

# Quarterly Programs/Issues List

## October 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

### KOPB Portland, Oregon

#### Abortion

**October 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Missouri Senate Seat in Play as Akin and McCaskill Fight for the Middle: Democrats expected incumbent Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., to lose her seat come November. But after her challenger Republican Todd Akin made controversial remarks about rape and abortion, McCaskill has gained a narrow lead. Gwen Ifill reports on the key race, which may dictate which party controls the Senate.

**October 11, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 22 minutes**

Shields and Brooks: Joe Biden Brings Passion, Paul Ryan Keeps Cool: Post-debate, NewsHour Political analysts Marks Shields and David Brooks go in-depth on their take of the candidates performance, including the gaffes, the body language and the responses from Joe Biden and Paul Ryan on issues ranging from the attacks on Libya to how their Catholic faith informs their views on abortion.

#### Aging

**October 1, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

What's at Stake in the Candidates' Different Visions for Medicaid: The firestorm over how to make Medicare more sustainable has consumed the health care debate this election season, but Medicaid, its counterpart for low-income, disabled and elderly Americans, actually covers more people. Hari Sreenivasan looks at how the candidates' two drastically different proposals offer reform.

**November 25, 2012 4pm**

**Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, 30 minutes**

Caring for an Aging Parent: "A lot of people in caregiving situations ask, 'Why is God doing this to me? Where is God in the midst of all this?' and they really struggle with spiritual matters," says Rev. Kate Bryant. Her church started a special ministry to support parental caregivers. Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz: "The idea of the Talmud is that you are allowed to ask questions about everything," says Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. He calls the Talmud "the central pillar of Jewish culture" and "a vast book encouraging you to ask questions." Dana Greene on Poet Denise Levertov: "There is a profound sense of the divine sparks of God being everywhere and that the role of the devoted person is to bring those divine sparks together again."

**December 13, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Lawmakers Consider Raising Medicare Age of Eligibility as Budget Compromise: Attempting to find a compromise for a budget deal, President Obama indicated he would be open to a GOP proposal to raise the Medicare eligibility age for future retirees from 65 to 67. Ray Suarez talks to Center for American Progress president Neera Tanden and Tevi Troy of the Hudson Institute, who debate the potential impact.

## **Agriculture**

**October 18, 2012 11pm**

**Lords of the Gourd: The Pursuit of Excellence, 1 hour**

The extreme gardeners who compete at the annual Cooperstown Weigh Off have one obsessive goal -- to raise the biggest giant pumpkin in the world. These gurus of the gourd nurture their fruits through harsh weather, floods, animal attacks and even sabotage to produce glorious pumpkins of gigantic proportion. This program follows Joe Pukos and his fellow competitors through the final harrowing days of harvest and the journey across New York State with the bulging behemoths strapped into the backs of their pick-ups. Joe is a real contender -- at least until last minute rumors circulate that another grower may be set to smash the world record.

**October 9, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

From Rooftop to Alleyway, Chicago Fights Extreme Urban Heat With Greener Ideas: One of Chicago's most beautiful and hidden gardens is located on top of City Hall, part of an effort to 'green' roofs in order fight rising temperatures. Hari Sreenivasan reports on the actions the city of Chicago is taking to mitigate climate change in an urban landscape.

## **Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction**

**October 9, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minutes 38 seconds**

Mexican Marines Kill Drug Lord Known as 'The Executioner': Since the Mexican government declared war on drug cartels six years ago, nearly two-thirds of drug lords have been arrested or killed. Most recently, authorities killed Herbito Lazcano after a shootout. As leader of the Zetas Cartel, he and his group committed some of the bloodiest violence in Mexico. Judy Woodruff reports.

**October 10, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Report by U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Depicts Lance Armstrong as Ring Leader: In a report by the USADA, cyclist Lance Armstrong is characterized as leader of a sophisticated team doping operation. The first established paper trail documenting allegations and evidence against him includes the testimony of teammates and large payments made by wire. Ray Suarez talks to Bill Strickland of Bicycling magazine.

**October 22, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

Lance Armstrong's Fall From Grace Is Not Unique Among Modern Athletes: In one fell swoop, cyclist Lance Armstrong's sports career has come to a close after the International Cycling Union banned him from professional cycling for life. Ray Suarez reports on the evidence of doping, as well as the recent string of athletes whose careers have been tainted because of performance-enhancing drugs.

**October 31, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Supreme Court Devotes Day to Hear Cases on Drug-Sniffing Dogs and Privacy Rights: The Supreme Court heard two cases on police use of drug-sniffing dogs for criminal searches. At the heart of the debate is if officers can search a car or house without a warrant if a dog detects alleged drugs. Judy Woodruff talks to The National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle for a breakdown of the Supreme Court's recent session.

**November 27, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

Obama Meets Mexican President-Elect Nieto to Discuss War on Drugs, Immigration: **President Obama sat down with Mexican President-Elect Enrique Pena Nieto** -- set to take office later this week -- to discuss many subjects, including the uptick in drug violence in Mexico and along the U.S. border, illegal immigration, and economic and trade opportunities between the two countries. Ray Suarez reports.

**November 27, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

How U.S.-Mexico Relations May Shift Under President-Elect Enrique Pena Nieto: Pressing agenda items for President Obama's second term and incoming Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto will include economic relations, energy cooperation and security, especially drug trafficking and violence. Ray Suarez talks to Shannon O'Neil of Council on Foreign Relations and Michael Shifter of Inter-American Dialogue.

**December 13, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Scientists Say Bottoms Up to Find the Connection Between Genes and Addiction: Scientists have not found one master alcoholism gene in DNA but rather several that may affect a person's susceptibility. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien goes under the influence to examine the genetic science behind alcoholism and other addictions, and how the answers point to great challenges in curing substance abuse.

## **American History/Biography**

**November 22, 2012 9pm**

**Broadway: The American Musical, Give My Regards To Broadway (1893-1927) 1 hour)**

When Florenz Ziegfeld Jr. first hits New York in 1893, the intersection of Broadway and 42nd is nobody's idea of "the crossroads of the world." But by 1913, "The Ziegfeld Follies really were an amalgamation of everything that was happening in America, in New York, at that time," says writer Philip Furia. Ziegfeld's story introduces many of the era's key figures: Irving Berlin, a Russian immigrant who becomes the voice of assimilated America; entertainers, such as Jewish comedienne Fanny Brice and African-American Bert Williams, who become America's first "crossover" artists; and the brash Irish-American George M. Cohan, whose song-and-dance routines embody the energy of Broadway. The first half of the episode culminates in Ziegfeld's 1927 production of Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II's far-sighted masterpiece, Show Boat. The second half begins with the advent of Prohibition and the Jazz Age. While brash American women flapped their way to newfound freedoms, heroines of Broadway like Marilyn Miller become a testament to pluck and luck. It's the age of "Whoopie" and the "Charleston," Runnin' Wild and George White's Scandals. In 1921, a jazz show like no other arrives: Shuffle Along, which features a rich, rousing score by Noble Sissle and Eubie Blake, reopening Broadway's doors to black talent. Unique talents like the Marx Brothers and Al Jolson - a Jewish immigrant and Prohibition's biggest star - rocket to stardom. But as the Roaring Twenties come to a close, Broadway's Jazz Age suffers the one-two punch of the "talking picture" and the stock market crash, triggering a massive talent exodus to Hollywood and putting an end to Broadway's feverish expansion.

**October 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

'Tension City' Reflects on Jim Lehrer's Decades Moderating Presidential Debates: In his new book, "Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain," NewsHour Executive Editor Jim Lehrer looks back at more than 40 years of televised political debates in America. Jeffrey Brown and Lehrer discuss his unique front-row seat to history as a 10-time presidential debate moderator.

**November 1, 2012 11pm**

**Standing Bear's Footsteps, 1 hour**

This is the story of an Indian chief who went to court to prove he was a person ... and in the process redefined what it means to be an American. The documentary traces one man's journey from his Nebraska homeland to the malaria-infested plains of Indian Territory and finally to a trial that made front-page news across America. Standing Bear's odyssey began in 1877, when the Ponca tribe was exiled from the Niobrara valley to Indian Territory in present-day Oklahoma, a place they called death country. As Standing Bear's son was dying, he begged his father to take his body home for burial with his ancestors. In January of 1879, Standing Bear began the long walk north to keep his promise. Before he and his small band could make it home, they were arrested and imprisoned at Fort Omaha. With the secret support of a famous army general, Standing Bear sued the U.S. government for his freedom. The film weaves interviews, re-creations and present-day scenes to tell a powerful story about human rights.

**November 15, 2012 11pm**

**The Journey of Sacagawea, 1 hour**

This program explores the life of Sacagawea from the rich oral history of the Augadika Shoshoni, Mandan Hidatsa and the Nez Perce Native American tribes, as well as the historical account taken from the journals from the expedition of Lewis and Clark.

**October 18, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

New Collection Listens in on President Kennedy's Secret White House Tapes: A new book, "Listening In: The Secret White House Recordings of John F. Kennedy," shares a treasure trove of the president's secretly-recorded phone calls, meetings and private reflections. Gwen Ifill talks to Ted Widmer, historian and librarian of Brown University, who edited and annotated the tape transcripts.

**October 23, 2012 9pm**

**Secrets of the Dead "The Man Who Saved the World", 1 hour**

This film explores the dramatic and little-known events that unfolded inside a nuclear-armed Soviet submarine during the Cuban Missile Crisis. While politicians desperately sought a solution to the stand-off, Vasili Arkhipov, an officer aboard the submarine, refused to fire a nuclear torpedo, thus averting disaster. The program combines tense drama with eyewitness accounts and expert testimony about a critical event during the Cold War.

**November 20, 2012 8pm**

**David Geffen: American Masters, 2 hours**

Notoriously press- and camera-shy, David Geffen reveals himself for the first time in this unflinching portrait of a complex and compelling man. His far-reaching influence – as agent and manager, record industry mogul, Hollywood and Broadway producer, and billionaire philanthropist – has helped shape American popular culture for the past four decades. He launched the early successes of Joni Mitchell, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Jackson Browne, Tom Cruise, and Guns N' Roses; he co-founded DreamWorks, the first new Hollywood studio in more than 50 years; he produced Cats and Dreamgirls; he is one of the largest contributors to the fight against AIDS; and he has become an important political voice. This dealmaker extraordinaire is witty, self-aware and candid. He and everyone from Yoko Ono and Cher, Frank Rich and Maureen Dowd, Stephen Spielberg and Barry Diller, David Crosby and Neil Young, Elton John and Rahm Emanuel illuminate his rich and riveting story.

**November 18, 2012 9pm**

**The Dust Bowl: The Great Plow Up, 2 hrs**

Survey the causes of the worst man-made ecological disaster in American history, when the frenzied wheat boom of the "Great Plow-Up," followed by a decade-long drought during the 1930s, nearly swept away the breadbasket of the nation. See vivid interviews with 26 survivors of those hard times, combined with dramatic photographs and seldom-seen movie footage, that bring to life stories of incredible human suffering and equally incredible perseverance. The documentary is also a morality tale about our relationship to the land that sustains us – a lesson we ignore at our peril.

**November 19, 2012 9pm**

**The Dust Bowl: Reaping the Whirlwind, 2 hrs**

Reaping the Whirlwind: In the second episode of Ken Burns's DUST BOWL, experience the gradual relief as the families of the plains seek new lives in California and government conservation efforts – and a break in the drought in 1939 – eventually stabilize the soil and bring the farms back to life, but with dangers of another Dust Bowl facing future generations.

**November 27, 2012 9pm**

**The War of 1812, 2 hrs**

The War of 1812 explores this significant event from divergent points of view. Leading historians, battle re-enactors and historic images help bring this defining conflict to life.

## **Arts**

**October 4, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

Christiane Cegavske's feature-length animation "Blood Tea and Red String" made a huge impression on the avant-garde film world when it premiered in 2006. We visit Christiane in production on the film's sequel "Seed in the Sand." Three floors of working artists, drawing and clay studios all under one roof in downtown Ashland! Meet the woman who made space for over 200 southern Oregon artists!

**October 11, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

Get a preview of this year's Portland Fashion Week. Watch Jo Hamilton take her grandmother's craft and turn it into a new art form. Tom Cramer is an iconic Portland painter whose work has ranged from colorful murals and painted cars, to his current etched and gilded paintings. He's inspired by nature, and traditional icons, as well as his own imagination.

**October 18, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

Multi-instrumentalist Carl Tietze always loved the idea of being a one-man band but it wasn't until he moved to Oregon in 1998, that "Solovox" was born. Since then, this uniquely Portland performer has been a force in the local dance scene and became a legend when he almost brought down the Hawthorne Bridge on its hundredth birthday. Poet Kim Stafford has carved out his own writing niche, inspired by the natural world.

**October 25, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

In Albany, one woman decided that the historic downtown needed a brand new carousel, featuring a broad range of hand-carved, wooden animals. Jennifer Mercede uses bright color and words in her paintings. Watch sisters Katelyn and Laurie Shook get a crowd dancing with their sunny harmonies and quirky approach to folk music.

**November 1, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

There's no need to travel to Louisiana for your next dose of the blues. Just track down the Northwest Boogie Cat, Norman Sylvester. We profiled installation artist Brenda Mallory a couple of years ago. If you're in Concourse A at the Portland airport this month there's the chance to see her latest installation. Videographer Greg Bond gives us this update. It's the little theater that could! See how an emerging theater company found their home and community in an old northeast Portland church.

**November 8, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

Presented by the Beaverton Arts Commission, the exhibition, which is free and open to the public, runs from November 3-11 at the Beaverton City Library and will include sculpture, watercolor, oil and acrylic painting, photography and mixed media. If you've got the blues, Lloyd Jones can help. For more than 40 years, he's been on the road, playing the blues for generations of music lovers. Karin Richardson is a glass artist and found object sculptor who lives in North Bend on the Coast.

**November 15, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

Take a tour of the Coos Bay Art Museum. Kenneth Standhardt makes ceramic vessels that look like woven baskets. He makes all his designs by hand with a can opener, spending hours for the perfect result. Katie Brien has a day job, but what she really loves is standup comedy.

**November 29, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to Oregon Art Beat! Grab some popcorn and get comfortable, we're going to the circus!

**December 20, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

It's not easy to make those designs on top of a latte, never mind pour the perfect cup of coffee underneath. We get a quick tour behind the scenes of a coffee operation - roasting, cupping and finally, decorating. Polly Schoonmaker of Polly's Cake's is semi-retired from cake baking. She changed course, calling herself a "re-ginner" getting back into the art of ceramics. Yearning for some permanence in her art, Polly looks forward to people not eating her work!

**December 27, 2012 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat, 30 minutes**

Wang Gongyi was born with China's communist revolution, which put her on a collision course with the political turbulence of the times. But her devotion to art paid off; In the mid-1980s, she was recognized as one of China's top artists and spent several years in France studying and expanding her artistic range. Wang has made her home in Oregon for more than a decade, where she teaches art privately and "plays" at Painter Farooq Hassan was a national treasure in his homeland of Iraq. He fled the war in 2010, leaving behind a lifetime of artwork and his fame. Find out how he is rebuilding his standing as an artist in his new country, the United States. painting and printmaking.

**October 11, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute 40 seconds**

Writer Mo Yan Wins Nobel Prize, Spurs Mixed Reaction from Fellow Chinese: The Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to celebrated Chinese writer Mo Yan, whose books include "Red Sorghum" and "The Garlic Ballads." Some more politically outspoken Chinese dissidents and intellectuals were critical of the choice, but the Nobel committee was quick to say the prize was awarded solely on literary merit.

**October 11, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

Poet Sharon Olds' New Collection Mourns and Heals the End of a Marriage: Sharon Olds shares work from her latest collection of poetry, "Stag's Leap," a book grieving and healing at the end of a marriage. Olds also talks about her partner's New Hampshire nature retreat where she spends her days, about finding her poetic voice in her 30s, and the "usefulness" of poetry.

**October 30, 2012 8pm**

**Ellen DeGeneres: The Mark Twain Prize, 1 ½ hrs**

This special celebrates television icon and entertainment pioneer Ellen DeGeneres, the latest recipient of The Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. From the stage of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, some of the biggest names in comedy salute the 15th recipient of the humor prize.

**October 29, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Photographer Puts New Spin on 'Street' Art Using Google Maps: Photographer Doug Rickard sees artistic possibility in the images of people captured in the photographic drive-bys that make up Google Street View. He has travelled thousands of virtual miles, looking for potential photographs in Google's maps that have more than just utilitarian purpose. KQED's Scott Shafer reports.

**November 21, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minutes 37 seconds**

Poet Joy Harjo Shares Words of Celebration and Memory for Thanksgiving: Joy Harjo, who was born into the Muscogee Creek Nation in Oklahoma, describes herself as a poet, musician, dreamer and questioner. Her poem "Perhaps the World Ends Here" is particularly fitting as people gather around the table to celebrate Thanksgiving.

**December 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

A Musician of His 'Time': Remembering Jazz Great David Brubeck: Jazz pianist Dave Brubeck, who challenged time-signature conventions and brought jazz to a wide audience, has died at the age of 91. His 1959 album "Time Out" was the first jazz record to sell a million copies. Jeffrey Brown talks to George Wein, founder of the Newport Jazz Festival, about Brubeck's life and musical legacy.

**December 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

Sitar Virtuoso Ravi Shankar, 92, Popularized Indian Music for Western Audiences: Virtuoso sitar player Ravi Shankar inspired a new fascination with and appreciation for classical Indian music in Western popular culture. Judy Woodruff remembers the man who tutored Beatles guitarist George Harrison, performed at Woodstock and won three Grammy awards. Shankar passed away at the age of 92.

## **Business/Industry**

**October 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

News Wrap: New York State Files Mortgage Fraud Lawsuit Against JPMorgan Chase: In other news Tuesday, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman filed a major mortgage lawsuit against JPMorgan Chase, claiming that former rival Bear Stearns--which JPMorgan bought in 2008--misled the investors who bought and lost sub-prime mortgage loan securities in 2006 and 2007 after the company collapsed.

**October 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

American Airlines' Bumpy Ride: Loose Seats, Smoky Cabins and Labor Disputes: Amid long-running contract struggles with its 7,500 active pilots, American Airlines, the third largest passenger airline, has delayed or cancelled hundreds of flights in the last few weeks. Gwen Ifill talks to USA Today's Ben Mutzabaugh for more on the company's bankruptcy woes, toxic labor relations and maintenance concerns.

**October 26, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

With Windows 8, Microsoft Makes Big Shift Away From PCs Towards Tablets: Microsoft has revealed its biggest makeover so far to the operating system found on nine out of every 10 computers in the world. Ray Suarez talks to Forrester Research's Charles Golvin about how Microsoft's decision to focus on tablet-style computers will impact consumers and the greater tech industry.

**October 26, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

As the Economy Booms in Northeast Ohio, Which Candidate Will Reap the Benefit? A resurgence in steel, energy and auto manufacturing has brought over 50,000 jobs back to northeast Ohio. With the economy as the primary issue likely to determine the election, Public Radio International's Todd Zwillich examines whether Mitt Romney or President Obama will gain an advantage from the recent economic boom in Ohio.

**November 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute 13 seconds**

News Wrap: EPA Charges Korean Automakers Overstated Cars' Fuel Economy: In other news Friday, Korean companies Kia and Hyundai could be expected to pay car owners hundreds of millions of dollars for falsely advertising the fuel economy of 13 car models. Owners of nearly 900,000 vehicles, all sold in the last three years, could receive compensation.

**November 15, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

BP to Pay Largest Fine in U.S. History, Admit Guilt in Gulf Oil Spill Settlement: Two years after a rig operated by British Petroleum exploded, spilling oil into the Gulf of Mexico, the company agreed to plead guilty to felony charges and is expected to pay \$4.5 billion in fines. Jeffrey Brown talks to ProPublica's Abrahm Lustgarten and John Young, president of Jefferson Parish, La., for their reactions.



**November 12, 2012 10pm**

**Independent Lens: Park Avenue: Money, Power & the American Dream 1 hour**

Academy Award-winning filmmaker Alex Gibney (Taxi to the Dark Side, Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room) presents his take on the gap between rich and poor Americans in "Park Avenue: Money, Power & the American Dream." Gibney contends that America's richest citizens have "rigged the game in their favor," and created unprecedented inequality in the United States.

Nowhere, Gibney asserts, is this more evident than on Park Avenue in New York. 740 Park in Manhattan is currently home to the highest concentration of billionaires in the country. Across the river, less than five miles away, Park Avenue runs through the South Bronx, home to the poorest congressional district in the United States.

In Park Avenue: Money, Power and the American Dream Gibney states that while income disparity has always existed in the U.S., it has accelerated sharply over the last 40 years. As of 2010, the 400 richest Americans controlled more wealth than the bottom 50 percent of the populace - 150 million people. In the film, Gibney explains why he believes upward mobility is increasingly out of reach for the poor.

**November 26, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Cyber Monday Likely to Be Biggest Online Shopping Day in U.S. History: Retailers are advertising online bargains galore for this year's Cyber Monday. Even with an uncertain economy, Americans are expected to spend \$1.5 billion, making it the biggest online sales day in history. Jeffrey Brown talks to three guests about the impact of holiday shopping and the broader economic implications.

**December 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Citigroup Plans to Lay Off 11,000 Employees in Financial Crisis Scale Back: In a move to cut costs, increase profits and speed its recovery from financial crisis, Citigroup, Inc., announced 11,000 jobs were to be cut worldwide. Gwen Ifill talks to Bloomberg Businessweek's Roben Farzad for more on what pushed America's third-largest bank to make these sweeping job cuts in the U.S. and overseas.

## **Child Abuse**

**October 18, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

News Wrap: Boy Scouts' 'Perversion Files' Document Decades of Sexual Abuse: In other news Thursday, more than 14,000 pages of information collected from 1959 to 1991 were made public, exposing sexual abuse of Boy Scouts by adult leaders. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Nigel Duara of The Associated Press for more on why the files were released this week.

## **Community Politics/Government**

**October 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Pa. Judge Rules Strict Voter ID Law Will Go Into Effect Year After Election: A Pennsylvania judge blocked a law that will require voters to show government ID at the polls from taking effect until after the 2012 elections. Ray Suarez asks Republican Pa. state representative Daryl Metcalfe and Judith Browne-Dianis of Advancement Project if the law addresses voter fraud or merely disenfranchises voters.

**October 9, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

As Romney Cuts into Obama's Lead, Both Vie for Critical Votes in Swing States: After the first presidential debate the tides were turned for Mitt Romney, who had been trailing President Obama. In almost every post-debate poll Romney is now statistically tied or leading President Obama. Gwen Ifill reports on the candidates' messages on campaign trail post-debate, especially in swing states.

**October 15, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

In Blue Bay State, Senate Candidates Stress Bipartisanship and Independence: Democrats outnumber Republicans 3-1 in Massachusetts, but rhetoric coming from both sides of the contentious senate race emphasizes moderation and independence--from Washington and from Wall Street. Gwen Ifill reports on the high profile and increasingly nasty contest between Sen. Scott Brown and Democrat Elizabeth Warren.

**October 18, 2012 7pm**

**Electoral Dysfunction, 1 hour**

After discovering that the Constitution does not guarantee the right to vote, political humorist Mo Rocca sets out on an irreverent road trip to see how voting works in America. Rocca -- a correspondent for "CBS Sunday Morning," panelist on NPR's "Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!" and former correspondent for "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" -- heads to Indiana, home to some of the strictest election laws in the country, and meets one Republican and one Democrat who take him inside their efforts to get out every vote. As he progresses on his journey, he searches for the Electoral College; critiques ballot design with Todd Oldham; investigates the debate over voter ID and voter fraud; and explores the case of a former felon who was sentenced to 10 years in prison -- for the crime of voting. Eye-opening, engaging and nonpartisan, ELECTORAL DYSFUNCTION is for voters who want their votes to count.

**October 30, 2012 10pm**

**Frontline: Big Sky, Big Money, 1 hour**

In a special investigation in collaboration with "Marketplace," FRONTLINE travels to the remote epicenter of the campaign finance debate for a tale of money, politics and intrigue. How has the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision changed campaigns in America? Ask Montana, which has tried to challenge the ruling in court, is investigating alleged campaign abuses and is playing host to a bitter race that could decide control of the U.S. Senate. FRONTLINE correspondent and "Marketplace" host Kai Ryssdal reports.

**October 25, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Battleground Strategy: Candidates Use Huge Funds to Target Ads to Undecideds: Ohio voters greeted visits from Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama, who also made stops in Florida and Virginia. Jeffrey Brown reports on the neck-and-neck polls and the money race -- both to earn and to spend. Margaret Warner talks to NPR's Mara Liason about the money the candidates are spending on ads and in swing states.

**November 1, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Outside Groups Outspending Political Campaigns in Competitive Senate Races: For the 2012 elections, Democrats and Republicans are focused on taking control of the Senate by winning a majority of seats. Jeffrey Brown talks to NPR's Tamara Keith, who breaks down the money -- millions of dollars -- being poured into competitive Senate races by political parties and, significantly, by outside groups.

**November 19, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Maine's Incoming Independent Senator Angus King on Caucusing With the Dems: Angus King is one of two Independents in the incoming U.S. Senate, after winning a seat in Maine held for 18 years by retiring Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe. King is expected to caucus with senate Democrats. Jeffrey Brown spoke to the senator-elect after his election win.

**December 11, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Passage of 'Right-to-Work' Law in Michigan Points to Weakened Labor Union Power: What will the passage of 'right to work' laws in Michigan mean for unions in what had once been a stronghold for organized labor? Judy Woodruff talks to Forbes.com contributor Micheline Maynard in Ann Arbor and Bill Ballenger of Inside Michigan Politics, who explain why unions' political power has weakened.

## **Consumerism**

**October 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

News Wrap: California Gasoline Prices Spike Causing Panicked Rush to the Pumps: In other news Friday, after gasoline prices rose as much as 20 cents in California, long lines formed all over the state as people tried to fill up their cars before prices rose again. Also, hundreds of patients may have received steroid injections tainted with fungal meningitis. At least 47 people have been infected.

**October 26, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

The Good, the Bad and the Politics Behind the Latest Government Economic Report: The latest round of economic reports show consumer confidence at its highest level since 2007. Consumer spending and home sales are up, as well defense spending. Jeffrey Brown talks to investment advisor Hugh Johnson about the new data -- good and bad -- including exports decline, job growth rates, and the effect on campaigns.

**October 31, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Apple and Google Compete to Build, Maintain More Perfect Digital Mapping System: In the business of modern mapmaking, there are high stakes for customer satisfaction. When Apple released its iPhone5, it replaced Google Maps with its own mapping technology--and users were not happy. Spencer Michels reports on the challenges of creating digital maps and how crowdsourcing is making them more accurate.

**November 22, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

How 'Black Friday' Morphed Into 'Gray Thursday': Many Americans will head to the mall after Thanksgiving dinner to snag retail deals once reserved for the early morning of "Black Friday." But as retailers fear a sluggish consumer spending holiday season, more are opening on the actual holiday. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Barney Jopson of The Financial Times.

**November 28, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

How Fine Print on Your Bills Helps Big Companies in Taking More of Your Money: Cell phone bills are up 30 percent since 2009. So are cable television bills. Big companies are inserting tiny fees that add up to a lot and their profits do not reflect market competition. In fact, quite the opposite. Economics correspondent Paul Solman talks to David Cay Johnston about what's in the fine print on your bills.

## **Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement**

**October 1, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

New Session of Supreme Court Expects Cases on Voting Rights, Same-Sex Marriage: The U.S. Supreme Court begins its fall session and is expected to review cases on hot issues including same-sex marriage, voting rights and affirmative action. Jeffrey Brown talks to The National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle for more on the important cases and the impact of the Supreme Court's potential rulings.

**October 9, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Jerry Sandusky Sentenced to at Least 30 Years for Sexual Abuse of Young Boys: After being convicted of 45 counts of sexual abuse, former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky appeared in court to receive a sentence of 30 to 60 years in prison, where he will likely spend the rest of his life. Judy Woodruff talks to The Associated Press' Mark Scoloro about the reactions from Sandusky and his victims.

**October 10, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 16 minutes**

Supreme Court Hears Affirmative Action Challenges by Public College Applicants: The U.S. Supreme Court took up a case on whether race should be considered in college applications. Gwen Ifill talks to National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle who explains the arguments. Ray Suarez talks to NAACP's Debo Adegbile and the Century Foundation's Richard Kahlenberg about potential implications for public institutions.

**October 16, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

News Wrap: Supreme Court Rules on Ohio Voting Law, Won't Block Early Voters: In other news Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court sided with President Obama on an Ohio voting matter -- early voting in that state will not be blocked during the three days leading up to Election Day. Also, Americans on Social Security will be receiving an annual inflation-based cost of living adjustment of about \$21 per month.

**October 31, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Supreme Court Devotes Day to Hear Cases on Drug-Sniffing Dogs and Privacy Rights: The Supreme Court heard two cases on police use of drug-sniffing dogs for criminal searches. At the heart of the debate is if officers can search a car or house without a warrant if a dog detects alleged drugs. Judy Woodruff talks to The National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle for a breakdown of the Supreme Court's recent session.

**November 13, 2012 10pm**

**Frontline: The Suicide Plan, 1 hour**

You have an incurable illness, you want to die and you want help dying – what can you do? The terminally ill who live in Oregon or Washington can openly ask a doctor for help, but in the rest of country, where physician-assisted suicide is illegal, people who are suffering turn in secret to friends, family and even activist organizations. FRONTLINE explores this shadow world of assisted suicide, where the lines between legality and criminality are blurred, taking viewers inside one of the most polarizing social issues of our time – told by the people choosing to die, and by their “assistors,” individuals and right-to-die organizations at risk of prosecution for their actions.

**November 26, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Hinging on Supervisor Definition, Supreme Court Reviews Work Harassment Case: The Supreme Court heard arguments in a case about work harassment that depends on defining who is considered a supervisor and who is considered a co-worker. Jeffrey Brown talks to The National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle about the case and how the ruling will likely affect how liabilities are measured by employers.

**December 11, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour 6 minutes**

British Bank HSBC Makes \$2 Billion Settlement on Money Laundering Charges: British bank HSBC is expected to pay \$2 billion in a settlement over charges of laundering money on behalf of sanctioned nations such as Iran, Sudan and Cuba, and Mexican criminal cartels. Judy Woodruff talks to Wall Street Journal's Devlin Barrett on whether this \$2 billion settlement will prove a valuable lesson to HSBC.

**December 14, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

President Obama Honors Shooting Victims, Families: 'Our Hearts Are Broken Today': A gunman entered Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., and opened fire, killing at least 27, among whom 20 were children. In a press conference at the White House, President Obama spoke emotionally of the nation's sorrow for the many victims of the deadly shooting and their families.

**December 14, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Shields and Brooks on Gun Control Policy, Susan Rice, 'Fiscal Cliff' Talks: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks talk to Judy Woodruff about the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School and ways to approach gun control policy, as well as Susan Rice's decision not to pursue the nomination for Secretary of State and the state of the 'fiscal cliff' conversations.

## **Culture**

**October 26, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

New Erdrich Novel Deals With Crime and Jurisdiction on North Dakota Reservation: Novelist Louise Erdrich examines what happens when crimes are committed on Native American reservations, a decidedly non-fictional problem, through the eyes of her fictional protagonist, a 13-year-old boy named Joe. Jeff Brown talks to Erdrich about her novel "The Round House," set on the N.D. reservation of the Ojibwe tribe.

**October 29, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Author Bill Ivey Argues for Rediscovering Values at Heart of American Ideal: Bill Ivey, former National Endowment for the Arts chair, says he sees a crisis in our culture where public discourse no longer includes argument over values or why we do what we do as Americans. Jeffrey Brown talks to Ivey about his call for a revived progressive vision, outlined in his new book, "Handmaking America."

**November 22, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Book Offers Portrait of Prolific Photographer Who Captured Native American Lives: Backed by Theodore Roosevelt, Edward Curtis set out in 1900 to document the lives of Native Americans. Over the next 30 years, he took more than 40,000 pictures and 10,000 audio recordings. Jeffrey Brown talks to Pulitzer Prize winner Timothy Egan about his new biography about Curtis, "Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher."

**November 26, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Quileute 'Twilight' Tribe Deals With Rising Sea Levels That Threaten Way of Life: Located west of Olympic National Park, La Push, Wash., is idyllic at first glance. But the beauty of the place is matched by danger and vulnerability. Located at sea level, La Push lies directly in a flood and tsunami zone. Hari Sreenivasan reports on how the Quileute tribe culture is adapting to new climate challenges.

## **Disabilities**

**December 2, 2012 4pm**

**Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly, ½ hour**

Churches and the Disabled: The disabled, says religion writer Mark Pinsky, "are not just people who need help, but they are people who can help." St. Olaf Christmas Festival and Choir: The elite St. Olaf Choir is considered a pioneer in America's a capella choral tradition, and for one hundred years, this small Lutheran college in Minnesota has performed a Christmas concert that has become known—and loved—around the world.

## **Economy**

**October 4, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Experts Debate Facts, Outcomes of the Candidates' Approaches to Taxes: Jeffrey Brown gets two political perspectives on the candidates' tax plans from Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' Jared Bernstein, former economist for Vice President Joe Biden, and American Action Forum's Douglas Holtz-Akin, former economics advisor to the McCain campaign.

**October 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes**

National Unemployment Falls Below 8 Percent, But Economic Recovery Still Far Off: While President Obama lauded the September job numbers which showed unemployment at 7.8 percent, Mitt Romney remained critical, saying the numbers alone do not paint an accurate picture of the economy. Jeff Brown asks the Washington Post's Neil Irwin and Mesirow Financial's Diane Swonk if the latest report is a sign of recovery.

**October 17, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Recession May Take Wind Out of San Francisco's Economic Hopes for America's Cup: The 2013 America's Cup, an international sailing competition, will be held in San Francisco Bay next September. Hosting the race is all about economics, but with global financial decline San Francisco may not reap the hoped for \$1.4 billion in revenue or 9,000 promised jobs. Spencer Michels reports.

**October 30, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute**

News Wrap: Damages From Sandy Estimated at \$20 Billion: In other news Tuesday, Hurricane Sandy ripped through the mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions of the U.S., leaving behind \$20 billion in damage so far. In addition, a forecasting firm has estimated \$10 to 30 billion in lost business. Also, newly released Case-Shiller numbers show housing prices increased 2 percent in August.

**November 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Slow Growth Is Biggest Economic Challenge Facing Incoming President: U.S. employers across various sectors are hiring, signaling slow but steady growth. Still, the unemployment rate rose in October and many Americans continue to leave the labor force completely. Jeffrey Brown talks to two economists, John Taylor and Austan Goolsbee, about what economic challenges the next president will face.

**November 8, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

With Election Over and Time Running Out, Washington Shifts Focus to Fiscal Cliff: Congress returns to Washington next week for a lame duck session to begin to tackle the threat of going over the "fiscal cliff." In the private sector, some business leaders are taking a more vocal stance on the debt crisis and have joined the Campaign to Fix the Debt. Judy Woodruff talks to Aetna CEO Mark T. Bertolini.

**November 13, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Congress Returns to Washington to Aim For Balanced Budget in Lame-Duck Session: With the ceremonial welcomes of newly-elected members of Congress, members of the House and Senate hope to find a solution to the avert the country from sequestration -- the triggered tax increases of \$500 billion and spending cuts of \$109 billion scheduled for January. Judy Woodruff talks to PRI's Todd Zwillich for more.

**November 22, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour 9 minutes**

No Laughing Matter: A Look at the European Debt Crisis Through Cartoons: Lee Buchheit, a lawyer who helped mastermind Greece's debt restructuring earlier this year, and investor Hans Humes explain the wrangling behind-the-scenes of Europe's debt crises to economics correspondent Paul Solman, all with a little help from some cartoonists.

**November 29, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

America's Historical Struggle With Debt and the Role of Federal Government: Between paying now or paying later, Americans have just about always preferred debt to taxes. Paul Solman talks to Simon Johnson of the MIT Sloan School of Management about his new book "White House Burning," which chronicles the history -- including the whys and wherefores, virtues and vices -- of U.S. debt.

**December 6, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minute**

White House, House Republicans Face Off Over Competing Deficit Reduction Plans: House speaker John Boehner wrote to President Obama to reject a White House plan to raise tax rates for the wealthiest Americans, suggesting instead a counter-offer that raises Medicare eligibility age. Gwen Ifill talks to Erskine Bowles about his deficit reduction plan and how it differs from current proposals on the table.

**December 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 13 minutes**

Obama Rejects Future Debt Ceiling Limits as Fiscal Cliff Negotiation Point: Reports of Republicans considering a tax rate hike in exchange for spending cuts next year prompted President Obama to reject linking the fiscal cliff to future debt ceiling limits. Judy Woodruff talks to Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who is optimistic for positive progress and hopes shared by all parties for a responsible outcome.

**December 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Anti-Tax Crusader Grover Norquist Compares Balanced Approach to 'Pink Unicorns': Since 1986, the Taxpayer Protection Pledge has been signed by politicians promising to oppose increases to the marginal income tax rate. But some Republicans say they may be willing to break the pledge to avoid the fiscal cliff. Judy Woodruff talks to pledge creator Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform.

## **Education**

**October 18, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

More Debt, Fewer Jobs: How the Candidates Plan to Solve Rising Costs of College: Student debt is outpacing credit card debt. With unemployment high for young people, 10 percent of graduates have defaulted on loans within two years of graduation. Judy Woodruff talks American Council on Education's Terry Hartle and Cato Institute's Neal McCluskey about what President Obama and Mitt Romney propose as solutions.

**November 8, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

To Encourage Kids' Health, Pediatricians Add Reading to Essential Check-Up List: National literacy program Reach Out and Read reaches kids in a place where they are almost guaranteed to visit: the doctor's office. Special correspondent John Merrow meets a new breed of pediatrician -- part doctor, part teacher -- who help parents share books with their children to improve and encourage cognitive development.

**November 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

While Schools Are Closed, N.J. Teachers Provide Support for Young Storm Victims: The town of Belmar was among New Jersey's hardest hit communities in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and a fall nor'easter. With schools still closed, special correspondent John Tulenko tells the story of the teachers coming to the rescue of families by turning their efforts from education to storm relief.



**November 20, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

High School Coach Tells Football Team, 'Don't Go to Study Hall, You Don't Play': Natalie Randolph is one of the first women to head a high school football team, but to her students she is more than a coach. At Coolidge High School in Washington, Coach Randolph prioritizes academics by ensuring athletes attend study hall before practice. Jeffrey Brown talks to Randolph about success on and off the field.

**December 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

In Chicago, Public Schools and Teachers Work Towards a 'Common Core': Some states, including Illinois, have recently adopted new public school curriculum guidelines called the Common Core State Standards. While some teachers feel relief at having clear guidelines, Elizabeth Brackett of WTTW reports from Chicago on a more contentious aspect of the new implementation: student and teacher evaluation.

**December 6, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

School Reform Program Targets Students at Risk of Falling Behind, Dropping Out: Currently implemented in 44 U.S. schools, a data-driven dropout prevention program called Diplomas Now targets students who start to fall behind in middle school, and offers them nurturing, mentoring relationships. Ray Suarez reports on how a Baton Rouge middle school was able to turn itself around by adopting this approach.

## **Employment**

**November 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Slow Growth Is Biggest Economic Challenge Facing Incoming President: U.S. employers across various sectors are hiring, signaling slow but steady growth. Still, the unemployment rate rose in October and many Americans continue to leave the labor force completely. Jeffrey Brown talks to two economists, John Taylor and Austan Goolsbee, about what economic challenges the next president will face.

**December 7, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Should U.S. Extend Unemployment Insurance Amid Federal Fiscal Uncertainty? Businesses added 146,000 jobs in November, but Paul Solman reports the 7.7 percent unemployment rate was partially driven by Americans leaving the workforce. Jeffrey Brown talks to National Employment Law Project's Judy Conti and Heritage Foundation's Bill Beech, who debate the pros and cons of extending unemployment insurance.

**December 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Citigroup Plans to Lay Off 11,000 Employees in Financial Crisis Scale Back: In a move to cut costs, increase profits and speed its recovery from financial crisis, Citigroup, Inc., announced 11,000 jobs were to be cut worldwide. Gwen Ifill talks to Bloomberg Businessweek's Roben Farzad for more on what pushed America's third-largest bank to make these sweeping job cuts in the U.S. and overseas.

**December 7, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 14 minutes**

Shields and Brooks on Jobs Report, 'Fiscal Cliff' Negotiations and Jim DeMint: Judy Woodruff and NewsHour political analysts Mark Shields and David Brooks discuss the week's top political news, including the November jobs report, the U.S. budget negotiations and Sen. Jim DeMint's resignation for a job at the Heritage Foundation.

## **Energy**

**October 31, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Northeast Copes With Devastating Damage, Widespread Power Outages After Sandy: Though foul weather cleared in the Northeast, the death toll rose to at least 63, people faced property destruction and suspension of transportation and millions still had no power. Judy Woodruff reports on Sandy's aftermath and Gwen Ifill talks to Warren Levinson of The Associated Press for more on the situation in New York.

**November 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Hundreds of Thousands in N.J. and N.Y. Lack Power in Slow Post-Sandy Recovery: In New York and New Jersey, access to basic supplies remain limited and hundreds of thousands of people went without power or heat as temperatures dropped into the 30s. Kwame Holman reports. Then, special correspondent Rick Karr examines how the Red Hook neighborhood in Brooklyn is coping with damage from super storm Sandy.

**November 9, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

New Jersey Residents Suffer Cold and Dark as Many Still Lack Power After Storms: The homes of some New Jersey residents have been without power or heat more than 10 days after super storm Sandy struck. And even with support from out-of-state utility workers untangling downed lines, erecting polls, and repairing the grid, many may remain in the dark for days to come. Special correspondent Rick Karr reports.

**November 27, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Utah Makes Deal For Private Gas Drilling on Pristine Public Land: White River, Utah, attracts adventurers for its gorgeous vistas and rare solitude. But proposals to drill for natural gas on the public land worry environmentalists and Native American tribes. Ray Suarez tells of efforts by energy companies and the federal government to strike a deal to drill and protect the environment.

## **Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters**

**October 4, 2012 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

GREBES- How on earth do grebes dance on the surface of the water? Thanks to high-speed cameras we see just how grebes can propel themselves as if they walk on top of the water in the Upper Klamath Lake. It is an amazing sight. NORTH UMPQUA GEOLOGY -Join us on a journey to another Oregon location that is unique in the world. Southern Oregon's North Umpqua River is one of our more dramatic landscapes: a place where rivers collide and three distinct mountain ranges meet. It is an incredible trip into this geologic wonderland. CRANBERRY FARMING- Certain Oregon farms intentionally drown their crops- but only for a few days. We'll dispel some myths and show research into growing the sweetest cranberries in the country.

**October 25, 2012 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

Lava flows and ghost forests show vividly that Mt. Hood's not the only volcano in our backyard: there are many more right on the flanks of Mt. Hood.

**November 1, 2012 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

Meet a former logger who has helped create one wilderness and is now pushing for protection for another area along the Elk River.

**November 15, 2012 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

One of the great success stories in saving wildlife still has some trouble. California condors are raised in captivity and then released into the wild. So, why are so many condors being re-captured and brought in for emergency medical care for lead poisoning?

**November 29, 2012 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

140 wildlife experts and volunteers converge on Forest Park to document as many wildlife species as they can find.

**October 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Storms, Starfish and Warmer Waters Wiped out Half of Great Barrier Reef Coral: A new study finds that in the last 27 years, half of Australia's Great Barrier Reef coral has died. Gwen Ifill talks to Nancy Knowlton, a coral reef biologist and chair of Marine Science at the Smithsonian Institution, about ecological and economic consequences of the collapse, as well as measures to help mediate the decline.

**October 9, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

From Rooftop to Alleyway, Chicago Fights Extreme Urban Heat With Greener Ideas: One of Chicago's most beautiful and hidden gardens is located on top of City Hall, part of an effort to 'green' roofs in order fight rising temperatures. Hari Sreenivasan reports on the actions the city of Chicago is taking to mitigate climate change in an urban landscape.

**October 11, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Demand for Illegal Ivory Explodes in Asia, Where Industry Expands Despite Ban: Despite a 1990 global treaty illegalizing the sale of elephant tusks, religious faiths across Asia value ivory and are willing to pay for it. In China, demand has been met with the construction of major factories to process and produce religious icons. Hari Sreenivasan talks to National Geographic reporter Bryan Christy.

**October 25, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute 36 seconds**

News Wrap: Hurricane Sandy Beats Path Through Cuba, Heads Toward Florida: In other news Thursday, Hurricane Sandy hit Cuba and the eastern Bahamas, bringing heavy rains and winds topping out at 105 miles per hour. Four deaths have been attributed to the storm so far. Tropical storm conditions are likely to hit southeast Florida, while the Northeast may get hit with a wintery superstorm.

**October 30, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 23 minutes**

Sandy Aftermath Affects Millions in New York and Along New Jersey's Coast: The brunt of Hurricane Sandy's powerful winds, surf and rain hit the New Jersey coastline and the nation's most populous city. NewsHour examines the situation in New York and in the greater Northeast region, where schools and public transportation closed down, flights were canceled and an estimated 6.2 million people lost power.

**November 1, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 17 minutes**

Sandy Devastation Leaves N.J. Reeling as Normal Life Gets Slow Restart in N.Y.: Up and down the New Jersey coast, towns begin what is expected to be a long process of recovery and rebuilding in the wake of devastating destruction from Hurricane Sandy. Jeffrey Brown and Ray Suarez report on challenges for affected communities. Plus, Hari Sreenivasan reports from Manhattan on the storm's impact on businesses.

**November 14, 2012 8pm**

**Nature: An Original DUCKumentary, 1 hour**

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

**November 20, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Protecting New York From Future Super storms as Sea Levels Rise: As thousands of residents continue to clean up from Hurricane Sandy, many are anticipating future disasters and considering how New York will cope with rising seas and potentially more devastating flooding. Hari Sreenivasan reports on options like barriers that could protect the region from future storm surges.

**November 30, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Grand Canyon May Be 60 Million Years Older Than Previously Thought: A newly published study renews an old debate about the age of the Grand Canyon, positing a possibility that the geographical formation could be tens of millions of years older than current wisdom suggests, dating back to the time of dinosaurs. Margaret Warner talks to science correspondent Miles O'Brien about its significance.

**December 4, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Long After Earthquake, Haiti Still Feels Devastating Effects of Cholera Epidemic: Ten months after Haiti struggled to recover from a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake, the nation suffered a public health epidemic. Cholera appeared for the first time in 100 years, making 600,000 Haitians ill and leaving 7,500 dead so far. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

**December 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Endangered Coral Reefs Die as Ocean Temperatures Rise and Water Turns Acidic: In addition to negative consequences caused by overfishing and pollution, coral reefs face another major existential threat: increased acidity from warming oceans. Hari Sreenivasan reports from Florida about the dire outlook for coral reefs, as well as efforts and research to try and save them.

**December 7, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Trouble in the Water: Acidifying Oceans Hinder Health of Northwest Shellfish: The world's oceans are absorbing carbon dioxide at an unprecedented rate and the resulting acidification is transforming marine ecosystems. Hari Sreenivasan reports on how ocean acidification is already affecting oysters and other shellfish in the U.S.

## **Family/Marriage**

**November 9, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

David Petraeus Resigns From CIA After Revealing Extramarital Affair: In a surprise resignation, CIA director and retired four-star General David Petraeus announced he would step down after admitting to an extramarital affair. Ray Suarez talks to the Washington Post's Greg Miller and retired Army Col. Peter Mansoor about Petraeus' career and the sensitive nature of leading the CIA.

**November 25, 2012 4pm**

**Religion and Ethics Newsweekly 30 minutes**

Caring for an Aging Parent: "A lot of people in caregiving situations ask, 'Why is God doing this to me? Where is God in the midst of all this?' and they really struggle with spiritual matters," says Rev. Kate Bryant. Her church started a special ministry to support parental caregivers. Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz: "The idea of the Talmud is that you are allowed to ask questions about everything," says Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. He calls the Talmud "the central pillar of Jewish culture" and "a vast book encouraging you to ask questions." Dana Greene on Poet Denise Levertov: "There is a profound sense of the divine sparks of God being everywhere and that the role of the devoted person is to bring those divine sparks together again."

## **Health/Health Care**

**November 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

New Scan Improves Time Frame for Diagnosing Genetic Diseases in Newborns: A new strategy helps doctors cut the diagnosis time for genetic diseases in infants from weeks to days, greatly increasing the chances of being able to offer sick babies some kind of treatment. Margaret Warner talks to Dr. Stephen Kingsmore, who led the research team at Children's Mercy Hospitals in Kansas City.

**October 8, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Tainted Steroid Drugs Caused Deadly Meningitis Outbreak In Nine States: More than 100 cases of a rare form of meningitis have been traced to a tainted batch of steroid injections. Jeffrey Brown talks to Dr. John Jernigan of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for more on the investigation, and to Boston University's Kevin Outterson on the difficulties for the FDA to prevent outbreaks.

**October 8, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Stem Cell Scientists Gurdon and Yamanaka Win Nobel Prize in Medicine: England's Sir John Gurdon and Dr. Shinya Yamanaka from Japan share the 2012 Nobel Prize in medicine for work on stem cells, revealing that mature cells can be reverted into primitive cells. Ray Suarez talks to Harvard Stem Cell Institute's Dr. David Scadden, who explains the implications and applications for stem cell medicine.

**October 19, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Freezing Human Eggs for In Vitro Fertilization No Longer Experimental Procedure: Freezing eggs for infertility treatments is no longer considered 'experimental,' meaning that more insurance plans can cover the procedure. Margaret Warner talks to Shady Grove Fertility Center's Dr. Eric Widra and Center for Genetics and Society's Marcy Darnovsky for two differing views on the medical and ethical implications.

**November 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Veterans Face Uphill Battle for Benefits When Field Records Are Lost, Destroyed: "History is the last thing we care about during war, and the last thing we think about when we get home," says ProPublica's Peter Sleeth, who talks to Jeffrey Brown about the challenges facing veterans who need access to benefits but whose records have been wiped out.

**November 15, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Can Sleep Make You Smarter? Sleep deprivation can cause serious health and cognitive problems in humans. In short, it can make us fat, sick and stupid. But why do humans need so much sleep? Science correspondent Miles O'Brien talks to scientists on the cutting edge of sleep research and asks if there's any way humans might evolve into getting by with less.

**November 20, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

White House Sets New Insurance Rules for Benefits Coverage: The Obama administration released new rules outlining what insurers on federal- or state-run insurance exchanges must cover as essential health benefits. Ray Suarez talks to Health Affairs' Susan Dentzer about how states are reacting to further implementation of the Affordable Care Act after the president's re-election.

**November 27, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Young People Make Up More Than a Quarter of New HIV Cases in the U.S.: Of the 50,000 new HIV infections in the U.S. each year, more than one in four affect young people ages 13 to 24, more than half of whom don't know they're infected. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Science magazine's Jon Cohen about this continuing epidemic and the cultural hurdles that make talking about sex and protection difficult.

**November 30, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

2012 World AIDS Day: Strides Taken Towards Cure, But Daunting Hurdles Remain: In 2012, 34 million people are living with AIDS worldwide. That's both good news and bad news. Ray Suarez talks to National Institutes of Health's Dr. Anthony Fauci about accomplishments by the medical and public health communities to address HIV/AIDS and what must be done in the future to continue curtailing transmission.

**December 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

New Study Links Athletes' Repetitive Head Injuries to Degenerative Brain Disease: A newly-published four-year study at Boston University, which examined the brains of deceased athletes, links repetitive head injuries to a degenerative brain disease called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy. Jeffrey Brown talks to Dr. Ann McKee, one of the lead researchers, and ESPN's Mark Fainaru-Wada about the current evidence.

**December 4, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Long After Earthquake, Haiti Still Feels Devastating Effects of Cholera Epidemic: Ten months after Haiti struggled to recover from a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake, the nation suffered a public health epidemic. Cholera appeared for the first time in 100 years, making 600,000 Haitians ill and leaving 7,500 dead so far. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

## **Homosexuality**

**October 3, 2012 11pm**

**In the Life, 30 minutes**

BEYOND THE RHETORIC IN THE LIFE examines the evolution of anti-gay rhetoric, and the reality beyond the spin. Then, we head to Minnesota for a look at a multi-front attack on equality in a State known as one of the country's most LGBT friendly places.

**November 13, 2012 11:30pm**

**In the Life, 30 minutes**

There are approximately 400,000 youth in foster care in the United States. A disproportionate number of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) children end up in the system, though an exact count is unknown. This month on IN THE LIFE, seven LGBTQ youth from the foster care system share their stories. Failed by their families, these young people go on to face rejection from foster families, invisibility within the system and incredible obstacles to healthy development.

**December 18, 2012 11:30pm**

**In the Life, 30 minutes**

At a time when lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people were virtually invisible in media, IN THE LIFE became the first to bring real stories, struggles and issues about the LGBT experience into living rooms across the country. In our final episode, we look back on highlights from our 20 years on public television. Throughout the 20 years since our premiere broadcast, ITLM has shattered stereotypes and evolved into the most honored and respected producer of LGBT journalism on television and online.

**November 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Does States' Ratification of Same-Sex Marriage Signify Lasting Cultural Shift? Gay rights advocates won ballot measures in three states -- Washington State, Maryland, and Maine -- ratifying by popular vote the legalization of same-sex marriage. For opposing views on the new laws, Ray Suarez talks to National Organization for Marriage's Thomas Peters and Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders' Lee Swislow.

**December 7, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Supreme Court Agrees to Review Laws Banning Same-Sex Marriage: The Supreme Court announced plans to review challenges to two laws regarding same-sex marriage: a California state law and the federal Defense of Marriage Act's provision, which both define marriage as between a man and a woman. Margaret Warner looks at what's at stake with National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle.

## **Housing/Shelter**

**October 24, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Housing and the Foreclosure Crisis Are Missing From the Campaign Conversation: Sales of new homes are up this fall, but a third of U.S. homeowners are underwater with their mortgages, and swing states have some of the highest foreclosure rates. Jeffrey Brown talks to The Opportunity Agenda's James Carr and Cato Institute's Mark Calabria for why housing hasn't been discussed in the presidential campaigns.

**October 30, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute**

News Wrap: Damages From Sandy Estimated at \$20 Billion: In other news Tuesday, Hurricane Sandy ripped through the mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions of the U.S., leaving behind \$20 billion in damage so far. In addition, a forecasting firm has estimated \$10 to 30 billion in lost business. Also, newly released Case-Shiller numbers show housing prices increased 2 percent in August.

**November 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Hundreds of Thousands in N.J. and N.Y. Lack Power in Slow Post-Sandy Recovery: In New York and New Jersey, access to basic supplies remain limited and hundreds of thousands of people went without power or heat as temperatures dropped into the 30s. Kwame Holman reports. Then, special correspondent Rick Karr examines how the Red Hook neighborhood in Brooklyn is coping with damage from super storm Sandy.

## **Immigration/Refugees**

**October 16, 2012 10pm**

**Race 2012, 1 hour**

RACE 2012 uses the current presidential election as a lens through which to view America's racial landscape. The program delves into immigrants' reshaping of the American electoral landscape, white voters' reaction to their declining numbers and diminished influence, and the economic imbalance between races that may affect America's political future.

**November 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Immigration Is Hot Topic in Iowa, Overlooked by Presidential Campaigns: Hispanics may be only 5 percent of Iowa's population, but that number represents a boom of 110 percent in 10 years, driven partly by the meat industry jobs. While immigration was a big topic for the Republican caucuses, Iowa Public Television's Paul Yeager reports on why the presidential candidates have been quiet on the issue.

**November 28, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

As Immigration Reform Returns to Agenda, Republicans Counter With 'Achieve Act': Two retiring Republican senators have introduced a new plan for immigration reform that grants legal status but not citizenship to young illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. by their parents. Ray Suarez talks to Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Tex., one of the authors of the plan, and Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill.

**December 14, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

More Than 100,000 Young Immigrants Granted Temporary Reprieve From Deportation: When Congress failed to pass the DREAM Act, President Obama issued the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The federal initiative has given young people, brought to the U.S. illegally before the age of 16, the chance to defer deportation. Ray Suarez profiles three young immigrants who have applied for the program.



**December 10, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano Discusses Immigration Agenda: President Obama and Congress have stated immigration reform will be a top priority in the president's second term. Ray Suarez speaks with Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano about border security, comprehensive immigration reform and the role of Homeland Security to shape political agenda and legislation in Congress.

## **Minorities/Civil Rights**

**October 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Spanish-Language Election Ad Spending Eight Times Higher in 2012 Than 2008: Judy Woodruff talks to NPR's Greg Allen, who traveled to Raleigh, N.C., to explore how the presidential candidates are spending campaign funds to target Latinos, voters who are generally younger and hard hit by the economic downturn. But some political messages, like on health care reform, may be mismatched to their audience.

**October 19, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Campaigns Speak to Growing Hispanic Population Through Spanish-Language Media: With a tight presidential race, growing Hispanic populations in key swing states--Colorado, Nevada, Florida and Virginia--could provide the margin of victory. Ray Suarez reports on the campaigns' efforts, including spanish-language ads, appearances on Univision, and more, to capture Hispanic votes that are up for grabs.

**November 8, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Will the Republican Party Learn to Adapt and Appeal to a Changing Electorate? Election exit polls show that Republicans failed to earn votes from the growing demographics of minorities and young people. Jeffrey Brown talks to strategist Leslie Sanchez, FreedomWorks' Matt Kibbe and super PAC Y-G Action Fund's Brad Dayspring about how the GOP needs to change the way it explains its platform.

**November 29, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Twin Cities Dance Company Celebrates Diversity, Relevancy, Accessibility: Rising to prominence in New York's dance scene, dancers Toni Pierce-Sands and Uri Sands left the Big Apple to start their own company in the Twin Cities, where an arts renaissance offered new chances to carve out their own niche. Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on how Tu Dance company is making dance accessible to a diverse audience.

## **National Politics/Government**

**October 3, 2012 6pm**

**PBS NewsHour Debates 2012: A Special Report, Presidential Debate 2 hrs**

Live coverage of the 2012 presidential and vice presidential candidates debates. The NewsHour coverage also includes analysis.

**October 11, 2012 6pm**

**PBS NewsHour Debates 2012: A Special Report, Vice Presidential Debate 2 hrs**

Live coverage of the 2012 presidential and vice presidential candidates debates. The NewsHour coverage also includes analysis.

**October 9, 2012 9pm**

**Frontline: The Choice 2012, 2 hrs**

Barack Obama and Mitt Romney have crafted their campaign narratives, telling you who they are, what they've done and how they would lead America. But there's more to their stories. In "The Choice 2012," acclaimed FRONTLINE producer Michael Kirk ("Money, Power and Wall Street," "Top Secret America") documents the places, people and decisive moments that made the men who are competing for the presidency. Hundreds of hours of research and dozens of original interviews reveal new details and fresh insights about the two candidates – and our choice this November.

**October 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

FBI Investigation Continues on Benghazi Attacks, Searching for Alleged Suspects: After officially announcing that terrorists were responsible for attacks on a U.S. consulate in Benghazi, the U.S. intelligence community is pursuing alleged suspects. Margaret Warner talks to The Wall Street Journal's Siobhan Gorman and Greg Miller of The Washington Post for more on the state of security in Libya.

**October 23, 2012 8pm**

**Cuban Missile Crisis - Three Men Go to War, 1 hour**

Explore the inside story of the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962, when the world teetered on the brink of nuclear holocaust. With unprecedented access to participants on all three sides of the crisis, the film brings to life the three central characters – Kennedy, Castro and Khrushchev – and explores how the world's most powerful men fell into an abyss of their own making and outlines the courage and luck it took to climb out again.

**October 16, 2012 6pm**

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**October 22, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Foreign Policy Debate May Help Voters Discern Candidates' Differences: Though the economy has been the priority for voters in this election, the consulate attack in Libya and concern about Iran's nuclear ambitions have renewed some urgency and emphasis on foreign policy in the national dialogue. Jeffrey Brown talks to the Washington Post's David Ignatius and the Philadelphia Inquirer's Trudy Rubin.

**October 24, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Some Senate Candidates Race Toward Photo-Finish Elections in Fight for Majority: The outcome in extremely tight senate races in states like Connecticut, Arizona, Indiana and North Dakota could determine who controls the Senate and the president's agenda come January. Gwen Ifill talks to Roll Call's Shira Toeplitz and The Rothenberg Political Report's Nathan Gonzales for more on just what's on the line.

**November 5, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

A Day Before Election, Presidential Candidates Make Final Push in Battlegrounds: The candidates and their running mates made final stops in key battleground states to claim the last undecided voters. Ray Suarez reports on the Obama campaign's focus on getting supporters to the polls. Then Margaret Warner reports on the Romney campaign, which is counting on supporters' enthusiasm for an election win.

**November 7, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Mitt Romney Concedes Defeat: 'This Election Is Over but Our Principles Endure': Former Gov. Mitt Romney, Republican presidential candidate, concedes the 2012 election to Democratic incumbent President Barack Obama at a rally of his supporters at the Boston Convention Center in Massachusetts. Romney lost key swing states including Ohio, Colorado, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Wisconsin and Virginia.

**November 16, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

How Did Latest Escalation Between Israel and Hamas Begin? Jeffrey Brown talks to Al Arabiya's Hisham Melham and University of Haifa's Dan Schueftan about how the latest escalation between Israel and Hamas got started and what the U.S. role in the conflict should be.

**November 19, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

President Obama Travels to Myanmar, Saluting a Long Struggle for Freedom: For nearly 50 years, Myanmar was ruled by military dictatorship. But the country's leadership has made a rapid about-face in the last two years, pressing sweeping reforms transitioning towards democracy, reducing corruption and increasing transparency. Ray Suarez reports on President Obama's historic trip to the country.

**November 20, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Hillary Clinton Arrives in Mideast Intent on Brokering End to Escalated Violence: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton arrived in Jerusalem to reaffirm U.S. support for Israel and to press for immediate cease-fire. Independent Television News' John Ray and John Irvine report from Gaza and southern Israel on more airstrikes and rocket fire despite efforts by Egypt and others to support a diplomatic solution.

**November 28, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

Obama Optimistic for Finding a Budget Solution Before the Holidays: President Barack Obama urged Congress to find a solution to averting sequestration before Christmas and both Democrats and Republicans seemed optimistic about doing so. But congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle also seemed to hold firm their established stances on social security and taxes. Jeffrey Brown reports.

**December 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

White House, House Republicans Face Off Over Competing Deficit Reduction Plans: House speaker John Boehner wrote to President Obama to reject a White House plan to raise tax rates for the wealthiest Americans, suggesting instead a counter-offer that raises Medicare eligibility age. Gwen Ifill talks to Erskine Bowles about his deficit reduction plan and how it differs from current proposals on the table.

**December 6, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

Secretary of State Meets with Russian Official to Push for End to Syria's War: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton held surprise talks with Russia's foreign minister to discuss continued unrest in Syria. While Russia stated that no hard decisions were made, these discussions may be the first sign of unified diplomatic action to stop violence between rebels and government troops. Jeffrey Brown reports.

## **Nuclear Issues/WMD's**

**October 23, 2012 8pm**

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**November 16, 2012 7pm**

### **PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

News Wrap: Iran Soon Able to Double Production of Weapons-Grade Enriched Uranium: In other news Friday, a report from the International Atomic Energy Agency stated that Iran will soon have the potential to double production of weapons-grade enriched uranium. Iran remains insistent that its nuclear program is peaceful and has no plans to make a nuclear weapon, but refuses to stop production.

**December 5, 2012 7pm**

### **PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

World Watches for Signs of Syria Moving Toward Use of Chemical Weapons: As the Syrian civil war moves closer to government-controlled Damascus, fears among the international community have increased that President Assad may resort to chemical warfare. The Syrians' stockpiles are known to be the largest in the world, mostly made up of sarin nerve gas, mustard gas and cyanide. Jeffrey Brown reports.

**December 5, 2012 7pm**

### **PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Preventing Syrian Chemical Weapons Threat From Becoming Deadly Reality: Though the White House and State Department made statements about the possibility of Syria deploying chemical weapons against rebels, much remains unknown about when, how and what combination of chemicals might be used by Assad's forces. Jeffrey Brown talks to Leonard Spector of the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

**December 12, 2012 7pm**

### **PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

Defying International Warnings, North Korea Launches Long-Range Rocket: North Korea successfully fired a long-range rocket despite warnings from the international community. While the launch enhances the credentials of young leader Kim Jong Un, it is likely to bring fresh sanctions and further complicate relations with neighbors and the West. Independent Television News' John Sparks reports

**December 12, 2012 7pm**

### **PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Science and Politics Behind North Korea's Long-Range Missile Test: Though Kim Jong-Il passed away in December 2011, his son Kim Jong Un continues his father's policies with the latest rocket launch. Margaret Warner talks to David Wright of Union of Concerned Scientists and Han Park of University of Georgia about the politics and consequences for the launch, including proliferation concerns.

## **Poverty/Hunger**

**November 5, 2012 11pm**

### **Independent Lens: Solar Mamas 1 hour**

India's Barefoot College, founded by Bunker Roy, provides impoverished rural women with an education that empowers them to make their communities self-reliant and sustainable. Rafea, a 30-year-old Jordanian mother of four, is traveling outside of her village for the first time to attend Barefoot's solar engineering program. Once there, she will join women from Guatemala, Kenya, Burkina Faso and Colombia in learning concrete skills to change their communities. Directed by Jehane Noujaim and Mona Eldaief; produced by Mette Heide.

**November 20, 2012 10pm**

### **Frontline: Poor Kids 1 hour**

These are hard times in the Quad Cities, a great American crossroads along the border of Iowa and Illinois, where the Mississippi River intersects Interstate 80. Home to John Deere manufacturing and the nation's breadbasket, it's also an area deeply scarred by the recession. FRONTLINE follows three young girls growing up amidst their families' struggles against financial ruin. This an intimate portrait of the economic crisis as it's rarely seen, through the eyes of children. With one in five American children living below the poverty line, "Poor Kids" is an unflinching and revealing exploration of what poverty means to children – and to the country's future.

## **Recreation/Leisure/Sports**

**October 3, 2012 8:30pmpm**

### **Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

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

**October 11, 2012 8:30pm**

### **Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

ICE DIVING- Who would intentionally dive into a frozen lake? We'll go scuba diving where few ever dare to venture.

**November 8, 2012 8:30pm**

### **Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

Want to hike from Portland to the coast? One man has found and mapped several paths to do it, exploring overlooked treasures along this long sought route for hikers.

**December 20, 2012 8:30pm**

### **Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

This half-hour special follows a group of city kids as they adjust to life on a ranch. It's a fascinating story of change as we watch street-wise kids and weathered ranchers bridge the urban rural divide.

**December 27, 2012 8:30pm**

### **Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

Golf Clinic - Enjoy a little time on the greens with some enthusiastic golfers with special needs. Steep Hill Ride -Two Portland men create a wildly popular bike ride by going out of their way to make it the most difficult ride in the state.

**October 4, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera Wins Baseball's 'Triple Crown' for Batting: Miguel Cabrera, pro baseball player for the Detroit Tigers, is the first in 45 years to claim the 'triple crown': he has the best annual batting average, the highest number of homeruns and the best RBI. Jeffrey Brown gets perspective from Drew Sharp of the Detroit Free Press on Cabrera's record and his place in baseball history.

**December 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

New Study Links Athletes' Repetitive Head Injuries to Degenerative Brain Disease: A newly-published four-year study at Boston University, which examined the brains of deceased athletes, links repetitive head injuries to a degenerative brain disease called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy. Jeffrey Brown talks to Dr. Ann McKee, one of the lead researchers, and ESPN's Mark Fainaru-Wada about the current evidence.

## **Religion/Ethics**

**October 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute**

Witnesses Testify Against Pope's Butler Who Stole, Leaked Papal Documents: Paolo Gabriele, former butler of Pope Benedict XVI, appeared in Vatican Court this week, on trial for stealing confidential papers and leaking them to the press. Though Gabriele already confessed to the crime, the trial must proceed under current Vatican law. Jeffrey Brown reports.

**October 21, 2012 4pm**

**Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes**

None of the Above: Political Implications: How will the Democratic Party appeal to religious voters without alienating the rising numbers of religiously unaffiliated voters? Greg Smith on Politics and the Unaffiliated: "In our data for 2012 we are finding that the religiously unaffiliated outnumber white mainline Protestants, white Catholics, and even black Protestants among Democratic and Democratic-leaning registered voters." Father Shay Cullen: He arrived in the Philippines in 1972, inspired by the Second Vatican Council to "get out of the rectory and into the streets" to fight human trafficking.

**October 28, 2012 4pm**

**Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes**

None of the Above: Religious Implications: What effect will the fast-growing number of American adults who say they have no religious affiliation have on traditional organized religion? Joni Eareckson Tada: Breast Cancer Update: When we interviewed Joni Eareckson Tada in 2010, the popular evangelical author and speaker had just been diagnosed with breast cancer. Now, two years later, we speak with Tada, a quadriplegic, about her battle with the disease and how it has affected her marriage and her faith. Children's Hajj: At Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church, Virginia, Muslim children sit in tents, pray, throw stones, and make seven circuits around a replica of the Ka'ba as part of a mock Hajj, the traditional pilgrimage to Mecca.

**November 11, 2012 4pm**

**Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly, 30 minutes**

Election 2012: Religion and the Results: There was more than one message on Election Day when it came to the role of evangelicals, Catholics, and Mormons in politics and the place of economic, social, and cultural issues as the fiscal cliff approaches. Chabad Relief and Hurricane Sandy Aftermath: The Chabad Center of the Five Towns in Cedarhurst, New York has been providing up to 2,000 meals every day. The Mission Continues: Former US Navy SEAL, humanitarian, and nonprofit founder Eric Greitens says the lessons of Judaism have shaped his life and taught him about humanity's duty to repair the world.

## **Science/Technology**

**October 9, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

Report Suggests Potential for Spying, Stealing by Chinese Tech Companies in U.S.: Two of the largest telecom companies in the world are looking to expand to the U.S. market. But the House Intelligence Committee has charged that Huawei and ZTE have ties to the Chinese government and run a potential cyber-security risk, recommending their products and services should be avoided. Jeffrey Brown reports.

**October 18, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Could the U.S. Face 'Cyber Pearl Harbor'? Protecting Banks from Hacker Attacks: As U.S. financial institutions continue to be attacked, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta warns of a "cyber Pearl Harbor." Michael Leiter, former director of the National Counterterrorism Center, and Neustar, Inc.'s Rodney Joffe talk with Margaret Warner about why banks are vulnerable to disruptions, theft and destructive threats.

**October 29, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

How Campaigns Amass Your Personal Information to Deliver Tailored Political Ads: Political advertisers now have unprecedented access to online browsing data, and the presidential campaigns are using gathered information to slice and dice the electorate and engage with voters on issues that are most relevant to their lives. Hari Sreenivasan reports in collaboration with Frontline, Marketplace and Pro Publica.

**October 31, 2012 10pm**

**Nova ScienceNow: Can I Eat This? 1 hour**

What are the secrets behind your favorite foods? Why are some treats – like chocolate chip cookies – delectable, while others – like cookies made with mealworms – disgusting? You may think you understand what makes something sweet, salty or bitter, but David Pogue gets a taste of a much more complicated truth as he ventures into labs and kitchens where everything from apple pie to Thanksgiving turkey to juicy grasshoppers is diced, sliced, dissected and put under the microscope. If scientists can uncover exactly what's behind the mouth-watering flavors and textures we take for granted every day, could they help us enjoy our food more – without packing on the pounds?

**November 1, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Campaigns Push Last-Minute Pleas on Twitter, Track Voter Online Browsing History: The campaigns are pushing their last get-out-the-vote drive on social media and via email. If you're online, you are probably being tracked by the Romney and Obama campaigns, who use browsing history to target voters. Margaret Warner gets the scoop from Daily Download's Howard Kurtz.

**November 28, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Daily Download: How Obama Is Reusing Digital Info Gathered During Campaign: Jeffrey Brown talks to Daily Download's Howard Kurtz and Lauren Ashburn, who explain how the White House is using the massive amounts of digital information gathered by the Obama re-election campaign to promote the president's fiscal agenda.

## **Sexuality**

**October 18, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

News Wrap: Boy Scouts' 'Perversion Files' Document Decades of Sexual Abuse: In other news Thursday, more than 14,000 pages of information collected from 1959 to 1991 were made public, exposing sexual abuse of Boy Scouts by adult leaders. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Nigel Duara of The Associated Press for more on why the files were released this week.

## **Social Services**

**November 15, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

'Occupy Sandy' Movement Focuses on Offering Help to Storm Victims in New York: FEMA is still working hard to help get relief for storm victims in the Northeast -- not a small task considering the size and scope of that natural disaster. To help fill in the gap, volunteers from a movement called Occupy Sandy are trying to reach residents in need who live in New York City's boroughs. Ray Suarez reports.

**December 6, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

An Argument Against Seeking Fiscal Fix in Cuts to Medicare and Social Security: Republicans have proposed changes to so-called entitlements such as social security and Medicare to reduce the U.S. deficit. But Max Richtman of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare says these aren't entitlements, but earned benefits. He tells Judy Woodruff why these programs shouldn't be changed.

## **State Wide Culture and History**

**October 18, 2012**

**Oregon Field Guide, 30 minutes**

Giddy up! Head 'em up. Move 'em out. Cowboys in southeastern Oregon still move cattle vast distances by horseback. We'll show you why one of Oregon's largest ranches still follows some century-old ways.

**October 3, 2012 8:30pm**

**Bull Run, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

Portland's water comes from the Bull Run Watershed - likely the only U.S. supply protected by Presidential proclamation. We'll take you into the watershed, explore how it was identified back in 1886 and show you the brilliantly effective system for transporting and distributing the water.

**October 8, 2012 10pm**

**Grapes of Place, An Oregon Experience, 1 hour**

In the 1960s a new breed of pioneers began arriving in Oregon's Willamette Valley determined to grow *Vitis vinifera*, the fine wine grapes of Europe. They were told it couldn't be done and were amply warned that Western Oregon was too cold and wet for *vinifera* to flourish.



**October 24, 2012 9pm**

**Oystermen An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

The Yaquina Bay oyster industry began with a shipwreck in January 1852. Stranded in the area for several months, the captain and crew finally reached the Willamette Valley and promptly reported that the Yaquina River was abundant with oysters, clams and fish of all kinds. By 1863 two commercial oyster firms had appeared on Yaquina Bay. The first was Winant & Company run by James Winant and Solomon Dodge 'who established the community of Oysterville. The second was Ludlow and Company. At the time the Bay was part of the Coast Reservation and disputes quickly arose as to who could do what and at what cost. It became a 'battle for the bay' and potential settlers began to push for the opening of the area. The oyster business flourished -- until the native oyster population was nearly depleted. And over the years attempts to grow other varieties failed. Oysters growers began to look for a better way forging Oregon's modern oyster industry.

**October 24, 2012 9:30pm**

**Beach Bill, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

In 1967 Governor Tom McCall signed the Beach Bill with great fanfare-- forever granting the public recreational access to the dry sands of Oregon's beaches. It was the first chapter of the "Oregon Story," setting the stage for other landmark environmental legislation. But the fight to protect Oregon's beaches from private development--and "No Trespassing" signs--began years earlier when Governor Oswald West designated Oregon's beaches as a public highway in 1913. The show will illuminate the events, issues and politics that led to the Beach Bill; tell the stories of people who worked for its passage; and explore the continuing controversy of private property rights vs. public access.

**October 31, 2012 8:30pm**

**Vortex, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

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

**November 5, 2012 9pm**

**Suffragists, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

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

**November 5, 2012 9:30pm**

**Abigail Scott Duniway An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

This is a story of a 40-year fight to gain suffrage for women in Oregon. Abigail Scott Duniway, a plain talking farmer's wife was largely responsible for Oregon women having the right to vote since 1912--eight years before a constitutional amendment gave suffrage to women throughout the country.

**November 19, 2012 8pm**

**Rajneeshpuram An Oregon Experience, 1 hour**

In 1981 the followers of an eccentric guru purchased the Big Muddy Ranch a hundred square miles on the John Day River in Central Oregon. They assured the local residents of Antelope that they were there only

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

**December 25, 2012 9pm**

**Road to Statehood, An Oregon Experience**

Oregon celebrated its 150th birthday in 2009. This documentary tells the story of how Oregon Country became the 33rd state to join the Union. It examines the native people already living here and the missionaries determined to change their way of life, the mountain men and fur trappers who came for adventure and wealth, and the pioneers who brought their hopes and prejudices with them over the Oregon Trail. Together they helped shape our state of Oregon.

**Transportation**

**October 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour**

American Airlines' Bumpy Ride: Loose Seats, Smoky Cabins and Labor Disputes: Amid long-running contract struggles with its 7,500 active pilots, American Airlines, the third largest passenger airline, has delayed or cancelled hundreds of flights in the last few weeks. Gwen Ifill talks to USA Today's Ben Mutzabaugh for more on the company's bankruptcy woes, toxic labor relations and maintenance concerns.

**November 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute 13 seconds**

News Wrap: EPA Charges Korean Automakers Overstated Cars' Fuel Economy: In other news Friday, Korean companies Kia and Hyundai could be expected to pay car owners hundreds of millions of dollars for falsely advertising the fuel economy of 13 car models. Owners of nearly 900,000 vehicles, all sold in the last three years, could receive compensation.

**Urban Development/Infrastructure**

**October 31, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes**

Is Sandy a 'Cassandra'? How Cities Should Prepare for Future Natural Disasters: Extreme storms of recent history have made local governments take notice both of their preparedness and the likelihood that climate change is making such disastrous events more and more common. Joseph Romm of Center for American Progress and American Enterprise Institute's Kenneth Green share their perspectives with Ray Suarez.

**November 20, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Protecting New York From Future Super storms as Sea Levels Rise: As thousands of residents continue to clean up from Hurricane Sandy, many are anticipating future disasters and considering how New York will cope with rising seas and potentially more devastating flooding. Hari Sreenivasan reports on options like barriers that could protect the region from future storm surges.

## **War/Veterans/National Security**

**October 2, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

Congress Charges that Requests to Improve Security in Libya Were Rejected: In a letter sent to the State Department, Congressmen Darrell Issa, R-Calif., and Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, blamed the administration for allegedly rejecting requests for more security made by the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, prior to the fatal Sept. 11 attack there. Margaret Warner reports.

**October 8, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

Candidates Trade Attacks on Foreign Policy, Handling of Libya Attacks: At a campaign event in Virginia, Mitt Romney criticized President Obama's handling of the Middle East, including the Syrian conflict, the withdrawal from Iraq and the attacks on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. The president accused Romney of injecting politics into a tragedy and criticized Romney's remarks on Israel.

**October 16, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Experts Urge Candidates to Debate Foreign Policy Seriously, Not Play Blame Game: Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security adviser, and Walter Russell Mead of Bard College say that the U.S. position in the Middle East is unraveling, from the Syrian war to the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace effort. They discuss with Jeffrey Brown the need for a substantive presidential debate on foreign policy.

**November 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Honoring Soldiers Who Fought and Died in the Recent Afghanistan and Iraq Wars: As the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq wind down, the gap between soldier and society only widens. Gwen Ifill talks to Dartmouth College's president emeritus James Wright, who says he is concerned about how Americans will choose to remember and honor those fallen in the line of fire during the two longest wars in U.S. history.

**November 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Iraq Veteran's War Fiction Taps Personal Experience: Kevin Powers served in the U.S. Army in Iraq in 2004 and 2005. When he returned to the U.S. he turned initially to poetry to work through his own questions about his experience, but found he needed "a larger canvas." Jeffrey Brown talks to Powers about his novel, "Yellow Birds," which is nominated for the National Book Award.

**November 13, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

News Wrap: U.S. General Demoted for Spending Thousands on Lavish Expenses: In other news Tuesday, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta demoted Gen. William "Kip" Ward from a four-star to three-star Lt. General after an investigation found Ward had spent \$82,000 on extravagant travel and other expenses, including using military vehicles to transport his wife for shopping trips.

**November 27, 2012 9pm**

**The War of 1812, 2 hours**

The War of 1812 explores this significant event from divergent points of view. Leading historians, battle re-enactors and historic images help bring this defining conflict to life.

**December 4, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

News Wrap: U.S. Denies Iranian Claim of Seizing American Surveillance Drone: In other news Tuesday, Iran claims to have captured an American "Scan-eagle" surveillance drone used to collect photographs and videos. Though they said it was seized recently, Iranian state television did not specify where or how. The U.S. Navy responded to say none of its unmanned aerial vehicles are missing.

**November 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

As Syrian Rebels Receive Endorsement, Will They Also Get Military Assistance? While the endorsement of the Syrian National Council could pave the way for more international aid, questions remain over whether countries such as the U.S. will provide military assistance to rebels. Gwen Ifill talks to Atlantic Council's Fred Hof and National Defense University's Murhaf Jouejati about what's next for Syria.

**December 14, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute 47 seconds**

News Wrap: U.S. Contributes Troops, Missiles to NATO Protection for Turkey: In other news Friday, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced the United States will send patriot missiles and 400 U.S. troops to Turkey. American soldiers will be part of a larger NATO force meant to protect Turkey from possible Syrian missile attacks.

**Women**

**October 1, 2012 9pm**

**Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide 2 hours**

In a two-night, four-hour special introduced by George Clooney, HALF THE SKY follows stories of challenge and triumph, traveling with New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof and celebrity advocates America Ferrera, Diane Lane, Eva Mendes, Meg Ryan, Gabrielle Union and Olivia Wilde on a journey to 10 countries, where they meet inspiring individuals and discover how they're confronting the oppression of women and girls. The special, based on the widely acclaimed book Half the Sky by columnist Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, reveals the real, meaningful solutions being fashioned through health care, education and economic empowerment for women and girls.

**October 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

How Are Women Responding to Candidates' Debate Policy, Tone and Body Language? Coming off the vice presidential debate, Jeffrey Brown talks to Democratic pollster Celinda Lake and Republican pollster Kellyanne Conway about the ways the presidential candidates and their running mates have or haven't addressed issues that are important to female voters, paying particular attention to the debate performances.

**October 14, 2012 4:30pm**

**To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes**

Wage Theft: Women for Romney: GOP Presidential candidate Mitt Romney surges ahead after moving in a more moderate position on women's issues. Child Brides: As a part of International Day for the Girl Child, United Nations focuses on the tragedy of child brides. Wage Theft: This little known problem costs workers millions of dollars per year. The Department of Labor is fighting to get that money back.

**October 18, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Female Candidates Seek Rematches with Male Opponents in N.H., Court Women Voters: New Hampshire is poised to make history if three women running for national political office all win their bids. Anna Sale of WNYC Radio reports from the Granite State, where unemployment is relatively low and independence is highly valued, about how social issues are playing out in local elections and the presidential race.

**November 4, 2012 4:30pm**

**To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes**

Election 2012 Preview: Election 2012 Preview: We ask which candidate is better for women from two of the women who know the candidates best, Former U.S. Treasurer Bay Buchanan and Obama campaign insider Karine Jean-Pierre. Marriage Equality: Voters in four states will decide whether to take the plunge and vote on same sex marriage this election season

**December 2, 2012 4:30pm**

**To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes**

Women's History Month Special: In honor of Women's History Month, watch our specials from the past including interviews with Academy Award winning actress Meryl Streep on her Oscar winning role as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor speaks about her historic appointment to the Supreme Court. Also featuring interviews with Nancy Pelosi, when she was the first female Speaker of the House, and the most honored African-American woman in the civil rights movement, Dr. Dorothy Height. And the story of a female Pharaoh.

**November 18, 2012 4:30pm**

**To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 30 minutes**

Women Win Big: Flanked by the record number of Democratic women in the House of Representatives, Rep. Nancy Pelosi says she wants to remain House minority leader. Birth Control Economics: A new United Nations report on population says access to contraception could boost the world's economy by almost six billion dollars. Marianne Williamson: The bestselling author and motivational speaker wants to change the way women talk about politics.

## **Youth**

**October 9, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

News Wrap: Activist for Girls' Education, 14, Shot by Taliban Gunman in Pakistan: Girls' education activist Malala Yousufzai was shot in the head and the neck by an unknown gunman. After the attack, the Taliban claimed responsibility, saying that the 14-year-old's work promoting schooling for girls was "an obscenity."

**November 8, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

To Encourage Kids' Health, Pediatricians Add Reading to Essential Check-Up List: National literacy program Reach Out and Read reaches kids in a place where they are almost guaranteed to visit: the doctor's office. Special correspondent John Merrow meets a new breed of pediatrician -- part doctor, part teacher -- who help parents share books with their children to improve and encourage cognitive development.

**November 12, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

While Schools Are Closed, N.J. Teachers Provide Support for Young Storm Victims: The town of Belmar was among New Jersey's hardest hit communities in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and a fall nor'easter. With schools still closed, special correspondent John Tulenko tells the story of the teachers coming to the rescue of families by turning their efforts from education to storm relief.

**November 9, 2012 9am**

**Sesame Street Gets Through A Storm 1 hour**

A hurricane has swept through Sesame Street and everyone is working together to clean up the neighborhood. When Big Bird checks on his home, he is heartbroken to find that the storm has destroyed his nest. Big Bird's friends and neighbors gather to show their support and let him know they can fix his home, but it will take time. While everyone on Sesame Street spends the next few days cleaning up and making repairs, Big Bird still has moments where he is sad, angry and confused. His friends help him cope with his emotions by talking about what happened, drawing pictures together and giving him lots of hugs. They also comfort Big Bird by offering him temporary places he can eat, sleep and play. Big Bird remembers all the good times he had at his nest and realizes that once it is rebuilt, there are more good times and memories to come. Finally the day has come when most of the repairs to Big Bird's home are done and his nest is complete. As he is about to try it out, though, the city nest inspector says it not safe yet, because the mud isn't dry. Big Bird is sad that he has to wait another day, but Snuffy comes to the rescue and blows the nest dry and he passes the test! Big Bird thanks everyone for being his friend and helping to rebuild his nest and his home.

**November 11, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

How to Protect Against the Dangers of Mobile Apps That Gather Kids' Data: Investigations are underway to see if companies that make apps are violating the privacy rights of kids by collecting personal data and sharing it with advertisers. Ray Suarez talks to Jessica Rich of the Federal Trade Commission and the Association for Competitive Technology's Morgan Reed on how to ensure privacy for children.

**December 3, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

In Chicago, Public Schools and Teachers Work Towards a 'Common Core': Some states, including Illinois, have recently adopted new public school curriculum guidelines called the Common Core State Standards. While some teachers feel relief at having clear guidelines, Elizabeth Brackett of WTTW reports from Chicago on a more contentious aspect of the new implementation: student and teacher evaluation.

**December 14, 2012 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

How Tragic Events Unfolded at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut:  
Half an hour after classes began at Sandy Hook Elementary School,  
police received 911 calls alerting them that a gunman had entered the  
school and opened fire. Ray Suarez reports on how the day unfolded and  
Margaret Warner talks to WSHU public radio reporter Craig LeMoult from  
Newtown, Conn., for the latest confirmed details.