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Quarterly Issues/Program List

April 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues addressed by Stations KOAC-TV Corvallis, Oregon; KTVR-TV La Grande, Oregon; KOPB-TV Portland, Oregon; KOAB –TV Bend, Oregon; and KEPT-TV Eugene, Oregon for the period **April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010**. The listing of programs is by no means exhaustive and the order in which they appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Quarterly Program Topic Report April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010

Abortion

5/30/2010 4:30pm, 30 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Religious Double Standard: The Catholic Church excommunicates a nun who approved an abortion for a dying woman, but has yet to discipline any pedophile priests. Workforce to Welfare: Low-income mothers in search of affordable childcare are leaving the workforce for public assistance. Ending Violence Against Women: In an exclusive interview with To The Contrary Judge Susan Carbon, the new director of the Office on Violence Against Women, discusses how the Violence Against Women Act has changed the way we respond to intimate partner violence over the last 15 years. The panelists are: Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC); Center for Equal Opportunity Chair Linda Chavez; PoliticsDaily.com Editor-in-Chief Melinda Henneberger; and Former Labor Dept. Official Karen Czarnecki.

Aging

6/6/2010 10:30pm 90 minutes
Independent Lens: Goodbye Solo

Solo, a friendly Senegalese taxi driver in Winston-Salem, North Carolina is hired by an elderly Caucasian man named William to drive him in two weeks time to a mountaintop where he plans to commit suicide. GOODBYE SOLO looks at Solo's attempt to become friends with William and change his mind before the two weeks are up.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addition

5/26/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Jamaica's Civilian Death Toll Mounts in Hunt for Wanted Drug Kingpin: Margaret Warner has an update on the violence gripping Jamaica's capital where more than 40 people have died, after security forces stormed the slums in search of a reputed drug lord.

5/27/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Manhunt for Drug Kingpin Continues in Jamaica: In other news Thursday, at least 73 people have died in Jamaica during four days of gun battles between police and supporters of accused drug kingpin Christopher Coke and the president of Sudan was sworn in for another five-year term in office, amid boycotts and allegations of fraud.

6/19/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Mexico's War with Drug Cartels Claims More Lives: Mexican President Felipe Calderon appealed to the Mexican people for help as yet another round of drug gang violence erupted in Mexico this week. Ray Suarez has an update on the volatile situation along the border.

American History/Biography

5/17/2010 9:30pm, 60 minutes Polio Crusade: American Experience

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE presents "The Polio Crusade," a one-hour documentary from filmmaker Sarah Colt ("Geronimo," "RFK") that interweaves the personal accounts of polio survivors with the story of an ardent crusader who tirelessly fought on their behalf while scientists raced to eradicate this dreaded disease. Based in part on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Polio: An American Story" by David Oshinsky, "The Polio Crusade" features interviews with historians, scientists, polio survivors, and the only surviving scientist from the core research team that developed the Salk vaccine, Julius Youngner.

4/12/2010 1pm, 60 minutes Charlie Rose

First, a look at the retirement of Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, and reflections on the man and the legacy with Jamal Greene, Constitutional Law Professor at Columbia University. Next, a discussion about Latin America with Greg Grandin, Associate Professor of Latin American history at New York University, John Coatsworth, Dean, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, Kevin Casas-Zamora, Former Vice President of Costa Rica and Michael Shifter, Incoming President of Inter-American Dialogue.

6/4/2010 9pm, 120 minutes Andrew Jackson: Good, Evil and the Presidency

A biography of America's seventh president, ANDREW JACKSON: GOOD, EVIL AND THE PRESIDENCY explores whether Americans should celebrate Jackson or apologize for him. Viewers discover that Jackson fought in the Revolutionary War when he was 13 years old and that he used the skills learned in battle to kill a man over a gambling debt; that Jackson led the American army to the most surprising victory in its history in the Battle of New Orleans, but that he also launched an unauthorized invasion of Florida; that Jackson was the first great champion of the common white man and owned more than a hundred black Americans; that Jackson dramatically expanded the United States and did so by brutally wresting vast regions of the south from Native Americans; that Jackson, in one of the boldest political strokes in history, founded the Democratic Party, yet was viewed by his enemies as an American Napoleon. The film concludes with the words of Jackson's first biographer, James Parton: "Andrew Jackson was a patriot, and a traitor. He was the greatest of generals, and wholly ignorant of the art of war. He was the most candid of men, and capable of the profoundest dissimulation. He was a democratic autocrat, an urbane savage, an atrocious saint." Martin Sheen narrates.

6/27/2010 10:30pm 90 minutes POV: William Kunstler: Disturbing the Universe

"William Kunstler: Disturbing the Universe" examines the life of this radical attorney from a surprising angle. Kunstler's two daughters from his second marriage grew up lionizing a man already famous for his historic civil rights

and anti-war cases. Then, in their teens, they began to be disillusioned by a stubborn man who continued representing some of the most reviled defendants in America -- this time accused rapists and terrorists. In this intimate biography, the Emily and Sarah Kunstler seek to recover the real story of what made their late father one of the most beloved, and hated lawyers in America.

5/10/2010 8pm 120 minutes Oregon Experience: Oregon at War

The Second World War brought major changes-economic, social and demographic, to the state of Oregon. The way years also left profound impressions on the individuals who lived through them, whether in military service or on the home front. "Oregon at War is special that explores both the big picture and the personal stories of Oregon and Oregonians during World War II.

5/17/2010 9pm, 60 minutes Oregon Experience: White Plague

Also called consumption or "wasting disease" tuberculosis once ran rampant in America. It still claims 8 million lives a year worldwide. Oregon led the Northwest in the fight against TB in the early 1900s. Yet even then, and until the advent of modern antibiotics, most treatments remained crude and ineffective. Oregon Experience explores the historical impact of TB in Oregon.

5/31/2010 9pm, 60 minutes Oregon Experience: Civilian Conservation Corp.

Five days after his 1933 inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called an emergency session of Congress to install one of his most popular New Deal programs - the Conservation Civilian Corps. It was known as the CCC.

The program targeted unemployed young men, veterans and American Indians hard hit by the Great Depression. The CCC boys, as they were called, were required to send a portion of their wages home to their parents. The boys also received free education, healthcare and job training.

Throughout its nine-year existence, the program put millions to work on federal and state land for the 'prevention of forest fires, floods, and soil erosion, plant, pest, and disease control.' Nationwide, enrollees planted three billion trees and came to be known as the Tree Army.

Oregon hosted dozens of CCC camps all over the state. Enrollees fought fires on the Tillamook Burns, helped build ski areas on Mt Hood, built telephone and electrical wires, and improved farm lands.

Today, Oregonians continue to enjoy the CCC legacy at parks and forests around the state.

Arts

4/1/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat The word is out - James Dean Kindle and the Eastern Oregon Playboys is a band worth paying attention to. We travel to Pendleton to meet the talented young men who make up this rocking group. Sculptor Beth Heron lives and works in Ridgefield, WA, where she built a huge studio that houses her own foundry and welding facilities. She does all her own work. Her bronze and stone designs are influenced by mythology and her own experiences. We go back to Pendleton to catch up with painter James Lavadour - he's the first artist we ever profiled.

4/8/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat

She never starts with an image in mind, but lets the ink tell her what to do. So far, that's working great for Ashland printmaker Denise Kester. Rumbanana teaches Cuban salsa in Corvallis and Portland. They also train as a dance team that travels around the world to salsa dance competitions. They've won several, and love to spread the love of dance to new people everywhere. She has been called many things; artist, healer, and mother. But the President of the United States also called Eva Castellanoz a national treasure when she received an NEA National Heritage Fellowship. ART BEAT travels to Nyssa to learn more about this remarkable woman and her tireless work to preserve Mexican traditional arts.

April 15, 2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat

She makes ceramic figures that are bigger than she is! See how Katy McFadden tackles the challenges of building clay up to be big-as-life! Artists Shane Bennett and Dan Cohen paint one of the largest fine-art murals in the U.S. to celebrate the wildlife of Portland's Oaks Bottom refuge. Chien Tan is a violinist with the Oregon Symphony. But in her spare time she plays a little violin. We don't mean she practices a little, she actually plays a small violin. Learn about the origins of the very new, and very tiny, treble violin.

4/29/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat

Earnest Bloch was a well-known composer and an educator. His orchestral compositions are played around the world. He lived on the Oregon Coast near the end of his life. Tune in to ART BEAT on Thursday, April 29 at 8pm to examine the impact of this late composer on musicians, students and the Oregon's classical music scene. Debra Otterstein paints on canvas, but her true passion is painting on feathers. ART BEAT goes to Cove to see how Debra uses a feather-light touch to paint her lovely wildlife interpretations on actual feathers. The DIY craft movement has taken the city by storm. But trust us, this is not your grandmother's knitting! See why more and more people are joining the handmade revolution.

5/6/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat

Ed Edmo is an accomplished Native American storyteller, playwright, and poet. Now he's passing down his craft to the next generation. A sculptor often

lives by commissions. We follow Tomasz Misztal as he creates a beautiful altarpiece for a new church in Bend. Get a sneak peek at the gypsy jazz music of quartet Swing Papillion.

5/13/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat

Mining America's past, Chris Giffin creates assemblage art out of everything from tea tins to iron works from the industrial age. Regulars at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland have seen her play a wide range of characters over the years. But Catherine Coulson has left her mark on the community in more ways than on stage. Acoustic blues and American roots songwriter Joe McMurrian is captivating audiences with his delta style guitar playing and smoky smooth voice. Lean how Joe has added an original twist to the time honored blues tradition.

5/27/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat

Are kids still learning to draw, paint, sing and dance in Oregon's classrooms? Or has school become an endless repetition of reading, writing and arithmetic? We look at arts education in the schools in Portland, Milwaukie and Prineville in this compelling half hour special.

6/3/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat

Debra Fisher can't get enough of making masks - for herself, for galleries and for theatre productions - Debra is just fascinated with faces! Samuel Hinds makes provocative wood sculptures that curve and seem to move, and each one starts as a life sized clay piece. Each year the greatest musicians in the world come through town to perform with Chamber Music Northwest. Some of the musicians stay a little longer to pass on their knowledge to the next generation. We'll follow a young Portland musician as he learns from the greats.

6/10/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat

Her love of nature and urge to experiment led Sue Orlaske to find a way to use natural fibers and plants instead of glazes on her ceramic art. But it's still a work in progress sometimes! What does it take to become an orchestra conductor? Meet some of the students at the Rose City International Conductor's Workshop and find out! Buckle up! ART BEAT takes you on a wild ride with the Blastolene Brothers. It's the strange and wonderful story of Randy Grubb and Michael Leeds; two glass artists who decided to build a racecar, and in the process became hot rod celebrities.

6/24/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Oregon Art Beat

She's one of the first names that come to mind when you're talking about great jazz singers. We'll tell you why Shirley Nanette has never strayed far from her Portland roots...much to the benefit of her many fans here! How can clay be both flat and 3-dimensional at the same time? Maria Simon shows how with unique clay sculptures designed to hang on the wall.

5/13/2010 9pm 90 minutes American Masters, The Doors: When You are Strange

The creative chemistry of four brilliant artists—drummer John Densmore, guitarist Robby Krieger, keyboardist Ray Manzarek and singer Jim Morrison—made The Doors one of America's most iconic and influential, theatrical and mysterious, thrilling and sometime frightening rock bands. Narrated by Johnny Depp, American Masters: When You're Strange is the first feature documentary about The Doors. The film tells their story using only original footage—much of it previously unseen — shot between their formation in 1965 and Morrison's death in 1971. From the outset I decided to use only original footage of this astonishing band, says Tom DiCillo, director and writer of When You're Strange. To me, there is nothing more powerful and riveting that seeing Robby Krieger, Ray Manzarek, John Densmore and Jim Morrison leap into life on the screen.

5/18/2010 1pm, 30 minutes Charlie Rose

First, Jeffrey Katzenberg the CEO of Dreamworks Animation takes us inside the world of 3-D and making movies. Next, Bill McKibben, environmentalist and author has a new book called "Eaarth."

Business/Industry

4/2/210 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Can Genes Be Patented? Ruling Reignites Debate: A federal court this week invalidated patents filed by biotech companies on the human genome, igniting debate on exactly who owns genetic research. Jeffrey Brown gets two points of view on the legal implications of the case.

4/5/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Consumers Weigh Apple's iPad Buzz, Future of Tablet Computing: Apple's new iPad tablet hit stores over the weekend, selling some 300,000 devices on its first day. Jeffrey Brown gets two points of view about the iPad and what it could mean for the future of mobile computing devices.

4/6/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Mining Safety Reexamined After Another Deadly Disaster in W.Va.: Following the deadly mine explosion in southern West Virginia, Jim Lehrer talks to two reporters about the ongoing recovery efforts, the dangers of mining coal and the state of safety standards in the industry.

4/6/2010 7pm PBS NewsHour

Should Consumers Move Their Money From Megabanks to Smaller Banks?: In the latest in a series of reports making sense of the economy, Paul Solman explores the differences for consumers between small community banks and the "too-big-to-fail" financial giants.

5/7/2010 1pm, 60 minutes Charlie Rose

Charlie takes a look at the stock market and the impact of the Greek debt crisis, we begin with Floyd Norris of The New York Times. Next, Wall St. veterans Barton Biggs, Roger Altman & Byron Wien on the Greek debt crisis. Last, Matthew Bishop of The Economist talks about his book, "The Road to Ruin."

5/4/2010 10pm 60 minutes Frontline, College, Inc.

The business of higher education is booming. It's a \$400 billion industry fueled by taxpayer money. But what are students getting out of the deal? Critics say a worthless degree and a mountain of debt. Investors insist they're innovators, widening access to education. FRONTLINE follows the money to uncover how Wall Street and a new breed of for-profit universities are transforming the way we think about college in America.

5/3/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP Says It Will Pay for Gulf Coast Oil Spill Cleanup: Energy company BP said it will pay to clean up the oil spill still spreading in the Gulf of Mexico, caused when an oil rig it leased exploded two weeks ago. Judy Woodruff gets the latest on the crisis from correspondent Tom Bearden in Louisiana.

5/5/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Gulf Cleanup Continues as BP Attempts to Cap Largest Oil Leak: Tom Bearden continues his reports from the Gulf Coast with an update on BP's attempt to cap the biggest leak at the wellhead. Judy Woodruff talks to him about progress to contain further spread of oil contamination.

5/25/2010 10pm, 60 minutes Frontline: Flying Cheap

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

5/18/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Fisheries Hit by Spreading Oil Contamination Closures in Gulf: Federal officials nearly doubled the no-fishing zone in the Gulf of Mexico, as administration officials faced sharp criticism from lawmakers. Ray Suarez reports on the ongoing fallout from the gulf oil spill.

6/14/2010 1pm 60 minutes

Charlie Rose

First, Senator John Kerry discusses the oil spill in the gulf and his bill to cap carbon emissions and expand funding for alternative energy. Next, Jonathan Alter of "Newsweek" discusses his book, "The Promise: President Obama, Year One."

6/1/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Along Gulf Coast, BP's Latest Oil Spill Efforts Do Little to Calm Anger: Spencer Michels reports from the Gulf Coast with the latest on BP's efforts to cap the gushing oil well, amid growing anger from local residents and business owners over the problems wrought by the spill.

6/2/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP Setbacks Mount as Cut and Cap Attempt Stalls in Gulf: BP's latest attempt to contain the Gulf oil leak stalled Wednesday when a saw became stuck in a pipe on the damaged well. Gwen Ifill talks to Jane Lubchenco, the head of NOAA, about what the setbacks mean for stopping the flow.

6/16/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP Agrees to Start \$20 Billion Fund for Gulf Disaster Victims: BP has agreed to set aside at least \$20 billion to pay damages caused by the Gulf oil spill, following tough talk from the Obama administration about quickly responding to victims' claims. Judy Woodruff has an update on the latest from the company's board.

6/17/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP CEO's Testimony Draws Upbraiding by Many on House Energy Panel: BP CEO Tony Hayward faced criticism Thursday from both parties at a U.S. House hearing over his company's Gulf disaster response and business practices. Jim Lehrer recaps the developments on Capitol Hill as oil continues to leak into the Gulf of Mexico.

6/22/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Geithner Defends Cost of TARP, Credits Program for Stabilizing Economy: Treasury Department Secretary Timothy Geithner defended the effectiveness of the \$700 billion financial rescue program known as TARP, as it prepares to wind down this fall. Judy Woodruff reports on Tuesday's hearings on the financial rescue package.

Child Abuse

4/2/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

News Wrap--Vatican Distances Itself from Minister's Remarks: In other news, Pope Benedict's personal minister sparked outrage on Good Friday by comparing criticism of the pope over church abuse scandals to "collective violence" against Jews. Also, Afghan President Hamid Karzai tried to smooth relations with the U.S. after reports he again blamed election fraud on Western interference.

5/11/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Catholic Ireland Struggles with Response to Child Sex Abuse Scandals: Special correspondent Saul Gonzalez reports from Ireland, where the Catholic Church continues to reel from the allegations and resignations surrounding the child sex abuse scandal.

5/30/2010 4:30pm 30 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

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Community Politics, Government

4/1/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Health Care Reform Challenges Continue from Many States: With 14 state governments suing over health care reform, Judy Woodruff gets opposing views about the constitutionality of the new federal law.

5/19/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Primary Voters Display Discontent with Incumbents, 'Establishment'
Candidates: Tuesday's primary elections in Pennsylvania, Kentucky and
Arkansas ended with a veteran Senator out of the race, another forced into a
runoff and a third facing a Tea Party outsider. Jim Lehrer reports on what
these primaries mean for the general election in November.

4/3/2010 10pm, 60 minutes Frontline: Obama's Deal

Health care reform was the first big policy deal taken on by the Obama administration. Many say the young president has bet the mid-term elections, possibly his presidency, on the outcome. In a new investigation FRONTLINE goes behind closed doors at the White House, in Congress and the boardrooms

of the giant health-care lobby to examine the political battles and costly compromises that defined Barack Obama's endeavor. From early positive efforts, through the bitter battles with the Tea Party, the elation of apparent success at Christmas, to the crushing failure in the Massachusetts Senatorial election, FRONTLINE follows the story and reveals the first indepth look at how the Obama administration operates. In Obama's Deal, FRONTLINE veteran producer Michael Kirk (Bush's War, Dreams of Obama, Inside the Meltdown, The Warning) provides a sobering expose of the realities of American politics, the power of special interest groups, and the role of money in policy making.

6/3/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

States Grapple With Funding Education Amid Budget Shortfalls: Classroom cuts are looming, as the school year winds down for many states facing budget shortfalls. Jeffrey Brown reports on the potential layoffs and the new contract ratified by teachers unions in Washington D.C.

Consumerism

4/7/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Future of Net Neutrality Debated After Ruling: A federal court has ruled in favor of Internet provider Comcast in a victory that raises questions about the Federal Communications Commission's power to regulate the Web. Jeffrey Brown gets two points of view on what it could mean for consumers.

5/6/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

U.S. Markets Plunge Amid Greece Fears, Possible Tech Glitch: Stocks plunged then rallied slightly as concerns grew that Greece's ongoing debt crisis would impact the global financial recovery. Also, a possible technical glitch was being investigated by market officials. Jeffrey Brown reports.

5/21/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Financial Reform Overhaul on Fast Track to Passage: A sweeping reform of the nation's financial regulatory system passed a key vote before the Senate late Thursday, fast-tracking a final vote on the overhauls. Judy Woodruff reports on the process to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the legislation.

6/2/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Louisiana's Oyster Industry Crippled by Oil Spill: As part of continuing coverage of the oil crisis in the Gulf of Mexico, Spencer Michels reports on how one Louisiana parish is coping with the oil spill and the growing threat to its oyster industry.

6/17/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Baja Wind Energy Project Could Help Fill California's Sails: As President Barack Obama stresses the need for independence from fossil fuels, filmmaker Emma Cott examines one alternative energy project that is looking to harness wind power from Mexico to help meet California's energy demands.

6/22/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

With Location-Tracking Technology, Cell Users Paying Price of Privacy: Correspondent Spencer Michels reports how cell phones with GPS technology that track and share user location are raising concerns about privacy as they revolutionize the way people communicate.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

4/14/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Holder Defends Terror Trials, Guantanamo Plans: Attorney General Eric Holder faced heated questions from the Senate Judiciary Committee over his decisions on trying terror suspects and the closure of the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay.

5/11/2010 1pm, 60 minutes Charlie Rose

First, a look at President Obama's Supreme Court Nominee Elena Kagan. We talk to Walter Dellinger, a Washington appellate lawyer and former solicitor general under the Clinton administration and Sean Wilentz from Princeton University. Next, Charlie speaks with Edward O. Wilson, Harvard University. Last, Maria Bartiromo, the CNBC Anchor and author of "The 10 Laws of Enduring Success."

5/3/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Holder--Law Enforcement Has 'Good Leads' in Failed NYC Bombing Plot: Law enforcement officials in New York have identified a "person of interest" and continue to search for other potential leads into Saturday's attempted bombing in Times Square. Jeffrey Brown talks to WNYC reporter Bob Hennelly for more on the foiled bombing plot.

5/11/2010 7pm 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Elena Kagan Faces Political Challenges for Supreme Court Seat: Jim Lehrer talks to two Supreme Court watchers, Karen Tumlty from The Washington Post and Tom Goldstein, founder of SCOTUSblog.com, about the political landscape for the confirmation of nominee Elena Kagan.

5/17/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Supreme Court Places Limits on Life Sentences for Juvenile Offenders: The Supreme Court has struck down laws in multiple states that allow juveniles to be sentenced to life terms with no chance of parole for crimes that do not involve murder. Ray Suarez talks to Marcia Coyle of the National Law Journal about that and other rulings issued Monday.

5/19/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Obama, Calderon Tackle Immigration, and Drug Issues During Washington Visit: Mexican President Felipe Calderon met with President Obama to discuss concerns about Arizona's new immigration law and U.S. drug policy. Margaret Warner reports on Wednesday's visit in Washington.

6/7/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Risk of Homegrown Terrorism Plots Examined: Two New Jersey men are the latest American citizens arrested for alleged involvement with international terrorism groups. Jeffrey Brown examines the ongoing concern over homegrown terror risks with two terrorism experts.

6/22/2010 10pm, 60 minutes Frontline: The Suicide Tourist

Do we have the right to end our lives if life itself becomes unbearable, or when we enter the late-stages of painful, terminal illness? The questions, debated for centuries, have only grown more pressing in recent years as medical technology has allowed us to live longer lives, and several U.S. states have legalized physician-assisted suicide. With unique access to Dignitas, the Swiss non-profit that has helped over one thousand people die since 1998, Academy award-winning filmmaker John Zaritsky offers a revealing look a couple facing the most difficult decision of their lives--and lets us see for ourselves as one Chicago native makes the trip to Switzerland for what will become the last day of his life.

6/22/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Supreme Court Hands Down Rulings on Labor, Privacy, and Property Cases: As the end of its term approaches, the Supreme Court handed down rulings on cases involving workplace privacy, property rights and a labor board. Ray Suarez talks to Marcia Coyle of the National Law Journal for more on what effect these rulings will have.

6/21/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Supreme Court Upholds Ban on 'Material Support' for Terror Groups: The Supreme Court issued a decision Monday that a federal law barring aid to terrorist groups does not violate free speech. Jeffrey Brown talks to Marcia Coyle of the National Law Journal about the court's 6-3 ruling to uphold the ban, over the objections of human rights groups.

Disabilities

5/11/2010 10pm, 60 minutes Independent Lens: The Horse Boy

How far would you travel to heal someone you love? An intensely personal yet epic spiritual journey, THE HORSE BOY follows one Texas couple and their

autistic son as they trek on horseback through Outer Mongolia, in a desperate attempt to treat his condition with shamanic healing.

Economy

4/2/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Jobs Report Hints Economy Could Be Inching Toward Recovery: A new economic report showed March had the largest increase in new jobs in three years, but the unemployment rate held steady. Judy Woodruff talks to two economists about what those numbers could mean for the U.S. economy and American workers.

4/14/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Obama Presses for Financial Overhaul as Senate Fight Looms: President Obama made a case for overhauling the nation's financial system today, in an attempt to win action in the Senate. Jeffrey Brown talks to financial experts for more on a reform bill's prospects.

5/4/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Bailout for Greece Raises Stability Concerns Across Europe, U.S.: Angry protesters again took to the streets in Athens over the cuts and tax hikes the Greek government is planning amidst a financial bailout from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund. Margaret Warner talks to an economist about the potential fallout for the U.S. economy from the escalating debt crisis.

5/13/52010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Do Obama's Financial Reforms Measure Up Against Past Attempts?: In his ongoing series of reports making sense of the financial system, Paul Solman talks to author and MIT economics professor Simon Johnson about how President Obama's attempts to regulate financial firms compare to reform campaigns of past presidents.

5/24/2010 1pm, 60 minutes Charlie Rose

In the emerging field of synthetic biology and the quest to create synthetic life, Craig Venter joins to explain how his research team has created manmade DNA in a living organism. Next, financial regulation reform with Steven Pearlstein of The Washington Post and Andrew Ross Sorkin of The New York Times.

5/18/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Tar Balls Raise Concerns for Florida Coastline, Atlantic Ocean: Marine Scientists said sections of the giant Gulf oil spill are nearing the loop current, which could carry the contamination around the tip of Florida and deeper into the Atlantic Ocean. Ray Suarez talks to a Wall Street Journal reporter about the environmental and economic implications.

6/11/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Oil Leak's Impact on U.S.-British Relations, Economics Examined: Lawmakers continue to hold U.K.-based BP's feet to the fire over the ongoing oil leak, sparking some tensions between the U.S. and Britain. Judy Woodruff gets two points of view about the company's future, the billions of dollars at stake and the political divide.

6/4/2010 8pm 30 minutes Washington Week

Commando raids, an uncontrollable oil spill, an economy that can't rebound fast enough, and political missteps here, there, and everywhere, tonight on Washington Week. Is anything going right? Oil continues to qush from the ocean floor. President Barack Obama said, "Right now, stopping this oil spill and containing its damage is necessarily the top priority not just of my administration, but I think of the entire country." Gov. Bobby Jindal (R-LA) said, "Every day they wait, every day they make us wait. We're losing our battle to protect our coast." Tony Hayward, CEO, BP OIL said, "I'd like my life back. So there's no one who wants this thing done more than I do." A high sea standoff forces the U.S. to mediate newly inflamed tensions between Israel and the Palestinians. Israeli Prime Min. Benjamin Netanyahu said, "Israel should not be held to a double standard. The Jewish state has a right to defend itself, just like any other state." Dr. Ghassan Al-Khateeb, Palestinian Government Spokesperson said, "We think that Israel should be held accountable for this crime and should be punished." Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said, "The situation in Gaza is unsustainable and unacceptable." The economy adds new jobs, but not enough of them. President Obama said, "While we recognize that our recovery is still in its early stages and that there're going to be ups and downs in the months ahead, things never go completely in a smooth line." And the White House political shop stumbles, again. What's a president to do? We assess the challenges and the distractions with the reporters covering the week: Peter Baker of the New York Times, Michael Duffy of Time Magazine and Doyle McManus of the Los Angeles Times.

6/18/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Tensions Flare Between U.S., China After Push for Revalued Currency: The Obama administration has placed pressure on China to revalue its currency, creating economic tensions between the two countries. Ray Suarez sits down with C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, about this latest turn of events.

6/18/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Amid Hopes of Economic Recovery, Small Businesses Battle Credit Crunch: In his ongoing series of reports making sense of economic news, Paul Solman examines the struggles of companies to gain enough credit to stay afloat as lending remains tight.

Education

4/7/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

New Orleans Schools See Progress Despite Troubles: In his ongoing look at efforts to turn around ailing schools in New Orleans and Washington, D.C. John Merrow reports on the use of alternative school programs in Louisiana and progress on negotiations between a teachers union and public schools in the nation's capital.

5/4/2010 10pm, 60 minutes Frontline: College, Inc.

The business of higher education is booming. It's a \$400 billion industry fueled by taxpayer money. But what are students getting out of the deal? Critics say a worthless degree and a mountain of debt. Investors insist they're innovators, widening access to education. FRONTLINE follows the money to uncover how Wall Street and a new breed of for-profit universities are transforming the way we think about college in America.

5/20/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

In Detroit Schools, State Takeover Leads to Leadership Dispute: Correspondent John Merrow reports on the progress of Detroit's public school system, following last year's tumultuous takeover by the state of Michigan, following allegations of corruption, a \$316 million hole in its budget and tumbling enrollment.

6/3/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

States Grapple With Funding Education Amid Budget Shortfalls: Classroom cuts are looming, as the school year winds down for many states facing budget shortfalls. Jeffrey Brown reports on the potential layoffs and the new contract ratified by teachers unions in Washington D.C.

6/6/2010 4pm, 30 minutes Religion and Ethics Weekly

Cairo Speech Anniversary: President Obama's Cairo speech one year ago set the framework for partnerships with the Muslim world in education, health, science, and interfaith dialogue, says Organization of the Islamic Conference special envoy Rashad Hussain. Rashad Hussain Extended Interview: In addition to confronting tough political issues in the Middle East, U.S. agencies and departments across the government are targeting violent extremism, human rights, and civil rights at home and abroad, says the Obama administration's special envoy to the Organization of the Islamic Conference. Aravind Eye Hospital: Patients at this hospital in Madurai, India are among the world's poorest people. It was founded by a pioneering eye surgeon who was a disciple of the spiritual teacher Sri Aurobindo, and its business success and social mission have long made it a model in public health textbooks. Wilderness Spirituality: "It is much easier for God to get through our defenses when

we're in a wilderness," says John Lionberger. He leads kayak and canoe trips that he says "get to the transcendent through the physical."

Employment

4/2/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Jobs Report Hints Economy Could Be Inching Toward Recovery: A new economic report showed March had the largest increase in new jobs in three years, but the unemployment rate held steady. Judy Woodruff talks to two economists about what those numbers could mean for the U.S. economy and American workers.

4/11/2010 4:30pm, 30 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Fewer Teen Moms: A new CDC report finds an increase in births among older women and a drop among teens. Stuck In The Middle: A report shows steady growth and near equal representation of women in lower-ranking federal jobs, but men continue to outnumber women in Senior Executive Service positions. Sweet Kids: A look at the physical and emotional challenges children with diabetes face. The panelists are: Physician and Wellness Expert Dr. Andrea Pennington; Former Labor Dept. Official Karen Czarnecki; The Feminist Majority's Kim Gandy; and Former EEOC Chair Cari Dominguez.

5/7/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Positive April Job Growth Tempered by Market Uncertainty in Europe: Employers added 290,000 jobs last month, marking the biggest hiring increase in four years. Jeffrey Brown talks to two financial experts about the pace of the economic recovery and gets an update from Susie Gharib of PBS's Nightly Business Report about the brief but deep stock market plunge on Thursday afternoon.

6/4/2010 7pm 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Financial Crisis Does Little to Dim Graduates' Wall Street Aspirations: As part of his continuing coverage making sense of the economy, Paul Solman talks to Harvard economist Ben Friedman about the college graduates who continue to flock to Wall Street, three years into the financial crisis.

6/18/2010 4:30pm, 40 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Job Safety in the Gulf: Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis discusses worker safety during the clean-up of the Gulf oil spill. The End of the Deadbeat Dad: Sociologists find single dads are becoming more involved in their children's lives. Paid Paternity Leave: In Sweden most fathers take paternity leave thanks to a government mandate. Should the U.S. follow Sweden's lead? The panelists are: Global Summit of Women President Irene Natividad; The Daily Caller's Jon Ward; Independent Women's Voice's Sabrina Schaeffer; and Chicago Tribune's Clarence Page.

5/28/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Gulf Coast Industries Reel From Ongoing Oil Crisis: Tom Bearden reports from Jefferson Parish, La., on how residents and business owners impacted by the Gulf of Mexico oil spill view the government's response to the disaster.

6/1/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Along Gulf Coast, BP's Latest Oil Spill Efforts Do Little to Calm Anger: Spencer Michels reports from the Gulf Coast with the latest on BP's efforts to cap the gushing oil well, amid growing anger from local residents and business owners over the problems wrought by the spill.

6/16/2010 8pm 60 minutes Bear Island

Chichagof Island, Southeast Alaska, is Jurassic Park in real time. Its dense rainforests hide more grizzlies per square mile than any other place on Earth. Follow veteran tracker Vern Beier, as he meets Chichagof's brown bears on their own turf - the deep, dark forests of Bear Island.

6/16/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP Official on 'A Good Meeting of the Minds' at the White House: BP officials have said they will set aside a fund to pay damages to victims of the Gulf oil spill, following a meeting with President Obama. Judy Woodruff talks to BP Managing Director Bob Dudley about those payouts and the company's decision to suspend dividend payments to stockholders.

Family/Marriage

4/4/2010 4:30pm, 30 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

A Holy Scandal: During Holy Week, more claims of sex abuse rock the Catholic Church. Diagnosing Disease: In the conclusion of our three-part series on genetic mapping and rare pediatric diseases, we examine the barriers families face when it comes to diagnosing rare conditions. The panelists are: Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC); PoliticsDaily.com Editor-in-Chief Melinda Henneberger; The Progressive Magazine's Ruth Conniff; Former EEOC Chair Cari Dominquez; and Children's National Medical Center's Dr. Chiatogu Onyewu.

5/16/2010 8pm 60 minutes Nature: Why We Love Cats and Dogs

Some people are cat people, some are dog people. But regardless of which camp they fall into, most people are simply crazy about their pets. The connections people form with their cats and dogs are often the longest, strongest relationships in their lives. They are our soul mates, our best friends, sometimes even our surrogate children. What makes these creatures such key members of our families? Perhaps it's because our furry friends have

4/1/2010 8:30pm 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

Elise Elzroth is one very dedicated woman. She has spent most of her life helping restore Western bluebird populations to the Corvallis area. The ancient forest that surrounds Portland's Bull Run water supply is off Limits to logging after decades of controversy. But questions loom large Over fire, climate change, and the risk of leaving a water supply untreated in one of the most pristine watersheds in the nation.

4/8/2010 8:30pm 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

There's research to show that the tsunami risk is far more severe than scientists previously thought. We look at Indian oral tradition recounting tsunamis that seem eerily accurate in light of new research. We look at the evidence that proves the risk is great, and what is being done about it in coastal communities.

4/15/2010 8:30pm 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

Knowles Creek used to be a floundering ecosystem, but Charley Dewberry and his team has successfully brought the stream back to life. In their attempts to restore the watershed basin surrounding Knowles Creek, Charley's team efforts have caused the number of juvenile coho to triple since their restoration began in 1992. Once a controversial project, the scientists who defied conventional wisdom demonstrates how well the project has worked. Update of On Oregon State University project to use ocean waves off the Oregon coast to generate power.

4/29/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

In Oregon's central Cascades along the Metolius River, timer harvesters and conservation groups are working together to find a better way to maintain the forests and prevent catastrophic forest fires. The process of selectively thinning restores the health of the forest and provides economic benefits to timber harvesters.

5/6/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

The Wallowa River bends again at the 6 Ranch near Enterprise, Oregon. It had been straight for a century. The ranch sacrificed some pasture to restore the river to a more natural path in order to restore endangered fish.

5/27/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

Every spring, half a million seabirds called common murres come to nest on the rocks off the Oregon coast. As the number of bald eagles has increased in recent years, their attacks have brought havoc to the murre's breeding grounds.

Energy

4/2/2010 8pm, 30 minutes Washington Week

Drilling for energy and for support on health care, shaking hands with the troops on a surprise trip overseas, and uncovering a possible threat to domestic security, tonight on Washington Week. The president rallies for support of the health care law as new poll numbers show low marks for him and Congress. The president says, give it a chance. President Barack Obama said, "The polls haven't changed yet. Well, yes, it just happened last week." Looking to expand the energy sources, the administration takes the first steps in allowing more oil and gas drilling offshore. Sec. Ken Salazar said, "This is a good balance between conservation and development that gives us the energy security that we need." But how much energy would it actually produce at how much risk to the environment? Half a world away, a reminder of the struggles in Afghanistan and Iraq, as the president visits American troops. President Obama said, "We did not choose this war. This was not an act of America wanting to expand its influence." But did he make any headway with the government in Afghanistan plagued by corruption? And the FBI rounds up nine members of a militia style group in Michigan charged with plotting violence against police. FBI Agent: They could kill a lot of people just by themselves. What does it tell us about the threat of domestic terrorism? Those stories this week from the reporters who covered them: Dan Balz of the Washington Post, John Harwood of CNBC and the New York Times, Martha Raddatz of ABC News, and Michael Duffy of Time Magazine. 6/10/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Amid Oil Leak, Business Leaders Urge Energy Sector Investment, Research: President Obama met Thursday with families of workers killed in the Gulf rig explosion, but he also met with business leaders to discuss energy issues facing the U.S. Judy Woodruff speaks with two of those executives, venture capitalist John Doerr and Chad Holliday, chairman of the board of directors of Bank of America.

6/16/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Baja Wind Energy Project Could Help Fill California's Sails: As President Barack Obama stresses the need for independence from fossil fuels, filmmaker Emma Cott examines one alternative energy project that is looking to harness wind power from Mexico to help meet California's energy demands.

6/18/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Oil Leak Renews Debate Over Green Energy's Future: In his address to the nation Tuesday night, President Obama urged Americans that "the time to embrace a clean energy future is now." Jeffrey Brown sits down with guests Daniel Weiss of the Center for American Progress and Kenneth Green of the American Enterprise Institute to discuss what can and should be done.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

PBS NewsHour

Gulf Coast Oil Spill Puts Political Future of Offshore Drilling in Question: As crews continue attempts to cap a leaking oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, Judy Woodruff gets two points of view on the future for offshore drilling in the U.S. from Kert Davies of Greenpeace and Sara Banaszak of the American Petroleum Institute.

5/5/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Gulf Coast Oil Spill Adds 'Insult to Injuries' for Ocean's Health: Cleanup and wildlife rescue operations are underway on the shore as the massive oil leak spreads toward sensitive coastal wetlands along the Gulf Coast. Judy Woodruff speaks with Sylvia Earle, National Geographic's explorer-in-residence, about the disaster's effects on the fragile marine ecosystem.

5/18/2010 8pm 60 minutes NOVA Mt. St. Helens: Back From the Dead

When Mount St. Helens erupted in 1980, every living thing in the blast zone was buried beneath 300 feet of avalanche debris, covered with steaming mud, and finally, topped with a superheated layer of frothy rock from deep within the earth. It seemed as though Mount St. Helens might remain a wasteland forever. When biologist Charlie Crisafulli first flew over the disaster zone, finding no sign of life, little did he realize that his own life would be forever changed. Crisafulli has remained at the site for 27 years, documenting the dramatic return of plant and animal life to the barren landscape and pioneering a new understanding of the interaction between geologic forces and the life surrounding the mountain. NOVA brings viewers on an inspiring journey of a landscape brought back from the dead.

5/17/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP Makes Headway in Capturing Leaking Oil: BP officials said the company is using a new siphoning strategy and capturing more than 1,000 barrels of the oil that would have otherwise leaked into the Gulf of Mexico, but scientists are voicing new worries about the leak's environmental implications. Gwen Ifill reports.

5/18/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Fisheries Hit by Spreading Oil Contamination Closures in Gulf: Federal officials nearly doubled the no-fishing zone in the Gulf of Mexico, as administration officials faced sharp criticism from lawmakers. Ray Suarez reports on the ongoing fallout from the gulf oil spill.

5/26/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP Moves Ahead with Tricky 'Top Kill' Procedure to Stop Oil Leak: BP crews launched a long-awaited operation to stop spewing oil at the source by pumping heavy drilling fluids into the massive leak. Jim Lehrer talks to Greg McCormack, director of the Petroleum Extension Service at the University of Texas, for more on the procedure and the chances for success.

6/3/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

Join a three-day journey deep into the Eagle Cap Wilderness in search of a truly ancient tree. Discovered on a dangerously steep mountain, the limber pine could be among the oldest trees in Oregon, and it's still alive.

6/10/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

The ocean is turning more acidic as CO2 emissions rise, and shellfish are struggling to survive in the more acidic sea.

6/24/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

The brown pelican has rebounded so successfully, the government has removed it from the endangered species list. Today, the largest pelican roost site in the Northwest sits in Oregon. But when thousands of pelicans lingered too long, winter storms caused severe injuries. Volunteers with the Wildlife Center of the North Coast rushed to save them.

4/6/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Hope Dims for Missing West Virginia Miners After Large Blast: The search for four missing miners was halted because of dangerous conditions underground Tuesday, following a massive explosion that claimed 25 lives in West Virginia. Gwen Ifill reports on the rescue effort in the deadliest U.S. mining disaster in 26 years.

5/18/2010 9:30pm, 90 minutes Fire Below Us: Remembering Mt. St. Helens

This documentary brought back to life the Mt. St. Helens eruption from a local perspective. Local footage, and interviews with local Oregonians showed the large impact the eruption had on local cities, towns and the environment.

4/15/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Icelandic Volcano Eruption Strands Air Passengers Across Europe: A giant cloud of ash from a glacial volcano in Iceland grounded hundreds of flights across northern Europe. Kylie Morris of Independent Television News provides an update on when air traffic might resume.

5/3/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP Says It Will Pay for Gulf Coast Oil Spill Cleanup: Energy company BP said it will pay to clean up the oil spill still spreading in the Gulf of Mexico, caused when an oil rig it leased exploded two weeks ago. Judy Woodruff gets the latest on the crisis from correspondent Tom Bearden in Louisiana.

5/3/2010 7pm, 60 minutes

long provided us with comfort, camaraderie, and unconditional love. Cats and dogs are our unending source of kisses, cuddles, slobber, claws, and laughs. Watch as NATURE shares the stories of pet owners and their beloved animals. From a very special dog named Jerry, to a cat that saved a man's life, "Why We Love Cats and Dogs" presents a portrait of some of the most powerful and remarkable connections we experience as humans - the unbreakable bonds with our pets.

6/6/2010 12:30pm, 30 minutes Life (Part 2): Boomer Grandparenting

Therapists Iris Cornelius and Joshua Coleman and author Allan Zullo (The Boomer's Guide to Grandparenting) discuss how Baby Boomers are redefining what being a grandparent is all about. Then, a conversation with Dr. Dennis McCullough, author of "My Mother, Your Mother: Embracing Slow Medicine, the Compassionate Approach to Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones." And journalist Juan Williams (NPR, Fox News) struggles to determine just how old he is in the eyes of others.

6/2/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Married Authors Explore Politics, Philosophy Behind Happiness: Jeffrey Brown talks to authors and spouses Derek and Sissela Bok, married to each other for 55 years, about their new books exploring the politics and the philosophy of happiness.

6/18/2010 4:30pm 30 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

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Health/Health Care

4/13/2010 10pm, 60 minutes Frontline

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4/8/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Health Reform a Big Campaign Plank for Congressional Challengers: In the first of two reports on the implications of the new health reform law for members of Congress this election season, Spencer Michels reports from California on how Republican challengers are making reform a key issue ahead of November.

5/4/2010 11pm 60 MINUTES Independent Lens: Sunshine

When filmmaker Karen Skloss got pregnant at the age of 23, she decided to have and keep the baby--even when it became clear that her relationship with the baby's father wouldn't work out. She had no idea that it would be so easy to alter her life in one stroke. In SUNSHINE, Skloss explores the meaning of family through a personal journey to understand both the legacy of her own birth and the non-traditional family she created by co-parenting with her exboyfriend. Young, pregnant, single, and unprepared, Skloss struggles with the fact that sometimes, the most strenuous efforts to protect the idea of family can actually do the most to pull families apart. Woven together from more than 10 years' worth of home movies, intimate family interviews, shimmering dance sequences, and stylized reenactments, SUNSHINE is a refreshing and compelling self-portrait of an adopted woman driven to search for her pride and identity while reconnecting with her biological mother.

5/9/2010 4:30pm, 30 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

The Pill Turns 50: This week marks 50 years since the FDA approved oral contraception for women. Today, some 12 million American women use the pill. The New American Mom: New research finds today's mothers of newborns are older, single, better educated, and more likely to be non-white compared to moms 20 years ago. Woman of Courage: In celebration of Mother's Day, To the Contrary profiles Suraya Pakzad, a mother of six, who for more than a decade, has risked her life to help the women and girls of Afghanistan. The panelists are: Global Summit of Women President Irene Natividad; Former EEOC Chair Cari Dominguez; Political Strategist Ilana Goldman; and Independent Women's Voice's Sabrina Schaeffer.

5/19/2010 11pm, 60 minutes Frontline: The Wounded Platoon

In The Wounded Platoon, FRONTLINE investigates a single Fort Carson platoon of infantrymen -- the 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry -- and finds, after a long journey, a group of young men changed by war and battling a range of psychiatric disorders that many blame for their violent and self-destructive behavior. Since returning from Iraq, three members of the 3rd Platoon have been convicted on murder or attempted murder charges; one has been jailed for drunk driving and another for assaulting his wife; and one has attempted suicide.

6/19/2010 9pm, 120 minutes
Dr. Christiane Northrup's Women's Bodies, Women's Wisdom

Christiane Northrup, M.D., acclaimed author and pioneer in the field of women's health, now transforms the relationship women have with their bodies, inside and out. With her guidance, women of all ages will learn how to access and use the most powerful inner tool that all possesses for well-being and beauty. This special was taped on-location at the Portsmouth Music Hall, Portsmouth, NH.

6/7/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Cancer Drug Treatment Research Highlights Oncology Conference: Researchers reported new progress in the treatment of breast, skin, lung and ovarian cancers at a weekend meeting of top cancer experts in Chicago. Ray Suarez talks to American Society of Clinical Oncology President George Sledge for an update on the new medical advances.

Homosexuality

5/28/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

House Votes to End 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell': The House of Representatives has approved a measure that could eliminate the ban on gays serving openly in the U.S. military. Judy Woodruff reports on the controversy surrounding the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell."

4/6/2010 11pm, 30 minutes In the Life: Dismantling Hate

LGBT people know it when they hear it. The lies and misinformation that inspire bias against the gay community are obvious. When does bias turn to hate? Can hearing hate-speak lead to violence? This episode of In The Life, documents the issues and people shaping the gay experience. We talk to victims and perpetrators of hate crime about the nature of hate. And later, we visit photographer Alix Smith, who is traveling the country photographing hundreds of same-sex couples, challenging stereotypes and taking conventional portraiture to a new level.

5/4/2010 11pm, 30 minutes In the Life: It's About Time

This month, IN THE LIFE explores what it means to grow old as a gay person in America - how a generation once at the frontlines of establishing the modern LGBT movement finds, in what should be their golden years, new challenges living life openly gay. IT'S ABOUT TIME highlights the leaders spearheading a national effort to protect the rights of LGBT senior citizens and care for our elders.

6/8/2010 11pm, 30 minutes In the Life: Intersections of Church and State

The separation of Church and State is a fundamental tenet of the U.S. Constitution. Increasingly policies that funnel taxpayer dollars into faith-based organizations challenge this important principle. This month on our June Pride episode, IN THE LIFE follows the money to expose some faith-based initiatives that sanction homophobia here and abroad.

Housing, Shelter

4/9/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Investigating Fannie Mae and the Housing Bubble: Former executives of mortgage giant Fannie Mae testified about their role in the collapse of the housing market and the ensuing economic crisis before the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission. Jeffrey Brown talks to two housing experts for more.

5/12/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Mississippi Wages Fried Food Fight Against Childhood Obesity: As First Lady Michelle Obama implements a national plan to end the U.S.'s childhood obesity epidemic, Betty Ann Bowser looks at the battle being waged in Mississippi against the fried foods that have become traditional staples in the state.

6/22/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

TARP Watchdog--Foreclosure Program 'Too Small, Too Slow': Judy Woodruff talks with Elizabeth Warren, chair of the Congressional Oversight Panel about the effectiveness of the TARP bank bailout and a program aimed at helping homeowners steer clear of foreclosures.

Immigration/Refugees

5/19/2010 7pm 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Obama, Calderon Tackle Immigration, Drug Issues During Washington Visit: Mexican President Felipe Calderon met with President Obama to discuss concerns about Arizona's new immigration law and U.S. drug policy. Margaret Warner reports on Wednesday's visit in Washington.

5/20/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Mexico's Calderon Decries Immigration Status Quo Before Congress: Mexican President Felipe Calderon addressed a joint session of Congress during his visit to Washington, regarding the need for better immigration policies. Ray Suarez weighs the prospects for immigration reforms on the federal level.

Local/State-Wide Issues

5-6-2010 9pm 120 minutes Think Out Loud "Republican Gubernatorial Candidates"

The four Republican candidates for governor who will join us couldn't be more different. There's the founder of the semiconductor company Pixelworks, Allen Alley; the former Trail Blazers player, Chris Dudley; the state senator John Lim; and Oregon's initiative king, Bill Sizemore. Among other things, when they're together they discuss whether the state needs an insider or an outsider as the head of the state in Salem. They explore jobs, economic growth, taxes, and government spending. With us they'll talk about all of that — and answer your questions. What do you want to know from these

candidates who are running to become the next governor of Oregon?

5/4/2010 9pm, 120 minutes Think Out Loud "Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates"

Democratic gubernatorial candidates Bill Bradbury and John Kitzhaber have faced off many times in this primary season. They've talked about how to create jobs, how to pay for education, whether to create a state bank and how to reform healthcare. This, of course, is only a partial list of the many topics they've discussed. This coming Monday they come together here at OPB and it's you who will make this conversation different. What do you really want to know from the candidates? What questions do you think they have dodged so far? What do you want to press them on? What are the issues of greatest importance to you in this significant race?

Minorities/Civil Rights

5/2/2010 4pm, 30 minutes Religion and Ethics Weekly

Arizona Immigration Law: Gerald Kicanas, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Tucson, says Arizona's new immigration law is not a solution to our broken immigration system, and the dignity of migrants needs to be respected. Texas Textbook Controversy: Texas Board of Education member Don McLeroy says he want to make sure "the founders' dependence upon God that they wrote into the documents" is presented in public school textbooks. Mary Karr: Writer Mary Karr says what struck her about Catholicism "wasn't the grandeur of the Mass, it was the simple faith of the people" and "the carnality of the church. There was a body on the cross." Mary Karr Extended Interview: Watch much more of correspondent Judy Valente's conversation with Mary Karr about God, prayer, poetry, and the Catholic faith.

5/25/2010 11pm, 60 minutes Independent Lens: A Village Called Versailles

Tucked away on the eastern edge of New Orleans, a community of Vietnamese refugees has thrived for 30 years in a neighborhood they call Versailles. A VILLAGE CALLED VERSAILLES recounts how the residents successfully fought against the opening of a toxic government-imposed landfill after Hurricane Katrina struck and subsequently transformed their neighborhood.

National Politics/Government

4/9/2010 9pm 60 minutes Bill Moyers Journal

Andrew J. Bacevich: Historian, international relations expert and former U.S. Army Colonel Andrew J. Bacevich returns to the JOURNAL to discuss America's long war in Afghanistan. Endangered Languages: More about endangered languages and the Ojibwe Vocabulary Project. Louise Erdrich: Renowned for her mastery of multiple genres -- including thirteen novels, poetry, children's literature, and a memoir of early motherhood. Louise Erdrich discusses how her Native American heritage and unique cultural experience has impacted her life, motherhood, and work. Web Exclusive: Andrew Bacevich Extended Interview: In a web exclusive continuation of his conversation with Bill Moyers, Andrew J. Bacevich reflects on the politics of war.

4/14/2010 1pm, 60 minutes Charlie Rose

First, discussion about the Nuclear Security Summit with Sam Nunn, cochairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), Joshua Cooper Ramo, Managing Director at Kissinger Associates and David Sanger, White House Correspondent for "The New York Times." Next, Ken Gormley talks about his new book, "The Death of Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr."

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4/6/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

White House Pledges Cuts to Nuclear Stockpile: The Obama administration has rolled out a new roadmap for limiting American nuclear arsenals and promoting the goal of a nuclear-free world. Jeffrey Brown gets two points of view on arms control from nuclear experts.

4/15/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Tax Day Protests Highlight Discord Over Government Spending: Tea Party activists across the country used Thursday's income tax filing deadline as a platform to voice disputes over the growth of government, while the Obama administration stressed the importance of tax-funded programs. Jim Lehrer reports.

5/11/2010 1pm, 60 minutes Charlie Rose

First, a look at President Obama's Supreme Court Nominee Elena Kagan. We talk to Walter Dellinger, a Washington appellate lawyer and former solicitor general under the Clinton administration and Sean Wilentz from Princeton University. Next, Charlie speaks with Edward O. Wilson, Harvard University. Last, Maria Bartiromo, the CNBC Anchor and author of "The 10 Laws of Enduring Success."

5/13/2010 1pm, 60 minutes

Charlie Rose

As President Karzai visits with President Obama we look at Afghanistan with Alissa Rubin of The New York Times, Karen DeYoung of The Washington Post and Stephen Biddle from the Council on Foreign Relations. Next, Charlie speaks with Country music legend Willie Nelson.

5/12/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Astronauts Criticize NASA Moon Program Cuts Before Congress: Astronaut Neil Armstrong and made a rare public appearance to testify before Congress about the future space exploration. Kwame Holman reports on the divisions about the future of space exploration and plans to scrap NASA's Constellation program.

5/25/2010 10pm, 60 minutes Frontline: Flying Cheap

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

5/25/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

U.S., China Talks Wind Down Without Major Breakthrough: A U.S. delegation wrapped up negotiations in China, aimed at resolving longstanding economic and foreign policy issues. Ray Suarez reports on the progress of talks between Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Chinese officials.

6/2/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP Setbacks Mount as Cut and Cap Attempt Stalls in Gulf: BP's latest attempt to contain the Gulf oil leak stalled Wednesday when a saw became stuck in a pipe on the damaged well. Gwen Ifill talks to Jane Lubchenco, the head of NOAA, about what the setbacks mean for stopping the flow.

6/24/2010 1pm, 60 minutes Charlie Rose

A look at Gen. Stanley McChrystal and Afghanistan: The story of a President, 2 Generals, the future of a war and magazine story. The implications on the resignation of General Stanley McChrystal. We talk to David Kilcullen, former counter insurgency advisor to David Petraeus, Eric Bates, Eliot Cohen, Rajiv Chandrasekaran, Michael Gordon and Dexter Filkins. We close with excerpts from past interviews with General McChrystal and General David Petraeus.

6/17/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP CEO's Testimony Draws Upbraiding by Many on House Energy Panel: BP CEO Tony Hayward faced criticism Thursday from both parties at a U.S. House hearing over his company's Gulf disaster response and business practices. Jim Lehrer recaps the developments on Capitol Hill as oil continues to leak into the Gulf of Mexico.

Nuclear Issues/WMD

4/14/2010 1pm, 60 minutes Charlie Rose

First, discussion about the Nuclear Security Summit with Sam Nunn, cochairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), Joshua Cooper Ramo, Managing Director at Kissinger Associates and David Sanger, White House Correspondent for "The New York Times." Next, Ken Gormley talks about his new book, "The Death of Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr."

4/1/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

White House Turns Focus to National Security: The Obama Administration turned to its attention to foreign affairs this week. The president traveled to Afghanistan to address corruption reform with President Hamid Karzai and hosted French President Nicolas Sarkozy, as both countries pressure Iran over its nuclear program. Margaret Warner reports.

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4/6/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

White House Pledges Cuts to Nuclear Stockpile: The Obama administration has rolled out a new roadmap for limiting American nuclear arsenals and promoting the goal of a nuclear-free world. Jeffrey Brown gets two points of view on arms control from nuclear experts.

5/3/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Iran Draws Western Criticism at Opening of U.N. Nuclear Talks: As the United Nations began its conference on nuclear weapons, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad drew ire with accusations that the U.S. is leading the charge to intimidate non-nuclear states. Margaret Warner reports on the growing tensions between Iran and Western nations.

5/17/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

U.S. Eyes Sanctions as Iran, Turkey Forge Nuclear Fuel Swap: Iran plans to ship more than 2,600 pounds of low-enriched uranium to Turkey in exchange for uranium fuel rods to use in a research reactor, as part of a fuel swap deal brokered by Brazil and Turkey. Judy Woodruff talks to two nonproliferation experts about the agreement and where it leaves the possibility of sanctions.

5/18/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

U.S. Spearheads New Sanctions to Stifle Iran's Nuclear Ambitions: Russian and China have reached a deal with the U.S. and other world powers to impose new sanctions on Iran, a day after the country signed a deal with Turkey and Brazil to swap its nuclear fuel. Jeffrey Brown talks to a reporter for more on the draft agreement and the upcoming vote in the United Nations.

6/9/2010 7pm 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Iran's Ahmadinejad Discounts New U.N. Sanctions as 'Valueless': Iran discounted Wednesday's vote by the United Nations Security Council to impose new sanctions targeting the country's nuclear program and its powerful Revolutionary Guard.

6/11/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

U.S., Turkey Face Growing Foreign Policy Divide: Kwame Holman reports on the growing divide between the U.S. and longtime ally Turkey, as the country seeks to establish foreign policy independence through its recent fuel swap negotiations with Iran.

Poverty/Hunger

4/1/2010 4am, 60 minutes Independent Lens: Whatever It Takes

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5/31/2010 9:30pm 60 minutes Civilian Conservation Corps: American Experience

In March 1933, within weeks of his inauguration, President Franklin Roosevelt sent legislation to Congress aimed at providing relief for the one out of every four American workers who were unemployed. He proposed the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to provide jobs in natural resource conservation. Over the next decade, the CCC put more than three million young men to work in the nation's forests and parks, planting trees, building flood barriers, fighting fires and maintaining roads and trails. Corps workers lived in camps under quasi-military discipline, and received a wage of 30 dollars per month, 25 of which they were required to send home to their families. This film

tells the story of one of the boldest and most popular New Deal experiments, positioning it as a pivotal moment in the emergence of modern environmentalism and federal unemployment relief.

5/18/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Relief Organizations Help Haitians Fight Hunger: In the second of two reports about the role of relief organizations in rebuilding Haiti, Dave Iverson of KQED San Francisco explores two Haitian-led aid groups that are helping to feed the hungry after the devastating earthquake.

5/24/2010 11pm, 60 minutes The New Recruits

The New Recruits takes an unflinching look at social entrepreneurship, a movement touted as the new alternative to charity its ideals, practitioners, and realities. The result is a hilarious, evocative, edge-of-your-seat thrill ride along a road paved with good intentions.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

4/8/2010 8:30pm 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

It takes an expert to build a traditional, seaworthy boat from scratch, right? See how a group of complete amateurs come together to hand-build a traditional style 12 person skin-on-frame "umiak" in just one week.

4/29/2010 8:30pm 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

Explore the fascinating history of Portland's hidden and not-so-hidden public stairways.

5/6/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

Enjoy a little time on the golf greens with some enthusiastic golfers with special needs.

5/27/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

Tag along with an Oregon family as they go Geocaching-a game that was born in Oregon and has swept the globe. Using hand held GPS devices, players scour the countryside in search of hidden treasure. Sometimes hidden in a cave or under a rock, these caches contain a log book and some sort of trinket. Players sometimes leave a trinket of their own, if they take what they find, but the real reward is in the hunt for more and more hidden caches.

6/3/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide If you own a boat that runs on gas, maintaining your boat has changed dramatically since the state of Oregon mandated ethanol blend at the pumps.

6/24/2010 8:30pm, 30 minutes Oregon Field Guide

Painful, thrilling, crazy- these are just some of the terms freeriders themselves use to describe their sport. Freeriding is a new twist on a style of mountain biking that originated in Canada where wooden ramps and bridges and logs were laid so bikers could avoid muddy forest trails. Join a group of these daring thrill-seekers in the Oregon forests as they negotiate trails over four-inch logs, high platforms, and bone rattling jumps.

5/24/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Supreme Court Rules Against NFL in Merchandise Antitrust Case: The Supreme Court has ruled that a sportswear company may proceed with its lawsuit against the National Football League. Ray Suarez talks to Marcia Coyle of the National Law Journal for more on what the case will mean for competition in the world of sports merchandise.

6/11/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

World Cup Kick-off: Writers Spotlight Matches, Teams to Watch: As soccer's biggest tournament gets underway in South Africa, Ray Suarez gets the rundown of day one at the World Cup -- and a look at the coming month of matches -- from sports writers Christine Brennan and David Hirshey.

6/21/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

World Cup Fans Abuzz Over Noisy Vuvuzela Horns: The distinctive buzz of traditional South African vuvuzela stadium horns has sparked controversy at the matches and fascination on the Internet. A reporter with Independent Television News examines the noisy controversy from the World Cup.

Religion/Ethics

4/5/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Pope--Church Weathers 'Times of Difficulty' Over Abuse Scandal: With growing controversy over Pope Benedict's role in punishing priests accused of misconduct, Margaret Warner reports on the reaction of Catholics in the U.S. to the sex abuse scandal.

4/5/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Documentary Examines 'Righteous' Arab Actions During Holocaust: Robert Satloff, director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, talks to Jeffrey Brown about "Among the Righteous," his eight-year project to document the stories of Arabs helping Jews during the Holocaust and the forthcoming PBS documentary based on his work.

5/26/2010 11pm 60 minutes

Independent Lens: The Kashmir Project

Two young American women, one Muslim and the other Hindu, together sneak their cameras into Kashmir, where conflicting faiths mean war. Their mission: find out what makes their peers choose homeland over preserving their own lives. PROJECT KASHMIR tests the limits of friendship and costs of war in one of the most dangerous and beautiful places on earth.

5/21/2010 5pm, 30 minutes Religion and Ethics Weekly

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6/2/2010 9pm 120 minutes

Cities of Light: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain

This film takes viewers on an epic journey back into one of the most captivating and important periods of world history -- a centuries-long period when Muslims, Christians and Jews inhabited the same far corner of Western Europe and thrived. The lemon tree, the water wheel and Aristotle's lost philosophy all arrived in Europe through Islamic Spain, as did algebra and the beginnings of modern medicine, science and poetry. Here were the very roots of the European Renaissance. But the fragile union dissipated, destroyed by greed, fear and intolerance.

Science/Technology

4/2/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Can Genes Be Patented? Ruling Reignites Debate: A federal court this week invalidated patents filed by biotech companies on the human genome, igniting debate on exactly who owns genetic research. Jeffrey Brown gets two points of view on the legal implications of the case.

5/7/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Astronauts Criticize NASA Moon Program Cuts Before Congress: Astronaut Neil Armstrong and made a rare public appearance to testify before Congress about the future space exploration. Kwame Holman reports on the divisions about the future of space exploration and plans to scrap NASA's Constellation program.

5/18/2010 8pm, 60 minutes NOVA: Mt. St. Helens, Back from the Dead

When Mount St. Helens erupted in 1980, every living thing in the blast zone was buried beneath 300 feet of avalanche debris, covered with steaming mud,

and finally, topped with a superheated layer of frothy rock from deep within the earth. It seemed as though Mount St. Helens might remain a wasteland forever. When biologist Charlie Crisafulli first flew over the disaster zone, finding no sign of life, little did he realize that his own life would be forever changed. Crisafulli has remained at the site for 27 years, documenting the dramatic return of plant and animal life to the barren landscape and pioneering a new understanding of the interaction between geologic forces and the life surrounding the mountain. NOVA brings viewers on an inspiring journey of a landscape brought back from the dead.

5/24/2010 1pm, 60 minutes Charlie Rose

In the emerging field of synthetic biology and the quest to create synthetic life, Craig Venter joins to explain how his research team has created manmade DNA in a living organism. Next, financial regulation reform with Steven Pearlstein of The Washington Post and Andrew Ross Sorkin of The New York Times.

5/17/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

BP Makes Headway in Capturing Leaking Oil: BP officials said the company is using a new siphoning strategy and capturing more than 1,000 barrels of the oil that would have otherwise leaked into the Gulf of Mexico, but scientists are voicing new worries about the leak's environmental implications. Gwen Ifill reports.

5/18/2010 7pm 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Tar Balls Raise Concerns for Florida Coastline, Atlantic Ocean: Marine Scientists said sections of the giant Gulf oil spill are nearing the loop current, which could carry the contamination around the tip of Florida and deeper into the Atlantic Ocean. Ray Suarez talks to a Wall Street Journal reporter about the environmental and economic implications.

6/8/2010 10pm, 60 minutes Frontline: Growing Up Online

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6/17/2010 8pm, 60 minutes NOVA: Alien From Earth

NOVA presents exclusive coverage of new excavations undertaken in the summer of 2007 at the site of Ling Bua on the island of Flores, Indonesia. These are the first investigations of the cave site since the sensational discovery of tiny and bizarre human fossil bones at the site in 2004. NOVA investigates

the furious scientific debate currently raging over what "Hobbit" bones represent. Are they fossils of a previously unknown primitive branch of the human family? Or are they remains of a dwarf race of modern humans suffering from a strange pathological condition?

Sexuality

5/28/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

House Votes to End 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell': The House of Representatives has approved a measure that could eliminate the ban on gays serving openly in the U.S. military. Judy Woodruff reports on the controversy surrounding the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell."

6/19/2010 9pm, 120 minutes
Dr. Christiane Northrup's Women's Bodies, Women's Wisdom

Christiane Northrup, M.D., acclaimed author and pioneer in the field of women's health, now transforms the relationship women have with their bodies, inside and out. With her guidance, women of all ages will learn how to access and use the most powerful inner tool that all possesses for well-being and beauty. This special was taped on-location at the Portsmouth Music Hall, Portsmouth, NH.

Urban Development/Infrastructure

4/7/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

New Orleans Schools See Progress Despite Troubles: In his ongoing look at efforts to turn around ailing schools in New Orleans and Washington, D.C. John Merrow reports on the use of alternative school programs in Louisiana and progress on negotiations between a teachers union and public schools in the nation's capital.

5/9/2010 4pm, 30 minutes Religion and Ethics Weekly

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Transportation

5/3/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

United, Continental Airline Merger Could Be Complete by Year's End: After weeks of negotiation, United Airlines announced it will buy Continental in a deal totaling more than \$3 billion. Judy Woodruff talks to travel writer Rudy Maxa about the proposed merger to form the world's largest airline.

5/5/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour Airline Security Scrutinized Again After Arrest of NYC Terror Suspect: U.S. officials are calling for tighter checks of no-fly lists following the arrest of a man accused trying to detonate a bomb in New York City. Jeffrey Brown reports.

War/Veterans/National Security

6/1/2010 11pm, 60 minutes Among the Righteous: Lost Stories from the Holocaust Lands

Did any Arabs save Jews during the Holocaust? Seeking a hopeful response to the plague of Holocaust denial in the Arab world and, in the wake of 9/11, Rob Satloff, head of a Washington policy center, set out on what would become an eight-year journey to find an Arab hero whose story would change the way Arabs view Jews, themselves and their own history. Along the way, Satloff found not only the Arab heroes for whom he started his quest but a vast, lost history of what actually happened to the half-million Jews of the Arab lands of North Africa under Nazi, Vichy and Fascist rule.

4/9/2010 9pm, 60 minutes Bill Moyers Journal

Andrew J. Bacevich: Historian, international relations expert and former U.S. Army Colonel Andrew J. Bacevich returns to the JOURNAL to discuss America's long war in Afghanistan. Endangered Languages: More about endangered languages and the Ojibwe Vocabulary Project. Louise Erdrich: Renowned for her mastery of multiple genres -- including thirteen novels, poetry, children's literature, and a memoir of early motherhood. Louise Erdrich discusses how her Native American heritage and unique cultural experience has impacted her life, motherhood, and work. Web Exclusive: Andrew Bacevich Extended Interview: In a web exclusive continuation of his conversation with Bill Moyers, Andrew J. Bacevich reflects on the politics of war.

4/5/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Taliban Claim Responsibility in Deadly Attack: The Taliban claimed credit for an attack on the U.S. consulate in Pakistan that killed at least four Pakistanis following a suicide bombing that left dozens dead at a nearby rally. Gwen Ifill reports.

4/5/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Reporter--'Anti-U.S. Sentiment' Present in Pakistan: A spate of bombings by the Taliban rocked northwest Pakistan, including a deadly assault on the U.S. consulate in Peshawar. Gwen Ifill talks to a reporter about the outbreak of violence and views of American involvement in the region.

5/4/2010 7pm 60 minutes

PBS NewsHour

Times Square Bomb Plot 'Aimed at Murdering Americans,' Holder Says: A Pakistani-American man faces terrorism and weapons of mass destruction charges over the failed bomb plot in New York City's Times Square over the weekend. Jeffrey Brown talks to a reporter for more on the charges and the security implications for the city.

5/13/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Karzai, McChrystal Renew Commitment to Fighting Insurgency in Afghanistan: As part of a visit to Washington to reaffirm a commitment to fight insurgency in his country and heal an at times strained relationship, Afghan President Hamid Karzai met with Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of the U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. Jeffrey Brown reports on the meeting.

5/24/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

Coast Guard's Allen Outlines Roles of BP, Government in Gulf Oil Cleanup: As the Gulf oil leak continues, Jeffrey Brown speaks with Admiral Thad Allen, commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, for the latest on the spreading contamination and what the government and BP are doing to contain and halt the leak.

5/17/2010 10:30pm, 60 minutes The Marines

This documentary examines the unique warrior culture of the United States Marine Corps. The corps' "Warrior Ethos" is ingrained into Marines from their earliest training. The program focuses on this training and considers what it takes to become and to be a Marine. The program also examines the strong bonds between Marines and their devotion to the corps, and explores some of the key moments in Marine Corps history. With significant access to Marine Corps training facilities, including boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, and officer candidate school at Quantico, Virginia, Twentynine Palms, California, training facility and the Marine Corps Martial Arts program, the documentary reveals critical aspects of Marine development. Marine Corps history is woven throughout the program, which includes an interview with a surviving member of the Mainer Raiders of World War II. The documentary also profiles the new Marine Corps Museum in Quantico.

6/8/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

NATO Bloodshed in Afghanistan Spikes Ahead of Planned Surge: Violence raged in Afghanistan this week, just ahead of the launch of a major NATO offensive in the country's Taliban-held south. Ray Suarez talks to GlobalPost reporter Jean MacKenzie in Kabul for the latest.

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6/22/2010 7pm, 60 minutes PBS NewsHour

McChrystal's Future in Limbo Over Criticism: Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, made a swift apology to Obama administration officials for critical remarks that were published in a Rolling Stone article. Jim Lehrer gets three points of view on the fallout from the general's quotes.

Women

5/4/2010 11pm, 60 minutes Independent Lens, Sunshine

When filmmaker Karen Skloss got pregnant at the age of 23, she decided to have and keep the baby--even when it became clear that her relationship with the baby's father wouldn't work out. She had no idea that it would be so easy to alter her life in one stroke. In SUNSHINE, Skloss explores the meaning of family through a personal journey to understand both the legacy of her own birth and the non-traditional family she created by co-parenting with her exboyfriend. Young, pregnant, single, and unprepared, Skloss struggles with the fact that sometimes, the most strenuous efforts to protect the idea of family can actually do the most to pull families apart. Woven together from more than 10 years' worth of home movies, intimate family interviews, shimmering dance sequences, and stylized reenactments, SUNSHINE is a refreshing and compelling self-portrait of an adopted woman driven to search for her pride and identity while reconnecting with her biological mother.

5/9/2010 4:30pm, 30 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

The Pill Turns 50: This week marks 50 years since the FDA approved oral contraception for women. Today, some 12 million American women use the pill. The New American Mom: New research finds today's mothers of newborns are older, single, better educated, and more likely to be non-white compared to moms 20 years ago. Woman of Courage: In celebration of Mother's Day, To the Contrary profiles Suraya Pakzad, a mother of six, who for more than a decade, has risked her life to help the women and girls of Afghanistan. The panelists are: Global Summit of Women President Irene Natividad; Former EEOC Chair Cari Dominguez; Political Strategist Ilana Goldman; and Independent Women's Voice's Sabrina Schaeffer.

5/21/2010 4:30pm, 40 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Frontier Feminism: Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin says 'mama grizzlies' will make their voices heard in the November mid-term elections by supporting more social and fiscal conservative candidates. Latina Entrepreneurship: A look at why the creation and success of women-owned businesses is essential for Latino wealth and community building. The panelists are: Former Clinton Advisor Patricia Sosa; Independent Women's Forum's Nicole Kurokawa; Former EEOC Chair Cari Dominguez; Judge and Former Federal Prosecutor Debra Carnahan; Center for American Progress' Heather Boushey; and Small Business Owner Leticia Velez-Hudson.

6/8/2010 8pm, 60 minutes NOVA: A Walk to Beautiful

A difficult journey that begins in loneliness and shame for thousands of Ethiopian women ends in a productive new life and hope for the future in this

award-winning film. Shot against a starkly beautiful landscape, "A Walk to Beautiful" shares the inspiring stories of three women, rejected by their husbands and ostracized by their communities, who leave home in search of treatment for obstetric fistula, a life-shattering complication of childbirth.

6/6/2010 4:30pm 30 minutes To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Nanny Bill of Rights: New York is on the path to becoming the first state to require workplace benefits for domestic workers. Freeing Birth Control: As the government works to implement health care reform, reproductive rights groups are insisting birth control become free with insurance plans. Honoring Women's Accomplishments: The fight to bring a women's history museum to the nation's capital. The panelists are: National Council of Negro Women's Dr. Avis Jones-DeWeever; Center for Equal Opportunity Chair Linda Chavez; National Organization for Women President Terry O'Neill; and Former Labor Dept. Official Karen Czarnecki.

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Job Safety in the Gulf: Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis discusses worker safety during the clean-up of the Gulf oil spill. The End of the Deadbeat Dad: Sociologists find single dads are becoming more involved in their children's lives. Paid Paternity Leave: In Sweden most fathers take paternity leave thanks to a government mandate. Should the U.S. follow Sweden's lead? The panelists are: Global Summit of Women President Irene Natividad; The Daily Caller's Jon Ward; Independent Women's Voice's Sabrina Schaeffer; and Chicago Tribune's Clarence Page.

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How far would you travel to heal someone you love? An intensely personal yet epic spiritual journey, THE HORSE BOY follows one Texas couple and their autistic son as they trek on horseback through Outer Mongolia, in a desperate attempt to treat his condition with shamanic healing.

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