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Quarterly Issues/Program List

January 1, 2012 - March 31, 2012

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 January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012. 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 January 1, 2012 - March 30, 2012 KOPB Portland, Oregon

Abortion

February 23, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Virginia Proposal Mandating Ultrasound Before Abortion Debated: Amid rising criticism, Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell changed his stance on a bill that would require women to have a transvaginal ultrasound before an abortion, noting that an abdominal ultrasound would be more appropriate. Judy Woodruff and guests discuss Virginia's proposed law and nationwide efforts to curb access to abortions.

Aging

January 5, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

New Book Illustrates Life Lessons From an Older Generation: Karl Pillemer's new book "30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans" navigates the trials of life and aging in the words of those who've experienced them the longest. In a conversation with Hari Sreenivasan, Pillemer discusses what he gleaned in interviews with elderly Americans.

Agriculture

February 28, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

Ethiopia: A Battle for Land and Water: A controversial resettlement program in Ethiopia is the latest battleground in the global race to secure prized farmland and water. Correspondent Cassandra Herrman reports as part of the Food for 9 Billion series, a NewsHour partnership with the Center for Investigative Reporting, Homelands Productions and Marketplace.

March 8, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Oregon Farmers Surprised to Find Fish in Fields: Researchers in Oregon's Willamette Valley found young native fish thriving in ditches that fill with water during the winter months. The unrecognized habitat meant farmers had been inadvertently raising fish in their fields, in addition to their intended crops, for years. This report first appeared on Oregon Public Broadcasting.

March 12, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

After 500 Years in Family, Rice Farmers Forced Off Land by Fukushima: One year after an earthquake and tsunami struck Japan, the country is still trying to recover and decontaminate land and buildings from partial meltdowns of three Fukushima nuclear reactors. In his second report from the region, science correspondent Miles O'Brien explores the challenges and possibilities of radiation cleanup.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction

January 3, 2012 10pm

Frontline, "Opium Brides" 60 minutes

Unexpected victims have been caught in the crossfire of attempts to eradicate Afghanistan's flourishing drug trade: young farm girls. Afghanistan produces more than 90 percent of the world's illicit opium. Opium farmers have long borrowed money from drug gangs, some with links to the Taliban, to subsidize their crops. Now, as the Afghan government destroys their livelihood in an eradication program, the farmers find themselves in a horrifying situation: repay their debts or give their daughters to drug-traffickers, often to be used for sex. Award-winning Afghan journalist Najibullah Quraishi reports on the harrowing story of families torn apart and the collateral damage of the counter-narcotics effort in Afghanistan. Also this hour, a timely encore broadcast: FRONTLINE crosses the border into Pakistan, where correspondents Stephen Grey and Martin Smith go inside "The Secret War" against the militants. They uncover evidence of covert support for elements of the Taliban by the Pakistani military and its intelligence service, the ISI. At a safe house not far from where Osama bin Laden was killed, they make contact with one mid-level Taliban commander who tells FRONTLINE, "If they really wanted to, [the Pakistanis] could arrest us all in an hour."

January 24, 2012 10pm

Frontline "The Meth Epidemic", 60 minutes

Speed. Meth. Glass. On the street, methamphetamine has many names. What started as a fad among motorcycle gangs in the 1970s has become big business, largely due to the efforts of two Mexican drug runners who began smuggling ephedrine — the same chemical used to make over-the-counter cold remedies — into California by the ton. Hundreds of illegal meth labs are now operating in the western United States, and the effects are sweeping the nation. From coast to coast, meth abuse is on the rise, but who's responsible? Is the government doing enough to crack down on this latest drug craze? In a reporting partnership with The Oregonian, FRONTLINE investigates America's addiction to meth and exposes the inherent conflict between the illegal drug trade and the legitimate three-billion-dollar cold remedy business.

American History/Biography

January 10, 2012 9pm

Billy the Kid: American Experience 60 minutes

On April 28, 1881, 21-year-old Henry McCarty, alias Billy the Kid, just days from being hanged for murder, outfoxed his jailors and electrified the nation with the latest in a long line of daring escapes. Just a few weeks later, the notorious young outlaw was gunned down by an ambitious sheriff. Demonized by the lawman who killed him, the Kid was soon mythologized by a never-ending stream of dime-store romances and later, big-screen dramas. But in all the narratives, Billy the Kid's real story has been obscured. Born to impoverished Irish immigrants, the Kid led a hardscrabble, itinerant life that became harder still when his mother died of tuberculosis. He came of age in a lawless corner of New Mexico, where an Irish immigrant ring held a vise-like grip on all money-making endeavors and the Mexican population was frequently cheated out of their property without recourse to the courts. Caught in the middle of a many-centuries-old Irish-English conflict playing out on the plains of the Southwest, the Kid captured national attention with his reckless violence. His fascination with Mexican culture, his flair for Spanish and his disdain for the Anglo authorities made him a hero of sorts to the Hispanic community, who hid him when the law came looking and mourned him when he was gone.

January 11, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

Protesters Mark 10th Anniversary of Gitmo: Across from the White House on Wednesday, more than 200 protesters—some wearing orange jumpsuits and black hoods—marked 10 years since the first 20 prisoners arrived at the American prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Jeffrey Brown reports.

January 24, 2012 8pm

Wyatt Earp: American Experience 60 minutes

He has been portrayed in countless movies and television shows by some of Hollywood's greatest actors, including Henry Fonda, Jimmy Stewart and, more recently, Kevin Costner, but these popular fictions belie the complexities and flaws of a man whose life is a lens on politics, justice and economic opportunity on the American frontier. As a young man, Wyatt Earp was a caricature of the Western lawman, spending his days drinking in saloons, gambling, visiting brothels and gaining notoriety as the legendary gunman in the shootout at the OK Corral in Tombstone, Arizona. Shortly after his death in 1929, distressed Americans down on their luck transformed Wyatt Earp into a folk hero: a central figure in the American narrative of how the West was won, a man who took control of his own destiny.

February 8, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Legacy of S.F. Mayor, Killed With Harvey Milk, Revived on Stage by Son: In his new play "Ghost Light," Jonathon Moscone explores feelings of guilt and grief as well as the legacy of his father, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, who was gunned down at City Hall 33 years ago, along with gay rights advocate Harvey Milk, whose assassination has been better-remembered. KQED's Dave Iverson reports.

February 20, 2012 9pm

Clinton: American Experience 120 minutes

From draft dodging to the Dayton Accords, from Monica Lewinsky to a balanced budget, the presidency of William Jefferson Clinton veered between sordid scandal and grand achievement. In CLINTON, the latest installment in the critically acclaimed and successful series of presidential biographies, AMERICAN EXPERIENCE explores the fascinating story of an American president who rose from a broken childhood in Arkansas to become one of the most successful politicians in modern American history and one of the most complex and conflicted characters to ever stride across the public stage. It recounts a career full of accomplishment and rife with scandal, a marriage that would make history and create controversy and a presidency that would define the crucial and transformative period between the fall of the Berlin Wall and 9/11. It follows Clinton across his two terms as he confronted some of the key forces that would shape the future, including partisan political warfare and domestic and international terrorism, and struggled, with uneven success, to define the role of American power in a post-Cold War world. Most memorably, it explores how Clinton's conflicted character made history, even as it enraged his enemies and confounded his friends. The program features unprecedented access to scores of Clinton insiders, including White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers, White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum, White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes, as well as interviews with foreign leaders, members of the Republican opposition, childhood friends, staffers from Clinton's years as governor of Arkansas, biographers and journalists.

February 20, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

50 Years Later, Astronaut John Glenn Recounts His Historic Mission in Space: Fifty years ago, NASA astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, despite numerous glitches. Judy Woodruff and Glenn discuss how the historic mission changed the space race.

Arts

Oregon Art Beat Thursday January 5, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

After studying zoology, Jon Janosik devoted himself to painting birds, many of them vanishing species. His work is so true-to-life that it's been used in National Geographic and Audubon Society field guides. A resident of Hubbard, Oregon, his work has been exhibited as far away as Japan and the British Museum. SNL comedian Fred Armisen and "Sleater-Kinney's" Carrie Brownstein started their web series Thunder Ant as a lark. But with their hit series Portlandia they have captured the country's imagination. We meet the big stars and local talent behind a dreamier and much sillier version of Portland. Meet the men (and the bird) behind White Bird, an organization that encourages contemporary dance in Portland. They present dance companies; support local choreographers; and help Portland Public School students learn about dance.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday January 12, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

They say you should write what you know. Artist Brian Vegter would say you should paint what you love! And he loves dogs. Circuit bending is the creative short-circuiting of devices such as low voltage, battery-powered guitar effects, children's toys and small synthesizers to create new musical instruments and sound generators. Emphasizing spontaneity and randomness, the techniques of circuit bending have been commonly associated with noise music, though many more conventional contemporary musicians have been known to experiment with these "bent" instruments. Brian Vegter and his wife, Corrine, live in Baker City but are New York transplants. They saw a need and used a little ingenuity to bring a tiny bit of the gallery scene to Eastern Oregon.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday January 19, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

Classical Revolution PDX wants to break down the barriers to classical music. They believe that both the audience and the musicians benefit from listening to and performing the music in a more casual setting. Visit one of their monthly "chamber jams" to see how they are making chamber music accessible to everyone. Holly Andres is an upcoming Portland photographer, just starting to break onto the national scene. Her carefully constructed tableaus depict young women on the threshold of adulthood, propelled by their curiosity and sense of discovery. Bruce Guenther, Chief Curator at the Portland Art Museum, introduces us to Titian's La Bella. He describes its importance in the art world. It's in residence at the Portland Art Museum through Jan 29, 2012.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday January 26, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

Sekko Daigo is one of Japan's greatest shodo (calligraphy) masters. The writing of the first calligraphy of the year is an important ceremony, and she was featured at the Portland Japanese Garden on January 8, 2011. Joe Powers is a harmonica virtuoso who has toured the world. He plays everything from traditional classics to tango music — even classical music with a symphony orchestra! He loves to challenge people's expectations about what sounds good on the harmonica. Portland Youth Philharmonic's Chamber Orchestra embarks on a unique collaboration with father/son team Hossein and Bobak Salehi. They'll perform a cultural

mix of music, blending ancient Persian instruments with the violins and cellos you'd expect from a chamber orchestra.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday February 2, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

Just outside of Pendleton, on the Umatilla Reservation, Crow's Shadow Institute provides classes, workshops and a world-class printmaking facility for American Indian artists. Founded in 1992, the institute provides an opportunity for self-expression as well as an economic opportunity for the rural native community. Watch master printer Frank Janzen work with a young artist to create prints of his work. She was once a graphic artist, but now Anna Magruder paints for herself. And in just a few years, her work has evolved from one very distinct style to another. Joseph Schneider creates sculptures from unexpected objects. From a cathedral built with Barbie and Ken dolls to a huge face of Lady Liberty that was part of a 4th of July parade in Corbett, Joseph uses many tiny pieces to create dramatic installations.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday February 9, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

Paula Fong's scientific background comes in handy for her art — she loves to paint botanicals and other scenes from nature. We'll tell you why she gave up her working for the BLM to do art full time. Jason Waldron's search for just what medium he was meant to work in took him from art classes in college and then all the way to Hollywood to learn visual effects design for the film industry. But it wasn't until he came home to Bend that he found just what he was looking for. Meet multidisciplinary Native America artist Marie Watt who creates fascinating large-scale modern sculpture using natural materials.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday February 16, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

Falling in love in the workplace has a whole new meaning when it's two actors who perform together. We'll meet two of the actors at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival who share their lives on and off stage. Tony Furtado is best known as a world-class performer on the banjo and slide guitar. He's also got hidden talent as a sculptor. He's trying to find a way to bring both sides of his life into balance so he can find time to do both. The Pendleton Center for the Arts is a former Carnegie Library transformed into a thriving center for the arts. There's gallery space and art classes. Kids aged 13 to 18 can take classes for free in everything from music to ceramics to photography to ballroom dancing.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday February 23, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

Ashland Oregon is home to a wonderful boot and shoe maker. People come from around the world to learn from him. And that's one reason why his boots may soon be an endangered item! Portland indie band, Horse Feathers, is fronted by Justin Ringle. He talks about his songwriting style, and we see the band rehearsing, and performing in the OPB studio. Some people can talk to the animals and Eastern Oregon artist Brenna Tyler is one of them. But in this case, the animals also talk to Brenna... even when they are still in pieces. Brenna insists she just provides the hands that put them together. Brenna's humility and gratitude give her work exceptional power and resonance.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday March 1, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

Painter James Lavadour has been prolific since Art Beat visited him in its first season back in 2000. He describes his inspiration and process of making art in this update. Take a drive with him out onto the lands of his Eastern Oregon home, then back into his studio where invites us to look closely at his paintings, their surface and the messages they hold. Listen and watch as explains his engagement with paint and the unfolding of image. Anne Weiss uses music to build community. She plays and writes an incredible range of songs — from gospel to blues to folk and everything in between. She started as an environmentalist, and gets lots of inspiration from the nature she finds around her in Oregon. For Kevin Christman, it was a battle between "left brain" for engineering and "right brain" for art. But we'll show you how he actually uses BOTH sides in his artistic life.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday March 22, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

It's not that she can't make up her mind…but Carol McLaughlin just seems to love making all kinds of art. You'll be amazed at how good this self-taught artist is at everything she tries! Self-taught utility tape artist Mona Superhero uses duct tape and an X-acto knife to create work reminiscent of sixties style silk-screened pop art.

Oregon Art Beat Thursday March 29, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

Grammy-nominated lute player Ronn McFarlane works to bring lute music to everyone. Sekko Daigo is a calligraphy master from Japan who lives and teaches in Portland. Her calligraphy classes allow her to continue the legacy of an important tradition from her native country.

January 27, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 4 minutes

In 'Money Shot,' Poet Armantrout Reacts to Financial Crisis in Verse: Rae Armantrout's poetry finds its place at the intersection of the public and the private. Armantrout won the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Pulitzer Prize and was a finalist for the National Book Award for her 2009 collection, "Versed." Poems in her latest book, "Money Shot," speak to the economic downturn.

February 27, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

The Healing Power of Music: An unconventional approach to recovery and coping, music therapy is a field of medicine capturing new attention due to its role in helping Gabrielle Giffords recover from a gunshot. Correspondent Spencer Michels reports on the versatility of music in a medical setting, but the difficulty of quantifying its effectiveness.

Business/Industry

January 4, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 1 minute

News Wrap: Big 3 Automakers Turn in Upbeat Sales for 2011: In other news Wednesday, the Big Three U.S. automakers turned in upbeat sales reports for 2011. Chrysler led the pack with a 26 percent gain over 2010 while General Motors sold 13 percent more. Also, opposition leaders said Syria's government is misleading Arab League peace monitors about the military presence in some cities.

January 12, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

Domain Names: Debating the Effects of a Dot-Anything World: ICANN, the company that assigns what are called domain names for the Web is making a big change and rolling out a program to dramatically increase the number and kind of names available. However, that could prove to be a costly endeavor for some businesses. Ray Suarez leads a debate over the effects of the new rules.

January 16, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

What Does Italy's Sinking Ship Mean for the Cruise Industry? At least six people died after a cruise ship capsized off the coast of Italy Friday. Ray Suarez discusses some of the legal and safety issues stemming from the disaster with longtime travel writer Rudy Maxa, currently the host of "Rudy Maxa's World" on PBS, and Richard Alsina, a lawyer specializing in maritime law.

January 19, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

In Chapter 11 Filing, Kodak Tries to Develop New Vision for Survival: Eastman Kodak, a once-powerful American brand now struggling to stay relevant in an increasingly digital world, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Thursday. Hari Sreenivasan discusses the film pioneer's news with Julie Philipp, news director of WXXI Public Television in Rochester, N.Y., where Kodak is headquartered.

February 1, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

Facebook IPO: Putting a Value on Social Media Giant: Facebook, the world's leading social media service, filed papers with the SEC Wednesday to raise \$5 billion and take the company public. Jeffrey Brown discusses its business model, its growth potential and some interesting revelations in the IPO paperwork with Nate Elliott of Forrester Research and Wired magazine's Steven Levy.

February 14, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

Who Makes Apple's Gadgets and Under What Conditions? While Apple's popularity has grown with products like the iPad, iPod and iPhone, so has criticism of the labor practices at Chinese factories where the products are made. Jeffrey Brown discusses the criticism and an ongoing audit of worker conditions with Peter Burrows of Bloomberg BusinessWeek.

February 17, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Are Chinese Business Partnerships a Good Deal for U.S. Companies? A joint venture called Oriental DreamWorks launched Friday as Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping wrapped up a U.S. tour. Jeffrey Brown discusses the benefits and drawbacks of U.S.-China business partnerships with the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations' Stephen Orlins and University of California, Irvine's Peter Navarro.

Child Abuse

February 21, 2012 10pm

Frontline "The Child Cases" 60 minutes

When a child dies under suspicious circumstances, abuse is often suspected. That's what happened in the case of six-month-old Isis Vas, whose death was deemed "a clear-cut and classic" case of child abuse, sending a man named Ernie Lopez to prison for 60 years. But now a Texas judge has moved to overturn Lopez's conviction, and new questions are being asked about the quality of expert testimony in this and many other similar cases. In this joint investigation with ProPublica and NPR, FRONTLINE correspondent A.C. Thompson unearths more than 20 child death cases in which people were jailed on medical evidence--involving abuse, assault, and "shaken baby syndrome" -- that was later found unreliable or flat-out wrong. Are death investigators being properly trained for child cases? Also in this magazine hour: Correspondent Martin Smith (College Inc.) continues to investigate for-profit colleges, this time focusing on their aggressive recruitment of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. Are the for-profits making promises that they can't keep?

Community Politics/Government

January 3, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

GOP Candidates Make Last-Ditch Effort to Get Iowans to Caucuses: Republican presidential hopefuls seeking the first harvest of delegates this nominating season worked right up to the last minute Tuesday ahead of Iowa's Caucuses. Judy Woodruff reports on the candidates' last-ditch efforts, then Gwen Ifill speaks with Des Moines Register pollster J. Ann Selzer, who has been tracking the race.

January 5, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 2 minutes

GOP Candidates in New Hampshire, South Carolina Jab at Frontrunner Romney: Republican presidential candidates are out making their cases in New Hampshire and South Carolina, shaking hands and raising money-hoping to oust GOP hopeful Mitt Romney from the front-runner spot in next week's first-in-the-nation primary.

January 9, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

New Hampshire's Unaffiliated Voters Have a Knack for Deciding Late: New Hampshire's unaffiliated voters could make or break some GOP presidential contenders' campaigns in Tuesday's first-in-the-nation primary. Gwen Ifill spoke with some still-undecided Granite State voters.

January 20, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Supreme Court Ruling on Texas Electoral Maps 'Huge Setback' for Democrats: The Supreme Court rejected the new Texas redistricting map Friday, creating disarray for the upcoming primary election. Ray Suarez discusses the decision's political and legal implications with Richard Hasen of the University of California Irvine School of Law and Shira Toeplitz, a political reporter for Roll Call.

January 27, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Gingrich, Romney Battle in Winner-Take-All Florida: Combining TV attacks on rival Newt Gingrich and smooth debate performances, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has regained his footing in Florida public opinion polls ahead of Tuesday's primary. Judy Woodruff reports from the Sunshine State where many Republicans have already voted early.

February 3, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Romney Admits Verbal Stumble, but Enjoys 'Real Organization' for Nevada Caucuses: Trying to move on from a gaffe about not caring about very poor Americans, GOP hopeful Mitt Romney told The Las Vegas Sun's Jon Ralston that he "misspoke." But rival Newt Gingrich maintains Romney's "boo-boo" will be repeated endlessly by the "elite media." Judy Woodruff and Ralston discuss this weekend's GOP contest in Nevada.

February 16, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 11 minutes

Internet Voting: Will Democracy or Hackers Win? While it seems like everything can be done online these days, that's not actually the case when it comes to elections. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien explores the security, logistical and secrecy challenges of Internet voting.

March 14, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 11 minutes

With Romney, Santorum Ahead, Gingrich Eyes Brokered Convention: After Rick Santorum picked up wins Tuesday in Mississippi and Alabama, the Republican presidential race turned their focus on him and Mitt Romney. Ray Suarez reports then Judy Woodruff speaks with political editor Christina Bellantoni and Patchwork Nation's Dante Chinni about the paths ahead for the four GOP candidates.

Consumerism

February 9, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

What's Slowing Down Americans' Health Care Spending? A new government report shows that the rise in health care spending slowed for the second consecutive year. Meanwhile, health insurance premiums continue to climb as workers pay an ever-growing share of the cost. Ray Suarez discusses what's behind these changes with Susan Dentzer of Health Affairs.

January 23, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

Watchdog-in-Chief Richard Cordray Outlines Plan to Clean Up Consumer Lending: Economics correspondent Paul Solman examines the controversial appointment of Richard Cordray to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Paul quizzes the tough-on-crime former Ohio attorney general and former "Jeopardy" champ about his appointment's legality, his plans to police financial firms and some Bible trivia.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

January 2, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

LAPD Urges Ongoing Vigilance After Arrest in String of Arson Fires: Another dozen fires erupted early Monday around Los Angeles, totaling more than 50 in at least four separate parts of the area over just four nights. Ray Suarez discusses the region's worst arson spree in two decades and the arrest of a suspect with Adam Nagourney, the Los Angeles bureau chief for The New York Times.

January 20, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Hackers Retaliate Against DOJ in Raging Online Piracy Fight: Just hours after the Justice Department shut down the file-sharing website megaupload.com and charged several of its executives with online piracy Thursday, a group of hackers retaliated by taking down the DOJ website. Margaret Warner discusses the ongoing battle with The Washington Post's Cecilia Kang.

January 24, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes.

Was Justice Served After Haditha Killings? At his sentencing hearing Tuesday, Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, the remaining Marine charged in the 2005 Haditha killings, expressed sorrow for the victims, and said he hadn't meant for his men to kill innocent Iraqis. Margaret Warner discusses his plea deal with two retired Marines, Lt. Col. Gary Solis and Capt. Bing West.

January 23, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Want to Use a GPS-Tracking Device? Get a Warrant, Supreme Court Tells Police: The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Monday that police violated the Constitution by attaching a GPS-tracking device to a car owned by a Washington, D.C., club owner, eventually leading to a cocaine-trafficking conviction. Jeffrey Brown discusses their reasoning and the implications with The National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle.

February 22, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Supreme Court Hears Free Speech Case Over Stolen Valor Act: Falsely claiming a Congressional Medal of Honor could land you in jail according to the Stolen Valor Act, a federal law making it a crime to lie about a military decoration. Margaret Warner and Marcia Coyle discuss a case involving that law under review by the Supreme Court plus a case involving ownership of Montana riverbeds.

February 23, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 4 minutes

News Wrap: Obama Apologizes for Quran Burnings on U.S. Base: In other news Thursday, riots broke out across Afghanistan for a third day over Quran burnings at a U.S. air base, and President Obama offered his "sincere apologies" in a letter to Afghan President Hamid Karzai. Also, Army Pvt. Bradley Manning was arraigned in a Maryland military court on charges that he leaked documents.

March 14, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

News Wrap: Va. Tech Found Negligent in Killings; Iranian President Grilled: In other news Wednesday, a jury found Virginia Tech negligent in the campus massacre five years ago, and said school officials failed to issue swift alerts that might have saved lives. Also, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad faced an unprecedented grilling by lawmakers, accusing him of mismanaging the economy.

Culture

February 13, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

Why China's Youth Find Western Culture Attractive: As Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping travels to the United States this week--a trip designed in part to head off mounting tensions between the two countries--GlobalPost correspondent Kathleen McLaughlin reports from Beijing on the growing influence of Western culture on Chinese youth.

February 28, 2012 8pm

American Experience "The Amish" 120 minutes

THE AMISH answers many questions Americans have about this insistently insular religious community, whose intense faith and adherence to 500-year-old traditions have by turns captivated and repelled, awed and irritated, inspired and confused for more than a century. With unprecedented access, built on patience and hard-won trust, the film is the first to penetrate deeply and explore this attention-averse group. In doing so, THE AMISH paints an intimate portrait of contemporary Amish faith and life. It questions why and how the Amish, an insistently closed and communal culture, have thrived within one of the most open, individualistic societies on earth; explores how, despite their ingrained submissiveness, the Amish have successfully asserted themselves in resisting the encroachments of modern society and government; asks what Americans' attraction to the Amish says about deep American values; and looks at what the future holds for a community whose existence is so rooted in the past.

February 28, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

A New Voice at the Kennedy Center, Jason Moran 'Promotes the Abstract' in Jazz: An emerging jazz innovator and the new artistic director at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, musician Jason Moran uses song to promote thought, therapy, consciousness and creativity. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Moran about his efforts to create more appreciators of the arts in his new role.

March 15, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

'OMG! Meiyu' Introduces China to American Slang, Idioms and Jay-Z: Combining the powers of social media and fluent Mandarin, Jessica Beinecke teaches American slang to eager Chinese minds half a world away. Hari Sreenivasan reports on Beinecke's success with Voice of America's online video program "OMG! Meiyu" and her role as an ambassador of American culture and language to China.

Disabilities

January 8, 2012 4pm

Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly 30 minutes

The congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal in New Orleans, hard-hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, is now helping handicapped children in Haiti, survivors of the earthquake there. "It was clear right away the connection between New Orleans and Haiti," says Rev. Scott Albergate.

February 9, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Love Story Sheds Light on How Society Treats People With Disabilities: A New York Times bestseller, Rachel Simon's "The Story of Beautiful Girl" explores empathy and tolerance in the form of a love story where characters with disabilities overcome heavyweight obstacles. Judy Woodruff and Simon discuss how society deals with disabilities and how they are portrayed in literary works.

Economy

January 5, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Panetta on Pentagon Budget: 'Cutting Almost \$500 Billion Is Not Chump Change': In an interview Thursday after his news conference at the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta told Jeffrey Brown that the United States seeks to be a power in the Pacific and that defense budget cuts announced Thursday will be hard on the military and families, but he hopes a smaller, morê flexible armed forces will emerge.

January 11, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Taxes: How High Is Too High? Economics correspondent Paul Solman explores the question of just how high U.S. tax rates should or shouldn't be and examines the relationship between economic activity and tax rates. It's part of his ongoing reporting series, Making Sen\$e of financial news.

January 18, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

How Big a Role Do Private Equity Firms Play in U.S. Economy? As private equity firms gain more attention this election season, Judy Woodruff discusses whether private equity activity is more focused on short-term profits or the long-term health of companies with The Riverside Company's Stewart Kohl and author Josh Kosman.

January 25, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Debating Obama's Vision for the U.S. Economy: In his State of the Union Address Tuesday night, President Obama spoke about his economic goals for the country. Gwen Ifill discusses the broader points, including fairness, taxes and American manufacturing, with Heather Boushey of the Center for American Progress and Douglas Holtz-Eakin of the American Action Forum.

February 8, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Amid Eurozone Crisis, How Germany Became Europe's Richest Country: As European debt crisis negotiations approach the 11th hour on yet another bailout for Greece, Margaret Warner reports on some of the people behind the economic success of Germany--Europe's richest country.

February 13, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 4 minutes

Obama, Republicans Square Off Over \$3.8 Trillion Budget Plan: Unveiling a \$3.8 trillion budget blueprint on Monday, President Obama cast the plan as an essential tool to spur economic growth and noted that tough choices would put the country "on a more sustainable fiscal path." Republicans called the plan a "campaign document." Ray Suarez reports.

February 14, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

What Extending Payroll Tax Cut, Jobless Benefits Would Mean for Americans: After days of partisan deadlock, there were signs of progress Tuesday in Congress over extending payroll tax cuts and jobless benefits for the rest of the year. Judy Woodruff discusses the politics and the implications of the potential extensions with Todd

March 9, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Spitzer: Richest Americans Would Likely Still Work Facing 60% Tax Rate: Despite myriad tax collections -- from income to Social Security, the U.S. still has a budget deficit of \$1.3 trillion. In this Need to Know excerpt, Ray Suarez and a panel of experts including former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer examine specifically how the country could raise more money while making the tax code fairer.

March 13, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

How Uncertainty, Speculation Factor Into Gas Prices: Ray Suarez discusses what's behind rising gas prices and what could help bring them back down with the American Enterprise Institute's Kenneth Green and Daniel Weiss of the Center for American Progress.

Education

January 29, 2012 4:30pm

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Her Next Act: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton declares her desire to get off the "high wire of American politics." First Lady Lunching: First Lady Michelle Obama announces new regulations in school lunches, leading some to question the government's involvement in our food choices. Tammy Baldwin for Senate: Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) on her run for Senate, which would make her the first female senator in the state of Wisconsin.

January 6, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

New Study Gauges Teachers Impact on Students' Lifetime Earnings: Replacing a bad teacher with an average or a good one has measurable economic benefits such as boosting a student's lifetime earnings by hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to a new study done in part by Harvard University economist Raj Chetty. Ray Suarez and Chetty discuss the study's findings.

January 27, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

Should Financial Aid Be Linked to a College's Affordability? President Obama announced Friday at the University of Michigan that he's putting colleges on notice that tuition hikes can't continue year after year. Ray Suarez discusses the proposals with Mark Yudof, president of the University of California, and Richard Vedder of the Center for College Affordability and Productivity.

February 9, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

News Wrap: Obama Waives No Child Left Behind Requirements for 10 States: In other news Thursday, President Obama excused 10 states from No Child Left Behind requirements. The law requires all public school students be proficient in reading and math by 2014. Republicans said

the president was overreaching in granting waivers. Also, at least 100 people were killed in Syria by government forces.

February 23, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 13 minutes

Online Public Schools Gain Popularity, but Quality Questions Persist: Full-time public cyber schools are now an option in 30 states, allowing some 250,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade to press buttons to raise their hands and message their teachers. John Tulenko of Learning Matters Television reports from Pennsylvania where the demand for online charter schools is high.

March 6, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Report: Minority Students Face Harsher Discipline: Black and Hispanic students are more likely to be suspended than white students, according to a report released Tuesday by the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights. Jeffrey Brown discusses the disparities with Christopher Edley Jr. of the University of California, Berkeley and the Fordham Institute's Chester Finn Jr.

March 13, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Driver's License Incentives Used in Some States to Keep Teens in School: A growing number of state legislatures are using driving privileges as an incentive to keep students from dropping out of high school. States' laws vary, but the general premise is the same: If a student wants to stay on the road, he or she must stay in school. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

March 14, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Oakland Program Aims to Pique Girls' Interest in Science, Tech Careers: As part of the NewsHour's American Graduate series, correspondent Spencer Michels reports on Techbridge, an after-school program based in Oakland, Calif., that shows hundreds of female students a path to pursuing careers in science and technology, while also trying to minimize the chances of them dropping out of school.

Employment

January 6, 2012 7pm PBS NewHour 9 minutes

Unemployment Dips to 8.5%, but How Is Overall U.S. Recovery Going? A surge in December hiring pushed the nation's unemployment rate to 8.5 percent, the lowest it's been in three years. Jeffrey Brown discusses the meaning of the most recent jobs report with Mesirow Financial's Diane Swonk and Mark Vitner of Wells Fargo.

January 20, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

After Union Fallout, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker on the Brink of Recall Election: Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker was one step closer to recall after the state's Democratic Party submitted enough signatures to trigger a special election. Walker made bitter enemies a year ago when he passed a bill removing most collective bargaining rights for public employees. Zac Schultz of Wisconsin Public Television reports.

January 26, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 11 minutes

How Many Manufacturing Jobs Can U.S. Realistically Maintain? As President Obama and GOP presidential candidates talk about reviving the U.S. manufacturing sector in hopes of creating jobs, how realistic is that goal in the face of continued outsourcing and machines filling jobs once held by humans? Ray Suarez speaks with three experts about the challenges and demand for skilled workers.

February 15, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

News Wrap: Congress to Finalize Details on Payroll Tax Cut: In other news Wednesday, congressional negotiators worked to sort out details on extending the payroll tax cut through the end of this year. The \$100 billion cost will be added to the national debt. A final vote could come Friday. Also, Iran made claims of sweeping progress in its efforts to produce nuclear fuel.

February 3, 2012 8pm Washington Week 30 minutes

What do January's unemployment numbers tell us about the economy? Plus, Mitt Romney won the Florida primary, but his comments about the poor are making headlines. Also, new FEC disclosures shine light on Super PAC money. Joining Gwen: Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; John Harwood, CNBC and New York Times; Doyle McManus, Los Angeles Times; Jim Tankersley, National Journal.

March 9, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Shields, Brooks on 'Encouraging' Jobs Report, Romney Lacking 'Heartthrob' Appeal: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks discuss the week's top political news including the state of play among the Republican presidential candidates, efforts to woo female voters, Mitt Romney's style of campaigning and President Obama's record on jobs.

Energy

January 4, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

U.S.-Iran Tensions Riding on Oil Shipments Through the Strait of Hormuz: A drumbeat of new threats from Iran on the crucial Strait of Hormuz began last week, punctuated by a show of naval force in the Persian Gulf. Margaret Warner reports on Tehran's reactions to Western sanctions on its oil that are set to take effect in several months.

January 18, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Could Keystone Pipeline Plan Be Revived After Obama's Rejection? President Obama denied TransCanada Corp.'s application to build the Keystone XL pipeline Wednesday, a project that would have carried oil 1,700 miles from the tar sands of Canada to refineries in Port Arthur, Texas. Hari Sreenivasan discusses the president's decision and the next steps with The Washington Post's Juliet Eilperin.

February 15, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Debating the Safety, Wisdom of New Nuclear Reactors in Georgia: A construction site in Georgia is slated to house the nation's first new commercial nuclear reactors in decades. Jeffrey Brown discusses the controversial Plant Vogtle facility and the state of American nuclear

power with Stephen Smith of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and the Nuclear Energy Institute's Tony Pietrangelo.

February 28, 2012 10pm

Frontline "Inside Japan's Nuclear Meltdown", 60 minutes

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

February 21, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

As Gas Prices Rise, White House Goes on Offensive, Defensive: With President Obama taking heat from the GOP over rising gas prices, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney worked Tuesday to shift blame and tout domestic energy exploration efforts. Judy Woodruff discusses the political implications of \$3.58 a gallon with The New York Times' Michael Shear and John Kilduff of Again Capital.

January 13, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

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Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Oregon Field Guide Thursday January 5, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Portland Audubon Society operates a unique wildlife care center to care for injured animals found throughout the Metro region. The staff of the care center has to be ready to handle whatever walks, crawls or slithers through the door. Wolf Eels, fierce-looking predators of the Oregon near-shore reefs, are bred in captivity at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, in Newport. The artificial habitat there mimics natural ocean conditions so effectively, two sets of mated wolf eels produced eggs. Watch aquarium scientists employ their considerable expertise and resources to see that the eggs hatch, and the young wolf eels survive.

Oregon Field Guide Thursday January 12, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

See what it took for the men of the Lewis and Clark Expedition just to put a little salt on the table. In the winter of 1806, Lewis and Clark needed salt to preserve meat for their return trip. Their men had to boil seawater over a campfire in order to obtain their salt. A retired Oregon police officer, Mike Full traded his badge for scuba gear in

order to search the South Yamhill riverbed for prehistoric fossils. An underwater detective, Mike has collected over 30 percent of the pieces to a giant mammoth skeleton, which other paleontologists call "exceptional". As Field Guide cameras accompany Mike under the water, watch as he makes the discovery of a lifetime right in front of our eyes.

Oregon Field Guide Thursday January 19, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

The Wallowa River bends again at the 6 Ranch near Enterprise, Oregon. It had been straight for a century. The ranch sacrificed some pasture to restore the river to a more natural path in order to restore endangered fish. Invasive garlic mustard and Japanese Knotweed are washing like a tide over the west hills toward the Tualatin River. But one Tualatin basin agency is reaching beyond their jurisdiction and sending foot soldiers out to beat back the invaders before they infest the watershed.

Oregon Field Guide Thursday February 9, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Oregon Field Guide journeys back to the remote, Chetco River almost 10 years after the massive Biscuit fire engulfed the Chetco's remarkable wilderness river canyon. We discover that the river remains as remote and difficult to access than it was before the fire, and yet it's even more enticing. We follow a team of ODFW fish biologists as they try to stop one of the state's most destructive invaders — gold fish. It turns out that the harmless gold fish most of us had as pets are far from harmless. In fact, if gold fish find their way into Central Oregon's Crane Prairie reservoir, they could spread throughout the upper Deschutes watershed and destroy the region's lucrative sport fishing economy.

Oregon Field Guide Thursday March 22, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Kristie Reddick and Jessica Honaker are two entomologists on a mission. They want people to think differently about bugs. Videographer Nick Fisher beautifully captures sunsets, rolling clouds and stunning shots of the beach at high and low tide. Think about what it takes to hike over 2600 miles in a summer. Now, think about what it takes to do it as an 11 year old! That's what one father/daughter team from Salem did one summer as they hiked the entire Pacific Crest trail from Mexico to Canada. And they shared with us an amazing story of their adventure.

January 4, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

Under the Sea Near Antarctica, 'a Riot of Life' Discovered in Super-Heated Water: Scientists discovered many new species on the floor of the Southern Ocean near Antarctica -- something they're describing as a "riot of life." Jeffrey Brown speaks with former oceanographer Mark Schrope about the newest known species of sea life found around hydrothermal vents.

January 18, 2012 10pm

Inside Nature's Giants "Sperm Whales" 60 minutes

Veterinary scientist Mark Evans and comparative anatomist Joy Reidenberg dissect a sperm whale's enormous organs to reveal the secrets of this 45-foot deep-sea giant, which stranded and died on Pegwell Bay, Kent, England. As the team ventures inside the whale, biologist Simon Watt tracks whales in the Azores with a modern-day Jonah, Malcolm Clarke, who shows him the huge number of squid beaks in a whale's stomach. Evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, marveling at the gigantic teeth that have evolved in the lower jaw of a sperm whale,

digs out his copy of the King James Bible for a reading about Leviathan from the Book of Job.

January 23, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

News Wrap: At Least 2 Killed, 100 Hurt by Possible Tornadoes in Alabama: In other news Monday, at least two people were killed and 100 hurt when possible tornadoes struck Alabama. The huge system stretched from the Great Lakes to the Deep South, where the heaviest storms were hitting. Also, a U.S. Marine pleaded guilty to dereliction of duty in the killing of two dozen Iraqis in 2005.

February 1, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

'A Flintstone Moment': Mammoth Amount of Ice Age Fossils Found in Colorado: Wednesday's "NOVA" looks at an unexpected discovery near a Rocky Mountain ski resort: thousands of bones from ice age mammals, including mammoths, ground sloths and mastodons. Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Kirk Johnson of Denver Museum of Nature and Science about the dig and ongoing research into the animals' mysterious deaths.

February 20, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Ahead in Polls, Santorum Says Global Warming Is Politics, Not Science: A nationwide Gallup poll showed presidential hopeful Rick Santorum leading the GOP field with 36 percent of Republican voters. The new frontrunner, who is leading rival Mitt Romney by eight points, drew crowds and criticism Monday after he said global warming is "not climate science but political science." Jeffrey Brown reports.

March 2, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Deadly Tornadoes Symptomatic of Strong 'Transition Season' Weather: Two Indiana towns were heavily damaged Friday as another round of deadly tornadoes raked the Midwest. Jeffrey Brown discusses the violent weather with Maj. Chuck Adams of the Clark County Sheriff's Department in Southern Indiana and meteorologist Greg Carbin of the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center.

March 12, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

In Oregon, Rare 'Snowstorm' of Pine Butterflies Takes Toll on Forests: In Oregon's Malheur National Forest, pine butterflies experience a population explosion for two to three years every three decades. Oregon Public Broadcasting's Oregon Field Guide series explores the snowstorm-like population surge that has stripped needles from 250,000 acres of trees.

March 15, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

What's Causing Water Shortages in Ghana, Nigeria? Two journalists investigate the challenges of bringing the most basic necessity to the people of Ghana and Nigeria: clean, safe water. As part of a collaboration with the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, special correspondent Steve Sapienza followed them as they searched for what's causing the water shortages.

Family/Marriage

February 14, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

'Accordion' Families Expand for Boomerang Kids, 'Parasite Singles' to Move Home: In her new book, "The Accordion Family," sociologist Katherine Newman examines why more young adults in the world's wealthiest countries are returning home to live with their parents—a phenomenon that Paul Solman has come across repeatedly in his reporting on global economic problems as part of his Making Sense series.

February 10, 2012 8pm

Washington Week in Review 30 minutes

President Barack Obama modified a controversial mandate on birth control access. But could there be lingering political fallout? Plus, did Rick Santorum's big wins this week change the GOP presidential race? And a decision on California's same-sex marriage ban. Joining Gwen: Pete Williams, NBC News; John Dickerson, Slate & CBS News; Nia-Malika Henderson, The Washington Post; Beth Reinhard, National Journal.

February 21, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Roger Rosenblatt Reflects on Love, Grief, Kayaks: Author Roger Rosenblatt considers grief, solace, solitude and love in the wake of his daughter's death in his new book "Kayak Morning: Reflections on Love, Grief and Small Boats." Jeffrey Brown and Rosenblatt discuss a morning out on the water and a journey through grief.

Health/Health Care

January 9, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

What's Slowing Down Americans' Health Care Spending? A new government report shows that the rise in health care spending slowed for the second consecutive year. Meanwhile, health insurance premiums continue to climb as workers pay an ever-growing share of the cost. Ray Suarez discusses what's behind these changes with Susan Dentzer of Health Affairs.

January 10, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

North Carolina Moves to Compensate People Sterilized Against Their Will: Roughly 7,600 people were sterilized in North Carolina against their will between 1929 and 1974. A state panel voted Tuesday to pay the victims \$50,000 each. Ray Suarez discusses the history of the program and the panel's decision with Charmaine Fuller-Cooper of the North Carolina Justice for Sterilization Victims Foundation.

January 12, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Kids and Cancer: Why Pediatric Cancer Cure Rates Have Improved So Much: Four decades ago, President Nixon signed a law that would change the way cancer research was funded in an effort to develop better treatments and cure more patients. Health correspondent Betty Ann Bowser explores the positive developments pediatric cancer research has realized in the last 40 years.

January 25, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Telenovelas: Are Spanish-Language Soap Operas Good for Your Health? The latest in Spanish-language soap operas, or telenovelas, have encased more than typical romance and personal scandal, debuting some very clear messages on health care for Latinos in the U.S., specifically Colorado. Health correspondent Betty Ann Bowser reports on the creators' reasoning in writing beyond the usual storylines.

January 30, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Hans Rosling Brings Life, Humor, Sword-Swallowing to Global Health Statistics: Hans Rosling, co-founder of the Gapminder Foundation, visualizes global health trends and population numbers—transforming dry poverty and development statistics into Internet sensations. In addition to his focus on the developing world and data visualization, the Swede happens to swallow swords. Ray Suarez reports.

February 3, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 4 m minutes

Komen Charity Reverses Planned Parenthood Grant Cuts: After two days of uproar and different explanations for its initial decision, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure charity reversed course Friday on cutting funding for Planned Parenthood. Hari Sreenivasan and Amina Khan of The Los Angeles Times discuss the abrupt shift in message at the well-known breast cancer charity.

February 15, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

What's Causing a Shortage of Pediatric Cancer Drugs? While more than 250 drugs were declared in short supply in the U.S. this past year, the latest worries centered on one called Methotrexate, considered essential for children battling leukemia. Ray Suarez discusses the problem and latest developments with Dr. Peter Adamson of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

February 20, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

Red Cross Seeks Ceasefire to Deliver Medical Supplies in Syria: As Syrian government forces continued to fight anti-government forces in Homs, the International Committee of the Red Cross said it is seeking a two-hour ceasefire to deliver medical supplies and aid to civilians. Margaret Warner discusses the difficulties of delivering humanitarian aid with InterAction's Joel Charny.

March 9, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Near Fukushima, a Big 'Guessing Game' Over Radiation's Long-Term Risks: Sunday marks a year since a massive earthquake and tsunami struck Japan, causing a partial meltdown of nuclear reactors at the Fukushima plants. In the first report in a series on Japan's recovery, Miles O'Brien documents the country's cleanup attempts as scientists decide whether residual radiation could be potentially harmful.

Homosexuality

In The Life Monday January 16, 2012

11pm, 30 minutes

Inspired by Martin Luther King's vision of equality, we look back at how LGBT rights intersect with the broader movement for civil rights in this country. Revisiting the first gay rights protests, the gay men of color who joined the Million Man March and our first openly gay federal judge, we celebrate those who stood up and spoke out for full LGBT equality.

In The Life Monday February 20, 2012 11pm, 30 minutes

The United States has more laws criminalizing HIV exposure and transmission than any other country in the world. Stigma and fear often motivate criminal prosecutions, and the results can be devastating.

In The Life Wednesday March 21,2012 11pm, 30 minutes

American art is rich with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) themes and renowned works by LGBT artists, yet sexuality has largely been edited out of art history. IN THE LIFE uncovers diverse expressions of LGBT identity and gender difference in American art, and the forces that have censored them.

February 24, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

Standard of Proof in Question at Trial Related to Rutgers Student's Suicide: Opening statements began Friday in the trial of Dharun Ravi, a Rutgers student charged with using a webcam to spy on his roommate, who later killed himself, during a physical encounter with another man. Ray Suarez, The Associated Press' Geoff Mulvihill and Slate's Emily Bazelon discuss the trial's standard of proof.

February 26, 2012 4pm Religion and Ethics Newsweekly 30 minutes

Gay Rights in Uganda: "America has an agenda for homosexuals in Uganda," according to Pastor Joseph Serwadda, and accepting gay rights as human rights and human rights as gay rights "is going to be very tough on Africa." Elaine Pagels on the Book of Revelation: "It's as though you take all of your nightmares about plague or destruction or war or torture or natural catastrophe, and you just wrap it into a huge single nightmare, and you get the Book of Revelation," says this historian and Princeton professor of religion. Ashes to Go: You receive ashes on your forehead "to remember that life is short...you come from dust and will return to dust," says Julie Bringman, director of Sunday night ministries at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, DC.

Housing/Shelter

January 13, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Records: Federal Reserve Officials Foresaw, Joked About Housing Bubble in 2006: Newly released transcripts from the Federal Reserve's 2006 meetings reveal the extent of what Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues actually knew as the country was about to hit the cusp of the financial crisis. Ray Suarez discusses the board's detailed conversations with The New York Times' Binyamin Appelbaum.

January 31, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 11 minutes

How the Housing Market Could Shape the 2012 Election: A new Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller Home Price Index showed U.S. home prices fell for a third straight month in two Florida cities, Miami and Tampa. Jeffrey Brown discusses the housing market's role this election season with The Wall Street Journal's Arian Campo-Flores and Jed Kolko of the real estate website Trulia.

February 9, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Big Banks, 49 States Reach \$25 Billion Deal Over Foreclosure Abuses: Even as foreclosed homes—casualties of the housing bubble—still litter the American landscape, federal and state officials announced Thursday a \$25 billion deal between 49 states and five mortgage giants designed to give relief to homeowners and hold banks accountable for abusive practices.

Immigration/Refugees

February 7, 2012 9pm

Underground Railroad: The William Still Story 60 minutes

Extraordinary people risked their lives to help fugitive slaves escape via the clandestine Underground Railroad. Among them was William Still of Philadelphia, a free black man who accepted delivery of transported crates containing "human cargo." This documentary reveals some of the dramatic, lesser-known stories behind this humanitarian enterprise, and explores key Canadian connections, including the surprising fate of former slaves who crossed the border to "Freedom's Land."

Minorities/Civil Rights

January 13, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

'Have You Heard From Johannesburg?' Series Examines History of ANC Party: As South Africa's ruling political party, the African National Congress, marked its 100th anniversary this week, PBS stations around the country have begun airing a new series called "Have You Heard From Johannesburg?" about the ANC and international efforts to end apartheid.

January 24, 2012 9pm Geronimo: American Experience 60 minutes

In February 1909, the Chiricahua Apache medicine man Geronimo summoned his nephew to his deathbed, whispering, "I should never have surrendered. I should have fought until I was the last man alive." It was an admission of regret from a man whose insistent pursuit of military resistance in the face of overwhelming odds confounded not only his Mexican and American enemies, but many of his fellow Apaches as well. Geronimo grew into a leading warrior and healer. But after his tribe was relocated to an Arizona reservation in 1872, he became a focus of the fury of terrified white settlers and of the growing tensions that divided Apaches struggling to survive under almost unendurable pressures. To angry whites, Geronimo became the archfiend, perpetrator of unspeakable savage cruelties. To his supporters, he remained the embodiment of proud resistance. To other Apaches, Geronimo was a stubborn troublemaker, unbalanced by his unquenchable thirst for vengeance, whose actions needlessly brought the enemy's wrath down on his own people. At a time when surrender to the reservation and acceptance of the white man's civilization seemed to be the Indians' only realistic options, Geronimo and his tiny band of Chiricahuas

fought on. The final holdouts, they became the last Native American fighting force to capitulate formally to the government of the U.S.

January 16, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 7 minutes

On this MLK Day, Righting the Rhetoric on King's Memorial: In remembrance of the civil rights leader Monday, many visitors to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial stopped to read aloud the inspiring words—and one misquote—chiseled in granite. Margaret Warner discusses the mistake with the person who first publicized it: the Washington Post's Rachel Manteuffel.

February 13, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

'Slavery by Another Name' Relays the Forgotten Stories of Post-Civil War Slaves: A new PBS documentary called "Slavery by Another Name" tells the story of the adapted forced labor practices that helped extend slavery long after the end of the Civil War. Gwen Ifill speaks with Douglas Blackmon, the film's co-executive producer, about this largely forgotten piece of history and the forces that propelled it.

February 14, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

The Jeremy Lin Phenomenon: Jeremy Lin, a point guard for the New York Knicks and the first Chinese-American player in NBA history, is on a storybook run in his first four games as a starter. Ray Suarez and Jeff Yang of The Wall Street Journal explore how an unknown basketball player suddenly captured the attention of the NBA, the sports world and beyond.

February 13, 2012 10pm Slavery By Another Name 60 minutes

A Sundance Film Festival selection for 2012, this new documentary based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Wall Street Journal senior writer Douglas A. Blackmon, explores the little-known story of the post-Emancipation era and the labor practices and laws that effectively created a new form of slavery in the South that persisted well into the 20th century. Blackmon examines the concept of "neoslavery," which sentenced African-Americans to forced labor for violating an array of laws that criminalized their everyday behavior. Award-winning actor Laurence Fishburne ("CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," Thurgood) narrates.

February 22, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

Smithsonian's African-American History Museum an 'Opportunity for Understanding': Ground was broken Wednesday on the National Mall for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, set to open in 2015. Jeffrey Brown discusses the pivotal moment in the long, \$500 million effort to showcase the stories and experiences of black Americans with journalist and author Isabel Wilkerson.

February 16, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

Why Not Everyone Supports Black History Month: Black History Month originated in 1925 when the second week of February was made Negro History Week since it contained the birthdays of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln. Hari Sreenivasan reports on how some African-Americans now oppose the idea of dedicating a special month to black history.

March 6, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Report: Minority Students Face Harsher Discipline: Black and Hispanic students are more likely to be suspended than white students, according to a report released Tuesday by the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights. Jeffrey Brown discusses the disparities with Christopher Edley Jr. of the University of California, Berkeley and the Fordham Institute's Chester Finn Jr.

National Politics/Government

January 2, 2012 7pm PBS NewHour 9 minutes

Hours Before Caucuses, Many Iowan Voters Still Undecided Over GOP Contenders: With just hours to go until Tuesday night's Iowa Caucuses, and with a new poll confirming four in 10 caucus-goers are either undecided or could change their minds, the pressure on Republican presidential candidates to close the deal with Hawkeye State voters was palpable. Judy Woodruff reports.

January 4, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 13 minutes

Facing Romney's Funding, Staffing Edge, How Will Santorum Fare in N.H.? A day after Mitt Romney's narrow win over Rick Santorum in the Iowa Caucuses, most of the Republican presidential hopefuls moved their attention from the Midwest to New England to campaign before next week's primary in New Hampshire. Judy Woodruff has a report and speaks with Gwen Ifill and Jeremy Peters of The New York Times.

January 10, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

What Role Should FCC Play in Policing Profamity on the Airwaves? The Supreme Court heard arguments Tuesday in a case involving freedom of speech on broadcast television and the constitutional debate over federal regulation of indecency. Jeffrey Brown discusses the arguments and the potential effects for the FCC with Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal.

January 17, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 15 minutes

How Big Money Super PACs are Reshaping the GOP Race: In the wake of a Supreme Court decision lifting restrictions on some campaign contributions, super PACs have spent \$26 million this election cycle. Gwen Ifill discusses big money's impact on the political landscape with John Dunbar of the Center for Public Integrity and Robert Kelner of the Covington & Burling law firm.

January 25, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 7pm 10 minutes

Fact-Checking President Obama's Third State of the Union: Congressional correspondent Kwame Holman recaps President Obama's third State of the Union address, then The Washington Post's Glenn Kessler grades the speech on accuracy and provides more context on topics that may have been glazed over.

February 3, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

How Will Iran's Threats Affect U.S.-Israeli Ties? Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak issued a warning at a security conference Thursday that time is running out, and dealing with a nuclear Iran would be more complicated and costly than attempting to stop one. Ray Suarez and guests discuss the potential of a unilateral Israeli strike and a U.S. response to Israeli action.

February 13, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

After Weekend Wins, Some Republicans Still Question Romney's GOP Values: Despite weekend wins by Mitt Romney in Maine's caucuses and the Conservative Political Action Conference straw poll, a recent nationwide survey of voters found Rick Santorum slightly ahead. Judy Woodruff discusses the evolving GOP field with USA Today's Susan Page and The Rothenberg Political Report's Stuart Rothenberg.

February 14, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Chinese VP Xi Ready for 'Candid' Dialogue on Human Rights: Amid ongoing tension between China and the United States on a variety of issues from human rights to currency policy, President Obama struck a hopeful note Tuesday as he hosted Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping, who is likely to become the next president of the world's most populous nation. Gwen Ifill reports.

February 21, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Can Pro-Obama Super PAC Match GOP Groups' Financial Might? January financial disclosures exposed the power of unaffiliated super PACs funds this election season. Margaret Warner and John Dunbar of the Center for Public Integrity's iWatch News discuss the fundraising reports, the \$22 million raised and some of the big spenders helping these groups help their preferred candidates.

March 5, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 11 minutes

As U.S., Israel Navigate Tensions Over Iran, Are 'All Options on the Table?': President Obama and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu showed some areas of disagreement Monday over potential solutions to an Iranian nuclear threat, disputing whether diplomacy or military action would be a better move. Gwen Ifill and guests discuss how the leaders are dealing with their differences.

March 8, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

News Wrap: World Powers Stress Diplomacy in Iran: In other news Thursday, the U.S., China, Russia, France, Britain and Germany urged Iran to let U.N. inspectors into its nuclear sites as promised, stressing that diplomacy was crucial to resolving tensions. Also, a large number of private investors agreed to help Greece slash \$140 billion from its debt.

March 12, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 14 minutes

Afghan Civilian Killings Give Taliban 'Valuable Propaganda,' Analyst Says: At the U.N. Monday, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton condemned the killing of 16 Afghan civilians near Kandahar, calling the alleged attack by a U.S. soldier "inexplicable." Gwen Ifill, RAND Corporation's Seth Jones and New America Foundation's Steve Clemons discuss the additional strain on already tense U.S.-Afghan relations.

Nuclear Issues/WMD's

January 9, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

U.S.-Iranian Tensions Escalate Further Over Nuclear Program, Death Sentence: Tensions between the United States and Iran were further heightened Monday as Ayatollah Ali Khamenei vowed that Iran wouldn't relinquish its nuclear program, despite economic damage from sanctions. Also, an Iranian court sentenced to death a U.S.-born Iranian man charged with spying for the CIA. Margaret Warner reports.

January 12, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 2 minutes

Tehran Bombing Latest in Attacks on Iran's Nuclear Scientists, Program: In the latest in a string of attacks in Iran targeting top nuclear officials, two assailants in Tehran Wednesday stuck a magnetic bomb on the car of a nuclear scientist, killing 32-year-old Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan and his driver. Jeffrey Brown reports.

January 17, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 4 minutes

After Fallout of Fukushima, 'Frontline' Explores Nuclear Energy's Future: NewsHour science correspondent Miles O'Brien traveled to three continents to examine the safety and future of nuclear energy in the wake of last spring's Fukushima reactor disaster in Japan. In this excerpt from Tuesday's edition of "Frontline," O'Brien visits the Indian Point Power Plant in Buchanan, N.Y.

February 15, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Debating the Safety, Wisdom of New Nuclear Reactors in Georgia: A construction site in Georgia is slated to house the nation's first new commercial nuclear reactors in decades. Jeffrey Brown discusses the controversial Plant Vogtle facility and the state of American nuclear power with Stephen Smith of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and the Nuclear Energy Institute's Tony Pietrangelo.

February 22, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

News Wrap: U.N. Team Says Iran Trip Yielded Little Nuclear Knowledge: In other news Wednesday, a team from the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency ended a two-day mission to Iran, but the delegation's head said talks failed to yield any significant progress. Also, nearly 50 people were killed in Argentina when a commuter train crashed at a Buenos Aires station.

March 5, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

Obama, Netanyahu Show Unity, Yet Signal Differences, Over Iran Strategy: President Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met Monday at the White House to discuss possible solutions to threats from Iran's nuclear program, pledging unity but signaling tension over how to proceed. Gwen Ifill reports.

Poverty/Hunger

January 3, 2012 10pm

Frontline Opium Brides" 60 minutes

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January 23, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

Food for 9 Billion: Turning the Population Tide in the Philippines: While Philippine leaders debate, poor fishing families embrace birth control to ease pressure on over-fished reefs. Part of a new project called Food for 9 Billion that looks at the challenges of feeding the world in a time of social and environmental change, Sam Eaton of Homelands Productions reports.

February 2, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Poverty and Politics: How Strong Is Safety Net for Poor Americans? Presidential candidates have loaded recent stump speeches with references to wealth, taxes and "the very poor." Jeffrey Brown explores the role of poverty this election year with Lawrence Mead of New York University, Angela Glover Blackwell of the advocacy group PolicyLink and Barbara Perry of the University of Virginia.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

Oregon Field Guide Thursday January 26, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

If you own a boat that runs on gas, maintaining your boat has changed dramatically since the State of Oregon mandated ethanol blend at the pumps. When we think of surveyors, we think about the guy along the road with a laser level. Well there's another kind of surveyor who's job is to hike into the wilderness, ensuring that the history of Oregon's first statewide land survey from the 1800's isn't lost to time. Join a 3-day journey deep into the Eagle Cap Wilderness in search of a truly ancient tree. Discovered on a dangerously steep mountain, the limber pine could be among the oldest trees in Oregon - and it's still alive.

Oregon Field Guide Thursday February 2, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

When you think about competitive swimming you probably picture what you see at the Olympics. Long pools. One swimmer per lane. But many people prefer something different: swimming across open lakes. Late in the summer of 2011, Eel Lake near Coos Bay, Oregon featured some serious racing - and a goofy obstacle course. An exceedingly rare population explosion of pine butterflies fills the Malheur National Forest with a virtual snowstorm in August. The mysterious outbreak may occur for 2 or 3 years and then disappear for 3 decades. The beauty extracts a price:

the butterflies, while caterpillars, ate needles off 250,000 acres of trees.

Oregon Field Guide Thursday February 16, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Jim Opdycke is the unofficial "mayor" of Beacon rock. He's climbed this spectacular basalt monolith in the Columbia gorge for over 40 years and has contributed perhaps more than anyone else to the unique traditional, or traditional, climbing culture of Beacon. We join Jim on a climb up the 900 foot face of Beacon Rock, cameras in tow, and learn about the specialized style of climbing known as "trad"— considered the most pure of climbing styles. Willamette Valley farmers learn that in addition to their intended crops, they've been raising fish in their fields for years and never knew it. Researchers found young native fish thriving in ditches that fill with water during the winter, an unrecognized habitat until recently.

Oregon Field Guide Thursday February 23, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Archaeologists trade working on hands and knees for a viewpoint floating high overhead. Rare access to a helium balloon and remote controlled camera provides the clearest view of the most intriguing discovery in Oregon in years: stone circles that resemble the medicine wheels found in Wyoming and farther east. For more than a century, photographers have been taking pictures of the Three Sisters' Collier Glacier. What they didn't know was they were also documenting the dramatic retreat of Oregon's largest glacier. USGS Geologist Jim O'Connor takes us to this beautiful area to take this year's photo and learn what it all means from PSU glaciologist Andrew Fountain.

Oregon Field Guide Thursday March 1, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Tonight we have a story about a sport that includes floating.. fighting. and synchronized dancing. That's one way to say: this isn't your grandfather's way to fly kites. Field Guide's Vince Patton and videographer Michael Bendixen found kites from two inches wide to the size of a Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloon... at the largest kite festival in Oregon, in Lincoln City. Clint "Lint" Bunting came to backpacking late in life, but once he took to it he went "all in". He has hiked over 14,000 miles, including all of the big American Thru hikes: the Appalachian Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, Ice Age Trail and the Continental divide Trail, some of them twice! What's more, he now hikes for weeks at a time with an 8-pound pack, significantly less than the 40-50 pounds many backpackers typically carry.

Oregon Field Guide Thursday March 29, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

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

January 19, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

News Wrap: Obama Announces Tourism Efforts at Disney: In other news Thursday, President Obama used Walt Disney World as a backdrop to announce efforts to let more foreign tourists into the U.S., especially Florida--a state hit hard by unemployment and foreclosures. Also, the

federal government shut down one of the world's largest file-sharing sites, megaupload.com.

March 6, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

What Bounty System Scandal Means for NFL's Future: NFL investigators found the New Orleans Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams had created a bounty program to reward players when they injured opposing teams' players. Hari Sreenivasan and Sports Illustrated's Peter King discuss other ongoing investigations and the implications for the future of the NFL.

Religion/Ethics

January 2, 2012 11pm

Martin Luther "Driven to Defiance" 60 minutes

Martin Luther is born into a world dominated by the Catholic Church. For the keenly spiritual Luther, the Church's promise of salvation is irresistible. Caught in a thunderstorm and terrified by the possibility of imminent death, he vows to become a monk. But after entering the monastery, Luther becomes increasingly doubtful that the Church can actually offer him salvation. His views crystallize further when he travels to Rome and finds the capital of Catholicism swamped in corruption. Wracked by despair, Luther finds release in the pages of the Bible, discovering that it is not the Church, but his own individual faith that will quarantee his salvation. With this revelation he turns on the Church. He attacks its practice of selling Indulgences in his famous 95 Theses, putting himself on an irreversible path to conflict with the most powerful institution of the day.

January 29, 2012 4pm

Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly 30 minutes

Egypt Revolution Anniversary: Egypt's recent parliamentary elections have raised concerns about the imposition of an Islamist agenda by Islamist groups and parties, but Middle East expert Kate Seelye says "the hope is that once in office they will move more to the center and that won't be the case." The Evangelical Vote: "Will evangelicals turn out in large numbers and be energized as volunteers and financial supporters of Mitt Romney? It just takes a few million evangelicals to choose to not get as actively involved in this race to cost Mitt Romney the presidency," according to evangelical journalist Warren Cole Smith. World's Biggest Congregation: "Our church operates like orchestra. Every day we make perfect harmony and fantastic symphony," says Yoido Full Gospel Church's senior pastor, Rev. Young Hoon Lee.

February 9, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 11 minutes

Can White House, Religious Leaders, GOP Reach Consensus on Birth Control? A new birth control mandate was under duress this week as Roman Catholic officials said it violated Church teachings and Republicans said it threatened religious freedom. Ray Suarez discusses the rule with Anthony Picarello of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Methodist Federation for Social Action's Jill Warren.

February 21, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

Thailand Grapples With Deadly Tensions Between Muslims, Buddhists: At least 5,000 people have been killed since 2004 in Thailand's three southern provinces amid ongoing mistrust between minority Muslims and majority Buddhists. Kira Kaye reports on efforts to resolve tensions as part of the new Fault Lines of Faith series, produced in partnership with the Bureau for International Reporting.

February 28, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

'Mosque Crawlers,' 'Rakers' Monitoring U.S. Muslims for NYPD: The White House helped fund a police surveillance effort of Muslims in the New York City area after 9/11, The Associated Press revealed Monday. The operation, part of a monitoring story that emerged last summer, triggered immediate criticism from civil rights groups. Ray Suarez speaks with the AP's Matt Apuzzo.

Science/Technology

January 2, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

It's Not Mind-Reading, but Scientists Exploring How Brains Perceive the World: It's not mind reading, but some cutting-edge scientific research could reconstruct brain activity. Jake Schoneker, a recent graduate of the University of California, Berkeley's School of Journalism, and producer Roberto Daza report.

February 15, 2012 9pm

NOVA "Extreme Cave Diving" 60 minutes

In a daring work of filmmaking, NOVA follows a scientific expedition into watery caves that hold clues to the future of our climate.

February 8, 2012 9pm NOVA "Separating Twins" 60 minutes

This is the incredible story of Trishna and Krishna, twin girls born joined at the head. Abandoned shortly after birth at an orphanage in Bangladesh, they had little chance of survival, until they were saved and taken to Australia by an aid worker. After two years battling for life, the twins are ready for a series of delicate operations, which will prepare them for the ultimate challenge: a marathon separation surgery that will allow them to live truly separate lives. Since the beginning, surgeons knew there was no guarantee of survival for either of the girls — but without surgery there was no hope at all. With exclusive access to this extraordinary human and medical drama, NOVA's cameras have been with Trishna and Krishna and their caregivers at each moment of their journey.

February 20, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

50 Years Later, Astronaut John Glenn Recounts His Historic Mission in Space: Fifty years ago, NASA astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, despite numerous glitches. Judy Woodruff and Glenn discuss how the historic mission changed the space race.

March 1, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Google's New Privacy Policy: Invasive, Innovative or Both? Google's sweeping new privacy policy took effect Thursday, stirring concern among many state attorneys general who have called it an invasion of privacy. The company said the move would allow it to personalize information for customers and streamline privacy measures. Jeffrey Brown and guests examine the new policy's effects.

March 13, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

Dissecting Prose and Squid With Biologist, Poet Katherine Larson: Using her career as a molecular biologist as a starting point, Katherine Larson shapes her poems with descriptions of squid, suction cups and bronchial hearts. She won last year's Yale Series of Younger Poets competition and was recognized as a poet of "genuine promise" with the Kate Tufts Discovery Award last month.

Sexuality

February 8, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

News Wrap: Boehner Calls Contraception Mandate 'Attack on Religious Freedom': In other news Wednesday, Republicans increased pressure on President Obama over a mandate that requires religious schools and hospitals to provide employees with birth control. In Syria, military assault in Homs was unrelenting, despite President Bashar al-Assad's talk of peace.

February 26, 2012 4:30pm

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe 30 minute

Fight for Women's Rights: The contraception debate rages on as Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill hold their own hearing this week allowing testimony from Georgetown University student, Sandra Fluke who was banned from the Republican hearing. Adieu to Mademoiselle: The term mademoiselle is no longer an official term for French women and is being removed from all official documents. The change comes after lobbying by women's groups who called the term sexist. The Pregnancy Project: Gaby Rodriguez discusses her decision to fake a pregnancy for her high school senior project, which garnered national attention and led to a book and a made-for-TV movie.

March 1, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 2 minutes

News Wrap: Senate Democrats Defeat Reversal of Obama's Birth Control Policy: In other news Thursday, two U.S. soldiers were killed by Afghan attackers, raising the death toll of American troops to six in violence that began after Quran burnings at an American base. Also, Senate Democrats defeated a bid to reverse President Obama's policy on birth control coverage.

Social Services

February 20, 2012 7pm

Red Cross Seeks Ceasefire to Deliver Medical Supplies in Syria: As Syrian government forces continued to fight anti-government forces in Homs, the International Committee of the Red Cross said it is seeking a two-hour ceasefire to deliver medical supplies and aid to civilians. Margaret Warner discusses the difficulties of delivering humanitarian aid with InterAction's Joel Charny.

February 24, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 10 minute

What Can 'Friends of Syria' Do to Help Halt Killings? As officials from more than 60 nations on Friday called on Syria's government to stop killings, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stressed that if the regime refused the delivery of humanitarian supplies, "it will have even more blood on its hands." Jeffrey Brown and guests discuss what can be done to halt further bloodshed.

State Wide Culture and History

Oregon Experience "Logger's Daughter" Tuesday February 7, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

In 1923, a Missouri lumber company built a town in northeastern Oregon named Maxville. Hundreds of loggers left Arkansas and Mississippi to live and work there. Many brought their families, and many were African Americans. While the town has long since disappeared, the Maxville story is still unfolding. The Logger's Daughter follows Gwen Trice, an African-American woman who was born and raised in Eastern Oregon, as she sets out to explore her family's past.

Oregon Experience "Searching For York" Tuesday February 7, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

The Lewis & Clark Expedition - a pivotal moment in American history. But the story of York, a slave to William Clark and comrade on this journey, has been obscured by omission and stereotype. Searching for York paints a portrait of this unofficial member of the Corps of Discovery as it discusses the ways in which history is written.

Oregon Experience "Wayne Morse" Tuesday February 21, 2012 8pm, 30 minutes

Wayne Morse served four terms (1945 -1969) in the US Senate. He represented Oregon with brilliance and bravado and followed a vision of "principle above politics." He could be quick to criticize, and he rankled many opponents. But he wrote and sponsored legislation that was well ahead of its time.

Oregon Experience "Sam Hill" Tuesday February 21, 2012 8:30pm, 30 minutes

Sam Hill had great dreams for the Pacific Northwest and himself. He championed a road through the Columbia Gorge and dared to imagine a farming utopia on the Columbia River. His life was etched with hard-fought triumphs and colossal failures, and his devotion to progress made him a legendary figure in Oregon's history.

Oregon Experience " Modoc War" Tuesday March 27, 2012 8pm, 1 hour

The Modoc War of 1872 to 1873 was one of the costliest American Indian wars in U.S. history, considering the number of people involved. For nearly seven months, a handful of Modoc Indian warriors and their families held off hundreds of U.S. Army soldiers.

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Transportation

January 5, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour

How the U.S. Auto Industry Picked Up Speed in 2011: With nearly 13 million cars sold, 2011 turned out to be the strongest year for Detroit's major automakers since the financial crisis hit in 2008. Margaret Warner discusses just how that 10 percent increase came to be with David Shepardson, who covers the auto industry for The Detroit News.

January 16, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

Death Toll, Environmental Worries Mount in Wake of Italian Cruise Disaster: Search teams in Italy wrestled rough seas Monday as they

looked for survivors and bodies after a huge cruise liner vessel ran aground and tipped over Friday. Alex Thomson of Independent Television News reports on the human accident that now threatens to become an environmental problem.

March 1, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 9 minutes

Will Brown's Vision for High-Speed Rail in California Stay on Track? Gov. Jerry Brown wants California to build bullet trains. Correspondent Spencer Michels reports on whether a massive and costly high-speed rail project, now underway in a state flooded with budget cuts, will ever be completed or worth its cost.

War/Veterans/National Security

January 3, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 2 minutes .

News Wrap: Despite Iranian Threats, U.S. Navy Sending Warships to Persian Gulf: In other news Tuesday, the U.S. Navy will continue sending warships to the Persian Gulf, despite threats from Iran, which said its recently completed naval drills could close the Strait of Hormuz if the West tries to embargo its oil. Also, a string of bombings struck Southern Afghanistan, killing at least 13 people.

January 5, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 mintues

Weeks After Iraq Withdrawal, Obama Announces Plans to Shrink U.S. Military: While unveiling the Pentagon's latest defense strategy Thursday, President Obama highlighted a new focus on Asia and a scaled-back military. Ray Suarez reports on the strategy shift, announced just weeks after the last American troops left Iraq.

January 18, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

Panetta Leaves Diplomatic, Military Options Open Over Iran: Tehran claimed Wednesday that Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, had received a letter from President Obama containing threats and an offer of new talks. Margaret Warner reports on the rising tension between the two countries, as well as allusions of military confrontation.

January 20, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

News Wrap: Six U.S. Marines Killed in Afghanistan Helicopter Crash: In other news Friday, six U.S. marines were killed in a helicopter crash in southern Afghanistan. The Taliban claimed it shot down the chopper, but U.S. officials said there was no indication that enemy fire was involved. Also, France warned that its forces might leave Afghanistan early.

January 25, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 2 minutes

U.S. Navy SEALs Free 2 Western Hostages From Somali Captors: Members of U.S. Navy SEAL Team 6 staged a dramatic rescue early Wednesday, freeing two aid workers, including one American, held hostage by Somali captors. Jeffrey Brown reports on emerging accounts of another operation unfolded in secret--SEALs parachuting into Somalia, surprising sleeping captors and killing nine kidnappers.

January 26, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

Deputy Defense Secretary on Pentagon Cuts: 'We Have No Choice': Working to cut nearly \$490 billion over the next decade, the Pentagon announced Thursday plans to create a leaner military by reducing ground forces, buying fewer weapons and postponing production of other defense systems. Jeffrey Brown discusses the new budget plans with Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter.

February 13, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 4 minutes

News Wrap: NATO Says Afghanistan Airstrike May Have Mistakenly Killed 8 Boys: In other news Monday, Syrian rebels pushed back against government tanks in the town of Rastan as the uprising moved toward open warfare. In Afghanistan, NATO acknowledged an airstrike may have accidentally killed eight boys last week.

February 17, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Lt. Col. Daniel Davis: Commanders Sending False Impressions of Afghan War: Army Lt. Col. Daniel Davis recently criticized top military brass, including retired Gen. David Petraeus, saying they have misled Congress and the American people about progress in the war in Afghanistan. Margaret Warner speaks with Davis about his whistleblowing, why he went public and what his future may hold in the military.

March 6, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 7 minutes .

Marines Get Crash Course in Afghan Culture in California Model Village: A model Afghan village situated in the California desert is helping some U.S. Marines gain a better understanding of cultural differences and adapt to challenges when they are deployed to Afghanistan. Carl Nasman, a graduate journalism student at the University of California, Berkeley, reports.

March 13, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 3 minutes

Insurgents Attack Afghan Delegation at Massacre Site: Attempting to calm anti-American rage in Afghanistan after a U.S. soldier allegedly killed 16 civilians Sunday, President Obama condemned the killings again Tuesday, calling the attacks "outrageous" and directing the Pentagon to conduct a thorough investigation. Judy Woodruff reports on the latest.

March 15, 2012 7pm PBS NewHour 3 minutes

Afghanistan's Karzai to U.S. Troops: Leave Our Villages: The U.S. mission in Afghanistan ran into more trouble Thursday as President Hamid Karzai announced he wants American forces to leave Afghan villages and immediately pull back to their bases in the wake of last weekend's civilian killings, allegedly at the hands of a U.S. soldier. Jeffrey Brown reports.

Women

January 15, 2012 4:30pm

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Angelina Jolie: The Academy Award winning actress turned director, and the stars of her new movie, "In the Land of Blood and Honey," discuss the movie's influence and the role of powerful women in Hollywood. FLOTUS Joins Twitter: First Lady Michelle Obama created a Twitter account this week to show her commitment to her husband's campaign as

well as her desire to play a major role in the upcoming presidential election.

January 8 2012 4:30pm

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Birth Control Ban?: GOP presidential candidate Rick Santorum's opposition to birth control has progressive activists anticipating a new fight over women's reproductive rights. Minimum Wage Increases: More than one million low-income workers in eight states got pay raises thanks to an increase in minimum wage. Women are expected to benefit most, since they make up the majority of minimum wage employees. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison: The Republican senator from Texas reflects over her political career and shares what she plans to do after she retires from Congress

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January 31, 2012 8pm

Annie Oakley: American Experience 60 minutes

This is the story of the star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, the young woman who thrilled audiences around the world with her daring shooting feats. While her act helped fuel turn-of-the-century nostalgia for the vanished, mythical world of the American West, the legend of Annie Oakley had little to do with the real Annie. Although famous as a western sharpshooter, Oakley lived her entire life east of the Mississippi. A champion in a man's sport, Oakley forever changed ideas about the abilities of women, yet opposed female suffrage. Her fame and fortune came from her skill with guns, a concept that was counter to her Quaker upbringing.

January 29, 2012 4:30pm

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe 30 minutes

Her Next Act: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton declares her desire to get off the "high wire of American politics." First Lady Lunching: First Lady Michelle Obama announces new regulations in school lunches, leading some to question the government's involvement in our food choices. Tammy Baldwin for Senate: Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) on her run for Senate, which would make her the first female senator in the state of Wisconsin.

February 14, 2012 8pm

Tupperware: American Experience 60 minutes

In the 1950s, American women discovered they could earn thousands — even millions — of dollars from bowls that burped. "Tupperware ladies" fanned out across the nation's living rooms, selling efficiency and convenience to their friends and neighbors through home parties. Bowl by bowl, they built an empire that now spans the globe. This documentary, narrated by Kathy Bates, reveals the secret behind Tupperware's success: the women of all shapes, sizes and backgrounds who discovered they could move up in the world without leaving the house. TUPPERWARE! charts the origins of the small plastics company that unpredictably became a cultural phenomenon.

March 7, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

'The Worst Place on Earth to Be a Woman': Healing the Eastern Congo: The Democratic Republic of Congo is the worst place on earth to be a woman, according to the United Nations. Regional war and rape leave an estimated 1,000 or more women assaulted every day. One organization, HEAL Africa, helps women manage their traumatic injuries holistically. Correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

March 8, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 12 minutes

How Republicans, Democrats Are Vying to Win Women's Votes: Amid a flurry of recent news on women's issues, Democrats are working to capitalize on debates over a birth-control mandate and a proposed Virginia ultrasound requirement for abortions. Judy Woodruff discusses parties' attempts to woo women voters with The Washington Post's Ruth Marcus and Republican strategist Cheri Jacobus.

Youth

January 12, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Kids and Cancer: Why Pediatric Cancer Cure Rates Have Improved So Much: Four decades ago, President Nixon signed a law that would change the way cancer research was funded in an effort to develop better treatments and cure more patients. Health correspondent Betty Ann Bowser explores the positive developments pediatric cancer research has realized in the last 40 years.

January 16, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 6 minutes

In Smaller Voices, 'I Have a Dream' Echoes Again Over National Mall: For the past seven years on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, children from a Washington, D.C., elementary school have climbed the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to proclaim "I have a dream," just as Dr. King did 48 years ago. This year, they also shared what "the most historic speech ever" means to them.

February 2, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 5 minutes

California Photographer Captures Young Faces of Juvenile Detention: Photographer and University of California, Santa Barbara professor Richard Ross has spent five years documenting juvenile detention facilities throughout the nation. In his own words, Ross explains what he's seen. This report is part of NewsHour's American Graduate series on the U.S. dropout crisis.

February 1, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 8 minutes

Gang Member-Turned-Ph.D. Mentors Youth on the Fringes: Victor Rios says he has lived two lifetimes. In his first, he was a gang member, juvenile delinquent and high school dropout. Now, he's a sociology professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, who tries to help adolescents avoid the same mistakes he made and get second chances like he did. Ray Suarez reports.

February 24, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHour 10 minutes

New York Arts Program Brings 'Harmony' to Low-Income Students: Serving mostly low-income children in New York City, an innovative music education program called Harmony provides free instruments and daily music lessons to children in third through sixth grades. Correspondent John Merrow reports on an arts program changing lives in public schools, based on a system developed in Venezuela.

February 28, 2012 7pm PBS NewsHhour 4 minutes

News Wrap: Death Toll Rises to 3 in Ohio High School Shooting: In other news Tuesday, two more students died after Monday's shooting at a suburban Cleveland school. The alleged shooter had his first appearance in juvenile court, and prosecutors said he apparently chose the victims at random. In Pakistan, gunmen in military uniforms stopped a convoy of buses and killed 16 Shiite passengers.

March 8, 2012 7pm

PBS NewsHour 11 minutes

'Kony 2012': 'Unprecedented' Viral Video's Message, Backlash Examined: The "Stop Kony" campaign that's gone viral in recent days aims to spotlight the atrocities of warlord Joseph Kony in Uganda. Margaret Warner discusses the nonprofit Invisible Children's popular "Kony 2012" video and its ensuing criticism with the Institute for Policy Studies' Emira Woods and Porter Novelli's Dawn Arteaga.