category: American History/Biography

November 19, 2013 10pm

Frontline: Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald?, 120 minutes

FRONTLINE marks the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy assassination with a two-hour reprise of its investigative biography of the man at the center of the political crime of the 20th century. At the heart of the assassination lies the puzzle of Lee Harvey Oswald: Was he the emotionally disturbed lone gunman of the 1964 Warren Commission report? Was he, as the House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded, probably part of a conspiracy on that day in Dallas? Or was he an unwitting fall guy, the patsy, as Oswald himself claimed when he was arrested on November 22, 1963? Twenty years ago, in the most comprehensive attempt on American television to penetrate this enduring enigma, FRONTLINE's investigative team spent more than a year re-examining Oswald's life and sifting through the psychological, political and forensic evidence of his role in the assassination. Traveling to Japan, Russia, Europe, Mexico, Canada and across the United States, the team uncovered new witnesses, documents, photographs, video and audio recordings of Lee Oswald, many of which had never before been made public.

November 19, 2013 9pm

Lincoln@Gettysburg, 60 minutes

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln proved himself a master of a new frontier – not on the battlefields of the Civil War, but in his high-tech command center: the War Department Telegraph Office. The Internet of the 19th century, the telegraph gave Lincoln new powers to reshape leadership and wield personal control across distant battlefields. It also connected him to the country in new ways, as information poured in, and allowed him to feel the pulse of the country faster than before. The results of Lincoln's pioneering experiment in communication led to the rebirth of America on the fields of Gettysburg ... both in the battle that turned the tide of the Civil War and in the few words that recast the American ideal as a national creed: the Gettysburg Address.

December 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Carlos Santana on the conviction and charisma that inspired his rock career: Carlos Santana came to the U.S. as a teenager and decades later is regarded as one of rock's greatest guitarists. Jeffrey Brown sat down with Santana to discuss the "screaming charisma" that first inspired him to play guitar, his career as a Latino musician and being honored for lifetime achievement at the Kennedy Center.

December 19, 2013 11pm

Red Metal: The Copper Country Strike of 1913, 60 minutes

An epic labor strike that devastated Michigan's Copper Country in 1913 haunts the American labor movement to this day. Among the notable elements of that strike was the death of 73 children at a union Christmas party, a tragedy immortalized by Woody Guthrie in his ballad "1913 Massacre," performed in the film by Steve Earle. The event remains the deadliest unsolved manslaughter in U.S. history. This program traces the Copper Country strike from its hopeful start to its heartrending conclusion. Between those endpoints, it explores the intensifying battle between organized labor and corporate power, as well as issues of immigration and technology. Richard Harris narrates.

Arts

October 10, 2013 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Storm Large: Singer, actress, playwright, rocker - 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. School of Piano Technology for the Blind: 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. {Gilfillan} Michael Curry Now: 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.

October 17, 2013 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Washed Ashore: 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. Ka Lei Hali'a O Ka Lokelani Hula School - Portland hula school keeping Hawaiian tradition alive. See them in the city on the beach and get to know Portland's Hawaiian community. That's My Art - Ashley Mersereau - Jewelry maker in Cannon Beach finds a way to create and sell her work in her own small hometown.

October 24, 2013 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Meet the new artistic director of Artist Repertory Theater as he prepares his company to perform a new award winning play Foxfinder. Sara Swink: Sara Swink is a ceramic artist who blends psychology and art, creating human and animal figures with a psychological stance. As she writes, each piece is a container for dreams, fantasies, memories and feeling states, a response to my longing for symbolic understanding, personal reconciliation and regeneration. Alicia J. Rose/The Gift of Gravity Part 1- Portland Filmmaker Alicia J. Rose and her producing partner Katie O'Grady rehearse the teenage stars of their short film The Gift of Gravity. We'll follow the team through production and editing in upcoming episodes of Art Beat; this is part one of at least three parts.

October 31, 2013 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Portland designer Anna Cohen creates patterns and garments using wool from Eastern Oregon's Imperial Stock Ranch. We also tell Anna's amazing story of becoming a designer and connecting the world of international fashion to sustainably produced Oregon wool. John Economaki was a woodworker who specialized in fine art furniture when he developed a dangerous allergy to wood dust. He started making high-end woodworking tools that are highly functional as well as beautiful. These days his tools are highly regarded by woodworkers, and are being featured in an exhibit at Portland's Museum of Contemporary Craft. From a storm water tank sculpture to a skate park, Adam Kubly brings together the natural and man-made world through his art installations and practical public designs.

November 7, 2013 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

In this serialized story, we follow filmmaker Alicia J. Rose as she rehearses, films, edits, and debuts her short film "A Gift of Gravity," with local cast and crew. This ultra-low-budget independent film tells the story of four teenage girls who set out to play a prank on an unpopular classmate only to get an unexpected lesson in compassion and humility. Plans for the film's premiere are still in the works. But if all goes well, this short will serve as the calling card Alicia needs to get her first feature film green-lit by Hollywood producers and shot here in Oregon. NW Film center celebrates 40 years. See clips of films and meet the filmmakers.

November 14, 2013 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Internationally known, award winning graphic novelist and journalist Joe Sacco talks about his new book, *The Great War*. Michelle Kaptur works with her dog, Sara, on agility training every day. She sees a connection between the concentration it takes to work with her dog, and her dance with glass in her work as a glassblower. She created *Soulbursts*, individual memorial glass pieces that include ash from a deceased family member or pet. Some people can talk to the animals and Eastern Oregon artist Brenna Tyler is one of them. But in this case, the animals also talk to Brenna... even when they are still in pieces.

November 21, 2013 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

Shirley is a painter in her 80's who has been part of Portland's art scene for decades. She was one of the first women represented by Arlene Schnitzer's Fountain Gallery, and has painted continuously since then. She's focused on the elegant details of everyday life for much of her painting career. We visit her in Cannon Beach and watch her paint, then meet her children (whom she painted frequently when they were young) and hear from them about growing up as painting models long running, popular, national kids and parents interactive music program. Portland-based visual artist Yuval Golan has been making art his whole life. The Israeli native is writing his memoirs as picture books for his grandchildren... with a little help from his famous son, the poster artist Emek.

November 28, 2013 8pm

Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes

It's art you can eat! ART BEAT takes a tasty tour of Polly's Cakes. From her small Hood River bakery, Polly Schoonmaker designs and bakes cakes that are as whimsical as they are delicious. Join us and find out why Polly's scrumptious sculptures have set the wedding world on its ear.

December 19, 2013 8pm

Art Beat Presents, Art Across America, 30 minutes

Sanjay Patel, who has worked on such Pixar films as *The Incredibles*, *Ratatouille*, and *Toy Story 3*, draws on his Indian heritage to create a uniquely personal body of work --illustrated adaptations of ancient Hindu epics. Allen Denny Smith - For Elmira, NY painter Allen Denny Smith, making art is a visceral experience and a meditation. High-school student Denisse Molina's artwork was auctioned for over \$210,000 at this year's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Find out about the Rodeo's School Art Program and scholarship fund.

December 26, 2013 8pm

Art Beat Presents, Art Across America, 30 minutes

It's a young man's mission to refine the ukulele. In his young career, ukulele wizard Jake Shimabukuro has been declared a musical 'helo' by rolling stone, wowed audiences on TF, earned comparisons to Jimi Hendrix and Miles Davis, and even played in front of the Queen of England, but it's his love of the ukulele that inspires. Arnold Alaniz-Door country artist Arnold Alaniz has been painting his trademark landscapes in Wisconsin for 28 years. We visited him in his Ellison Bay home studio. Artist John Wilson of Roxbury, Massachusetts has been painting his city and the African American experience his whole life. His work is now receiving a retrospective at the Danforth Museum of Art.

October 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Alice McDermott invokes a voice little heard in life or literature for 'Someone': In her first novel in seven years, National Book Award winner Alice McDermott set out to tell the story of a character who most people pass over in favor of "more appealing characters." She talks to Jeffrey Brown about her book "Someone," and how she tapped into the character's voice.

November 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Picasso, Matisse masterpieces uncovered in Munich after 70 years in hiding: A trove of art valued at \$1.4 billion were recovered after being hidden in a Munich apartment for more than 70 years. The hundreds of modernist masterpieces, including paintings by Picasso and Matisse, were confiscated by the Nazis during WWII. International Television News Cordelia Lynch reports.

November 6, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Masterpieces thought to be destroyed by Nazis discovered in Munich" More than 1,400 pieces of modernist art looted by Nazis during World War II and deemed as "degenerate" were uncovered in a Munich apartment. The collection with an estimated worth of \$1.3. billion is thought to have been seized and saved by a Nazi-appointed art dealer, Hildebrand Gurlitt. Judy Woodruff reports.

November 25, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Doonesbury's Garry Trudeau pokes fun of American politics in a new medium: The new web series "Alpha House" puts a comedic spin on politics in the era of tea party conservatism with a story about four Republican lawmakers who work and live together on Capitol Hill. Jeffrey Brown talks to "Doonesbury" cartoonist Garry Trudeau, the creator behind Amazon's first original streaming series.

December 13, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Ann Patchett lets readers into her personal life in new collection of essays: For author Ann Patchett, writing fiction is hard but non-fiction is easy. In a new collection of essays, "This is the Story of a Happy Marriage," Patchett reveals her personal side and reviews her education as a writer. Jeffrey Brown talks to Patchett about the themes she covers, from writing advice to relationships.

Business/Industry

October 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

How long before shutdown has major impact on the economy, private sector? After day two of the government shutdown, some industries, like tourism, have already taken a hit. How might the effects spill over into other sectors of the economy and the markets? Judy Woodruff looks to Diane Swonk of Mesirow Financial and Mark Zandi of Moody's Analytics for analysis and predictions.

October 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

As TV platforms, tastes diversify, where will money come from for quality shows? On-demand technologies let consumers watch what they want, when they want. But how will this convenience affect future advertising revenues and distribution models for television? Hari Sreenivasan talks to Ken Auletta of The New Yorker and David Carr of The New York Times.

November 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

SAC Capital fined \$1.8 billion for insider trading: SAC Capital agreed Monday to plead guilty to criminal fraud. The insider trading charges will cost billionaire investor Steven Cohen's high-profile hedge fund \$1.8 billion in fines. Sheelah Kolhatkar of Bloomberg BusinessWeek joins Jeffrey Brown to offer insight on the message this sends to Wall Street.

November 12, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: U.S. Airways, American Airlines merger cleared for takeoff by DOJ: In our news wrap Tuesday, the Justice Department approved a deal for U.S. Airways and American Airlines to merge into a single carrier. The airlines must meet conditions to avoid stifling competition. Also, heart experts issued new guidelines suggesting 33 million Americans should consider taking statin drugs to cut cholesterol.

November 18, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Silicon Valley entrepreneurs set their sights on space travel, moon mining: Move over NASA, Silicon Valley is joining the space race. Entrepreneurs from the nation's high-tech hub are designing lunar landers, making plans to mine the moon and gearing up to blast off into commercial space flight. Thuy Vu of KQED reports on how private ventures and investors are investing in space exploration.

December 10, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Will the Volcker Rule change the culture of Wall Street? Five U.S. regulatory agencies gave final approval to a rule that will bar U.S. banks from trading with their own money for a profit. Jeffrey Brown examines the Volcker Rule and its implications with views from Dennis Kelleher of Better Markets and Wayne Abernathy of the American Bankers Association.

Community Politics/Government

October 7, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

States taking Medicaid opt-out option leave 'larger impact than expected': As the effects of the shutdown take hold, longer-term fights over safety net programs continue. Jeffrey Brown talks to Jacob Hacker of Yale University and Stephen Parenti of the University of Minnesota about how states opting out of the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion has stranded some uninsured Americans.

October 14, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Oklahomans grapple with growing shutdown impact as resources start to dry up: It's not just the estimated 40,000 furloughed federal employees in Oklahoma who are feeling the effects of the shutdown, but also non-profit organizations, businesses and the growing number of citizens that rely on government-funded programs. Bob Sands of public station OETA reports on the impact being felt across the state.

October 15, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 13 minutes

Does a Mich. amendment prohibiting affirmative action violate equal protection? The Supreme Court heard arguments on whether Michigan voters can pass a law that prohibits racial preference in college admissions. Gwen Ifill gets background from Marcia Coyle of the National Law Journal, plus views from Lee Bollinger of Columbia University and Joshua Thompson, an attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation.

November 1, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Governor's race reveals Virginia's ongoing red state-blue state debate: Virginia residents head to the polls Tuesday to elect either Republican Ken Cuccinelli or Democrat Terry McAuliffe as their new governor. In the lead up to Election Day, national party figures are endorsing candidates and their controversial issues such as health care and contraception. Kwame Holman reports.

November 26, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Gov. Scott Walker on how state governance can be a model for Washington: In 2012, Gov. Scott Walker, R-Wis., faced a recall election and won. In his new book, "Unintimidated," Walker writes about-facing political pressure from public sector unions while trying to implement change in his state. Jeffrey Brown caught up with Walker to discuss what lessons he learned during his battle to stay in office.

December 8, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 9 minutes

What's Minted in Berkshire County Stays There: Finding Reward in Local Currency: Berkshire County in Massachusetts has taken "buy local" to a whole new level by creating their own currency. The BerkShare is now accepted by some 400 businesses throughout that region. Economics correspondent Paul Solman explores advantages for both consumers and storefronts.

Consumerism

October 10, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

High volume, complex software led to troubled launch of insurance exchanges: Software bugs and system "bottlenecks" have plagued the new health insurance exchanges since their online launch. Will the site be able to handle the high volume of traffic? Ray Suarez talks to Craig Timberg of The Washington Post about the outlook for solving the site's problems.

November 2, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Generic drugs don't necessarily mean low prices: NewsHour Weekend's Megan Thompson reports on the surprising disparity in pricing for generic drugs. Generics, generally thought to be cheap, can actually vary widely in price from pharmacy to pharmacy, causing some to skip medications altogether.

November 29, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Retailers offer shoppers early jump on Black Friday holiday discounts: "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving, traditionally marks the start of holiday shopping. Due to a shortened number of days this year, many major retailers opened their doors on Thanksgiving Day, a move that garnered criticism from workers and labor rights groups. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

December 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 1 minute

Holiday cyber shopping rises while stores get more shoppers but smaller sales: More than a third of Americans are expected to shop online on the Monday after Thanksgiving, the single largest e-shopping day of the year. Jeffrey Brown reports on the kickoff of the holiday retail season with a look at how brick-and-mortar stores and e-commerce sites are faring thus far.

December 15, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 9 minutes

Life in the cash economy for "underbanked" Americans: Nearly 20% of low income US households are "underbanked," according to the FDIC. But is providing access to traditional, mainstream financial services the best solution for everyone? A professor does double duty as a New York City check casher and discovers that banks might not be the best choice for everyone.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

October 3, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Suspect killed at the end of a car chase from White House to Capitol: When a car hit the barricades at the White House, police confronted the female driver before she began a high-speed chase up Constitution Avenue. Their pursuit ended on Capitol Hill with gunshots fired by authorities. Gwen Ifill talks to Todd Zwillich of Public Radio International and WNYC about the dramatic and deadly incident.

October 8, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

High court weighs balance of free speech, corruption risk in campaign donations: The Supreme Court has previously upheld limits on contributions made by individuals to political campaigns. Judy Woodruff talks to Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal about a new round of arguments at the high court on whether the burden that limits place on free speech outweigh the risk and appearance of corruption.

October 15, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: Al-Libi pleads not guilty to planning U.S. embassy bombings in Africa: In our news wrap Tuesday, Abu Anas al-Libi pleaded not guilty in an arraignment in New York on charges of planning the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in East Africa that killed 220 people. Also, The Washington Post reported that the NSA has collected millions of contact lists from e-mail and online chats.

November 1, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

News Wrap: Gunman Paul Ciancia kills TSA agent, wounds two in LAX shooting: A gunman identified as Paul Ciancia, 23, shot and killed a TSA agent and injured two others at the Los Angeles International Airport on Friday. The incident caused the FAA to ground all LAX departures. In other news, Secretary of State John Kerry acknowledged that NSA spying has "reached too far" in some cases.

November 14, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

ATF head Jones reflects on agency's outdated technology, system vulnerabilities: As the new director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, B. Todd Jones has the "tall task" of keeping track of America's 300 million guns. Judy Woodruff interviews Jones about the challenges his agency faces in reining in gun-related violence and keeping up with new technologies despite limited resources.

November 13, 2013, 9pm

Cold Case JFK, 60 minutes

Fifty years later, what can science tell us about the Kennedy assassination – and the investigations that followed? The 1963 murder, in broad daylight in front of hundreds of witnesses, was a homicide investigator's best-case scenario. Yet somehow the JFK assassination became a forensic nightmare, plagued by mishandled evidence, a controversial autopsy and, incredibly, a prime suspect murdered while in police custody before he could be tried – all of it captured on film. Now, NOVA follows a group of experts trying to unravel the lingering mysteries of the assassination: private investigator Josiah Thompson; gunshot wound authority Larry Sturdivan; laser scanning specialist Tony Grissim; medical examiner and forensic neuropathologist Peter Cummings; and firearms experts Lucien and Mike Haag.

November 26, 2013 10pm

Frontline: A Death in St. Augustine, 60 minutes

On the night she broke up with her boyfriend, a Florida deputy sheriff, Michelle O'Connell was found dead from a gunshot in the mouth. Next to her was her boyfriend's semi-automatic service pistol. The sheriff's office called it suicide, but was it? FRONTLINE and The New York Times investigate this death of a young, single mother, and what can go wrong when the police are faced with domestic violence allegations within their own ranks.

November 19, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Is the judicial confirmation impasse impacting American justice? In recent weeks, three of President Obama's nominees to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit have failed to pass the Senate. Gwen Ifill gets views on the impact of the standoff from Caroline Fredrickson of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy and Carrie Severino of the Judicial Crisis Network.

November 17, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Government security breach by Anonymous - scope unknown: Joseph Menn of Reuters reports on the story he helped break about how activist hackers linked to the collective known as Anonymous have secretly accessed U.S. government computers in multiple agencies and stolen sensitive information. Menn says the campaign began almost a year ago and its scope is not yet known.

Culture

October 11, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

How do we preserve treasured monuments from being 'loved to death'? From corroding modernist monuments to war-torn Syrian cities, some of the world's most treasured cultural heritage sites are being threatened by various causes. Jeffrey Brown reviews a few of 100 most endangered sites from around the globe with Bonnie Burnham, president of the World Monuments Fund.

November 3, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 4 minutes

As street art grows more popular, is it losing its edge? It's been around for several decades, but street art got a jolt of publicity when famed British street artist Banksy took up residency in NYC during the month of October and produced a piece a day. Brooklynstreetart.com expert Steven Harrington discusses whether Banksy's commercial value is changing the nature of the form.

November 18, 2013 11pm

Independent Lens: Indian Relay, 60 minutes

"Indian Relay" documents the hope and determination of modern-day Native-American life and what it takes to win one of the most exciting and dangerous forms of horse racing. From the bitter cold of winter to the heat of summer championship races, the film follows teams from three different tribes as they compete across a grueling season.

November 18, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Poet Naomi Shihab Nye: 'Telling a story helped us figure out who we were': When shaping verse, poet Naomi Shihab Nye reflects on her Palestinian heritage, family and the power of humanity. Nye discusses her most recent compilation of work, "Transfer," and what inspires her to continue crafting thoughtful and expressive poems

November 28, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

News Wrap: Americans at home, U.S. forces abroad celebrate Thanksgiving: In our news wrap Thursday, Americans at home and U.S. forces abroad celebrated Thanksgiving with turkey and all the trimmings. Another holiday tradition, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, defied strong winds that threatened to ground its giant balloons. Also, the UN Nuclear Agency will visit an Iran nuclear facility Dec. 8.

November 28, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

How Norman Rockwell held a mirror up to American ambitions and common values: Art historians have often dismissed Norman Rockwell as merely a commercial illustration artist. But Deborah Solomon, author of "American Mirror," says Rockwell "mirrored what (Americans) wanted to be" and gave the nation a common culture. Solomon joins Jeffrey Brown to discuss Rockwell's influence and legacy.

December 11, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Pope Francis recognized as 'Person of the Year' for changing tone of the papacy: Since his election in March, Pope Francis has shifted the rhetoric of the Catholic Church with remarks on economic inequality and homosexuality. Gwen Ifill talks to Patricia McGuire of Trinity Washington University and Robert Royal of the Faith and Reason Institute about the pope's cultural impact in 2013.

Disabilities

November 5, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Sen. Menendez: Treaty would promote the rights of Americans with disabilities: The U.N. adopted a global agreement designed to protect people with disabilities in 2006, but the convention fell short of ratification in the U.S. last December. Margaret Warner sat down with Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., to discuss why he's confident the treaty will be ratified the next time it comes before the Senate.

November 17, 2013 3:30pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes

The Long Forgotten Mentally Ill: At the cemetery of a former Minnesota mental hospital, hundreds of patients were buried in nameless graves marked only with numbers. But disability rights groups and family members are working to identify the graves and give these forgotten dead a respect and dignity they did not receive in life.

Economy

October 1, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Why 'nobody blinked' in political showdown over budget spending: With a government shutdown in full effect and no signs of give from either side in sight, what kind of political calculations are lawmakers taking into account? Gwen Ifill gets insight from Stuart Rothenberg of the Rothenberg Political Report and Susan Page of USA Today.

October 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

News Wrap: Lawmakers agree on funding military death benefits during shutdown: In our news wrap Wednesday, the House voted to guarantee funding for military death benefits amid the government shutdown, an action supported by President Obama. Also, the State Department announced it will be cutting aid to Egypt over the government's violent crackdown on protesters.

October 15, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Known as the 'safest asset,' bond market braces for U.S. debt ceiling deadline: If lawmakers fail to avert a debt default, there could be a devastating impact on the national economy: mortgages soaring, consumers unable to borrow, the government forced to pay more to borrow more, plunging us deeper into debt. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports on how the bond market is anticipating the situation.

November 6, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

News Wrap: U.S. poverty rate doesn't budge, despite new measurement standard: In the news Wednesday, the Obama administration announced nearly 50 million Americans are living in poverty, 3 million more than the official census count. The higher count is based off a supplemental measure of poverty that accounts for out-of-pocket medical costs and work-related expenses.

November 28, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Exploring the economics of the first Thanksgiving: The first Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Mass., probably didn't resemble the modern holiday we celebrate today. Economics correspondent Paul Solman steps back in time to explore the contrasting exchange models used by Native Americans and pilgrims in 1621 and how that alters the meaning behind the first act of giving thanks.

December 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

States and cities grapple with cuts to pensions that workers have already earned: Illinois joined other cities and states in cutting pensions as way to curb costs. Should public employees who have already earned their retirement be subject to cuts? Judy Woodruff talks to Andrew Biggs of the American Enterprise Institute and Steven Kreisberg of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

December 12, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

House lawmakers asked to 'find common ground' to pass bipartisan budget deal: The House of Representatives moved towards passing a bipartisan budget deal to fund the government through the fall of 2015. Lawmakers on both sides agreed that the bill was a step in the right direction. Congressional correspondent Kwame Holman reports on the details of the agreement.

Education

October 8, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Transforming teens into tomorrow's tech titans: Forty-five New York City public high school students are taking big strides toward achieving their dreams by learning how to work together on creating fully functional, original cellphone apps with business plans. John Tulenko of Learning Matters reports on how one summer program trains kids to be high-tech entrepreneurs.

October 11, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 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 last October 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.

October 15, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Model school aims to retrain teachers in ABCs of reading instruction: Learning to read is the essential foundation of elementary education, but it's also very complex and many students in America are falling behind. John Tulenko of Learning Matters reports on one model school that has re-trained teachers in hands-on skills and strategies and has dramatically improved proficiency scores.

November 4, 2013 11pm

Independent Lens: The Graduates, 60 minutes

This two-part special examines the many roots of the Latino dropout crisis through the eyes of six inspiring young students who are part of an ongoing effort to increase graduation rates for a growing Latino population. These student profiles offer a first-hand perspective on the challenges facing many Latino high school students, including overcrowded schools, crime-ridden neighborhoods, teen pregnancy and pressure to contribute to the family finances.

November 11, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Veterans going back to school find benefit in specialized on-campus support: More than a million veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars have used the GI bill to pursue college, but combat injuries and stress can add challenge to the transition to student life. At City College of San Francisco, a VA clinic is on-campus to support student vets and their needs. Special correspondent Aaron Glantz reports.

November 27, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

N.C. elementary schools promise arts education but access is far from equal: 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.

November 29, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

World reader aims to eradicate global illiteracy by giving children e-readers: World reader has a lofty goal: eradicating global illiteracy. So far they've reached 13,000 kids in Sub-Saharan Africa by giving them e-readers loaded with local and international books. John Risher of World reader joins Jeffrey Brown to discuss their mission and how learning to read can improve children's lives.

December 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

In defining what public school students should know, teachers wonder 'how?' In the past, public school standards varied state to state. With backing from the federal government, some governors and superintendents collaborated on a national "Common Core." But they define only the "what" -- what kids should know, not how they should be taught. Special education correspondent John Merrow reports.

December 11, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

How 'flipped classrooms' are turning the traditional school day upside down: Clintondale High School outside Detroit was one of the lowest performing schools in Michigan when they decided to "flip" their classrooms. Now, teachers record their lessons online for students to watch outside of school and class time is used to work through problems. Jeffrey Brown reports on Clintondale's success so far.

Employment

October 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

How federal agencies are able to fluctuate their furloughed workforce: The government shutdown has touched hundreds of thousands of federal employees, but as the shutdown stretches on, the distinction between essential and non-essential has varied depending on agency and need. Jeffrey Brown talks to Reid Wilson of The Washington Post and Gregory Korte of USA Today for a broad look at the impact.

November 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

One NYC family's struggle to survive on a fast food salary: Between food, housing and baby supplies, Shenita Simon struggles each week to support her family of seven. The 25-year-old from New York makes \$8 per hour and is one of the fast food workers nationwide advocating for higher wages. Hari Sreenivasan brings us Shenita's story of surviving on a near-minimum wage salary.

November 18, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Despite shutdown, October jobs report still good news for economy: The October jobs report showed a surprise spike in hiring with employers adding 204,000 jobs last month. Despite the good news, the unemployment rate rose to 7.3 percent. How is this possible?

November 29, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

How retailer pressure to compete for holiday dollars impacts workers, culture: There are six fewer days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, putting more pressure on retailers to beat out their competitors. How does the early start to "Black Friday" impact businesses and workers? Hari Sreenivasan talks to Laura Champine of Canaccord Genuity and Steven Greenhouse of The New York Times.

December 6, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Unemployment in US dips to 7 percent: In our news wrap Friday, unemployment in the United States dipped to 7 percent in November, the lowest rate since 2008. But the number of people actively looking for work remained near a 35-year low. In addition, snow and freezing rain fell from Texas up to Indiana on Friday.

December 7, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 4 minutes

The long-term effects of unemployment among young workers: Despite the improving jobs market, the unemployment rate among young workers, those between 16 and 24 years old, is more than double the national average. Bloomberg News reporter Victoria Stilwell talks to guest anchor Alison Stewart about how high rates of unemployment have big impacts on earning potential and the economy.

Energy

November 15, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

EPA weighs environmental consequences of ethanol with proposed cuts: The EPA announced that better fuel efficiency has led to proposed cuts in the amount of ethanol required to be blended into gasoline next year. These changes come amid revelations over the environmental impact of increased U.S. corn production. Hari Sreenivasan examines the story with Dina Cappiello of the Associated Press.

November 3, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Can environmentalists and frackers be friends? In an unlikely alliance, natural gas companies and environmentalists have decided to work together to make fracking safer. Rick Karr travels to Pennsylvania to explore the tensions this has created among environmental groups.

December 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Should drivers be charged for every mile driven? More fuel efficient cars means less gas is pumped, which means less gas tax is collected and even less cash on hand for states to repair roads and bridges. As a solution, Oregon is moving forward on a new idea -- a tax based on the number of miles driven as a supplement to the fuel tax.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

October 10, 2013 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Join us for this half hour special on the biggest, most dangerous scientific adventure in the history of Field Guide. Hidden beneath the surface of Mt. Hood is an ice cave hundreds of feet deep and 50 feet in diameter in some places. We explore and research what is the largest ice cave complex in the Lower 48, and one of the largest in the world. It is an adventure you won't want to miss.

October 17, 2013 8:0pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Dangerous sneaker waves injure and kill people every year. We examine the problem and what steps people can take to be safe at the beach.

October 31, 2013 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Disappearing Frogs Update-Amphibians have been in trouble for some time in the Cascades. What's their latest status? Imperial Stock Ranch Thundereggs-Oregon's got a pretty darned cool state rock and it's fancier than most states. Let's join families with kids as they hunt for geodes.

November 7, 2013 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Trout Creek Raptor -Gorgeous and still relatively undiscovered, Trout Creek is a great spot for recreational rock climbing. But it's also home to rare and threatened raptors. This piece tells the story of how recreational climbers and wildlife conservationists are crafting a compromise meant to serve that the interests of both parties. The area may well be the test case for similar areas throughout the nation.

November 14, 2013 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Flooded Forest -We explore a rare "flooded forest", the result of unusual lava bed phenomenon, and home to rare species.

November 21, 2013 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Oregon Land Use a look back on the Oregon Land Use Law.

December 19, 2013 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

For 13 years a dedicated group of volunteers have been documenting Arctic Geese who migrate through the Malheur Refuge. Geese from Russia and Canada come through Oregon. In some areas these birds are in trouble. Paragliding Race the singular paragliding cross-country event in Oregon. The skies above Jacksonville fill with paragliders competing to reach GPS waypoints spread out between Jacksonville and Medford. TREEVERSE Adventure filmmaker John Waller is as daring as the subjects he documents. This time, John teams up with tall-tree arborists Will Koomjian and Brian French on an unprecedented "treeverse" through the canopy of Oregon white oaks near Canby. The 5-day quest will test the ingenuity and grit not only of the climbers but every shooter, rigger, and John himself. Why brave the cold, mud and storms of March in treetops? To find out if it can be done, sure. But also to celebrate the majestic beauty of these rapidly disappearing native groves.

December 26, 2013 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Elk at Mount St. Helens: Elk populations are booming at Mount St. Helens, but there's concern about some steps to help them-steps that include building giant structures in the middle of the Toutle River. A FUN LOOK AT A RELATIVELY NEW SPORT-WE FOLLOW The Southern Oregon Kite Addicts to the backside of Mount Ashland and kiteski up the slopes, and when the guys hit big air they fly, often for several minutes at a time.

October 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

News Wrap: Tropical storm Karen closes in on the Gulf coast: In our news wrap Friday, tropical storm Karen closed in on the Gulf coast, aiming to make landfall between Grand Isle, La., and Destin, Fla., sometime Saturday. Also, investigators say Miriam Carey, whose car chase with police ended in her death on Capitol Hill, was delusional and believed the president was communicating to her.

October 2, 2013 10pm

Nova: Inside the Megastorm, 60 minutes

Was Hurricane Sandy a freak combination of weather systems? Or are hurricanes increasing in intensity due to a warming climate? How did this perfect storm make search and rescue so dangerous? "Inside the Megastorm" takes viewers moment-by-moment through Hurricane Sandy, its impact and the future of storm protection. Through first-person accounts from survivors and from experts and scientists, the program gives scientific context to a new breed of storm.

November 8, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Super Typhoon Haiyan pummels the Philippines leaving severe damage in its wake: Super Typhoon Haiyan made landfall in the Philippines Friday bringing with it wind gusts up to 170 mph and killing at least four people. Angus Walker of Independent Television News shows us the wreckage. Then, Judy Woodruff talks to Rosemarie Francisco of Reuters who reports that damage could be very severe in city centers.

November 12, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Climate talks address role of global warming in strengthening storms: The intensity of Typhoon Haiyan, which sustained winds of up to 195 mph, is raising questions about the relationship between our warming planet and seemingly strengthening storms. Scientists hesitate to pin a single event to global warming, but the connection was the subject of UN climate talks in Poland. Gwen Ifill reports.

November 18, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Disasters declared in seven Illinois counties after rare, late-season storms: An outbreak of tornadoes blasted the Midwest over the weekend, leaving at least eight people dead and leveling entire neighborhoods. The most powerful storm cut through Washington, Ill., Sunday afternoon with winds of almost 200 miles per hour. Gwen Ifill reports on the damage.

November 27, 2013 8pm

Nature: My Life as a Turkey, 60 minutes

Based on the true story of writer and naturalist Joe Hutto, portrayed by wildlife photographer Jeff Palmer, this film chronicles Hutto's remarkable experience of imprinting wild turkey eggs and raising the hatchlings to adulthood. Deep in the wilds of Florida, Hutto spent each day out and about as a "wild turkey" with his family of chicks – until the day came when he had to let his children grow up and go off on their own. As it turned out, this was harder than he ever imagined. Hutto's story also became a book, "Illumination in the Flatlands."

November 27, 2013 9pm

Nova: An Original DUCKumentary, 60 minutes

Ducks fly through the air on short stubby wings – traveling in large, energy-efficient formations over thousands of miles. There are some 150 species of them, representing a wide variety of shapes, sizes and behaviors. Some are noisy and gregarious, others shy and elusive. They are familiar animals we think we know. But most of us don't really know these phenomenal, sophisticated creatures at all. This program follows a wood duck family as a male and female create a bond, migrate together across thousands of miles, nurture and protect a brood of chicks, then come full circle as they head to their wintering grounds.

Family/Marriage

December 19, 2013 11:30PM

POV: Listening Is an Act of Love: A StoryCorps Special, 30 minutes

The first-ever animated special from StoryCorps celebrates the transformative power of listening. The special features six stories from 10 years of the innovative oral history project, when everyday people sit down together to share memories and tackle life's important questions. Framing these intimate conversations from across the country is an interview between StoryCorps founder Dave Isay and his inquisitive 9-year-old nephew, Benji, animated in the inimitable visual style of the Rauch Brothers.

November 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

One NYC family's struggle to survive on a fast food salary: Between food, housing and baby supplies, Shenita Simon struggles each week to support her family of seven. The 25-year-old from New York makes \$8 per hour and is one of the fast food workers nationwide advocating for higher wages. Hari Sreenivasan brings us Shenita's story of surviving on a near-minimum wage salary.

November 10, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 2 minutes

NewsHour Student Reporting Labs: Military children: On Veterans Day, most Americans think of the men and women in uniform. But military life also has a huge effect on their children. The PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs network reached out to students living in Bahrain. To find out how their parents' military careers have affected their lives.

November 24, 2013 4pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 25 minutes

Men & Aggression: New research suggests men are not more biologically inclined to violence than women. The Cheney's & Gay Marriage: Former VP Dick Cheney's daughters, Liz and Mary, publicly debate gay marriage. Behind the Headlines: Child Brides. How education can help stop girls from becoming married too early around the world. PANELISTS: Rep. Donna Edwards, Kim Gandy, Darlene Kennedy, and Rina Shah.

December 12, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Where tragedy turned to transformation: Newtown families make promise for change: One year after the massacre at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Ct., parents of the young victims are struggling to make sense from a senseless act of violence. Hari Sreenivasan talks to two families who lost children in the shooting about their advocacy to prevent more tragic murders with the Sandy Hook Promise.

Health/Health Care

December 1, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Opening day of insurance exchanges overwhelmed by online rush: Americans eager to explore or sign up on the new online insurance exchanges were confronted with technical glitches due to the rush of traffic on the website. Judy Woodruff talks to Julie Rovner of NPR and Louise Radnofsky of The Wall Street Journal about who was shopping for health care coverage on day one of the program.

October 7, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Polio vaccine campaign faces extremist opposition, public apathy in Pakistan: Most of the world is polio-free, but not in Pakistan, where setbacks have hampered efforts to eradicate the virus. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on how health workers are working to reverse perceptions created by religious extremists and fight public indifference.

October 8, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Investigating how head injuries have delivered a blow to pro-football: The Frontline documentary "League of Denial" takes a look at the concussion crisis in pro-football and what scientists know about link between repetitive head trauma and brain injury. Ray Suarez talks to Mark Fainaru-Wada of ESPN, an investigative reporter and co-author of the accompanying book by the same name.

November 6, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Americans afflicted with 'phantom noise' seek relief from ringing in their ears: Among combat veterans who've suffered powerful explosions, tinnitus -- or ringing in the ears -- remains a daily battle. But they're not alone. Fifty million Americans also suffer from the "auditory phantom." Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports on the science behind the nagging noise and the search for a cure.

November 7, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

FDA calls for ban on artery-clogging trans fats in processed foods: The Food and Drug Administration says trans fats are not safe and want the substance removed from the food supply. Judy Woodruff speaks with Centers for Disease Control director Dr. Thomas Frieden for more on the health risks linked to the partially hydrogenated fats and the impact the FDA's proposed ban would have on consumers.

November 13, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Sick Americans find solace in health reform's pre-existing conditions guarantee: After Martha Monsson was diagnosed with cancer, her husband lost his job and their health care. In our series of personal stories about the effects of health reform, Monsson voices support for the law's guarantee of care for those with pre-existing conditions. Mary Agnes Carey of Kaiser Health News joins Judy Woodruff for more.

November 18, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

News Wrap: New health calculator may overestimate cholesterol risk: In our news wrap Monday, the New York Times reported that a new health calculator for people to figure out whether they might benefit from taking statin drugs may greatly overestimate risk. Also, workers at the Fukushima nuclear power plant began removing radioactive fuel rods from a damaged reactor.

November 27, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Health care law delays insurance marketplace for small businesses: The government announced more delays for the HealthCare.gov implementation. Small businesses won't be able to enroll employees on federal insurance exchanges until next year. Judy Woodruff talks to Wall Street Journal's Louise Radnofsky about the implications, especially for people counting on tax credits to pay for insurance.

Category: Health/Health Care

December 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

White House reports progress, but will HealthCare.gov keep up with demand? As the December deadline for health care enrollment nears, the White House reports the online insurance exchanges are now working nearly 90 percent of the time. But problems remain for insurers trying to access enrollment data. Gwen Ifill gets an update from Mary Agnes Carey of Kaiser Health News and John Engates of RackSpace.

December 12, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Some health coverage deadlines changed to prevent insurance gaps: The Obama administration announced some changes to the health care law implementation. Payment extensions have been offered, as well as special temporary coverage for seriously ill people with pre-existing conditions. Jeffrey Brown talks to Alex Wayne of Bloomberg News about efforts to prevent coverage gaps and spur enrollment.

Homosexuality

October 13, 2013 4pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes

THE WELCOMING MOVEMENT: Join us as we look at three churches around the United States who are part of the "Welcoming Movement." These churches, in Arizona, Minnesota, and Washington, D.C., are committed to accepting and affirming gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. Watch their triumphs and struggles in this special documentary episode!

November 5, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Employment Non-Discrimination Act support reflects changing attitudes in GOP: The Senate took a bipartisan step toward approving the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a law that would ban discrimination against gay workers. To examine the divide within the GOP on gay rights issues, Jeffrey Brown speaks with Gregory Angelo of the Log Cabin Republicans and Peter Sprigg of the Family Research Council.

December 11, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Pope Francis recognized as 'Person of the Year' for changing tone of the papacy: Since his election in March, Pope Francis has shifted the rhetoric of the Catholic Church with remarks on economic inequality and homosexuality. Gwen Ifill talks to Patricia McGuire of Trinity Washington University and Robert Royal of the Faith and Reason Institute about the pope's cultural impact in 2013.

Housing/Shelter

October 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Apartments sit vacant as shutdown delays move-in for San Francisco's homeless: A new housing development in San Francisco is ready for its new tenants -- homeless individuals and families -- to move into apartments of their own. But due to the government shutdown, units that are federally subsidized sit empty. Mina Kim of KQED reports on how the standstill in Washington is affecting people in California.

November 19, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Will JPMorgan's record settlement set incentive for better bank behavior? JP Morgan Chase agreed to pay a record \$13 billion in fines and compensation to investors and struggling homeowners. The nation's largest bank admitted it misrepresented mortgage-backed securities that collapsed in 2008. Gwen Ifill gets reaction from Lynn Stout of Cornell University and banking consultant Bert Ely.

November 24, 2013 3:30pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 8 minutes

Relocating the Homeless: As cities grapple with the problem of homelessness, some believe the solution is to move them to "retreats" outside the city. But critics say such proposals are cases of "out of sight, out of mind" that will actually result in more homelessness.

Immigration/Refugees

October 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Advocates rally on Capitol Hill to renew push for immigration reform: Thousands gathered on the National Mall to rally support for immigration reform, echoing more than a hundred other demonstrations across the country. Ray Suarez reports on efforts to renew the immigration reform push, despite other issues that have taken center stage in Congress.

November 26, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

How much discretion does Obama have in setting deportation priorities? While immigration reform currently seems politically out of reach, hundreds of thousands of undocumented residents are still being deported. Gwen Ifill gets viewpoints on the debate over deportation from Marielena Hincapié of the National Immigration Law Center and David Martin of the University of Virginia School of Law.

December 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Carlos Santana on the conviction and charisma that inspired his rock career: Carlos Santana came to the U.S. as a teenager and decades later is regarded as one of rock's greatest guitarists. Jeffrey Brown sat down with Santana to discuss the "screaming charisma" that first inspired him to play guitar, his career as a Latino musician and being honored for lifetime achievement at the Kennedy Center.

Minorities/Civil Rights

October 1, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Rita Moreno reflects on life as an entertainer, stereotype roles in Hollywood: Rita Moreno is one of only a few entertainers to win an Emmy, Grammy, Tony and an Oscar -- and the only Latino American to hold that honor. In a new self-titled memoir, Moreno describes finding her place in show business. She sits down with Ray Suarez to discuss the continuing struggle for minorities to land significant roles

October 15, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 13 minutes

Does a Mich. amendment prohibiting affirmative action violate equal protection? The Supreme Court heard arguments on whether Michigan voters can pass a law that prohibits racial preference in college admissions. Gwen Ifill gets background from Marcia Coyle of the National Law Journal, plus views from Lee Bollinger of Columbia University and Joshua Thompson, an attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation.

November 18, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

'12 Years a Slave' restores historic firsthand account to cultural consciousness: In depicting American slavery, Hollywood has long left some of the most brutal realities largely unseen. But the filmmakers behind "12 Years a Slave" tried not to flinch in showing the full system of human subjugation. Jeffrey Brown talks to screenwriter John Ridley about the challenge of humanizing a dehumanizing institution.

November 26, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

'Many Rivers to Cross' brings African-American history up to current day: In "Many Rivers to Cross," Henry Louis Gates Jr. recounts 500 years of African-American history in a six-part series for PBS. Gwen Ifill sits down with Gates, a Harvard University professor, to discuss the journey of black Americans who created hope and persistence in the face of brutal discrimination.

November 26, 2013 9pm

The March, 60 minutes

Witness the compelling and dramatic story of the 1963 March on Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King gave his stirring "I Have a Dream" speech. This watershed event in the Civil Rights Movement helped change the face of America. The film reveals the dramatic story behind the event through the remembrances of key players such as Jack O'Dell, Clarence B. Jones, Julian Bond and Andrew Young. Supporters and other testimonials of the March include Harry Belafonte, Diahann Carroll, Roger Mudd, Peter Yarrow and Oprah Winfrey, in addition to historians, journalists, authors and ordinary citizens who joined some 250,000 Americans who thronged to the capital on that momentous day to peacefully demand an end to two centuries of discrimination and injustice. Other notable figures featured in the film include Clayborn Carson, Andrew Young, Clarence Jones, Edith Lee Payne, Roger Mudd, Julian Bond, Joyce Ladner, Rachell Horowitz and Peter Yarrow. Denzel Washington narrates.

December 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

James McBride's 'The Good Lord Bird' offers 'room to laugh' at difficult history: In "The Good Lord Bird," writer James McBride offers a retelling of the history surrounding abolitionist John Brown and his failed raid at Harpers Ferry. Jeffrey Brown talks to McBride, winner of the 2013 National Book Award for fiction, about what drew him to the topic and what makes it "ripe" for a humorous rewriting.

December 5, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 14 minutes

Why the world aspires to live up to the legacy left by Mandela: Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff reflect on Nelson Mandela's life with Donald Gips, former U.S. ambassador to South Africa, John Stremlau of the Carter Center, Gay McDougall, Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa, and Douglas Foster, author of "After Mandela: The Struggle for Freedom in Post-Apartheid South Africa."

December 10, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

American scholar recalls honoring Nelson Mandela with a quilt of connection: In 1990, Johnnetta Cole was tasked with honoring Nelson Mandela on behalf of participating schools of the United Negro College Fund. Jeffrey Brown talks to Cole, now director of the National Museum of African Art, about personally presenting Mandela with a quilt and what the former South African president has meant to her.

National Politics/Government

October 1, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Political deadlock drags on as Americans feel effects of government shutdown: Ripples from the government shutdown were felt across the nation, from the 800,000 furloughed employees forced off the job, to disappointed tourists confronting closed national parks. Back in Washington, the political deadlock continued with neither House Republicans nor Senate Democrats ready to budge. Kwame Holman reports.

October 1, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Netanyahu warns world must maintain Iran sanctions coupled with military threat: On the floor of the UN General Assembly, Israel's prime minister pushed back against Iran's recent charm offensive. Netanyahu issued a strong denunciation of Iran's nuclear program and vowed to prevent that nation from getting nuclear weapons. Margaret Warner reports on the response to comments by Netanyahu and President Obama.

October 9, 2013 7pm

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October 10, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

House GOP pitches plan on debt limit amid pressure from business community: Republicans suggested a plan to increase the debt ceiling for the short-term if President Obama agrees to negotiate spending cuts as a way to end the shutdown. Congressional correspondent Kwame Holman reports on the latest warnings about the debt ceiling and Judy Woodruff gets an update from Margaret Talev of Bloomberg News.

October 14, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Kerry, Karzai resolve parts of security deal but flounder on legal jurisdiction: State Secretary John Kerry's meeting with Afghan President Karzai was intended to come up with a way to let some U.S. troops remain in Afghanistan after the 2014 pullout deadline. When he left, Kerry had an agreement in principle on some key elements, but other issues remain unresolved. Gwen Ifill reports.

November 12, 2013 9pm

JFK: American Experience, 120 minutes

Follow Kennedy into the White House through his assassination and the unfulfilled promise of his presidency. Offering fresh assessments of the successes and failures of his tenure, this episode features frank appraisals by administration officials, including John Siegenthaler, Thomas Hughes and Harris Wofford, civil rights leaders Andrew Young and Julian Bond, and journalists Evan Thomas and Richard Reeves.

November 6, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Kathleen Sebelius to Congress: Delay of health care law 'not an option': Lawmakers confronted Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius with skepticism over fixes yet to be made on HealthCare.gov and concerns over cancelled policies. However, Sebelius maintained her stance to not delay the health care law. Congressional correspondent Kwame Holman reports.

November 14, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Fed nominee Yellen defends stimulus efforts before Senate committee: Federal Reserve nominee Janet Yellen, the woman poised to become the most powerful banker in the world, faced scrutiny from the Senate Banking Committee. Yellen discussed the Fed's move to continue stimulus efforts and pledged to keep up outgoing chairman Ben Bernanke's push for greater transparency. Kwame Holman reports.

November 19, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

National Security Advisor Rice: 'Now is not the time for new sanctions' on Iran: President Obama urged lawmakers to hold off on seeking new sanctions against Iran, prompting some senators to urge the president to remain tough on that country. National Security Advisor Susan Rice talks to Judy Woodruff about the upcoming round of Iran nuclear negotiations, as well as challenges in Afghanistan and Syria.

November 27, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

Did Warsaw conference put world on track towards 'new global climate regime'? World leaders convened for the Warsaw Climate Change Conference this month, working towards an expanded commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Judy Woodruff talks to ActionAid USA's Brandon Wu and Harvard University's Robert Stavins about the political challenges ahead in order to curb climate change on a global scale.

December 12, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: Senate Democrats push to confirm judicial nominees: In our news wrap Thursday, the Senate held an all-night session, which continued through the next day, over the president's judicial nominees. Republicans slowed the proceedings in retaliation for new restrictions on their filibuster power. Also, the U.S. cracked down on companies and individuals for evading Iran sanctions.

Nuclear Issues/WMD's

October 1, 2013 10pm

Frontline: Inside Japan's Nuclear Meltdown, 60 minutes

FRONTLINE continues its investigation of nuclear safety with an unprecedented account of the crisis inside the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex after a devastating earthquake and tsunami struck Japan on March 11, 2011. With exclusive eye-witness testimony from key figures in the drama--including the Japanese Prime Minister and senior executives at the power company Tepco--FRONTLINE tells the story of the workers struggling frantically to reconnect power inside the plant's pitch-dark and highly radioactive reactor buildings; the nuclear experts and officials in the Prime Minister's office fighting to get information as the crisis spiraled out of control; and the plant manager who disobeyed his executives' orders when he thought it would save the lives of his workers. The story profiles the Japanese soldiers and firefighters drafted to cool the reactors, who were wounded when the reactor housings exploded; and the families living near the nuclear plant, who unknowingly fled in the same direction as the radioactive plume, exposing themselves to dangerously high radiation levels.

October 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

News Wrap: Iranian parliament endorses Rouhani's diplomatic outreach to U.S.: In our news wrap Wednesday, the Iranian parliament officially endorsed President Hassan Rouhani's effort to open dialogue with the West on that country's nuclear program. Also, new footage from last month's Nairobi mall attack shows only four men carrying automatic weapons -- not the 10 to 15 authorities initially claimed.

November 7, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

U.S. offers to ease sanctions if Iran freezes its nuclear program: The U.S. and other world powers plan to consider reversing economic sanctions on Iran, if the nation will suspend its controversial nuclear program. The announcement comes as Iranian officials and world leaders meet in Geneva for a second round of talks. Gwen Ifill talks to The New York Times' Michael Gordon and Margaret Warner

November 11, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Why did the Iran nuclear talks fall apart despite signs of hope? Talks to negotiate Iran's nuclear program stalled over the weekend when world powers failed to strike an interim agreement. Gwen Ifill talks to chief foreign correspondent Margaret Warner about whether hope for a deal is dead or alive and next goals for Secretary of State John Kerry.

November 19, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

National Security Advisor Rice: 'Now is not the time for new sanctions' on Iran: President Obama urged lawmakers to hold off on seeking new sanctions against Iran, prompting some senators to urge the president to remain tough on that country. National Security Advisor Susan Rice talks to Judy Woodruff about the upcoming round of Iran nuclear negotiations, as well as challenges in Afghanistan and Syria.

November 21, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Iran huddles with EU representative to begin ironing out nuclear talks details: Substantive talks are underway about Iran's nuclear program in Geneva, but only between EU/UN co-chair Catherine Ashton and Iran's foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, reportedly at Iran's insistence. Gwen Ifill talks to Margaret Warner, reporting from Geneva, about urgent pressures and outstanding points of contention.

November 25, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Interim deal on Iran nuclear program draws cautious support as well as criticism: Foreign ministers from six world powers negotiated into the early morning Sunday to reach a deal on Iran's nuclear program. Judy Woodruff lays out some of the terms of the agreement and reports on the international reaction.

November 23, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Margaret Warner reports from Geneva: Margaret Warner reports from Geneva on the ongoing talks over Iran's nuclear capability. The diplomats are struggling over the actual language of the text. Editor's note: This interview was recorded at 10:30 p.m. local Geneva time, before the agreement was reached.

Poverty/Hunger

November 6, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

News Wrap: U.S. poverty rate doesn't budge, despite new measurement standard: In the news Wednesday, the Obama administration announced nearly 50 million Americans are living in poverty, 3 million more than the official census count. The higher count is based off a supplemental measure of poverty that accounts for out-of-pocket medical costs and work-related expenses.

November 1, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Food stamp cuts force families to get by with less: Cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program mean that the more than 47 million food stamp recipients will now receive less money each month to buy groceries. To examine the issue, Jeffrey Brown speaks with Ellen Teller of the Food Research and Action Center and Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation.

November 15, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

In some states, more poor Americans get health care under expanded Medicaid: Aaron Macholl-Stanley, a 25-year-old culinary arts student from California, is in the process of enrolling in Medi-Cal, that state's insurance program for the poor. Health policy analyst Susan Dentzer joins Judy Woodruff to discuss how the ACA's expansion of Medicaid has made 400,000 additional Americans eligible to enroll.

November 25, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Food stamp program changes lead to 'staggering' increase in need: Stimulus funds used to boost the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program during the recession ran out Nov. 1, meaning the growing pool of Americans who rely on food stamps will have to make do with less. The NewsHour's Mary Jo Brooks reports on how the cuts impact families and how other organizations are picking up the slack.

November 24, 2013 3:30pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 8 minutes

Relocating the Homeless: As cities grapple with the problem of homelessness, some believe the solution is to move them to "retreats" outside the city. But critics say such proposals are cases of "out of sight, out of mind" that will actually result in more homelessness.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

October 17, 2013 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Buzz Bowman is an 83-year old legend on Mount Hood. He has been volunteering with the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol for over 65 years and is among the oldest still-active ski patrollers in the country.

November 28, 2013 8:30pm

Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes

Generations of Mt. Hood climbers share their stories of the mountain's glories and tragedies in a half-hour special for Oregon Field Guide. Through the work of local photographers, rare film from the Mazama Archive and video from a present-day climb, OPB's Field Guide team explores our premier mountain's earliest climbers, climb routes, famous disasters, the evolution of mountaineering expeditions, gear and dress, and how the mountain itself has changed with the decline of its great glaciers.

December 6, 2013, 6pm

Outdoor Idaho, 30 minutes

We join some of Idaho's premier landscape photographers out in the field, as they share with us some of their secrets and their favorite places to chase the light.

December 15, 2013 6pm

Outdoor Idaho, 30 minutes

The Salmon River is a storied gateway to a stunning country. This is the river that turned back Lewis and Clark and for decades was visited by only a few hardy pioneers and explorers. Now part of the nation's Wild & Scenic river system, the Salmon has always been a magical beacon, luring rugged individuals to its banks. We journey by raft and jet boat to some of the rustic lodges along the River of No Return, and meet the folks who continue the legacy of this legendary river.

October 8, 2013 9pm

Frontline: League of Denial: The NFL's Concussion Crisis, 120 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.

Religion/Ethics

October 6, 2013 3:30pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 7 minutes

Supreme Court and Prayer at Government Meetings: "For the protection of government as well as for the protection of religion, they need to be separate. I think when government gets involved in religion, it corrupts religion, and I think when religion gets involved with government, it can corrupt government," says plaintiff Susan Galloway.

October 6, 2013 3:30pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 4 minutes

The Francis Factor: On October 1, Georgetown University hosted a panel to discuss the influence of Pope Francis' leadership on American public life six months after his election. The discussion was moderated by John Carr, director of the new Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University. He was joined by PBS NewsHour's Mark Shields; Kim Daniels, a spokeswoman for the Catholic bishops; Alexia Kelley, representing Catholic philanthropists; and columnist David Brooks of the New York Times and the NewsHour.

November 6, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Supreme Court tackles the separation of church and state in public prayer case: Supreme Court justices stood divided as they debated the constitutionality of public prayer at government meetings. Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly's Tim O'Brien reports on the case that began in Greece, N.Y. Then, Jeffrey Brown talks to National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle on how the Supreme Court has ruled on prayer in the past.

November 29, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 14 minutes

Shields and Brooks on the pope's critique of capitalism, Thanksgiving gratitude: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Hari Sreenivasan to discuss the week's top news, including the short-term Iran nuclear agreement, the pope's writings on capitalism, proposed changes to campaign finance rules and things to be grateful for.

November 17, 2013 3:30pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 4 minutes

Catholic Bishops, Catholic President: For American Catholics, "the election of Kennedy was an important moment in history, where they were recognized and accepted by American society as true Americans," says Rev. Thomas Reese, S.J. But anti-Catholicism continued to linger until JFK's assassination, when the 34th president became an American martyr, and it was no longer acceptable to be anti-Catholic.

Science/Technology

December 10, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

High volume, complex software led to troubled launch of insurance exchanges: Software bugs and system "bottlenecks" have plagued the new health insurance exchanges since their online launch. Will the site be able to handle the high volume of traffic? Ray Suarez talks to Craig Timberg of The Washington Post about the outlook for solving the site's problems

October 9, 2013 9pm

NOVA: Megastorm Aftermath, 60 minutes

In October 2012, superstorm Sandy cut a path of devastation across the Caribbean and the East Coast, killing hundreds and doing tens of billions of dollars in damage. To many, it was a wake-up call. Now, one year after Sandy's deadly strike, NOVA follow up on the 2012 film Inside the Megastorm with a fresh investigation of the critical questions raised by this historic storm: Was Hurricane Sandy a freak combination of weather systems? Or are hurricanes increasing in intensity due to a changing climate? What can we do to prepare ourselves for the next Sandy, and what progress has been made toward making our urban infrastructure more resilient? Much of Sandy's wrecking power was due to an extreme storm surge that left large swaths of New York and New Jersey underwater. And with sea levels on the rise, flooding will only become more frequent. NOVA examines the role of global warming in driving these rising seas, and looks at some of the latest extraordinary engineering employed in other areas, as well as what it may take to make cities like New York more resilient in the future.

November 5, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Discovery of Earth-size planets rouses search for intelligent life: New data from the Kepler Spacecraft shows one in five of the sun-like stars in the universe have Earth-size planets. The potential for habitable planets has fueled excitement in the search for intelligent life. Jeffrey Brown speaks to one of the lead researchers, Geoff Marcy of the University of California, Berkeley.

November 7, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

As estimates of meteor strikes rise, how can Earth avoid destruction? New research reveals that space fragments are hitting our planet 10 times more often than previously thought. Will we suffer the same fate as the dinosaurs? NewsHour science correspondent Miles O'Brien explains to Judy Woodruff that scientists have the technology to avoid meteors en route to Earth, but they need warning first.

November 6, 2013 10pm

Raw to Ready: Bombardier, 60 minutes

Short-range regional jets are the backbone of domestic air travel. To withstand a high volume of flights, these jets must be comfortable, durable and fuel efficient, like the Bombardier CRJ-1000. Glass, titanium, fiberglass, lacquer and aluminum alloy each transcend their original states, harnessed to create a modern cutting-edge machine.

November 20, 2013 10pm

Comet Encounter, 60 minutes

In this program, scientists around the world follow a once-in-a-lifetime event, the path of the sun-grazing comet ISON. The comet, somewhere between one and 10 kilometers in diameter, is currently just beyond the orbit of Jupiter. As it races past Earth toward the sun, it will likely develop a tail to light up the night skies. Then ISON will slingshot around the back of the sun, to emerge perhaps brighter than ever. But there's jeopardy, too; ISON could evaporate completely, or the sun's gravity could tear it apart, producing a so-called "string of pearls" - several small comets arching across the night sky. Don't miss the breathtaking images captured in this special.

November 18, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Silicon Valley entrepreneurs set their sights on space travel, moon mining: Move over NASA, Silicon Valley is joining the space race. Entrepreneurs from the nation's high-tech hub are designing lunar landers, making plans to mine the moon and gearing up to blast off into commercial space flight. Thuy Vu of KQED reports on how private ventures and investors are investing in space exploration.

November 20, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Astronaut Hadfield shares 'unbeatable point of inspiration' he found in space: Col. Chris Hadfield captured the world's curiosity when he tweeted videos of everyday life on the space station and covered David Bowie's song "Space Oddity." Science correspondent Miles O'Brien talks to the retired Canadian astronaut, author of "An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth," about the importance of space exploration.

November 29, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Cassini spacecraft's cosmic photos bring the world 'along for the ride': The Cassini spacecraft has been capturing snapshots from Saturn for the past 10 years. Carolyn Porco of the Space Science Institute talks to Judy Woodruff about capturing and sharing images of the "jewel of the solar system" and discoveries made about the planet's meteorology and moons.

December 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

David Hockney continues prodigious picture-making career by adopting new tech: At age 76, artist David Hockney brings traditional draughtsmanship to new media, using digital cameras and "painting" large-scale images on his iPad to explore familiar subjects. Spencer Michels interviews Hockney at the de Young Museum in San Francisco, site of a large new exhibit called "David Hockney: A Bigger

Sexuality

October 6, 2013 4pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 26 minutes

Decriminalizing Prostitution: NY's New Anti-Trafficking Policy. Government Shutdown: How the shutdown affects the GOP's image in the eyes of women. Wonder Women: Barnard President Debora Spar on women not having it all. PANELISTS: RH Reality Check Editor at Large Erin Matson, Heritage Foundation's Genevieve Wood, Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Former Bush White House Aide Mercy Viana Schlapp.

November 20, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Divided Senate debates course of action for addressing military sexual assault: The Senate began debate on an amendment to the Defense Authorization Act proposed by New York Democrat Kirsten Gillibrand that would take the decision to prosecute military sexual assault cases out of the chain of command. But as Kwame Holman reports, the bill is up against some opposition from senators and military leaders.

Social Services

October 13, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Can doulas make a difference? A doula -- ancient Greek for 'a woman who serves' -- isn't a doctor or midwife, but gives support to expectant mothers before, during and after childbirth. In New York, By My Side Birth Support provides free doula services to women in low-income, largely African-American neighborhoods where maternal mortality rates are high.

November 11, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Relief workers struggle to provide life-saving services to typhoon survivors: Relief workers are making efforts to deliver life-saving food and water to typhoon survivors, but there are people in cut-off communities who have not been reached. Alex Thompson of Independent Television News reports on the challenges to provide relief to some of the Philippines' most desperate victims.

November 12, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Urgently needing aid, Typhoon Haiyan survivors 'fend for themselves': Typhoon survivors in the hardest hit regions of the Philippines are desperate for relief, waiting in long lines for food and battling sickness while others scavenge or loot for supplies. Angus Walker and John Sparks of Independent Television News file two reports from the devastated cities of Tacloban and Cebu.

November 10, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 9 minutes

Do the Dutch have the pension problem solved? As cities and states across the U.S. grapple with their pension programs, we travel to one country -- The Netherlands -- that seems to have its pension problem solved. Ninety percent of Dutch workers get pensions, and retirees can expect roughly 70% of their working income paid to them for the rest of their lives.

November 27, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

An architectural twist on ordinary food drives with 'Canstruction': What do you get when you give an architect canned yams, corn and tuna fish? Perhaps a 12-foot bridge or larger-than-life sea creature. Each year around the globe, designers create sculptural masterpieces out of canned goods in Canstruction events. Jeffrey Brown reports on how the creative contest boosts typical food drives.

November 28, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Politics of aid inside Syria increases suffering for those displaced by war: Some 6.5 million Syrians have been displaced within the country due to the bloody Civil War and the ongoing violence has led to an increased level of suffering. Syrians that remain are in need of food, shelter and medical help. Lindsey Hilsum of Independent Television News reports on the politics of aid in Syria.

December 4, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Lack of security adds to Central African Republic crisis: Twelve more civilians were killed in Central African Republic, a nation that fell into chaos last spring. The United Nations will soon vote on sending forces into the country, where 600 French soldiers have already been dispatched. Alex Thomson of Independent Television News talks to victims of the violence and unrest.

December 5, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

News Wrap: White House lobbies for benefits extension for long-term unemployed: In our news wrap Thursday, the White House lobbied to keep benefits going for the long-term unemployed, but Republicans have argued that extending their aid makes people less willing to search for work. Also, fast food workers around the nation walked off the job to protest low wages.

State Wide Culture and History

October 21, 2013 9pm

Portland Noir, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

Portland's illicit past is filled with tales of shanghaied sailors, opium dens, and open vice. The city's underground activities began early in its history. In the mid 1800s, Portland was the Northwest's major trading center. With a population of mostly young male migratory workers, the port town gained an international reputation for violence and lawlessness. Over the years, stories of the era have taken on legendary proportions. Portland Noir unveils the true story of the city's sordid history.

October 21, 2013 9:30pm

Capturing Oregon's Frontier An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

A photographic essay showcasing a remarkable collection of images taken by Grants Pass Daily Courier publisher, Amos E. Boss. Voorhies. Bicycling around the region in the late 1880s and early 1900s, he took thousands of photos of people to document life in southern Oregon. The photos are being restored and digitized by Lloyd Smith, a self described photo and history nut, raised in the Rogue Valley.

October 21, 2013 11:30pm

White Plague An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

TB remains a major global health issue. It is the most deadly infectious disease on the planet killing 5,000 people a day and approximately 1.5 million a year. Treatment takes six months contributing to the fast rise of drug resistant strains of the disease. In the early 1900s Oregon led the Northwest in the fight against TB, which, at the time, was one of the top ten causes of death in the U.S. The Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital in Salem became the first state-owned TB sanatorium in the West. Today Oregon researchers continue to lead the way in the study of new, faster acting treatments and vaccines.

November 4, 2013 9pm

Modoc War, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes

"I am not a Dog. I am a Man" Kientpoos, Modoc Chief (better known as Captain Jack). In 1873 in Fort Klamath, Oregon, four Modoc Indians were hanged for war crimes. It was the only time American Indians would face that charge. The execution came at the end of the costliest American Indian war in U.S. history. The battle was over land. The Modoc Indians of Southern Oregon and Northern California signed a treaty agreeing to live on a reservation. All they asked was that the reservation be on six square miles of their native homeland. Instead the U.S. government moved the Modocs onto a reservation with their enemies, the Klamaths. Led by Captain Jack, a band of less than 200 Modoc men, women and children fled the reservation and took refuge in along Tule Lake, at what is now Lava Beds National Monument. The area was a natural fortress. Over the next six months, fifty Modoc warriors held off over 600 U.S. soldiers, without a single Indian casualty. At the end of one battle a Modoc taunted the soldiers by calling out, "All you boys what ain't dead had better go on home. We don't want to kill you all in one day!" The war was widely reported in the national and international press, with many reporters sympathetic to the Modoc cause. Public opinion changed when Captain Jack ambushed a peace commission, resulting in the only death of a U.S. General during an Indian War. Eventually, Captain Jack and his immediate followers were captured and executed. The remaining Modocs were rounded up, separated and sent to different reservations, one in Oklahoma and the other with the Klamaths in Oregon.

November 18, 2013 9pm

Tom McCall, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes

Tom McCall would have turned 100 years old in February 2013. Oregon Experience looks back at McCall's life from his early childhood years in central Oregon to his early work in radio and television; and his accomplishments as one of Oregon's most influential and colorful governors.

November 25, 2013 9pm

Rajneeshpuram An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes

In 1981 the followers of an eccentric guru purchased the Big Muddy Ranch, a hundred square miles on the John Day River in Central Oregon. They assured the local residents of Antelope that they were there only to build a communal farm where they could live and work in harmony and love. Their leader was a Rolls Royce driving native of India known as the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh who preached total sexual freedom and sported lavish gifts from his followers. His spokesperson and personal secretary was the fiery Ma Anand Sheela. Soon after settling in the followers, or Sannyasins, were challenging established land use laws and customs, and generating opposition from Oregonians statewide. They had plans to build a dam, an airstrip, a lake and huge greenhouses to produce food year round and to incorporate their own city, Rajneeshpuram, by any means possible. Their message of love and peace quickly soured. And the early tolerance afforded them by locals was gone. By 1983 rifle-carrying Sannyasins patrolled the ranch and guarded the hillsides. The conflicts and tensions continued to escalate with civil authorities and individuals bringing multiple lawsuits against the Rajneesh. Sheela fled to Europe and was arrested on several charges including attempted murder, burglary and arson and causing a salmonella outbreak in The Dalles. In the end, the town of Rajneeshpuram imploded and the Bhagwan deported.

December 16, 2013 9pm

Leo Adler, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

Leo Adler was a self-made millionaire born in Baker City in 1895. At the age of nine he began his business selling the Ladies Home Journal magazine and the Saturday Evening Post. Adler made history in the magazine business by developing a seven state empire and selling more than 3 million magazines annually. Throughout his lifetime he gave huge sums of money to hospitals, the fire department, schools, charitable organizations, historical preservation groups, and created a scholarship fund for the 'encouragement of the developing minds of the future.' Today the Leo Adler Foundation continues to support worthy projects in Baker City.

December 16, 2013 9:30pm

Sagebrush Symphony, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes

The Portland Youth Philharmonic is the oldest established youth orchestra in the United States. But the roots of this organization sprang far from the Willamette Valley. The story of the PYP begins in Burns, Oregon where a classically trained violinist named Mary Dodge shared her love of music with the local children. As their talent emerged Dodge formed a children's orchestra that captivated audiences statewide.

December 23, 2013 9pm

River They Saw, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes

The beauty and magic of the Columbia River Gorge has attracted photographers for more than 150 years. In collaboration with the Oregon Historical Society and the Portland Art Museum, Oregon Public Broadcasting is proud to present Oregon Experience: The River They Saw. This one-hour special will chronicle the history of the Gorge with rarely seen images crafted by Carleton Watkins, Sarah Ladd, Benjamin Gifford, Al Monner and many others. These early photographers left a stunning visual legacy through images still considered among the greatest landscape photos ever made.

Transportation

November 2, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 4 minutes

How secure can we make our airports? Rafi Ron, an airport security expert, discusses the recent shooting of a TSA agent at LAX and the future of airport security in America.

October 30, 2013 10pm

Raw To Ready: Mack Truck, 60 minutes

The highway truck – a modern workhorse, a heavy hauler vital to commerce – carries an 80,000-pound payload and must operate in every condition from sub-zero cold to triple-digit heat. To survive, it must be strong, durable and fuel-efficient, like the Mack Pinnacle, an engineering achievement made possible by platinum, petroleum, copper, manganese and polyurethane.

November 6, 2013 10pm

Raw To Ready: Bombardier, 60 minutes

Short-range regional jets are the backbone of domestic air travel. To withstand a high volume of flights, these jets must be comfortable, durable and fuel efficient, like the Bombardier CRJ-1000. Glass, titanium, fiberglass, lacquer and aluminum alloy each transcend their original states, harnessed to create a modern cutting-edge machine.

December 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

News Wrap: American Airlines, U.S. Airways merge into world's largest carrier: In our news wrap Monday, the merger between American Airlines and U.S. Airways became official, making it the world's largest airline. The new carrier will operate under the American Airlines name. Also, ice and snow across the nation brought down power lines and led to the cancellation of 1,600 flights.

Urban Development/Infrastructure

November 16, 2013 5:30pm

PBS NewsHour Weekend, 2 minutes

The heights of vanity? The New York-Chicago skyscraper duel: Competition between Chicago and New York over which city has the tallest building.

War/Veterans/National Security

October 8, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

White House top priority on raids: Go after those who 'seek to do us harm': Two raids in Africa over the weekend resulted in the capture of an al-Qaida leader, now being questioned by U.S. military. Jeffrey Brown sits down with White House Counterterrorism Adviser Lisa Monaco to discuss the standard for determining terrorist threats and whether or not Libyan officials were consulted prior to the raid.

October 14, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Trust issues, troop level commitment among roadblocks in Afghan security talks: Secretary of State John Kerry made progress with his trip to Afghanistan to work on a security deal, but both nations come to the table with concerns about trust and commitment. Gwen Ifill gets analysis from David Sedney, a former deputy assistant secretary of defense, and former Afghan Foreign Ministry official Omar Samad.

November 12, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Did 60 Minutes do enough to regain viewer trust after false Benghazi report? News program 60 Minutes admitted it made a mistake in a segment about the U.S. consulate attack in Benghazi, which included false reports by a supposed eyewitness. Kelly McBride of the Poynter Institute and Tom Rosenstiel of the American Press Institute join Jeffrey Brown to critique the reporting and response.

November 14, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

News Wrap: Iraq bombings target Shiites during a religious holiday: In our news wrap Thursday, bombings in Baghdad that targeted Shiites on a major religious holiday killed at least 41 and wounded more than 100 others. Also, a U.S. counterterrorism official warned that al-Qaida in Iraq is stronger than it has been since 2006 and other affiliates are spreading.

November 21, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

How would delaying an Afghan deal complicate U.S. commitments in the region? A day after the U.S. and Afghanistan announced a historic agreement, Afghan President Hamid Karzai suggested delaying the signing of the deal until next April. Judy Woodruff talks to James Dobbins, the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, for insight on the need to resolve the deal.

November 26, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

How China's push into disputed territory is increasing tension in East Asia: The U.S. flew two B-52 bombers over disputed territory in the East China Sea, rejecting an air defense restriction from China for islands that are also claimed by Japan. Judy Woodruff talks to Julian Barnes of The Wall Street Journal about increased volatility in the region.

December 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Seeing Syria's Islamist fighters through the eyes of a journalist: As the civil war has ground on, radicalization among Syrian rebels has grown and foreign jihadist fighters have come across the Arab and Muslim world. Margaret Warner talks to journalist Rania Abouzeid about her insight on various rebel groups and why al-Qaida-linked forces have gained ascendancy in the fight against Assad.

December 13, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Sen. Ron Wyden on balancing the 'teeter-totter' of security and liberty: Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., believes that when it comes to government surveillance, security and liberty are not mutually exclusive. Margaret Warner talks to the NSA critic about why he thinks the administration needs to do a better job of striking a balance between protecting Americans while respecting their privacy.

Women

October 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

How the implausible quest to 'have it all' may set women up for disappointment? What if an unintended consequence of the feminist movement was to make women feel inadequate? Barnard College president Debora Spar argues the expectation that women can "have it all" actually sets them up for failure. Jeffrey Brown talks to Spar about her new book, "Wonder Women: Sex, Power, and the Quest for Perfection."

November 24, 2013 8pm

Carol Burnett: The Mark Twain Prize, 120 minutes

Carol Burnett – comedic icon and all-around performing legend – is the guest of honor when, for the 16th year, the comedy world convenes in Washington, DC, to toast this year's recipient of the Kennedy Center's Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. The all-star cast includes Julie Andrews, Lucie Arnaz, Tony Bennett, Tim Conway, Tina Fey, Rashida Jones, Vicki Lawrence, Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph, Martin Short and Rosemary Watson. The program features comedic highlights from Burnett's half-century in show business.

December 10, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

General Motors names company insider Mary Barra as first female CEO: General Motors has named Mary Barra -- an employee of the automaker for 33 years -- as their newest CEO. Barra, 51, will be the company's first female CEO and the first ever-female CEO across the Detroit auto industry. Judy Woodruff talks to Micheline Maynard of Forbes for more on new auto executive.

October 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

In India, high demand for wives sends young women into marriages far from home: Lopsided gender ratios in some regions of India have led to a "marriage squeeze" -- high demand for brides -- forcing many underage women to leave their lives behind to wed older men in far away regions. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on the socio-economic factors at play.

November 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Where do American women stand in gender equality? The World Economic Forum published a report recently that says the United States finishes far from the top of a list when it comes to gender equality. American women finished 23rd on the list of 136 countries. Kathleen Gerson, a Sociology professor at New York University sheds light on the findings.

November 3, 2013 4pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 25 minutes

Rape on Campus: Who's to blame? Defining Success: New survey reveals surprising results. Behind the Headlines: An American Bride in Kabul. Phyllis Chesler's autobiographical account of her escape from Afghanistan after marriage. PANELISTS: Red Alert Politics Editor Francesca Chambers, Heritage Foundation's Genevieve Wood, Host of NPR's Focus Point Avis Jones DeWeever, Journalist Anushay Hossain.

November 10, 2013 4pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 25 minutes

Sex Trafficking: New report card on states' efforts to combat modern slavery. Women Recruits: Military does not see drop in recruits despite increasing reports of sexual assault. Behind the Headlines: Gillibrand's FAMILY Act promises to reward working families with new paid leave program. PANELISTS: Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, Siobhan "Sam" Bennett, Sabrina Schaeffer, Rina Shah.

December 9, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Spelman College charts a new path by encouraging women in STEM studies: Spelman College, a historically black liberal arts college for women in Atlanta, has garnered attention for dropping intercollegiate sports and refocusing towards science, technology, engineering and math. Gwen Ifill talks to President Beverly Daniel Tatum, who was honored with an award by the Carnegie Corporation

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October 7, 2013 10pm

POV: Brooklyn Castle, 90 minutes

Imagine a school where the cool kids are the chess team. Welcome to I.S. 318. "Brooklyn Castle" tells the stories of five members of the chess team at a below-the-poverty-line inner city junior high school that has won more national championships than any other in the country. The film follows the challenges these kids face in their personal lives – and on the chessboard – and is as much about the sting of their losses as it is about anticipation of their victories. By Katie Dellamaggiore.

October 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

In India, high demand for wives sends young women into marriages far from home: Lopsided gender ratios in some regions of India have led to a "marriage squeeze" -- high demand for brides -- forcing many underage women to leave their lives behind to wed older men in far away regions. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on the socio-economic factors at play.

October 14, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Expanding access to education for Pakistan's poorest children: In Pakistan, education could help change the fortunes of impoverished families, but corruption and pressure by the Taliban prevent many children from enrolling. An alternative school system is making efforts to expand access and change attitudes towards education for impoverished boys and girls. Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

November 11, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Wisconsin aims to convince 'young invincibles' to sign up for health coverage: Experts have said the success of the Affordable Care Act will depend on Americans aged 18-34 signing up. Often referred to as the "young invincibles," this pivotal, generally healthy demographic must weigh the option of signing up for coverage or paying a fine. Frederica Freyberg of Wisconsin Public Television reports

November 29, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

World reader aims to eradicate global illiteracy by giving children e-readers: World reader has a lofty goal: eradicating global illiteracy. So far they've reached 13,000 kids in Sub-Saharan Africa by giving them e-readers loaded with local and international books. John Risher of World reader joins Jeffrey Brown to discuss their mission and how learning to read can improve children's lives.

December 2, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

In defining what public school students should know, teachers wonder 'how?' In the past, public school standards varied state to state. With backing from the federal government, some governors and superintendents collaborated on a national "Common Core." But they define only the "what" -- what kids should know, not how they should be taught. Special education correspondent John Merrow reports.

December 3, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

How does American education measure up to schools around the globe? The PISA test is given to students in more than 60 countries as a way to compare scores in reading, math and science across the globe. As in past years, 2012 results show the U.S. near the middle. For insight on the results, Jeffrey Brown talks to Andreas Schleicher of the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development.

December 14, 2013 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

School resource officers and the quest for safer schools: One year after the shooting at Sandy Hook, Kevin Quinn, president of the National Associate of School Resource Officers, talks about the growing practice among some schools of assigning police officers to guard schools full-time and what techniques and practices some schools are implementing to make their students safer.