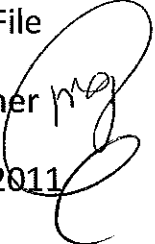


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RE: **Quarterly Issues/Program List**
October 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues addressed by Stations KOAC-TV Corvallis, Oregon; KTVR-TV La Grande, Oregon; KOPB-TV Portland, Oregon; KOAB –TV Bend, Oregon; and KEPT-TV Eugene, Oregon for the period October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 . The listing of programs is by no means exhaustive and the order in which they appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Quarterly Programs/Issues List

October 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

KOPB Portland, Oregon

Abortion

November 6, 2011 4pm

Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes

Mississippi Personhood Amendment: There is a proposal on the ballot in Mississippi that would say human life begins at conception. If the measure passes, every fertilized human egg in Mississippi would be defined as a person, and that could make abortion, for any reason, murder. Faith-Based Social Services in Brazil: "I feel the young people and children, adolescents, all of them, they all need an opportunity ... they need a good education," says Sister Judith Lupo, head of Brazil's largest church-run social services agency. Religious Pilgrimage: "Pilgrimages are undertaken because people want to move beyond their normal, mundane life," says Virginia Raguin, a professor at the College of the Holy Cross. Raguin is also the curator of a traveling exhibit on pilgrimages in Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.

December 7, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4:27

'A Big Surprise' as Sebelius Nixes Plan B for Young Girls Without Prescription: In a very public disagreement Wednesday, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius blocked the Food and Drug Administration from allowing girls under 17 to buy the Plan B morning-after pill without a prescription. Jeffrey Brown discusses the controversy with Rob Stein of The Washington Post.

Aging

October 19, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Social Security Recipients to Get 3.6% Boost, but How Much Will it Help? Starting in January, 55 million Social Security recipients will get a 3.6 percent bump in benefits. Margret Warner discusses the cost-of-living adjustment, which is tied to inflation, with Robert Reischauer of the Urban Institute.

November 3, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Will a Generational Divide Define 2012 Election? With the 2012 presidential election a year away, the Pew Research Center examines the state of the American electorate and the divisions that fall along age lines. Judy Woodruff reports.

Agriculture

November 30, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

The Role of Rising Food Prices in Egypt's Revolution: Egypt's rising food prices are helping fuel the revolution that led to this week's parliamentary elections. In collaboration with The Center for Investigative Reporting, Homelands Productions and Marketplace, Sandy Tolani reports as part of a new series called "Food for 9 Billion."

December 8, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Seattleites Construct Rain Gardens to Curb Pollution From Storm water Runoff: In an effort to curb pollution from storm water runoff, Seattle residents have begun a campaign to build 12,000 rain gardens around the Puget Sound. Katie Campbell of KCTS 9 reports.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction

October 2, 2011 9pm

Prohibition: A Nation of Drunkards, 2 hrs

Discover the true story of America's "Great Experiment." Go beyond the oft-told tales of gangsters, rum-runners, flappers and speakeasies to experience the rise, rule and fall of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's PROHIBITION. Since the early years of the American Republic, alcohol has been embedded in the fabric of American culture. But by 1830, the average American over 15 years old consumes nearly seven gallons of pure alcohol a year, three times as much as we drink today. Alcohol abuse wreaks havoc on the lives of many families. As a wave of spiritual fervor for reform sweeps the country, many women and men begin to see alcohol as a scourge. After the Civil War, the country's population swells with immigrants, who bring their drinking customs with them from Ireland, Germany, Italy and other European countries. The temperance campaign ignites, spearheaded by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Carrie Nation and her Home Defenders Army bring publicity by attacking Kansas bars with stones and hatchets, and the Anti-Saloon League (ASL) forms to push for an amendment to the Constitution outlawing alcohol nationally. Most politicians dare not defy the ASL, and in 1917 the 18th Amendment sails through both Houses of Congress; it is ratified by the states in just 13 months. When the Amendment is signed into law, Prohibitionists rejoice that America has become officially dry. But Americans are about to discover that making Prohibition the law of the land has been one thing; enforcing it will be another.

October 3, 2011 9pm

Prohibition: A Nation of Scofflaws, 2 hrs

Discover the true story of America's "Great Experiment" - the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawing alcohol - in Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's PROHIBITION. In 1920, Prohibition goes into effect, making it illegal to manufacture, transport or sell intoxicating liquor. This episode examines the problems of enforcement, as millions of law-abiding Americans become lawbreakers overnight. While a significant portion of the country is willing to adapt to the new law, others are shocked at how inconsistent the Volstead Act actually is. As weaknesses in the law and its enforcement become clear, millions find ways to exploit it. Drys had hoped Prohibition would make the country a safer place, but the law has many victims. Honest policemen are killed on the job, unlucky drinkers are poisoned by adulterated liquor and overzealous federal agents violate civil rights just to make a bust. Alcoholism still exists, and may even be increasing, as women begin to drink in the speakeasies that replace the male-only saloon. Despite the growing discontent with Prohibition and its consequences, few politicians dare to speak out against the law, fearful of its powerful protector, the Anti-Saloo

October 17, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Cocaine: How 'Miracle Drug' Nearly Destroyed Sigmund Freud, William Halsted: In "An Anatomy of Addiction," medical historian Howard Markel

details the cocaine addictions of Sigmund Freud and William Halsted, both medical revolutionaries a century ago. Betty Ann Bowser and Markel discuss what their stories tell us about one of modern medicine's first miracle drugs and the timeless nature of addiction.

November 8, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

California Raids Threaten Medical Marijuana Regulation: In 16 states, marijuana use is legal for medical purposes, but authorities say state laws do not protect growers from federal prosecution. Special correspondent Michael Montgomery of KQED San Francisco looks at how that conflict is playing out in one California community.

December 1, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

For 'Soldiers' in Mexico's Drug War, 'More Murders Than They Can Count': The death toll continues to mount in Mexico's drug war. Hari Sreenivasan and Ioan Grillo of Global Post discuss his new book "El Narco: Inside Mexico's Criminal Insurgency," an account of his more than 10 years investigating the country's criminal cartels.

American History/Biography

October 6, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

Remembering the Life, Designs of Digital Visionary Steve Jobs: In a statement late Wednesday, Apple said its co-founder and former CEO Steve Jobs lost his battle with pancreatic cancer at age 56. Correspondent Spence Michels looks back on the life and work of the digital visionary.

October 6, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

The Old Man and the Boat: Hemingway's Quest for Peace: Paul Hendrickson, the author of Hemingway's Boat, Everything He Loved in Life, and Lost, 1934-1961, is the latest biographer to delve into Ernest Hemingway, and he does so by narrowing his narrative focus on the famous writer's 38-foot motorized fishing vessel, Pilar.

October 28, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Steve Jobs Biography Examines How Rule-Breaker Tied 'Artistry to Engineering': Author Walter Isaacson tells the story of Apple's late co-founder in a new biography simply titled "Steve Jobs." Jeffrey Brown and Isaacson discuss Jobs' personality, legacy and how his love of the arts shaped his views on innovation.

November 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

'We Still Live Here' Details Effort to Restore Wampanoag Language: The film "We Still Live Here," tells the story of the return of the Wampanoag Indian language, the first time a language with no native speakers has been revived in this country. It's part of our series, in partnership with The Economist magazine, showcasing the art of filmmaking.

November 15, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

'Midnight Rising' Takes a New Look at Life, Legend of John Brown: Author Tony Horwitz tells the story of John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry in his new book, "Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid That

Sparked the Civil War." Jeffrey Brown and Horwitz discuss the life and evolving legend of Brown.

November 16, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

Congress Honors 4 Astronauts With Highest Civilian Honor: Four astronauts were awarded the nation's highest civilian honor on Wednesday: the Congressional Gold Medal. Ray Suarez reports.

November 29, 2011 9pm

Unforgettable: The Korean War, 1 hour

Korean War veterans recount their memories of America in the late 1940s and early 1950s, when young men from all over the country were being shipped off to defend South Korea against the advancing Red Army in the north. UNFORGETTABLE: THE KOREAN WAR recalls the "un-won" war that never ended...no one even wanted to call it a war: it was "the Korean conflict" or a "police action." Finally, it was called the Forgotten War. No matter the name, the Korean War killed tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers and affected many more lives at home.

Arts

October 6, 2011 8pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Art Beat

Kim Murton Ceramic Artist Kim Murton creates whimsical and whacky creatures in clay, but has also found an outlet for her animation skills! We'll meet this artist who says worry motivates her!

Jean Wells Keenan- Jean Wells Keenan has had a dramatic impact on the world of quilting and she's done it all from Sisters. She opened The Stitchin' Post almost four decades ago, then started the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. She authored more than 25 books about quilting. And she's a renowned art quilter in her own right.

October 13, 2011 8pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Art Beat

Being a professional actor can be a hand-to-mouth existence. However, at Portland's Artists Repertory Theatre, actors can get 9 months of work, guaranteed. We'll explore A.R.T.'s company of actors. Yuji Hiratsuka is a print maker in Corvallis who uses an intaglio process to create dramatic, stylized work. He makes four-color prints from a single copper plate. His work blends influences from his native Japan with other imagery to create colorful prints. He also teaches printmaking at OSU.

October 20, 2011 8pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Art Beat

Arne Westerman is a very successful painter of watercolors of people from all walks of life. But he didn't start until he was nearly 50, after another successful career in advertising! Connecting arts education to core curriculum is the mission of Right Brain Initiative. Since 2009, it has served schools in the tri-county area around Portland. We'll meet educators and an artist to hear how and if it's working.

October 27, 2011 8pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Art Beat

Vagabond Opera's multi-faceted style draws much from 21st century Portland's the spirit of experimentation. But as innovative as they are, the band draws on the deepest roots of musical tradition to revive a time when communities gathered together to celebrate together through dance and song.

November 3, 2011 8pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Art Beat

Joe Elliott is a blacksmith who is dedicated to keeping the traditional craft alive. He works in a forge near downtown Bend, creating dramatic steel structures for homes. He also plays stand up bass and mandolin in a garage band called "The Meat Hooks." She's had a life celebrating the dance. Dancer and choreographer Josie Moseley was recently honored with a challenge that re-invigorated her love of movement.

November 10, 2011 8pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Art Beat

Is it a sin to cut up an old quilt? Or a stroke of artistic genius? Judge for yourself after you see the work of Joanne Kliejunas of Ashland and how she "remakes" vintage quilts into new fashion. Her name is Mary McDonald-Lewis, everyone calls her "Mary Mac" but YOU may know her from many other voices you've heard on TV and Radio and even your car!

December 1, 2011 8pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Art Beat

We take a quick tour of the Portland Art Museum exhibit The Artist's Touch, The Craftsman's Hand with curator Maribeth Graybill. Mosley Wotan is a sly play-on-words meant to remind us that we are all "mostly water." This inclusive, hip-hop reminder helps Bend-based man-behind-the-artist Jason Graham find family wherever he goes and to share his danceable message of peace and mutual support.

December 22, 2011 8pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Art Beat

It's not easy to make those designs on top of a latte, never mind pour the perfect cup of coffee underneath. We get a quick tour behind the scenes of a coffee operation - roasting, cupping and finally, decorating. We follow Portland food stylist Carolyn Schirmacher from the grocery store to the studio as she prepares for a photo shoot using game hens and pears. Preparing food to be photographed is very different from cooking it. She explains the specialized tools that help her make food more photogenic, and the attention to detail and eye for design that she brings to the table as she works with a food photographer and a magazine editor

October 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 4 minutes

Poet Philip Schultz Details Life-Long Struggle in New Memoir 'My Dyslexia': Poet Philip Schultz details his life-long struggle to overcome dyslexia in his new memoir. Jeffrey Brown profiles the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet's latest work, "My Dyslexia."

October 31, 2011 9pm

Will Ferrell: The Mark Twain Prize, 1 ½ hrs

This year the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor is presented to Will Ferrell. The program features a star-studded cast of Ferrell's friends and colleagues from his many feature films, his stint on Saturday Night Live, and his smash web site, "Funny or Die." Guests include Billie Joe Armstrong, Ed Asner, Jack Black, Matthew Broderick, Gwen Ifill, Adam McKay, Tim Meadows, Conan O'Brien, John C. Reilly, Paul Rudd, Andy Samberg, Molly Shannon and Ben Stiller.

November 7, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

The Story of Humanity Told Through '100 Objects': In "A History of the World in 100 Objects," British Museum director Neil MacGregor recounts the history of civilization, told through 100 treasures from the museum. Jeffrey Brown and MacGregor discuss his book.

November 17, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

'Waste Land' Explores Artist's Use of Garbage to Transform Lives in Brazil: The film "Waste Land" follows artist Vik Muniz as he creates portraits of a band of self-designated pickers of recyclable materials in Brazil, using the trash that surrounds them. This excerpt is part of The Economist Film Project series of independently produced films aired in partnership between The Economist and the NewsHour.

December 9, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Take a Look Behind the Scenes at St. Paul's Storied Penumbra Theatre: In Minnesota, St. Paul's Penumbra Theatre Company is putting on a production of "I Wish You Love," on the life and times of Nat King Cole. Twin Cities Public Television takes a look behind the scenes of the production and the company's history of fighting marginalization and producing productions to raise social consciousness.

Business/Industry

October 3, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Wall Street Protests Spread, Channeling Anger at Corporate, Political Forces: Protesters in the Occupy Wall Street movement are maintaining a growing campaign against corporate and political forces that they say are fueling economic inequality in America. Judy Woodruff examines who's involved in the protests and what they're seeking with WNYC Radio's Arun Venugopal and DNAinfo.com's Julie Shapiro.

October 4, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

In a Weak Economy, Why Is CEO Pay on the Rise? Median executive compensation has more than quadrupled over the last four decades, even through the latest financial crisis. Margaret Warner explores how CEOs can still command such salaries and benefits in light of the recession with Michael Faulkender of the University of Maryland and James Stewart of The New York Times.

October 17, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 4 minutes

World Leaders Weigh Impact of Spreading Occupy Wall Street Protests: President Obama drew on public discontent Monday without directly mentioning the growing anti-Wall Street movement as he promoted his jobs bill in Asheville, N.C. Kwame Holman reports on the protests that are popping up around the world.

October 18, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

How Bright Is Solar Power's Future in a Post-Solyndra America? After the Obama administration-embraced solar-panel company Solyndra collapsed and defaulted on its government-backed loans, the surging U.S. solar industry is suddenly worried that the subsidies it receives--tax credits and loans guarantees--could dry up in the face of opposition from conservatives. Spencer Michels reports.

October 19, 2010, 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Do Large Banks' Troubles Show They're Too Big to Manage? Goldman Sachs announced a \$428 million quarterly loss Tuesday, just its second loss since going public in 1999. Jeffrey Brown discusses the state, the future and regulation of large American banks with banking industry

consultant Bert Ely and Simon Johnson, former chief economist of the International Monetary Fund.

October 28, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

U.S. Corporations 'in Good Financial Shape,' but Still Reluctant to Hire: World markets deflated some on Friday as jubilation over Europe's debt deal subsided, but it was still Wall Street's best month in more than a decade. Judy Woodruff discusses what these developments mean for the U.S. economic recovery with Neil Irwin of The Washington Post.

November 11, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Portland Among Cities Grappling With How to Handle 'Occupy' Protesters: City officials around the nation are confronting the question of how to deal with the "Occupy" protesters who have camped out in public spaces. Jeffrey Brown discusses the growing movement and its implications with Portland Mayor Sam Adams and "Occupy Portland" representative Jim Oliver.

November 22, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Accelerators Groom Technology Ventures for Success: The Kauffman Foundation, which studies entrepreneurship, recently found that startups create about 3 million new jobs a year. Hari Sreenivasan reports on efforts to nurture promising companies and bring them to market faster.

December 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

U.S. Postal Service Faces Big Changes Amid Struggle to Deliver on Profitability: The likelihood that a stamped letter could reach its destination by the next day will be virtually eliminated due to billions in U.S. Postal Service cuts announced Monday. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the cuts and what's next for the postal service and its customers.

December 13, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Corzine Testifies Before Former Senate Colleagues on Missing MF Global Funds: Former MF Global CEO Jon Corzine was back at the U.S. Capitol Tuesday, for the second time in two weeks, facing a committee of former Senate colleagues. Judy Woodruff discusses the congressional investigation into the collapsed firm with The New York Times' Azam Ahmed and Shulman Rogers' Jacob Frenkel.

Child Abuse

November 20, 2011 4pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes

Penn State and Clergy Sex Abuse Parallels: Watch Kevin Eckstrom, editor of Religion News Service, and Kim Lawton, managing editor of Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, compare what happened at Penn State and the long-running sex abuse scandal in the Catholic church. Happiness and a High Standard of Living: "Something like happiness, it sound frivolous, but it's not frivolous. The purpose of society is to create a better quality of life for all the people. It's not to create the highest amount of aggregate wealth," says international business consultant and author David Rothkopf. Spirituality and Humor: "There's a fundamental misunderstanding that says religion needs to be serious all the time and gloomy and dour," says Rev. James Martin, S.J., author

of Between Heaven and Mirth, who believes humor is good for one's spiritual health.

November 20, 2011 4:30pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes

Empowering Victims: Media attention on the child sex scandals plaguing Penn State University and the Catholic Church are encouraging more victims to come forward and seek justice. **Betty Dukes v. Wal-Mart:** The lead plaintiff in the gender bias case against Wal-Mart discusses her drive to keep fighting as the case enters state courts. **Meryl Streep:** Academy Award winning actress Meryl Streep is using her star power to make the National Women's History Museum a reality on the National Mall.

Community Politics/Government

October 3, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Wall Street Protests Spread, Channeling Anger at Corporate, Political Forces: Protesters in the Occupy Wall Street movement are maintaining a growing campaign against corporate and political forces that they say are fueling economic inequality in America. **Judy Woodruff** examines who's involved in the protests and what they're seeking with WNYC Radio's Arun Venugopal and DNAinfo.com's Julie Shapiro.

October 26, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

After Arrests, Occupy Oakland Protesters Vow to Return: Chaos erupted Tuesday night in downtown Oakland, Calif., as police dispersed crowds from the Occupy Oakland movement in the plaza in front of City Hall. Correspondent **Spencer Michels** reports from the center of the confrontation.

October 28, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

For Undocumented Workers, It's Not-so-Sweet Home Alabama: The controversial Alabama immigration law, known as HB 56, instructs employers to check a worker's immigration status with the government's E-Verify system. **Paul Solman** reports from Alabama on how one of the nation's toughest immigration laws affects workers and employers.

November 17, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Police, 'Occupiers' Clash on Day of Action in Several Cities: The Occupy Wall Street movement marked the end of its second month with marches and demonstrations in several cities, but hundreds of protesters were arrested after clashing with police. **Judy Woodruff** reports.

November 1, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

California Voters Fed-Up With Gridlock as Budget Crunch Lingers: **Spencer Michels** reports from California, where the government gridlock is compounding concerns about the state's budget.

November 9, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Ohio Voters Reject Law Curbing Union Rights: Voters around the country went to the polls on Tuesday to answer some critical ballot questions. **Judy Woodruff** examines the results in Ohio, where voters overturned a law curbing union rights, with Ohio Public Radio's **Karen Kasler**.

November 28, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Union Leader Publisher on Gingrich Endorsement: 'He's a Guy With Ideas': Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is leading in the polls and picked up a key endorsement from an influential New Hampshire newspaper. Gwen Ifill discusses the Republican presidential field and the endorsement with Union Leader Publisher Joe McQuaid and Susan Page of USA Today.

November 30, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

Amid Sagging Support, Does Tea Party Have Staying Power for 2012? The Tea Party burst on the scene as a new political force, but does it have staying power? Judy Woodruff discusses the movement's influence with The Pew Research Center's Andy Kohut and The New York Times' Kate Zernike.

December 7, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Supreme Court Hears Dispute Over Ownership of Montana's Rivers: Montana's rivers are pristine and iconic, but they are also at the center of a property rights dispute that wound up before the Supreme Court on Wednesday. Gwen Ifill discusses the details of the dispute with Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal.

December 14, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

How Will New Voter Registration Laws Affect 2012 Election? Millions of potential voters may not be able to cast votes in 2012 after a dozen states put new restrictions in place this year. Gwen Ifill discusses the impact the new restrictions could have on the upcoming elections with New York University's Keesha Gaskins and Hans von Spakovsky of the Heritage Foundation.

Consumerism

October 17, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Most cell phone users purchase a plan with limits on how long they can talk, text or browse the Web each month, but it can be tough to track usage. Ray Suarez discusses new consumer-friendly rules for wireless companies to send their customers over-usage alerts with Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski.

October 27, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

While Netflix Stumbles, Competitors See New Opportunity: Major changes to the Netflix rental system sent its stock plummeting Tuesday after losing 800,000 customers between June and September. Margret Warner discusses Netflix's recent business troubles with StreamingMedia.com's Eric Schumacher-Rasmussen and The Washington Post's Cecilia Kang.

December 7, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour, 12, minutes

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Nominee Cordray Faces Senate Battle: Richard Cordray, President Obama's latest pick to lead the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, faces an uphill battle for confirmation in the Senate this week. Judy Woodruff discusses the nomination and disagreement over the new agency's structure with Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

December 9, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

Shields, Brooks on Obama's 2012 Strategy, Cordray's Rejection, Gingrich's Surge: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks discuss the week's top political news, including President Obama's re-election strategy, Newt Gingrich's poll surge in swing states and the Republican-led effort to block Consumer Financial Protection Bureau nominee Richard Cordray from confirmation.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

October 11, 2011 10pm

Frontline: The Anthrax Files, 1 hour

In the fall of 2001 envelopes carrying deadly anthrax were delivered to U.S. Senate offices, network news divisions and a tabloid newspaper. Five people were killed, many more were infected and the nation was terrorized. Seven years later, after the mistaken pursuit of one suspect, the most expensive and complex investigation ever undertaken by the FBI ended when the organization identified Army scientist Dr. Bruce Ivins as the sole perpetrator of the attacks - after Ivins had taken his own life. Now, new questions are being raised about the FBI's investigative methods and whether Ivins really did it. FRONTLINE, in a co-production with ProPublica and McClatchy Newspapers, takes a hard look at the FBI's investigation of the country's most notorious act of bioterrorism.

October 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Supreme Court Considers Case on Discrimination in Religious Schools: Judy Woodruff discusses a Supreme Court case that considers the founding principle of the separation of church and state with the National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle.

October 11, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Abdulmutallab May Not Talk Much in 'Underwear Bomber' Trial: The trial of Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who is charged with trying to detonate explosives hidden in underwear on a Detroit-bound flight on Christmas Day 2009, began Tuesday. Gwen Ifill discusses the opening day of the case with WDET Public Radio's Quinn Klinefelter.

October 18, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

U.S. Civil Court System Needs Major Overhaul, New Book Declares: In "Rebuilding Justice: Civil Courts in Jeopardy and Why You Should Care," co-authors Rebecca Love Kourlis and Dirk Olin examine problems and potential improvements in the U.S. civil court system, where 30 million cases are filed every year. Ray Suarez and Kourlis discuss the authors' call for a major overhaul of the system.

October 31, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Wife, Son Give Texture to 'the Way Madoff Kept Them in the Dark': Nearly three years after the Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme scandal erupted, wife Ruth Madoff and son Andrew are telling their side of the story. Gwen Ifill and "Wizard of Lies" author Diana Henriques take a deeper look into the Madoff family.

November 7, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Will Latest Cain Harassment Allegations Go Beyond 'He Said, She Said'? Herman Cain faced new accusations of sexual harassment on Monday when a

Chicago-area woman went before television cameras with graphic details. Judy Woodruff discusses what the fresh allegations mean for Cain's White House bid with Politico's Jonathan Martin.

November 8, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Supreme Court Hears Landmark GPS Tracking Case: Can the government track a suspect using a GPS device without a warrant? That question was at the center of a high-profile case before the Supreme Court on Tuesday. Judy Woodruff discusses the oral arguments in the case with the National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle.

November 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

'Shock' Continues Over Penn State Scandal, Paterno's Scarred Legacy: Thursday was the first day of the post-Joe Paterno era at Penn State, after a whirlwind of events that stemmed from sexual abuse charges against a former football coach. Jeffrey Brown discusses the continuing fallout.

November 21, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

News Wrap: Alleged NYC Bomb Plotter Arrested, Arraigned: In other news Monday, a man accused of plotting to bomb New York City police stations and post offices remained in custody. Jose Pimental, who was under surveillance for at least a year, was arrested over the weekend. Also, Spain's new ruling party came under pressure to spell out its plans to rescue the country's economy.

November 21, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

UC Davis Officials Under Fire Amid Outrage Over 'Occupy' Pepper Spraying: There was continuing criticism Monday about University of California, Davis police dousing student activists with pepper spray at close range during demonstrations over the weekend. Correspondent Spencer Michels reports.

November 29, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

How Effective Is Justice Department Crackdown on Counterfeit Goods Dealers? The Justice Department used Cyber Monday, the biggest online shopping day of the year, to shut down 150 websites that were allegedly peddling fake shoes, sporting goods and handbags. Gwen Ifill discusses the crackdown on counterfeit goods with author Larry Downes and Steve Tepp of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

November 18, 2011 9pm

Nazi Hunt: Elusive Justice, 2 hrs

Candice Bergen narrates this new documentary that explores the 65-year effort to identify, prosecute and punish the 20th century's most notorious murderers. In the face of apathy, obstruction and violence, the men and women who pursued Nazi fugitives brought a measure of dignity to the victims of the Holocaust while reminding the international community that enemies of humanity must be prosecuted and punished—if humanity is to survive.

December 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Politics, Race Play Role in Presidential Pardons, Investigation Finds: People who are white and well-connected are more likely to receive presidential pardons, a ProPublica investigation discovered this week. ProPublica's Dafna Linzer goes over the details of the investigation with Gwen Ifill.

December 15, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Film, Music Industries Battle Leading Internet Companies Over Online Piracy: U.S. film, TV and music producers are taking aim at leading Internet companies for allowing Web users to easily search and access pirated media. Jeffrey Brown explores options for policing pirated media with the Open Internet Coalition's Markham Erickson and the Motion Picture Association of America's Michael O'Leary.

Culture

October 6, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

After Draft less Decade of War, Gap Seen between Military, Civilians: After a decade of America at war, a new Pew poll documents the gap between those who have gone to the battlefield and those who haven't. Margret Warner reports.

October 27, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

World's Population Teeters on the Edge of 7 Billion: Now What? In partnership with the Pulitzer Center and National Geographic, the PBS NewsHour explores how the composition of our society is changing as the world population reaches 7 billion. Hari Sreenivasan discusses the population milestone with the U.N. Population Fund's Azza Karam and National Geographic magazine's Dennis Dimick.

November 3, 2011 11pm

Smokin' Fish, 1 hour

Cory Mann is a quirky Tlingit businessman hustling to make a dollar in Juneau Alaska. He gets hungry for smoked salmon, nostalgic for his childhood, and decides to spend a summer smoking fish at his family's traditional fish camp. The unusual story of his life and the untold history of his people interweave with the process of preparing traditional food as he struggles to pay his bills, keep the IRS off his back, and keep his business afloat. By turns tragic, bizarre, or just plain ridiculous, Smokin' Fish, tells the story of one man's attempts to navigate the messy zone of collision between the modern world and an ancient culture.

November 24, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Author Takes Fresh Look at Shaping of U.S. Cultural, Political Landscape: In his new book, author and historian Colin Woodard explores how America was shaped by settlement patterns dating back to the time of the first Thanksgiving. Margaret Warner talks with Woodard about "American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America."

December 6, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Parlez-Vous? Some Louisiana Pupils Being Immersed in French Instruction: Louisiana's French heritage is being embraced in many immersion classrooms in the state. It goes beyond language -- some students are learning math, science and social studies in French. Sue Lincoln of Louisiana Public Broadcasting and the Southern Education Desk reports.

Economy

October 19, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

News Wrap: Federal Reserve Reports Slight Improvement in U.S. Economy: In other news Wednesday, the Federal Reserve reported that the U.S. economy improved slightly in most regions in September and early October. Also, Citigroup agreed to \$285 million in fines and repayments to investors to settle charges it committed civil fraud before the housing collapse.

October 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Dems Pitch New Plan to Fund Jobs Bill: A Tax on Millionaires: Democratic leaders in the Senate proposed a surtax on millionaires on Wednesday to pay for President Obama's jobs bill. Jeffrey Brown discusses the move and its prospects with WNYC Radio's Todd Zwillich.

October 17, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

World Leaders Weigh Impact of Spreading Occupy Wall Street Protests: President Obama drew on public discontent Monday without directly mentioning the growing anti-Wall Street movement as he promoted his jobs bill in Asheville, N.C. Kwame Holman reports on the protests that are popping up around the world.

October 24, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 15 minutes

Would Obama's Refinancing Plan Boost Ailing Housing Market? With millions of Americans "underwater" on their mortgages and millions of homes facing foreclosure, President Obama unveiled a revamped home-loan refinancing program Monday during a stop in Nevada, which has the country's highest foreclosure rate. Judy Woodruff and guests examine the politics and substance of the plan.

October 25, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

With 20% Flat-Tax Plan, Perry Eyes Distinction From GOP Field: GOP hopeful and Texas Gov. Rick Perry unveiled his flat-tax proposal Tuesday at a South Carolina plastics plant. Judy Woodruff discusses his and other candidates' ideas for reforming the U.S. tax code with Stephen Moore of the conservative Club for Growth and Robert Kuttner, co-editor of The American Prospect magazine.

October 27, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Will Europe's Debt Deal Calm Fears of Prolonged Recessions? European leaders reached a deal over their debt crisis at an emergency summit Thursday in Brussels. Jeffrey Brown discusses how the new agreement is expected to help solve the eurozone's problems with Joao Vale de Almeida of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States and Eswar Prasad of Cornell University.

November 1, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Greece's Call for Referendum on Bailout Sends Markets Tumbling: Markets dropped Tuesday when Greece's leaders called for a referendum to the massive bailout package that emerged from an emergency summit last week. Jeffrey Brown reports.

November 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Deficit Super Committee Stuck in Stalemate as Deadline Nears: After more than three months of work, the congressional panel charged with

finding ways to cut the nation's budget deficit seems to be stuck in neutral. Judy Woodruff discusses the deadlock with super committee member Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.

November 16, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

'Patriotic Millionaires' Lobby Congress for Higher Taxes on Rich: Members of Patriotic Millionaires for Fiscal Strength visited Capitol Hill Wednesday, lobbying Congress for higher taxes on the rich. Jeffrey Brown discusses the group's goals with member Garrett Gruener, who founded Ask.com.

November 18, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Was Charles Darwin the Father of Economics as Well? What does the work of Charles Darwin have to do with economics? As part of his reporting on Making Sense of financial news, Paul Solman talks to Robert H. Frank, author of "The Darwin Economy: Liberty, Competition, and the Common Good," about the connection between economics and the father of evolution.

November 21, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 14 minutes

Deficit Supercommittee Admits Failure: Now What? The bipartisan congressional committee charged with cutting the U.S. deficit admitted failure on Monday. Judy Woodruff discusses the legislative logjam with Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute, Maya MacGuineas of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget and Henry Aaron of the Brookings Institution.

December 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Eurozone Leaders Consider Deficit Limits to Help Save Euro: Pressure is building in Europe to resolve the growing debt crisis. Gary Gibbon of Independent Television News reports on a critical meeting between Europe's leaders to consider deficit limits for each nation.

December 9, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Why Are Conservatives Happier Than Liberals? How do feelings about ideology and economic inequality affect a person's happiness? As part of his reporting of Making Sense of financial news, economics correspondent Paul Solman explores the connection and asks some liberals at Occupy DC and conservatives at the American Enterprise Institute to grade their own happiness.

December 12, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

What Do Tax Rates' Ups and Downs Mean for Economic Growth? Do higher tax rates slow economic growth? As part of his reporting on Making Sense of financial news, economics correspondent Paul Solman takes a look at the history of taxes.

December 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

News Wrap: Democrats Vow to Block GOP Payroll Tax Cut Bill: In other news Wednesday, the stalemate in Congress over extending the payroll tax cut continued as Senate Democrats said they will reject a House GOP bill that would extend it, but includes a mandate that work will begin on the Keystone XL pipeline. Also, the House debated a defense spending bill worth more than \$660 billion.

Education

October 3, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

India's Massive School Lunch Program Aims to Curb Widespread Malnutrition: The economy in India is growing rapidly, but not fast enough to take care of its millions of poor and hungry children. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on a solution that has resulted in the world's largest school lunch program.

October 11, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Stalling Economy Forces Pennsylvania Schools to Put Dreams on Hold: The weak economy is contributing to--and magnifying the problems--of some school districts around the United States. John Merrow, the NewsHour's special correspondent for education, reports on the problems one Pennsylvania district is facing.

October 25, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Calif. University Introduces First U.S. Multi-Faith School of Theology: Claremont Lincoln University, a graduate school in California, is the first in the United States to bring together Christians, Jews and Muslims in the same classrooms to educate the future leaders of churches, synagogues and mosques. Special correspondent Saul Gonzalez reports.

October 26, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Obama's Student Loan Relief Plan: How Helpful Would it Be? President Obama outlined a plan to speed up help for millions of Americans struggling with the cost of higher education. Gwen Ifill discusses the president's effort to ease the burden of student loans with "Generation Debt" author Anya Kamenetz and Jeff Selinger of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

October 23, 2011 4:30pm

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes

Single Sex-ist?: As more schools embrace single-sex classrooms, a new report says classrooms segregated by gender reinforce gender stereotypes. Health & Home: A new study finds low-income women who move to higher-income neighborhoods are less likely to become obese or have diabetes. What Moms Choose: Working Mother Media President Carol Evans discusses a new survey that reveals how working and stay-at-home moms view careers and family life.

November 8, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

St. Louis Teachers Voice Struggles Over Dropouts: Teachers are struggling to find solutions to the high school dropout crisis plaguing the nation. As part of our American Graduate Project series, Gwen Ifill discusses the challenges educators are facing in the classroom with Civic Enterprises' John Bridgeland.

November 9, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

Indiana Crafts Dropout Remedy Through Choice of Schools: Special correspondent John Tulenko reports from Indiana, where a voucher program allows families to choose religious schools, charter schools and public schools in neighboring districts for their children as part of an effort to provide more options when graduation rates are low.

November 25, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Detroit Tackles Dropout Crisis By Engaging Students, Parents: Education Secretary Arne Duncan has called Detroit, where four out of 10 children don't graduate from high school, "arguably, the worst school district in the country." Hari Sreenivasan and Detroit Public Television report on how the city's public schools are tackling poor graduation rates.

November 21, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

As Poorest U.S. City, Reading Also Struggling With High Dropout Rate: One city's struggle to regain its economic footing is also tied to significant problems in its schools. Jeffrey Brown reports from Reading, Pa., as part of our American Graduate series.

December 13, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

News Literacy Project Trains Young People to Be Skeptical Media Consumers: A program called the News Literacy Project is training young people in several major cities how to separate fact from fiction in the news they consume. Jeffrey Brown reports.

Employment

November 4, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

Stubbornly High Jobless Rate Offers Little Hope to Unemployed: The U.S. jobs report for October brought news of slow improvement for the American economy, but also continued worries that the stubbornly high unemployment rate isn't changing fast enough. Jeffrey Brown discusses the report with Catherine Rampell of The New York Times and Ingrid Schroeder of the Pew Fiscal Analysis Initiative.

October 6, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Obama to Congress: Vote on Jobs Bill or Find Better Idea: President Obama called a news conference Thursday where he pressed members of Congress to vote for his jobs package or present a better idea. Judy Woodruff reports.

October 11, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

Lawmakers Question Whether Obama's Jobs Bill Has the Right 'Formula': Senate Republicans moved Tuesday to block President Obama's \$447 billion jobs bill. Judy Woodruff leads a debate over the proposal, which includes a combination of tax cuts and infrastructure spending, with Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga.

October 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

Jobs Dominate Political Agenda for Obama, Republican Rivals: Jobs dominated the political agenda for President Obama and his Republican rivals on Friday, as everyone seemed to agree on the need to do something but there was little agreement on what to do. Ray Suarez reports.

October 18, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: Obama Presses Senate to Pass Parts of Jobs Bill: In other news Tuesday, President Obama was back on his bus tour in North Carolina and Virginia. He pressed the Senate to pass parts of his jobs

bill, which Republicans blocked last week. Also, Wall Street bounced back, recouping much of Monday's losses.

November 4, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour

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November 11, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Job-Seeking Vets Confront Stigma of 'Falling Behind' While Deployed: More than 12 percent of the roughly 2 million Iraq and Afghanistan veterans were jobless last month, compared to 9 percent of the total population. As part of his reporting on Making Sense of financial news, Paul Solman looks at the problems many service members face in finding a job back home.

November 30, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

How Would Payroll Tax Extensions Be Funded? President Obama wants to extend a payroll tax cut and many Republicans do too, but both sides are far apart on how to get it done. Gwen Ifill discusses how the extension could be funded with White House National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling and Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo.

December 2, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

U.S. Jobs Picture Shows Some Promise, but Many in 'Very Long Struggle' for Work: The November unemployment report came out Friday, and it showed new job creation and a surprising drop in unemployment. However, the outlook remains bleak for many job seekers. Jeffrey Brown discusses the latest numbers with Diane Swonk of Mesirov Financial and Carl Van Horn of the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development.

Energy

October 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Environment, Economy at Heart of Keystone XL Pipeline Debate: A Canadian company wants to build a \$13 billion, 1,700-mile pipeline to carry crude oil from the so-called tar sands region in Alberta through six states and a major aquifer to Texas for refining. Correspondent Tom Bearden reports from Nebraska on the high-stakes environmental and economic battle over the Keystone XL project.

October 4, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

How Bright Is Solar Power's Future in a Post-Solyndra America? After the Obama administration-embraced solar-panel company Solyndra collapsed and defaulted on its government-backed loans, the surging U.S. solar industry is suddenly worried that the subsidies it receives--tax credits and loans guarantees--could dry up in the face of opposition from conservatives. Spencer Michels reports.

November 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Obama Administration Delays Keystone XL Pipeline Approval: Should President Obama approve a major extension of the Keystone XL pipeline?

Ray Suarez discusses that question, which has divided business, environmental groups and labor unions, with The Washington Post's Juliet Eilperin.

November 17, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 13 minutes

Amid Solyndra Turmoil, How Involved Should Government Be in Energy Research? Should the government help spur or back certain kinds of energy research? Jeffrey Brown discusses the political storm over the government's backing of the now-bankrupt solar panel manufacturer Solyndra with Eileen Claussen of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions and Robert Bryce of The Manhattan Institute.

December 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

For Wind Energy's Future, Researchers Look High in the Sky: The next major innovation in wind power might not involve big, white turbines dotting the countryside. KQED QUEST reports on research being done on "tethered airfoils" that could capture wind energy more efficiently than earthbound turbines. This report is part of the NewsHour's Connect series of quality public media reporting.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

October 6, 2011 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Field Guide

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. 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.

October 13, 2011 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Field Guide

Elk at Mount St. Helens-Elk populations are booming at Mount St. Helens. but there is concern about some steps to help them-steps that include building giant structures in the middle of the Toutle River.

October 20, 2011 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Field Guide

ODFW continues 60 years of bighorn restoration with their latest release in historic sheep country near the John Day Fossil Beds. Within months many of the sheep had spread out through remote canyons and newborn lambs were leaping with them up cliffs. But one group of rams wandered another direction, leading to a serious setback, which resulted in their deaths. A beautiful tour of the stunning Jordan Craters and Leslie Gulch as we learn more about the wonders of Oregon geology. Have you ever heard of a fen these unique geographic features used to be fairly common in Western Oregon and Washington but now they are rare. We visit what may be the last intact fen left in the Willamette Valley and see plant species that exist nowhere else.

October 27, 2011 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Field Guide

More bald eagles spend the winter in Oregon than anywhere in the U.S. outside Alaska. The national symbol is no longer endangered. Yet there

is one area in Oregon where eagles have trouble successfully hatching eggs. Jim Anderson is one of Oregon's most beloved naturalists. We celebrate his legacy and the many stories he's been involved with over the decades on Oregon Field Guide

November 3, 2011 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Field Guide

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

November 17, 2011 8pm, 1 hour

Oregon Field Guide: Columbia Gorge

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Act turns 25 years old this month. Gorge land managers had a dual mandate: protect an 85-mile stretch of incredible scenery and encourage economic development in the Gorge. The Field Guide team looks at the path to getting the law passed by Congress, the race to save prized parcels of land from bulldozers, the rise of high-tech and recreation, new threats from wind development and haze that obscure the beauty of the Gorge, the evocative Confluence Project by artist Maya Lin that spans the Scenic Area, and what the Act means to the tribes that have long called it home.

December 1, 2011 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Field Guide

Against a backdrop of the Hanford Nuclear Weapons complex and some of the most toxic real estate on earth, burrowing owls continue to flourish in a protected buffer of sagebrush desert. But in the Tri-Cities, habitat loss is forcing the owls to move on, or die trying. An in-depth look at the ant and how to control its destructive nature.

December 29, 2011 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Field Guide

These are wild, tusked, dangerous swine that are wreaking havoc on the landscape. Can Oregon keep feral pigs from running hog wild over the land? Then we take you underwater for a rare view of wild trout. You'll be surprised by what we saw. And you'll see why some farmers are being paid to grow a very unusual crop: swamps. That's right: wetland farming.

October 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 2 minutes

Swollen Rivers, Surging Floodwaters Devastate Thailand's Central Plains: Monsoon season combined with typhoon season has wrought disaster throughout Asia, from Korea and Japan, south through the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia. The latest target is Thailand where the central plains are seeing the worst flooding in half a century. Judy Woodruff reports.

October 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Mother Nature, Manmade Changes Fuel Flooding Across Asia:

The worst floods in half a century are devastating Thailand's central plains while floodwaters are headed toward densely populated Bangkok. Judy Woodruff discusses the latest developments in the Asian floods with Kamal Kishore, a United Nations crisis prevention and recovery official, and Catharin Dalpino of Simmons College.

October 20, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

Earthquake Prediction: Could We Ever Forecast the Next Big One? Hundreds of cities on the U.S. West Coast took part in the 2011 Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill on Thursday, just hours before a small tremor hit the San Francisco Bay Area. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports from Japan on efforts to predict big quakes before they hit.

October 24, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 2 minutes

In Turkey 'There Are Lives to Be Saved and No Time to Waste' After Earthquake: A 7.2-magnitude earthquake hit Turkey on Sunday, killing at least 279 people and injuring more than 1,000. As aftershocks continued to hit the region, rescuers scrambled to free dozens of victims trapped in the rubble. John Ray of Independent Television News reports on the rescue efforts.

November 7, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Gold Lures Illegal Miners to Peru's Rainforests: In southeastern Peru, where the Andes Mountains meet the Amazon, lies one of the world's richest ecosystems and the destructive lure of gold. In a collaboration with the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, special correspondent Steve Sapienza reports on illegal gold mining in Peru.

November 2, 2011 8pm

Nature: The Animal House, 1 hour

Why do some animals build structures and others don't? And how do animals decide where to build? Animal homes need to be safe and secure, protected from predators and the weather. An eagle's nest can weigh up to one ton, a termite mound can stand eight feet tall, and some falcon nest sites have been around for centuries. Going above ground and under, NATURE investigates just what goes into making a home when you're wild and cost is not a factor.

November 17, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

How Do You Protect Against a Tsunami? Researchers in Japan are working to find ways to limit the most-catastrophic damage from tsunamis. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports.

December 7, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

In Japan, Tsunami-Hit Town Still Abandoned, Barren: The March earthquake and tsunami that devastated Japan killed 2,000 people in the town of Minamisanriku, leaving it flattened and abandoned. Independent Television News' Alex Thomson reported from there soon after the disaster and returned last month.

December 12, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

After Durban, What Comes Next for Climate Policy? At the 17th U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change in South Africa, leaders from around the world came to a broad last-minute compromise, but details were scarce. Ray Suarez discusses what comes next after the Durban

summit with the University of Maryland's Nathan Hultman and the Clean Air Task Force's Samuel Thernstorm.

Family/Marriage

October 2, 2011 4pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes

Catholic Charities and Gay Adoption: Catholic Charities in Illinois refuses to accept same-sex and unmarried couples for adoption or foster parenting. The state recognizes civil unions, and it wants to withdraw the charity's funding for such placements. Surrogate Mothers in India: Clinics in India pay poor women a lot of money to be surrogate mothers, but "the contracts are usually written to protect the wealthy people who are commissioning the baby," says ethicist Arthur Caplan. Jewish Social Justice: "This is a new wave of activism through what one eats, that what we eat and what we buy is a vote of confidence in our highest values," says Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz.

November 3, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Census: 1 in 15 Americans Among the Poorest of the Poor: New Census data out Thursday show that one in 15 Americans now lives in extreme poverty and earns less than half of the official poverty line. Jeffrey Brown discusses the spread of poverty and the implications for families and communities with Elizabeth Kneebone of the Brookings Institution.

Health/Health Care

October 3, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Nobels Honor Immune System Research Paving Way for New Vaccines, Treatments: American Bruce Beutler and Luxembourg-born Jules Hoffmann shared this year's Nobel Prize in medicine with Canadian-born Ralph Steinman, who died on Friday, for their discoveries related to the immune system. Jeffrey Brown discusses their work with Dr. Anthony Fauci of The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

November 16, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Program Brings Dental Care to Remote Alaskans, but Some Dentists Are Skeptical: A program to train dental therapists to perform basic care in rural Alaska has been met with both praise and skepticism. Health correspondent Betty Ann Bowser continues her series of reports on dental costs, coverage and access for Americans.

November 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Health Reform Law to Face Constitutional Test in Supreme Court: On Monday, the Supreme Court agreed to hear arguments next spring on the constitutionality of the health care reform law. Jeffrey Brown discusses the political and legal implications with The National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle and NPR's Julie Rovner.

October 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

War-Torn Liberia Struggles to Care for Mentally Ill: After decades of civil war, Liberia struggles to provide mental health care for its citizens. In partnership with the Bureau for International Reporting, special correspondent Kira Kay reports.

October 13, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Reconstructing Black Death: Why Was Plague Microbe so Deadly?

Researchers announced Wednesday that they've managed to reconstruct the genome of the Black Death, the illness that wiped out around half of Europe's population in just a few years in the mid-1300s. Ray Suarez discusses the developments with geneticist Hendrick Poinar of McMaster University.

October 13, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

Search for Alzheimer's Cure Leads Researchers to Colombian Highlands: The search for a cure for Alzheimer's disease has taken researchers to a remote region in the Colombian Highlands. Tom Clarke of Independent Television News reports.

October 20, 2011

PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Patients, Doctors Face Tough Questions Amid Changes in Prostate Cancer Screening: There have been plenty of questions and reactions in the medical community since a government panel recommended changing the way men are screened for prostate cancer. Health correspondent Betty Ann Bowser reports on some of the responses among patients and doctors.

November 2, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Virus Hunter Tracks New and Deadly Pathogens Around the Globe:

Stanford University biologist Nathan Wolfe is the founder and director of the Global Viral Forecasting Initiative and one of the world's more prominent virus hunters. Ray Suarez and Wolfe discuss his new book, "The Viral Storm: The Dawn of a New Pandemic Age," and new viruses emerging around the planet.

November 15, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Millions of Americans Face Life Without Dental Care: The lack of access to dental care is a problem that affects millions of Americans. Health correspondent Betty Ann Bowser reports.

November 30, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour

As Lipitor's Patent Expires, Is Era of 'Blockbuster Drugs' Over? After 14 years on the market, the most profitable prescription drug in history, Lipitor, is going generic as patients, doctors and the pharmaceutical industry wait to see what will happen. Margaret Warner discusses the implications with Dr. Jerry Avorn of Harvard Medical School.

December 1, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

When Will We See an AIDS-Free Generation? On World AIDS Day, President Obama pledged Thursday to provide HIV treatment for millions more around the world. Jeffrey Brown discusses the state of the epidemic with U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator Ambassador Eric Goosby, clinic director Dr. Patricia Nkansah-Asamoah and David Ernesto Munar of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

December 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Army Program Aims to Build Troops' Mental Resilience to Stress: In 2009, the Army launched a program designed to help the country's 1.4 million people in uniform cope after tours in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Betty Ann Bowser reports on the goals of the \$140 million Comprehensive Soldier Fitness initiative, and the controversy it has created.

Homosexuality

October 4, 2011 11pm, 30 minutes

In The Life

IN THE LIFE marks twenty years on public television celebrating and documenting the faces, voices and stories of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. This season premiere opens with analysis of New York's vote for marriage equality and closes with a look back at twenty years of covering the culture wars.

November 15, 2011 11pm, 30 minutes

In the Life

There are an estimated 1.6-2.8 million homeless youth in the United States, up to 40% identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. IN THE LIFE examines the plight of LGBT youth experiencing homelessness.

December 20, 2011 11pm, 30 minutes

In the Life

30 years after the first AIDS case was reported in the US, more than a million Americans are HIV positive. One in five don't know it and 56,000 are newly infected each year. But if you only watch mainstream media, you would have no idea of the pandemic's ongoing impact.

December 1, 2011 11pm

The Grove, 1 hour

More Americans have been lost to AIDS than in all the U.S. wars since 1900, and the pandemic has killed 22 million people worldwide. Few know about the existence of the National AIDS Memorial, a seven-acre grove hidden in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. This documentary chronicles the garden's transformation from a neglected eyesore to a landscaped sanctuary to a national memorial. The film shows how a community in crisis found healing and remembrance, and how the seeds of a few visionary environmentalists blossomed into something larger than they could have imagined. However, controversy erupted over an international design competition, opening up questions of what it means to be a national memorial - and how to mark a time of unimaginable loss.

Housing/Shelter

November 16, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac Executives' Bonuses Draw Rebuke from Lawmakers: The compensation practices at two government-controlled mortgage giants came under heavy fire on Capitol Hill on Wednesday. Margret Warner discusses what accounts for executive bonuses at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac with Politico's Josh Boak and The Wall Street Journal's Nick Timiraos.

October 24, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 15 minutes

Would Obama's Refinancing Plan Boost Ailing Housing Market? With millions of Americans "underwater" on their mortgages and millions of homes facing foreclosure, President Obama unveiled a revamped home-loan refinancing program Monday during a stop in Nevada, which has the country's highest foreclosure rate. Judy Woodruff and guests examine the politics and substance of the plan.

November 28, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

N.Y. Judge Rejects SEC's \$285M Deal with Citigroup as 'Unfair, Unreasonable': A federal judge on Monday rejected a settlement between the Securities and Exchange Commission and Citigroup over mortgage deals dating back to the housing bust and the financial crisis. Ray Suarez discusses the latest developments with Edward Wyatt of The New York Times and Jacob Frenkel of Shulman Rogers Gandal Pordy & Ecker.

Immigration/Refugees

October 13, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

Alabama's Immigration Law: Assessing the Economic, Social Impact: The economic and social effects of Alabama's new immigration law are starting to show. Judy Woodruff discusses the impact with Grow Alabama's Jerry Spencer, State Rep. Mike Ball, R-Huntsville, and the Rosa Toussaint-Ortiz of the Hispanic-Latino Advisory Committee.

October 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

News Wrap: Federal Appeals Court Gives Mixed Ruling on Ala. Immigration Law: In other news Friday, a federal appeals court upheld a key part of a controversial Alabama immigration law, and blocked another. The ruling allows police to detain anyone suspected of being in the country illegally. In New York City, anti-Wall Street protesters claimed victory after plans to clean up their campsite were delayed.

October 28, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

For Undocumented Workers, It's Not-so-Sweet Home Alabama: The controversial Alabama immigration law, known as HB 56, instructs employers to check a worker's immigration status with the government's E-Verify system. Paul Solman reports from Alabama on how one of the nation's toughest immigration laws affects workers and employers.

November 23, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour,

Bachmann: Gingrich's Immigration Stance 'Most Liberal' in GOP Race: In an interview Wednesday with Jeffrey Brown, GOP presidential hopeful Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., discussed her GOP rivals' views on immigration, her choice of language on the campaign trail, what the U.S. should do with enemy combatants and criticized the Obama administration for its handling of Solyndra's loan guarantee.

December 26, 2011 11pm

Forgotten Ellis Island

This is the first documentary about the abandoned immigrant hospital on Ellis Island. During the great wave of immigration, 22 medical buildings sprawled across two islands adjacent to Ellis Island, the largest port of entry to the United States. Massive and modern, the hospital was America's first line of defense against contagious, often virulent, disease. In the era before antibiotics, tens of thousands of immigrant patients were separated from family, detained in the hospital and healed from illness before becoming citizens. FORGOTTEN ELLIS ISLAND is a powerful reminder of the best - and worst - of America's dealings with its new citizens-to-be.

December 13, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Supreme Court Lines up: Supreme Court justices agreed Monday to take up a tough immigration law from Arizona that would, among other things,

punish illegal immigrants who apply for work in the state. Gwen Ifill discusses this and other controversial cases with the National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle and author Jeff Shesol.

Minorities/Civil Rights

November 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Harry Belafonte Reflects on Life as a Singer, Actor and Activist: Harry Belafonte is not only a musical icon, but also a lifelong political and social activist. Gwen Ifill talks with Belafonte about his life as a singer, actor and civil rights activist.

December 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Politics, Race Play Role in Presidential Pardons, Investigation Finds: People who are white and well-connected are more likely to receive presidential pardons, a ProPublica investigation discovered this week. ProPublica's Dafna Linzer goes over the details of the investigation with Gwen Ifill.

December 15, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Book Tells How Iconic Civil Rights Era Photo Changed Lives of 2 Women: The story of how one iconic civil rights era photograph changed the lives of two women is the subject of David Margolick's new book, "Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock." Ray Suarez and the Vanity Fair editor discuss the not-yet-finished story.

National Politics/Government

October 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Mitt Romney's Mormonism Marks Tricky Territory for GOP Rivals: After endorsing Gov. Rick Perry at the Value Voters Summit in Washing on Friday, Baptist minister Robert Jeffress focused on GOP candidate Mitt Romney's faith, saying, "Mormonism is a cult." Judy Woodruff discusses the role of religion in the Republican presidential race with the Christian Broadcasting Network's David Brody.

October 13, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

World Leaders Weigh Options Over Alleged Iranian Plot Inside U.S.: At a news conference Thursday, President Obama addressed the alleged Iran-backed terror plot to murder the Saudi ambassador to Washington, warning, "There are going to be consequences." Jeffrey Brown reports.

October 20, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Looking Back at Gadhafi's Brutal, Sometimes Bizarre 42-Year Reign: Moammar Gadhafi, killed by rebel forces on Thursday, had been hunted by rebels since the Arab Spring began in Libya in February. Gwen Ifill reports on how the dictator came to power, his 42-year rule and his mostly contentious relationship with the U.S.

October 21, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

McDonough: U.S. Military Brass 'Absolutely' OK With Iraq Withdrawal by 2012: President Obama announced Friday that all but a few dozen American troops will leave Iraq by the end of the year as planned, and that the "long war" will come to an end. Margaret Warner discusses the

withdrawal logistics and the politics of the president's announcement with Deputy National Security Adviser Denis McDonough.

October 24, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Clinton Eyes Patching up Rocky U.S.-Pakistani Relations: The relationship between Pakistan and the United States "has not been an easy one" lately, Secretary Hillary Clinton said Friday during a diplomatic mission to Islamabad. Margaret Warner reports on the ongoing tensions between the two nations.

November 1, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

Super Committee Urged to 'Go Big' on Deficit Cuts: There are just over three weeks to go until the Congressional Super Committee's deficit reduction report is due. Kwame Holman provides an update on the progress.

November 8, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Cain Denies Harassment Claim, Vows to Stay in Race: GOP hopeful Herman Cain went before cameras late Tuesday in Scottsdale, Ariz. to deny allegations made by a Chicago-area woman that he made unwanted sexual advances toward her more than a decade ago. Judy Woodruff and Political Editor David Chalian discuss the scandal's impact on Cain's bid for the White House.

November 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Perry Campaign Looks to Rebound from Embarrassing Debate Gaffe: Texas Gov. Rick Perry moved to rebound from his embarrassing gaffe at the Republican presidential debate on Wednesday. Judy Woodruff and NewsHour Political Editor David Chalian recap the highlights of the debate.

November 15, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Congressional Deficit Panel Gridlock Persists as Deadline Nears: Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill still seemed miles apart on a deficit-reduction agreement on Tuesday, with just eight days to go before a self-mandated deadline. Congressional correspondent Kwame Holman reports.

November 16, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

What Does U.S. Military Deployment Mean for Asia-Pacific? President Obama announced Wednesday that more than 2,000 U.S. troops will head to Australia, but he stopped short of saying the move was meant as a message to China. Ray Suarez explores what the move means for regional politics with Jeffrey Bader of The Brookings Institution and John Higley of the University of Texas at Austin.

November 18, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

U.S. Dispatches Secretary Clinton to Myanmar: President Obama announced Friday that he'll send Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to the Asian nation of Myanmar, which has long been isolated from much of the world. Margret Warner reports.

November 23, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

GOP Hopefuls Draw Sharp Divisions on Foreign Policy at Debate: Eight Republican candidates gathered Tuesday night in Washington, D.C., for

their 11th debate, which centered on foreign policy and national security. Ray Suarez recaps the debate with NPR's Ari Shapiro.

November 25, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

How Will Latest Protests Affect Egypt's Elections? On Friday the Obama administration issued a statement urging Egypt's ruling military council to speed up the transition to civilian rule, as angry protesters reiterated their impatience for change. Margaret Warner discusses the latest developments with the International Crisis Group's Robert Malley and journalist Gameela Ismail.

November 25, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

New Nixon Tapes Reveal Details of Meeting With Anti-War Activists: Recently released audio recordings detail President Richard Nixon's surreal meeting with anti-Vietnam War protesters at the Lincoln Memorial one night more than four decades ago. Ray Suarez reports.

December 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

After Surging in Polls, How Could Newt Gingrich Clinch Nomination? A month away from the Iowa caucuses, two new polls show that the race for the Republican presidential nomination has a new frontrunner: Newt Gingrich. Judy Woodruff takes a look at the latest poll results with The Washington Post's Dan Balz and J. Ann Selzer, president of Selzer & Company, which conducted one of the Iowa polls.

December 12, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Obama Marks Troop Withdrawal: U.S. Will Be 'Enduring Partner' for Iraq: President Obama and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki held a final summit Monday before the last American troops withdraw from Iraq. Jeffrey Brown reports on the Dec. 31 deadline that comes after 8 years of war and nearly 4,500 Americans killed.

Nuclear Issues/WMD's

October 19, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour

The historic nuclear accident at Chernobyl is now 25 years old. Filmmakers and scientists set out to document the lives of the packs of wolves and other wildlife thriving in the "dead zone" that still surrounds the remains of the reactor.

November 8, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Is Iran Capable of Developing Nuclear Weapons? The International Atomic Energy Agency has been trying for years to monitor the Iranian program and determine if it is trying to develop nuclear weapons. Ray Suarez discusses the agency's latest report with former U.N. weapons inspector David Albright.

November 9, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

News Wrap: Iran Vows to Pursue Nuclear Program: In other news Wednesday, Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed his country will continue to build up its nuclear program but said it does not intend to build weapons. The U.N. nuclear agency reported Tuesday that Iran is conducting tests that would enable it to build nuclear arms.

November 1, 2011 9pm

Secrets of the Dead: The World's Biggest Bomb, 1 hour

Beginning in the 1950s, American and Soviet scientists engaged in a dangerous race to see who could build and detonate the world's largest bomb. The results exceeded all expectations about how big a bomb could be built. This is a story where the United States led the way, but then left the field clear for the Soviet Union to break all records. Terrifyingly, the bomb-makers on both sides were flying blind as they pushed the technology far into unknown territory. The story of the race to build the world's biggest bomb has never been fully told. But this 50-year anniversary provides the perfect opportunity share this chilling story with the world.

November 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Safecast Draws on Power of the Crowd to Map Japan's Radiation: Eight months after a tsunami caused a nuclear accident in Japan, ordinary people are using new technology and the power of crowd sourcing to find radiation hotspots. NewsHour science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports from Japan.

Poverty/Hunger

October 19, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

In Brazil's Slums, Economic Inequality Tackled With Technology: Rio de Janeiro's gleaming skyline befits a world economic power, but it is not far from violent, impoverished slums. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on one man's efforts to tackle Brazil's wealth inequality by providing poor people access to technology.

November 7, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

49 Million Americans in Poverty, Census Calculates: The Census Bureau released a new unofficial count of poverty in America on Monday, showing about 16 percent of the population live at or below the poverty line. Ray Suarez discusses the new numbers with The Brookings Institution's Ron Haskins and the Institute for Women's Policy Research's Heidi Harrmann.

November 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Somali Refugees Flee to Ethiopia to Escape Famine, Violence: Kenyan troops have been drawn into the civil war in Somalia between the government and al-Shabab militants as desperate refugees flee to Ethiopia to escape violence and famine. Special Correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports from a refugee camp near Dolo, on the Ethiopian border with Somalia.

November 17, 2011 4pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes

Combating Hunger: "When we've had that political will to reduce poverty, we've been able to do it in our country, and that's what we need to mobilize now," says Reverend David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World. **Donor Fatigue:** "They don't believe that either change is possible there or that their money, or their resources, what they give, will actually translate into something different on the ground. That's the crisis that we're seeing," says American Refugee Committee president Daniel Wordsworth. **Dr. Brenda Williams:** "The houses are not just 'given' to the families," says Dr. Brenda Williams, "They have to work for it. They have to earn it." She and her husband have been using their own money to provide homes to disadvantaged families.

December 15, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

News Wrap: Nearly Half of Americans in Poverty or Low-Income, Census Says: In other news Thursday, a new look at U.S. Census data painted a stark picture of poverty. It showed nearly one in two Americans are now in poverty, or classified as low-income. Also, the war in Iraq officially ended after nearly nine years.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

November 10, 2011 8:30pm, 30 minutes
Oregon Field Guide

We follow students taking a level-one avalanche course with regional expert Glenn Kessler. The course includes snow profile analysis, avalanche beacon drills and basic snow science. Join a trawler on the high seas as he makes the worst catch imaginable: highly restricted canary rockfish. He must handle the unwanted haul under a brand new set of rules imposed on the industry in 2011. Catch shares now give out individual quotas of fish and hold those trawlers accountable when they catch too many. It's the biggest change to west coast trawling in 50 years.

December 22, 2011 8:30pm, 30 minutes
Oregon Field Guide

We check in with Archeologists in search of the Spanish Galleon that crashed off the coast of Manzanita 300 years ago. The ship, known as the Beeswax, has been throwing off treasures to beachcombers ever since. This is no NASCAR race. Watch as an electric car leaves a gas car in the dust as Portland makes a home for the National Electric Drag Racing Association. Oregon's native bumblebees are disappearing. We'll show you why and what one farmer is doing to help bring them back.

November 9, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

As Paterno Leaves, Questions Remain on Penn State's Legal Obligations: Legendary Penn State coach Joe Paterno announced he will retire at the end of the season after days of scrutiny over his handling of allegations of sexual abuse by his former coach Jerry Sandusky, who was arrested Saturday. Ray Suarez discusses the scandal with trial lawyer Jeff Anderson.

November 15, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

NBA Labor Battle Continues, Threatening Entire Season: The entire NBA season is on the brink as talks between players and owners, aimed at ending the lockout, break down. Ray Suarez discusses what's at stake with Ian Thomsen of Sport Illustrated.

December 6, 2011 7pm
PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Death of NHL 'Enforcer' Boogaard Puts Spotlight on Repeated Head Trauma: Brain research done after the death of Derek Boogaard, a National Hockey League brawler who was just 28, found that he had a degenerative condition similar to Alzheimer's caused by repeated head trauma. Jeffrey Brown speaks with The New York Times' John Branch and Dr. Robert Cantu for more on the issues raised by the death.

Religion/Ethics

October 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Supreme Court Considers Case on Discrimination in Religious Schools: Judy Woodruff discusses a Supreme Court case that considers the founding principle of the separation of church and state with the National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle.

October 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Deadly Clashes in Egypt Raise Specter of Sectarian Conflict: Funerals were held Monday for some of the 26 protesters killed Sunday in Cairo when clashes broke out between Coptic Christians, Muslims and security forces. Ray Suarez reports on the violence that also left more than 500 people wounded.

October 9, 2011 4pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes

Supreme Court: Ministerial Exception: "If anything is covered by separation of church and state, this is it," says lawyer Douglas Laycock, who argued for the Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School, and nearly 100 diverse religious groups filed briefs supporting a church's right to choose its own ministers. Andrew Greeley: Despite having sustained a serious head injury three years ago, Father Andrew Greeley is still a priest. "We know that he is blessed, and he's blessing us, and it means a lot," says Greeley's niece, Eileen Durkin. Delhi Jews: "Now we have only 5,000 Jews all over India, and in Delhi we have only five, six Indian Jewish families. We are like a drop in the ocean," says Ezekiel Malekar, keeper of Delhi's tiny synagogue. Higher Ground: Actress Vera Farmiga plays a woman who is "wrestling with the Lord and refusing to let him go until she understands and until he blesses her," says writer and author Frederica Mathewes-Green.

October 30, 2011 4pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes

Survey on American Catholics: A new survey finds that Catholics in the US are making up their own minds about social and moral concerns. As one of the authors of the survey, William D'Antonio, said, American Catholics like being Catholic but they like to do it on their own terms. Wounded Soldiers Center: "To know that someone is there, that someone that comes from home to take care of you makes a tremendous difference for our warriors," says Judith Markelz, director of the Warrior and Family Support Center in San Antonio. Religion at Occupy Wall Street: "We are here to provide a religious presence. We are here to listen to people, to hear what's on their hearts. And we're here to pray with people...because people are in crisis and that's why we are all here." says protest chaplain Erica Richmond. Day of the Dead: Many Latinos observe what they call the Day of the Dead, when it's believed the spirits of the departed return to Earth. There are different traditions for this across Latin America, and Hispanics in the U.S. are celebrating as well.

November 13, 2011 4pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes

Chaplain Burnout: Some chaplains have seen and ministered to so many dying or badly wounded soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan they themselves have become casualties. Richard Rohr: "Religion isn't bad, but until religion becomes actual spiritual experience, it is just religion," says this sometimes controversial Franciscan priest and author.

November 20, 2011 4pm

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes

Penn State and Clergy Sex Abuse Parallels: Watch Kevin Eckstrom, editor of Religion News Service, and Kim Lawton, managing editor of Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, compare what happened at Penn State and the long-running sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church. Happiness and a High Standard of Living: "Something like happiness, it sound frivolous, but it's not frivolous. The purpose of society is to create a better quality of life for all the people. It's not to create the highest amount of aggregate wealth," says international business consultant and author David Rothkopf. Spirituality and Humor: "There's a fundamental misunderstanding that says religion needs to be serious all the time and gloomy and dour," says Rev. James Martin, S.J., author of Between Heaven and Mirth, who believes humor is good for one's spiritual health.

Science/Technology

October 4, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

U.S. Scientists' Research on Universe Expansion Earns Nobel Nod: Three U.S. physicists won the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for discovering through the study of supernovae that the universe is not just expanding, but speeding up. KQED's Andrea Kissack profiles one of the scientists and his research.

October 6, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Remembering the Life, Designs of Digital Visionary Steve Jobs: In a statement late Wednesday, Apple said its co-founder and former CEO Steve Jobs lost his battle with pancreatic cancer at age 56. Correspondent Spence Michels looks back on the life and work of the digital visionary.

October 20, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Earthquake Prediction: Could We Ever Forecast the Next Big One? Hundreds of cities on the U.S. West Coast took part in the 2011 Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill on Thursday, just hours before a small tremor hit the San Francisco Bay Area. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports from Japan on efforts to predict big quakes before they hit.

November 2, 2011 10pm

Steve Jobs - One Last Thing, 1 hour

In the aftermath of the death of probably the most inspirational computer designers and innovators of the 21st century, this film takes an in-depth look at the life and work of Apple boss, Steve Jobs to examine how and why he revolutionized our world.

November 21, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Book Chronicles Fight to Save Web from Sophisticated Computer Worm: In "Worm: The First Digital World War," journalist Mark Bowden chronicles computer security experts' campaign to detect and defeat a sophisticated new computer worm. Margret Warner and Bowden discuss the Conficker worm, which was first detected in 2008 and ultimately invaded at least 12 million computers worldwide.

November 22, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Accelerators Groom Technology Ventures for Success: The Kauffman Foundation, which studies entrepreneurship, recently found that startups create about 3 million new jobs a year. Hari Sreenivasan reports on efforts to nurture promising companies and bring them to market faster.

December 1, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

For Frequent Fliers, How Big a Concern Is Backscatter Body Scan Radiation? As millions of Americans take to the skies for holiday travel, some scientists have raised concerns about the small dose of ionizing radiation emitted by backscatter full-body scanners used to screen passengers at U.S. airports. In partnership with ProPublica, Miles O'Brien examines what we do and don't know about the machines.

December 6, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Newly Discovered Massive Black Holes Dwarf Previous Record Holders: Astronomers recently discovered two massive black holes more than 300 million light years away. Nothing, not even light, can escape the pull of these black holes, which are each 10 billion times the mass of the sun. University of California, Berkeley professor Chung-Pei Ma joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the latest findings.

December 15, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

Spare Parts for Humans: Tissue Engineers Aim for Lab-Grown Limbs, Lungs and More: A new research breakthrough has enabled scientists to grow human tissue to repair or replace organs, and someday, maybe even limbs. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports.

Sexuality

November 2, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Cain's Whole Message 'Consumed' by Harassment Claims: Herman Cain faced a third day of scrutiny over sexual harassment allegations on Wednesday, when a third woman said he made inappropriate remarks to her during his time as the head of the National Restaurant Association. Ray Suarez discusses the new allegations and the political impact with Jeff Zeleny of The New York Times.

November 6, 2011 4:30pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Cain Controversy: Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain's campaign may be in jeopardy after three women allege Cain sexually harassed in the 1990's. Global Gender Gap: A new report by the World Economic Forum ranks the U.S. seventeenth in the world when it comes to narrowing the gender gap. Domestic Workers Convention: A groundbreaking international treaty aims to protect the human rights of millions of domestic workers worldwide, the vast majority of whom are women and girls.

November 20, 2011 4:30pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes

Empowering Victims: Media attention on the child sex scandals plaguing Penn State University and the Catholic Church are encouraging more victims to come forward and seek justice. Betty Dukes v. Wal-Mart: The lead plaintiff in the gender bias case against Wal-Mart discusses her drive to keep fighting as the case enters state courts. Meryl Streep: Academy Award winning actress Meryl Streep is using her star power to

make the National Women's History Museum a reality on the National Mall.

Social Services

October 19, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

Social Security Recipients to Get 3.6% Boost, but How Much Will it Help? Starting in January, 55 million Social Security recipients will get a 3.6 percent bump in benefits. Margret Warner discusses the cost-of-living adjustment, which is tied to inflation, with Robert Reischauer of the Urban Institute.

November 27, 2011 4:30pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes

Drug Test for Dollars: As over three dozen states consider drug tests for public assistance benefits, Florida's law requiring drug testing for welfare applicants has been halted by a federal judge. Sperm Rights: The Supreme Court prepares to hear the case of a woman asking for social security for her child, born after the death of her husband, through sperm he stored before his death, raising the question of sperm donors rights. Family Caregivers: In honor of National Family Caregivers month, we talk with a caregiver activist about the challenges and benefits of taking care of loved ones.

December 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

After String of Disasters, Aid Organizations Struggle to Meet Demands: Private aid organizations are struggling to maintain their funding levels for relief efforts in the wake of multiple crises around the world. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on the trend as part of the Under-Told Stories project.

State Wide Culture and History

October 10, 2011 9pm

Oregon Experience: Reed, 1 hour

Reed College has cultivated extraordinary thinkers, entrepreneurs, writers and poets, scientists and political leaders that have changed life in our country in profound ways, making this story one with an impact that stretches far beyond the Northwest. The program will showcase Reed as a serious institution of higher learning -- nationally recognized for its academic rigor and intellectual freedom --but also explore common perceptions that many people harbor in the community -- that of Reed College as a hotbed of radicalism. The history and traditions of Reed will unfold in the context of local and national historical events with stories about individuals and relationships. We'll follow the institution from its modest beginnings in a downtown Portland warehouse up through modern times. We'll take a look Reed's future as well.

November 1, 2011 8pm

Oregon Experience: Linus Pauling, 1 hour

Born in eastern Oregon in 1901, raised in Portland and a graduate of Oregon Agricultural College in Corvallis, Linus Pauling was one of the greatest scientists and humanitarians of the 20th century. He was the only person ever to win two unshared Nobel Prizes (for Chemistry in 1954 and for Peace in 1963).

November 8, 2011 8pm

Oregon Experience: Modoc War, 30 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. Lead 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.

Transportation

October 12, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

UAW, Big 3 Reach Agreement amid New Economic Climate: The United Auto Workers has reached a deal for a new contract with Chrysler after working out similar deals with GM and Ford. Jeffrey Brown discusses what these new labor contracts might mean for workers and the Big Three automakers with Changing Gears' Micheline Maynard and David Shepardson of The Detroit News.

October 5, 2011, 6:30pm

Nightly Business Report, 30 minutes

Oil Prices Rebound; Loew's CEO Andrew Tisch Talks Employment; Construction Comeback in Arizona; Ruth Chris Has The Beef, Says Kramer; Landing Air Travel Savings; Market Focus with Tom Hudson.

October 26, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

UAW President Bob King on New Contracts: Top Priority Was Creating Jobs: Chrysler's workers on Wednesday became the last of the Big Three to ratify a new four-year labor contract. United Auto Workers officials fought hard to get members to OK the contracts after several major plants voted against the deals. UAW President Bob King discusses the contract and state of the industry with Jeffrey Brown.

November 29, 2011 10pm

Frontline: Flying Cheap, 1 hour

One year after the deadliest domestic airline accident in seven years, FRONTLINE investigates the crash of Continental 3407 in Buffalo, NY, and discovers a dramatically changed airline industry, where regional carriers now account for half of the nation's daily departures. The rise of the regionals and arrival of low-cost carriers have been a huge boon to consumers, and the industry insists that the skies remain safe. But many insiders are worried that now, thirty years after airline

deregulation, the aviation system is being stretched beyond its capacity to deliver service that is both cheap and safe.

November 29, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Employees Expected to 'Bear the Burden' of American Airlines Bankruptcy: After 81 years of flying, American Airlines landed in federal bankruptcy court Tuesday, filing for Chapter 11 protections against its creditors. Judy Woodruff discusses what's behind the bankruptcy with Ben Mutzabaugh of USA Today.

November 29, 2011 6:30pm

Nightly Business Report, 30 minutes

American Airlines lands in bankruptcy. Council of Economic Advisers Chairman, Alan Krueger talks about what's at stake if the payroll tax cuts get extended. Ex-Enron employees talk about what has changed since Enron ended 10 years ago. And a look at Enron legacy Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2000. In Beyond the Scoreboard, we look at the value of American Airlines' investment in sports complex naming rights.

December 1, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

For Frequent Fliers, How Big a Concern Is Backscatter Body Scan Radiation? As millions of Americans take to the skies for holiday travel, some scientists have raised concerns about the small dose of ionizing radiation emitted by backscatter full-body scanners used to screen passengers at U.S. airports. In partnership with ProPublica, Miles O'Brien examines what we do and don't know about the machines.

Urban Development/Infrastructure

October 14, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

Architect Safdie Makes Sure Everything Stays up to Date in Kansas City: Jeffrey Brown speaks with Moshe Safdie, architect of the brand-new \$326 million Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, about the moral purpose of architecture and the need for a building to reflect the cultural essence of its location while remaining timeless.

War/Veterans/National Security

October 6, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

After Draftless Decade of War, Gap Seen between Military, Civilians: After a decade of America at war, a new Pew poll documents the gap between those who have gone to the battlefield and those who haven't. Margret Warner reports.

October 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 1 minute

Amid Criticism, U.S. Increases Use of Drones as Weapons of War: The U.S. use of drones to find and kill militant targets in other countries has increased exponentially under the Obama administration. Jeffrey Brown reports on the criticism of using remote-control bombing attacks as weapons of war.

October 11, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

'Women, War & Peace' Highlights Changing Females' Roles in Global Conflicts: "Women, War & Peace," a new five-part series co-produced by WNET New York, explores the changing role of women in conflicts around

the world. This excerpt tells the story of an Army Female Engagement Team that reaches out to women in rural parts of Afghanistan.

October 12, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: Secretary Clinton Condemns Iran Over Terror Plot in U.S.: In other news Wednesday, the U.S. stepped up a diplomatic assault on Iran over an alleged plot to kill the Saudi ambassador to Washington. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton condemned Iran in unusually strong terms. Also in Detroit, a Nigerian man pleaded guilty to trying to blow up a U.S. airliner on Christmas Day, 2009.

October 21, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

Shields, Brooks on Iraq Withdrawal, Gadhafi's Demise, Feisty GOP Debate: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks discuss the week's top political news, including the killing of Moammar Gadhafi, President Obama's announcement of U.S. troops withdrawing from Iraq by the end of the year, plus the feistiest GOP presidential debate thus far.

October 27, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

A Life Under Fire: Combat Photographer Captures, Carries Wounds of War: Combat photographers have been documenting the terror, violence and boredom of war since the invention of photography. Tom Bearden profiles Air Force Sgt. Stacy Pearsall, who has documented the effects of war-- and has paid a heavy price.

October 31, 2011

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Latest in Series of Insurgent Attacks Kills at Least 20 in Afghanistan: The latest in a recent series of high-profile insurgent attacks came Monday in Kandahar, Afghanistan, where a suicide bomber blew up a checkpoint, and then three gunmen seized control of a building near the United Nations refugee office. Ray Suarez reports.

November 2, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

A 'Sort of War on the Government' Uncovered in Georgia Terror Plot Charges: Four Georgia men who are suspected members of a militia group were arraigned on terrorism charges in federal court Wednesday. Margret Warner discusses the alleged plot to use the toxin ricin and other means to kill government officials and citizens with Greg Bluestein of The Associated Press.

November 9, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

Air Force Admits 'Gross Mismanagement' of Soldiers' Remains: Dover Air Force base in Delaware receives America's war dead in solemn ceremonies, but after a year-long investigation, the Air Force acknowledged "gross mismanagement" of some remains within the base's mortuary. Margret Warner discusses the revelations with The Washington Post's Craig Whitlock.

November 16, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

With Eye on China, Obama Boosts U.S. Military Presence in Australia: President Obama announced Wednesday that more than 2,000 American troops are heading to Australia under a new security agreement, but Chinese leaders expressed some skepticism and displeasure at the move. Ray Suarez reports.

November 24, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

News Wrap: Yemen Security Forces Opened Fire on Protesters, Killing 5: In other news Thursday, security forces opened fire on crowds of protesters in Yemen, killing five. The protesters were calling for outgoing President Ali Abdullah Saleh to stand trial for crimes committed during Yemen's 10-month-long uprising. Also, a triple bombing in Iraq killed at least 19 people and injured more than 70.

November 28, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Outraged Pakistanis Protest Deadly Cross-Border Attack by NATO: Protesters throughout Pakistan raged Monday against the U.S. and NATO over air strikes that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers. Judy Woodruff reports on the strike that threatens to deepen a growing divide between the U.S. and Pakistan.

November 28, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes

After Deadly Raid, How Can Pakistan, U.S. Ease Tensions? Outrage blazed in Pakistan Monday over a deadly NATO cross-border air raid from Afghanistan. Judy Woodruff discusses the escalating tensions between the United States and Pakistan, who maintain an oft-strained alliance, with Shuja Nawaz of The Atlantic Council and Stephen Cohen of The Brookings Institution.

December 6, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes

War-Torn Afghanistan Suffers Worst Sectarian Violence in Years: After twin suicide bombings killed dozens of Shiite worshipers Tuesday in Afghanistan, a Sunni militant group in Pakistan claimed responsibility. Afghanistan's worst sectarian violence in years happened a day after a major conference in Germany about stabilizing the country. Judy Woodruff gets two views on the violence.

December 9, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

News Wrap: Missing Ex-FBI Agent Appears in Hostage Video: In other news Friday, the family of missing retired FBI agent Robert Levinson has released a video sent by his unidentified captors, in hopes of helping to free him. Levinson vanished in 2007 in Iran. Also, Iranian state television showed pictures of what it said was a largely intact U.S. drone in its possession.

December 12, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

Obama Marks Troop Withdrawal: U.S. Will Be 'Enduring Partner' for Iraq: President Obama and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki held a final summit Monday before the last American troops withdraw from Iraq. Jeffrey Brown reports on the Dec. 31 deadline that comes after 8 years of war and nearly 4,500 Americans killed.

Women

October 11, 2011 11pm

Women, War & Peace: I Came to Testify 1 hour

This is the moving story of how a group of 16 women who had been imprisoned and raped by Serb-led forces in the Bosnian town of Foca broke history's great silence and stepped forward to take the witness stand in an international court of law. Their remarkable courage resulted in a triumphant verdict that led to new international laws about sexual violence in war. Matt Damon narrates.

October 9, 2011 4:30pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes

Guest Host: Patricia Murphy, The Daily Beast. War on Women's Health Care: Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius spoke out this week against the Republican Party, saying the GOP wants to roll back women's health 50 years. Unintended Consequences: As Alabama's new anti-illegal immigration law requires officials to check the immigration status of students, many Hispanic parents are withdrawing their children from school and fleeing the state. It's Classified: Nicolle Wallace, author and former Bush White House Communications Chief, discusses her new book about a fictional female president and vice-president. She also shares insights about working with Sarah Palin as a Senior Advisor for the McCain-Palin 2008 presidential campaign.

October 7, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes

Nobel Peace Prize Honors 3 Women for Gender Equality, Peace Advocacy: The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to three women from the Middle East and Africa who have fought for peace and women's rights. Margret Warner reports on the winners: Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and peace activist Leymah Gbowee plus Tawakkul Karman of Yemen.

October 7, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

3 Women 'at Forefront of Peace for Years' Honored With Nobel Prize: The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to three women who have fought for peace and women's rights. Margret Warner discusses the achievements of the three winners with the Institute for Policy Studies' Emira Woods and Vital Voices' Malini Patel.

October 10, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Anita Hill Reflects on 20 Years Since Clarence Thomas Hearings: Twenty years ago, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' Senate confirmation process sparked a national debate about sexual harassment when Anita Hill, his former special assistant, accused him of inappropriate behavior. Gwen Ifill and Hill discuss her new book, Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race and Finding Home.

October 11, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes

'Women, War & Peace' Highlights Changing Females' Roles in Global Conflicts: "Women, War & Peace," a new five-part series co-produced by WNET New York, explores the changing role of women in conflicts around the world. This excerpt tells the story of an Army Female Engagement Team that reaches out to women in rural parts of Afghanistan.

October 30, 2011 8pm

America in Primetime Independent Woman, 1 hour

Witness the transformation of women from model housewives to complex and sometimes controversial, characters. Interviews include Roseanne Barr ("Roseanne"); Candice Bergen ("Murphy Brown"); Eva Longoria and Felicity Huffman ("Desperate Housewives"); Robert and Michelle King and Julianna Margulies ("The Good Wife"); James L. Brooks and Mary Tyler Moore ("The Mary Tyler Moore Show"); Shonda Rhimes and Sandra Oh ("Grey's Anatomy"); and Liz Brixius and Linda Wallem ("Nurse Jackie") among others.

October 31, 2011 4:30pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes

Women and Wall Street: Some organizations suggest that women are attracted to the Occupy movement because they are experiencing economic pain of cutbacks and layoffs in both the government and corporations.
Breast Cancer "Pinkwashing": Journalist Mary Elizabeth Williams bemoans the overuse of pink and breasts to raise money for breast cancer research, suggesting men may be victims of "pinkwashing" too.
7 Billion People: As the world's population hits 7 billion people, two experts explain the impact that number will have on natural resources, war and women.

November 3, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

'Crime After Crime' Examines Battered Woman's Struggle to Leave Prison: "Crime After Crime" traces efforts to free Deborah Peagler from prison 20 years after she was connected to the murder of the man who abused her and forced her into prostitution. This excerpt is part of The Economist Film Project series of independently produced films aired in partnership between The Economist and the NewsHour.

November 1, 2011 11pm

Women, War & Peace: The War We Are Living 1 hour

In a mountainous region in Colombia's Pacific southwest, two extraordinary Afro-Colombian women are fighting to hold onto the gold-rich land that has sustained their community through small-scale mining for centuries. Clemencia Carabali and Francia Marquez are part of a powerful network of female leaders, who discovered during Colombia's 40-year civil war that women can organize more freely than men. As they defy paramilitary death threats and steadfastly remain on their land, Carabali and Marquez are standing up for a generation of Colombians who have been terrorized and forcibly displaced as a deliberate strategy of war. Alfre Woodard narrates.

November 8, 2011 11pm

Women, War & Peace: War Redefined 1 hour

Incisive interviews with leading thinkers, secretaries of state and seasoned survivors of war and peace-making challenge the conventional wisdom that war and peace are men's domain. Their experiences reveal how the post-Cold War proliferation of small arms has changed the landscape of war, with women becoming primary targets and suffering unprecedented casualties. Simultaneously, they describe how women are emerging as necessary partners in brokering lasting peace and as leaders in forging new international laws governing conflict. "War Redefined" reframes the understanding of modern warfare through probing conversations with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her female predecessors, Condoleezza Rice and Madeleine Albright; Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee; Bosnian war crimes investigator Fadila Memisevic; Zainab Salbi, founder of Women for Women International; globalization expert Moises Naim; and Cynthia Enloe of Clark University, among others. Geena Davis narrates.

Youth

November 21, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes

As Poorest U.S. City, Reading Also Struggling With High Dropout Rate: One city's struggle to regain its economic footing is also tied to significant problems in its schools. Jeffrey Brown reports from Reading, Pa., as part of our American Graduate series.

October 5, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

'Occupy Wall Street' Protests Give Voice to Anger Over Greed, Corporate Culture: The protests against Wall Street gained new momentum on Wednesday, when union members and students joined the demonstration and marched through the streets of lower Manhattan. Paul Solman visits the budding movement's base camp.

October 25, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes

Boys, Young Men Should Get HPV Vaccine, CDC Panel Says: A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention panel has recommended for the first time that boys and young men get vaccinated against the human papillomavirus, known as HPV, to protect them from cancers resulting from sexual activity. Jeffrey Brown discusses the new recommendation with Rob Stein of The Washington Post.5

October 25, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes

Kids Increasingly Staring at Glowing Screens, Study Finds: How much time are our youngest children spending in front of screens? Jeffrey Brown discusses new studies that chronicle the increasing use of digital devices by young children--and the resulting health effects--with James Steyer of Common Sense Media and Dr. Ari Brown of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

November 8, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes

News Wrap: Penn State's Paterno Comes Under Fire, May Be Forced Out: In other news Tuesday, Penn State football coach Joe Paterno faced growing pressure after charges that a former top assistant sexually abused boys for years. Reports suggested he might be forced out after 46 seasons. Also, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi lost his majority in parliament and has said he plans to resign.

November 9, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes

Indiana Crafts Dropout Remedy Through Choice of Schools: Special correspondent John Tulenko reports from Indiana, where a voucher program allows families to choose religious schools, charter schools and public schools in neighboring districts for their children as part of an effort to provide more options when graduation rates are low.

December 7, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes

'A Big Surprise' as Sebelius Nixes Plan B for Young Girls Without Prescription: In a very public disagreement Wednesday, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius blocked the Food and Drug Administration from allowing girls under 17 to buy the Plan B morning-after pill without a prescription. Jeffrey Brown discusses the controversy with Rob Stein of The Washington Post.

December 13, 2011 7pm

PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes

News Literacy Project Trains Young People to Be Skeptical Media Consumers: A program called the News Literacy Project is training young people in several major cities how to separate fact from fiction in the news they consume. Jeffrey Brown reports.