

# Quarterly Programs/Issues List

## January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015

### KOPB Portland, Oregon

#### Abortion

**January 11, 2015 4pm**

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

Contentious Law Surrounding Abortion Clinics in Texas: Court will decide on a contentious law that requires clinics to pay millions of dollars to upgrade to current safety. Why Becoming an Involved Parent Helps Men in the Workplace, But Hurts Women: According to new data, involved fatherhood boosts men's careers ... but involved motherhood hurts women's careers. UN Women: Beijing+20: How far have we come twenty years after the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing?

#### Aging

**February 23, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

When memory misses a beat, music can offer dementia patients new meaning: Special correspondent Judy Muller reports on a band of musicians who also have Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and dementia. They use music to stay active, socially connected and to find new purpose.

**February 26, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Tricks and tips for getting the most from Social Security: The longer you wait before cashing in on Social Security benefits, the greater the financial reward. But many don't wait until age 70. There's a range of loopholes and "secrets" that can improve your benefits, a fact economics correspondent Paul Solman discovered during a tennis game with friend and Social Security expert Larry Kotlikoff. Their new book, "Get What's Yours," shares that knowledge.

**March 19, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Memoir marks the moment when parent and child roles are reversed: George Hodgman left a fast-paced life as an editor in Manhattan for small town Missouri to care for his elderly mother. Judy Woodruff sits down with Hodgman to discuss his poignant memoir of caretaking, "Bettyville."

**March 19, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Tech startups see gold in Baby Boomers' golden years: With more than 100 million Americans now over the age of 50, technology companies are eager to find new ways to cater to Baby Boomer consumers. From a mobile app that offers medical tips to wearable devices, special correspondent Megan Hughes reports on how startups are designing products to appeal to older Americans' desires for longevity and wellness.

#### Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction

**January 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

How should U.S. regulate powerful painkillers? Forty-six people die every day in the U.S. after overdosing on prescription painkillers, causing some states to crack down. Are tighter laws creating new problems? Judy Woodruff gets views from Bob Twillman of the American Academy of Pain Management and Dr. Andrew Kolodny of Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing.

**January 3, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Pot pioneer: More states, Native American tribes mimic Colorado's marijuana laws: The movement to legalize marijuana is spreading rapidly as the legal sale of marijuana for recreational use begins its second year in Colorado. This past November, Oregon and Alaska voted to legalize the possession and sale of recreational marijuana. Last month, the Department of Justice last month said it would allow Native American tribes to make their own decisions on the sale of pot. NewsHour's Rick Karr reports.

**January 28, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Why a promising heroin addiction treatment is unavailable in many states: More than 90 percent of heroin users who detox cold turkey will relapse, but there's a dispute over prescribing drugs to help addicts get clean and keep them from deadly overdoses. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Ryan Grim of The Huffington Post about the recent rise of heroin and the debate over addiction treatment.

**February 14, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Between a rock and a high place: How neighboring states struggle when pot becomes legal: Since recreational marijuana became legally available in Colorado last year, officials say more pot is illegally coming through the border of states like Nebraska and Oklahoma, draining state resources as the number of arrests keeps growing. Now, the attorneys general of those states filed a federal lawsuit asking the Supreme Court to declare Colorado's marijuana law unconstitutional. NewsHour's Alison Stewart reports.

**February 26, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

D.C. makes pot legal, with restrictions: The District of Columbia joined Colorado, Alaska and Washington State in legalizing recreational use and possession of marijuana. Federal law still outlaws the drug, however, putting the nation's capital at the high-profile crossroads of both state and federal laws. Gwen Ifill talks to Mike DeBonis of The Washington Post to discuss the restrictions on the new law.

## **American History/Biography**

**January 13, 2015 9pm**

**Klansville U.S.A.: American Experience, 60 minutes**

Investigate the reasons North Carolina, long seen as the most progressive state in the South, became home to the largest Klan organization in the country, with more members than all the other Southern states combined, during the 1960s.

**January 6, 2015 9pm**

**Ripley: Believe It or Not: American Experience, 60 minutes**

Robert Ripley's obsession with the odd made him one of the richest men in America. Over three decades, his Believe It or Not franchise grew into an entertainment empire, and the eccentric, globetrotting playboy became an unlikely national celebrity.

**January 27, 2015 9pm**

**Edison: American Experience, 120 minutes**

The holder of 1,093 patents, Thomas Alva Edison was nearly synonymous with invention. Driven, intensely competitive and never more at home than he was at work, Edison would be remembered as the genius who created the modern world.

**January 19, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

60 years ago, Eisenhower inaugurated the first televised presidential news conference: Monday marks the 60th anniversary of the first televised presidential news conference. In our NewsHour Shares video of the day, President Dwight Eisenhower proves that not much has changed since 1955.

**February 10, 2015 9pm**

**Forgotten Plague: American Experience, 60 minutes**

Tuberculosis is the deadliest killer in human history, responsible for one in four deaths for almost two centuries. While it shaped medical pursuits, social habits, economic development and public policy, TB and its impact are poorly understood.

**February 3, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Rediscovered book by Harper Lee promises new story of Scout: After publishing her classic novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" in 1960, Pulitzer Prize-winner Harper Lee has never published another one. Now, more than a half-century later, a book she wrote in the 1950s will see the light of day. Jeffrey Brown talks to filmmaker Mary Murphy and author Wally Lamb about the reclusive author and their reaction to the news.

**March 19, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Mysteries of the Lusitania disaster resurface: In 1915, a German submarine sunk the Lusitania, a British passenger ship, killing nearly 1,200 people including 123 Americans. The story of that disaster is the subject of a new book, "Dead Wake." Jeffrey Brown talks to author Erik Larson about finding new material in a century-old tragedy.

## **Arts**

**January 8, 2015 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat: Darren Orange/Steampunk, 30 minutes**

Darren Orange is a painter in Astoria. He's inspired by the ocean, a shipwreck on the Astoria coast, and the colors around him.

**January 15, 2015 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat: William Stafford, 30 minutes**

A look at the life and impact of Oregon's beloved poet laureate, William Stafford.

**January 22, 2015 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat: Kevin Jones/Gift of Gravity, Part 4, 30 minutes**

Kevin Jones - Actor and director Kevin Jones founded the August Wilson Red Door project, and after play talk-back session, in an effort to "change the racial ecology of Portland, using art as a catalyst."

**January 29, 2015 8pm**

**Darkroom to Digital, An Oregon Art Beat Special, 60 minutes**

Oregon has a remarkable relationship with photography: it is a history filled with documenting the grandeur of the west, staging some of the earliest exhibitions in the country of photographs as works of art, and pushing the boundaries of what a photograph can be.

**February 5, 2015 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat: Blue Sky, 30 minutes**

John Simpkins - We travel to Oregon's Alvord Desert to take in the vast, serene and dramatic world of painter John Simpkins.

Christopher Rauschenberg - We follow photographer Christopher Rauschenberg as he adds to his on-going "Studio" project by making pictures of the incidental "art" within an artist's studio.

**February 12, 2015 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat: Berbati's, 30 minutes**

Jock Bradley - Jock Bradley has made a career from breathtaking sports action photographs. These days, though, he's using his camera with a different lens. Pander Brothers - Jacob and Arnold Pander have been breaking ground in the Portland art scene since their teens, creating internationally acclaimed graphic novels, provocative paintings and award winning films.

**February 19, 2015 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat: Stan's Art Trailer, 30 minutes**

Bibi McGill - After touring with Pink and other international acts, Bibi McGill turned to teaching yoga and living a quiet life. Stan Peterson - Stan Peterson is an artist who whittles, carves and paints wooden characters he finds in real life and folklore.

**February 26, 2015 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat: Ashland, 30 minutes**

Bill Rausch - Since his arrival in 2007, Oregon Shakespeare Festival Artistic Director Bill Rausch has directed several world premieres and original productions at OSF. Recently, an OSF commissioned play, All The Way, moved to Broadway and won a Tony Award. We'll see what he's planning next.

**March 19, 2015 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat: Glass #2, 30 minutes**

Chihuly Glass - Take a quick tour of the Chihuly Garden and Glass in Seattle. Michael Endo - Michael Endo thrives on uncertainty because he loves discovery. He is constantly challenging himself with mediums, materials... and deadlines. (Bend) Michelle Kaptur works with her dog, Sara, on agility training every day. She sees a connection between the concentration it takes to work with her dog, and her dance with glass in her work as a glassblower. She created Soul bursts, individual memorial glass pieces that include ash from a deceased family member or pet. Tiny, delicate glasswork risks possible destruction every time Chris Buzzini reaches the final stage of producing his art. The Oregon City man is one of only 20 people in the world producing lamp work paperweights.

**March 26, 2015 8pm**

**Oregon Art Beat: Kevin Irving/Owen Carey, 30 minutes**

Kevin Irving has followed an unusual trajectory to his current post as Artistic Director of the Oregon Ballet Theater. But it might have made him uniquely positioned for this time in the Ballet's history. Owen Carey has photographed many of the actors on Portland's stages, as well as a couple of decades worth of scenes from many of the plays put on by Artists Repertory Theater.

**March 16, 2015 9:30pm**

**Sagebrush Symphony, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

In 1910 a classically trained violinist named Mary Dodge arrived in the high desert country of Harney County. She brought with her an intense love of music and the desire to share that love with the local children. Her determination and drive built an orchestra that gained statewide fame. The orchestra became the genesis for the Portland Junior Symphony - now called the Portland Youth Philharmonic. Sagebrush Symphony tells the forgotten story of a woman who changed Oregon's musical history.

**January 15, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

American rapper taps into the flow of China's economy: A Fulbright scholar studying in China found an unusual calling for his language skills and economics knowledge: writing and performing bilingual raps about Chinese development and inequality in Beijing comedy clubs. With songs like "Mo Money, Mo Fazhan" and "Laowai Style," Jesse Appell's "macro-raps" became a standup sensation. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports.

**January 30, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

What an indie movie deal means in the age of on-demand: The Sundance Film Festival is both celebration and marketplace for those who love, create and deal in independent cinema, making it a touchstone for the health of the industry. While technology has made it cheaper and easier to make a film, it can be harder than ever to break through to audiences. Jeffrey Brown reports from Utah.

**February 4, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Can the music industry survive the streaming revolution? Do streaming services like Spotify and Pandora hurt musicians? Artists, established and aspiring, can flow both ways on the debate, but there's no denying that the new model has had a dramatic impact on the industry and its profits. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

## **Business/Industry**

**January 9, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

Consumer electronics get more connected, but do we need everything to be interactive? The Consumer Electronics Show, the world's largest annual technology exhibition, is a launching pad for groundbreaking products, but this year, many of the innovations on display focus on improving the connectivity and interactivity of everyday consumer products, from a 3D printing pen to a GPS dog tracking device. Special correspondent Steve Goldbloom reports.

**January 27, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

As oil prices drop, North Dakota's booming industry braces for a winter cool down: With oil prices plummeting, North Dakota's drilling industry is starting to feel the slowdown. And it's not just oil companies -- it's hitting their contractors and suppliers, too. Special correspondent Emily Guerin of Inside Energy reports on how businesses are preparing for slower demand this winter.

**February 3, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Will S&P's penalty for too-rosy mortgage securities ratings send a message? While not admitting wrongdoing, Standard & Poor's Financial Services agreed to pay almost \$1.4 billion to settle allegations by the Justice Department that credit ratings for high-risk mortgage securities mislead investors before the 2008 financial crisis. Judy Woodruff discusses implications of the penalty with Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood and Lynn Stout of Cornell University.

**February 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

How music on demand is killing the album: To be able to listen to a favorite song, you used to have to buy a whole album. But the rise of digital sales and streaming music has unbundled the single from the rest of the record. What does that mean for the economics of the music industry? Hari Sreenivasan reports.

**February 24, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

What President Obama's veto means for Keystone's future: A bill approving the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline was the first order of business for the Republican-led Congress this year, and today that bill was vetoed by President Obama. Gwen Ifill gets two views from Jeremy Symons of the Environmental Defense Fund and Robert Bryce of the Manhattan Institute.

**March 23, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Picturing Kodak's transformation in the digital age: Eastman Kodak was once one of the nation's leading companies, but since the rise of digital technology, the photographic film company has been forced to downsize and find alternative ways to make profits. A short documentary by The New York Times looks at how the company has changed.

## **Child Abuse**

**February 19, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Freed but not free: Yazidi girls who escaped Islamic State are trapped by trauma: Last summer, militants from the Islamic State group attacked a small ethnic group called the Yazidis, executing men and taking thousands of women and girls as slaves. Special correspondent Marcia Biggs reports from Northern Iraq on the rape, violence, threats and harrowing escapes that some young women endured and their continuing struggles with psychological trauma and stigma.

**February 16, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Did leaders of Jehovah's Witnesses cover up child sex abuse? In San Francisco, a woman is suing the Jehovah's Witnesses for failing to protect her from a known child abuser when she was a child. The Center for Investigative Reporting has shed light on accusations that religious leaders led a cover-up of child sex abuse. Special correspondent Trey Bundy of the CIR's Reveal reports on how the organization is using the first amendment to fight these charges.

## **Community Politics/Government**

**January 12, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

How can Washington bridge its 'Partisan Divide'? Former congressmen Martin Frost, a Democrat, and Tom Davis, a Republican, say that money, media and gerrymandering are at the root of American political polarization. They join Judy Woodruff to discuss their new book, "The Partisan Divide," and some suggestions for ending political gridlock.

**January 21, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

How Obama's State of the Union ideas are playing at City Hall: Gridlock in Washington has left much of the heavy lifting of governance to states, cities and towns. What do city leaders think about President Obama's State of the Union proposals? Judy Woodruff asks Mayor Stephen Benjamin of Columbia, South Carolina, and Mayor Richard Berry of Albuquerque, New Mexico what they hope to see materialize.

**February 10, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

How do communities increase accountability and rebuild trust after police shootings? Around the nation, from Ferguson to Staten Island to Albuquerque, communities are grappling with the aftermath of deaths caused by police officers who used lethal force. Gwen Ifill talks to Cornell William Brooks of the NAACP and Richard Berry of the International Association of Chiefs of Police about how to repair strained relations and curb the use of excessive force by law enforcement.

**February 24, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

When Congress comes to a standstill, it's local officials who feel the pressure: While Congress debates how to move forward on Department of Homeland Security funding, thousands of county officials from across the U.S. are on Capitol Hill to urge lawmakers to act on a wide range of issues, including immigration. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Liz Archuleta of Coconino County in Arizona and Glen Whitley of Tarrant County in Texas about the local impact of political gridlock.

**March 18, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

The American Dream is alive in the Twin Cities, but not for everyone: In the United States, the best cities for making a living are usually the least affordable. Minneapolis-St. Paul has been an exception, thanks in part to progressive laws on education, tax sharing and housing. But even in the Twin Cities, there's a sharp racial inequality gap. Judy Woodruff interviews writer Derek Thompson as part of a collaboration between The Atlantic and the PBS NewsHour.

**February 13, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

News Wrap: Oregon governor resigns amid ethics scandal: Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber announced his resignation Friday amid allegations that his fiancée used his influence to secure contracts for her energy consulting business. In Iraq, Islamic State militants attacked a major base west of Baghdad where 400 U.S. marines are training. Iraqi fighters killed the assailants.

## **Consumerism**

**January 10, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 8 minutes**

Savings programs tied to prizes to become more widely available: Since the American Savings Promotion Act became law in December, banks can now offer prize-linked savings programs, which were previously only available in a handful of states through credit unions. But will the passage of the bill actually help boost Americans' savings rates? Karla Murthy reports

**January 19, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Spotting the fakes among the five-star reviews: Online reviews of businesses, from your corner coffee shop to your airport cab ride, are now ubiquitous. But fraudulent consumer reviews are also on the rise. Special correspondent Jackie Judd meets a fake review writer, as well as the people who are working to crackdown on reviewers for hire.

**February 21, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 7 minutes**

Praise for the printed page: Will Amazon leave French bookstores in peril? In France, even though the price of books was fixed years ago to prevent price differentiation, some worry the country's thousands of bookstores may now be in jeopardy as more customers flock to online retailers, such as Amazon. The online giant has come under fire by French booksellers who believe the way Amazon sells books is threatening their business and even undermining French culture. NewsHour's Megan Thompson reports.

**March 9, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

How new rules could protect you from credit errors: In the past, the way credit rating agencies reviewed disputes or errors frequently hurt consumers. The nation's three largest credit rating agencies have negotiated with the state of New York to change their review process, and to wait longer before posting unpaid medical debts. Judy Woodruff learns more from New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

**March 17, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Between student debt and part-time work, what Millennials should do now to save for retirement: As Baby Boomers approach retirement, the Millennial generation is getting its foothold in the workforce, and facing financial challenges making it hard to save for later years. Judy Woodruff talks to Jen Mishory of Young Invincibles and David John of AARP about the different factors that have shaped each generation's saving habits and how young Americans can meet their retirement goals.

**March 24, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

The Medicaid bill that doesn't go away when you die: Medicaid is thought of as free health insurance for the poor, but federal law requires that recipients pay for the costs of long-term care. And when patients die, Medicaid charges the expenses to the leftover assets in their estates, sometimes passing the burden on to heirs. Special correspondent Sally Schilling reports on how California is debating the rule.

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

**January 6, 2015 10pm**

**Frontline: Gunned Down, 60 minutes**

FRONTLINE investigates how the NRA uses its unrivaled political power to stop gun regulation in America. With first-hand accounts of school killings in Newtown and Columbine, and the shooting of Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, "Gunned Down" examines why, despite the national trauma over gun violence, Washington hasn't acted.

**January 5, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

View of death penalty is key criteria in jury selection for Tsarnaev case - Part 2: More than 1,200 possible jurors will be winnowed down to just 12 for the trial of suspected Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. What questions are lawyers using to screen potential jurors? Judy Woodruff gets an update on the court proceedings and the mood around the city of Boston from Phillip Martin of WGBH-FM.

**January 12, 2015 11pm**

**Independent Lens: Evolution of a Criminal, 90 minutes**

Join filmmaker Darius Clark Monroe as he returns to the scene of the crime to explore what led him to rob a bank as a teenager in Texas, through interviews with family, friends and mentors. Executive produced by Spike Lee.

**January 16, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Will federal reforms on civil forfeiture mean more police accountability? The Justice Department is changing the federal rules on civil forfeiture. Local police departments around the country have used the controversial practice to raise nearly \$3 billion by seizing property from people who are suspected but not convicted of a crime. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Sarah Stillman of The New Yorker about the rise of civil forfeiture and the first signs of reform.

**January 26, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Guantanamo detainee's diary describes interrogation that made him break: In 2001, Mohamedou Slahi was arrested in Mauritania for suspected connections to a bomb plot. He wound up at Guantanamo, and remains there without ever being charged. After a legal battle over his journal, "Guantanamo Diary" has been published, detailing isolation, beatings, sexual abuse and humiliation. Hari Sreenivasan interviews editor Larry Siems and Slahi's attorney Nancy Hollander.

**February 5, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Why are hackers targeting insurance companies? Hackers broke into a database at Anthem, the nation's second largest health insurance provider, which contained names, social security numbers, income data and addresses of 80 million people. Judy Woodruff speaks with Mark Bower of Voltage Security about who might be behind the attack and why they would want to target an insurer.



## Culture

**January 11, 2015 10pm**

**The Queen's Garden, 60 minutes**

With permission from Queen Elizabeth, this program covers a year in Buckingham Palace Garden, exploring the history and the natural history of this remarkable hidden royal treasure in the heart of London.

**January 12, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Investing in America's cultural capital: The National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities turn 50 this year. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Jane Chu of the NEA and William "Bro" Adams of the NEH about the contributions artists and humanists make to American society and the political pressure arts agencies feel to prove their worth.

**February 3, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Dancers confront history and human rights with video, text: Lenora Lee, the artistic director of her dance company Lenora Lee Dance, creates large-scale interdisciplinary choreography that combine video projection, martial arts, music and text to talk about culture, history and human rights issues.

**March 25, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

How do we keep arts vital in an age of online entertainment? When was the last time you went to the theater, or watched a modern dance concert? Why are Americans less connected to the arts? In his new book, "Curtains? The Future of the Arts in America," Michael Kaiser, a former chief of the Kennedy Center, American Ballet Theatre and others, considers what arts organizations can do to thrive and survive. Kaiser discusses his book with Jeffrey Brown.

**March 31, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

How African musician Salif Keita went from social outcast to international superstar: Salif Keita is known today as the "golden voice" of Africa, but in his youth he was an outcast, unaccepted by his community because he was born with albinism. Turning to music as an outlet, Keita rose to be one of Mali's biggest stars, bringing traditional African rhythms and instruments to a broader audience. Jeffrey Brown meets Keita and other Malian musicians who blend activism with their art.

## Disabilities

**February 5, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

The \$20 prosthetic knee that could change lives in India: In Jaipur, India, about 150 patients show up every day at an organization that creates low-cost prosthetic limbs for people with mobility problems. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on an innovative and affordable design being developed for those who have lost legs above the knee.

**February 12, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Will a robotic arm ever have the full functionality of a human limb? Improvements in body armor have kept more soldiers alive, but many veterans returning from Iraq or Afghanistan have come back with debilitating injuries. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien, whose left arm was amputated last year, tests out some of the future limbs now in development.

**February 13, 2015 3 minutes**

Meet a pioneer of advanced arm prosthetics: Johnny Matheny, who lost his arm to cancer in 2008, is a pioneer of advanced arm prosthetics. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien profiles him as part of a larger series on the new technology powering robotic arms.

**February 13, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Can modern prosthetics actually help reclaim the sense of touch? Prosthetic limbs have long been clunky, acting more as appendages than extensions. But modern technology is now helping amputees rediscover their sense of touch. Miles O'Brien, who lost his own arm in an accident last year, takes a look at new advances in the field.

**March 20, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

How a wheelchair challenge mobilized a high school to become more accessible: When a student with cerebral palsy struggled to open his high school doors, he challenged his classmates to spend a day in a wheelchair -- a fundraiser to add automatic doors. Not only did he make his school more accessible for everyone, this report by NewsHour's Student Reporting Lab in Austin, Texas, was one of 15 chosen for the White House Student Film Festival.

## **Economy**

**January 1, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Would giving low-wage workers a raise do more damage than good? In 2015, 29 states will have minimum wages above the federal minimum of \$7.25. While supporters herald the move as a victory for low-wage workers, critics argue that the policy "squeezes out" people who lack certain skill sets. Hari Sreenivasan speaks to Diana Furchtgott-Roth of the Manhattan Institute and Jared Bernstein of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities on whom the minimum wage actually benefits.

**January 9, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Does a stronger economy mean higher interest rates in 2015? 2014 was the best year for job growth since 1999, pushing the unemployment rate to 5.6 percent, according to the Labor Department. What does that mean for interest rates in the coming year? Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports on the task of the Federal Reserve to maintain growth while keeping inflation at bay and whether the new numbers are as rosy as they appear.

**January 19, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Obama offers plan to raise taxes on ultra-rich, put more money in middle class pockets: President Obama's new tax code proposal calls for tax increases for higher-income earners and more tax benefits for low- and middle-income earners. Jeffrey Brown learns more from Neil Irwin of The New York Times about what the plan says about the state of the economy and potential political ramifications.

**January 30, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

News Wrap: U.S. economy slows but wages rise: In our news wrap Friday, the government reported that GDP growth slowed significantly in the last part of 2014, but wages and benefits rose at the best pace in six years. Also, former Gov. Mitt Romney announced he will not run for president again in 2016.

**February 2, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Dissecting Obama's 2016 budget proposal: Shaun Donovan, the White House's director of the Office of Management and Budget, talks to Gwen Ifill about whether President Obama's budget proposal can find a political middle ground, especially when Democrats say "invest" and Republicans hear "spend."

**February 25, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Does China have a secret plan to take America's place? In the bestselling but controversial new book "The Hundred-Year Marathon," author and former Pentagon official Michael Pillsbury argues that China is angling to replace the United States as a global superpower. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner interviews Pillsbury about what he thinks the U.S. can do to counteract the "secret strategy."

**March 26, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Are investors pumping up another housing bubble in Florida? Since Florida's housing market crashed nearly a decade ago, a wave of investors offering cash to flip or rent properties has helped restore market values. Now, some homeowners who suffered foreclosure but are ready again to qualify are being priced out while rental prices rise, adding to concerns about another housing bubble. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports.

## **Education**

**January 2, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Schools provide educational and mental health support to influx of undocumented teens: Ever since a surge of unaccompanied minors crossed the U.S. border last year, many California schools have seen a flood of undocumented teens. Special correspondent Spencer Michels reports on how one school is learning to adapt to their new students and how Obama's immigration announcement may change education systems nationwide.

**January 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Is the new GED test an educational improvement or setback? An overhaul of the GED to meet Common Core standards has made the high school equivalency test more rigorous and more expensive. As a result, fewer people are taking and passing it. Gwen Ifill gets debate from Randy Trask of the GED Testing Service and Leicester Johnson of Academy of Hope about what the changes mean.

**January 9, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Would free tuition boost student success at community colleges? President Obama's plan to make the first two years of community college free could help up to 9 million students and add educated employees to the workforce. But it would cost the federal government billions and would have to pass a GOP-controlled Congress. Hari Sreenivasan gets reaction to the proposal from Andrew Kelly of American Enterprise Institute and Josh Wyner of the Aspen Institute.

**January 22, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Is 'The Test' failing American schools? As Congress considers revisions to the No Child Left Behind education law, there's a larger debate about the role and efficacy of using standardized tests as assessment. Anya Kamenetz, author of "The Test: Why Our Schools Are Obsessed With Standardized Testing, But You Don't Have To Be," joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss the evolving role of testing and the "big, unintended consequences."

**February 3, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Schools in rural West Virginia aim to improve students' prospects: Boredom can mean trouble and bad health for children in rural America. In communities where resources are few, schools face the extra challenge of keeping students active, safe and healthy. Special correspondent John Tulenko of Learning Matters reports from McDowell County, West Virginia, on efforts there to improve life for students and to address the teacher shortage.

**February 23, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Why American students are struggling with - and defaulting on - small debts: Student loan balances climbed to \$1.2 trillion at the end of 2014, and delinquencies are rising even as they fall for most other types of debt. In fact, students with the smallest balances are most likely to default. Judy Woodruff learns more from Megan McClean of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and William Elliott of the University of Kansas.

## **Employment**

**January 20, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour 8 minutes**

Connecting the classroom to promising health careers: Students at Oakland's Life Academy are getting a head start on health science careers by integrating academics with career-based training and a workplace environment. The high school, which serves low-income and minority students, also has the city's second highest rate of graduates who go on to college. The NewsHour's April Brown reports on making the benefits of learning clear to students.

**February 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Job growth on a roll, will wages follow? The recovering U.S. economy has made its strongest showing yet. Employers created a million jobs since November -- the best three-month average in 17 years. And January also boasted the biggest wage rise in six years. But not all sectors saw the same level of growth. To discuss the data, Jeffrey Brown speaks with Diane Swonk of Mesiroow Financial.

**February 15, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes**

Is the economic impact of labor disputes at West Coast ports hype? A labor dispute between ship owners and longshoremen on the West Coast has been going on for months now. This weekend, the president dispatched labor secretary Thomas Perez to California to try to resolve it. For more, economist Christopher Thornberg joins Alison Stewart from Los Angeles.

**February 25, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Supreme Court weighs how religious freedom affects business dress codes: The Supreme Court is considering a case brought by a young Muslim woman who was not hired for a job at a clothing store after she wore a headscarf to the interview. Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal offers background on the case, plus Gwen Ifill gets analysis from Rae Vann of the Equal Employment Advisory Council and civil rights attorney Munia Jabbar.

**February 22, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes**

What will Wal-Mart's wage hike mean for workers and the economy? Wal-Mart made news this week by announcing that it is raising the wages for its employees above the federal minimum wage of \$7.23 an hour to \$9 an hour and to \$10 an hour next February. To discuss the broader implications, Shelly Banjo, a reporter for Quartz, joins Hari Sreenivasan.

**March 19, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

What's splitting a new generation of haves and have-nots: Political scientist Robert Putnam grew up in Port Clinton, Ohio, a town where, he says, both rich and poor children grew up together and had bright opportunities. But in the past few decades, social mobility has declined and the haves and have-nots have become increasingly segregated. Economics correspondent Paul Solman offers a look at what drove Putnam to write his new book, "Our Kids."

## Energy

**January 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Keystone XL fight looms as 114th Congress convenes: In our news wrap Tuesday, Republicans took control of the House and the Senate. Despite warm words for getting much accomplished in the New Year, there was confrontation between Republicans and the White House over the long-stalled Keystone XL pipeline. Also, former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell was sentenced to two years in federal prison for taking bribes while in office.

**January 14, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Obama administration announces goal to rein in methane leaks: The Obama administration announced a plan to significantly cut methane emissions produced by gas and gas wells by the year 2025 through executive action. Judy Woodruff talks to Coral Davenport of The New York Times and Michael Oppenheimer of Princeton University about President Obama's strategy in addressing climate change and how environmentalists and the industry are reacting to the proposal.

**January 16, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

How an EPA plan to cut carbon emissions is playing out in coal-rich Wyoming: In Wyoming, people care about issues that affect their land and energy resources. A recently announced EPA initiative to cut carbon emissions, the Clean Power Plan, aims to move American electricity generation away from coal -- the economic lifeblood for that state. Special correspondent Leigh Paterson of Inside Energy looks at both sides of the fight.

**January 27, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Why open Atlantic offshore drilling now? Not even 48 hours since announcing a plan to block drilling in Alaska's arctic wildlife refuge, the Obama administration rolled out a plan to open up parts of the southern Atlantic coast for oil and gas exploration. While lawmakers from Virginia to Georgia support the move, politicians in the North worry about safety standards. Judy Woodruff learns more from Amy Harder of The Wall Street Journal.

**February 17, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

News Wrap: W.Va. investigating what caused explosive oil train accident: In our news wrap Tuesday, a train loaded with more than 100 tankers of crude oil derailed in West Virginia, forcing hundreds of families to evacuate and the closure of two water treatment plants. An investigation of what caused the accident is underway. Also, hundreds of thousands of people in the South and Mid-Atlantic lost power due to a winter storm.

**March 20, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

What new federal fracking rules mean for the oil and gas industry: With the U.S. poised to become the largest producer of oil and gas in the world, the Obama administration announced the first federal regulations for fracking. Though the regulations are only for federal lands, they're seen as a benchmark for states. Amy Harder of The Wall Street Journal joins Hari Sreenivasan to take a look at the new regulations and the pushback.

**March 25, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Supreme Court tests EPA's limits on mercury air pollution: The Supreme Court heard arguments over federal pollution mandates. The EPA says its limits on toxic contaminants like mercury in power plant emissions are vital to human health, but energy producers are arguing the EPA didn't take costs into consideration when the limits were created. Gwen Ifill gets debate from Vickie Patton of the Environmental Defense Fund and David Rivkin of Baker Hostetler.

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

**January 8, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Elk at Mount St. Helens, 30 minutes**

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

**February 5, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Gearhart Elk, 30 minutes**

An elk herd is hanging out in and around the coastal town of Gearhart. But as the herd is growing, so are concerns about safety and property destruction.

**February 12, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Honey Mushroom, 30 minutes**

Honey Mushroom— The largest living organism in the world hides out of sight in eastern Oregon.

**February 19, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Rockfish, 30 minutes**

We look at plans to save entire ecosystems by studying Oregon's Marine Reserves and how the fishing ban is impacting the areas.

**February 26, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Hyla Woods, 30 minutes**

A multi-generation family timber firm says the forest itself must profit from logging more than they do. They never clear cut, opts only for sustainable forestry and they still turn a profit.

**March 19, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Lake Albert, 30 minutes**

Lake Abert Dries Up— This large, shallow, alkali-lake was once a stop-over for migrating birds. Not now. The brine shrimp fishery has also come to a complete halt. Is the cause more than just drought?

**March 26, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Japan's Earthquake: Lessons for Oregon, 30 minutes**

"Japan's Earthquake: Lessons for Oregon"— Oregon Field Guide travels to Japan to examine lessons learned from the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck in 2011. As Oregon prepares for an inevitable Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, we ask, "Is there anything we can do to prepare?"

**January 11, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 2 minutes**

Monarch butterflies could get endangered species status: Every year, millions of North American monarch butterflies head south for the winter -- but recently their numbers have plummeted by up to 90 percent. In Washington, responding to a petition submitted by conservation organizations, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced a year-long review that could mean the butterflies are placed on the Endangered Species List.

**January 7, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

NewsHour Shares: Bill Gates drinks water purified from waste: Human waste is being turned into drinkable water at a treatment plant in Washington State, with funding by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In our NewsHour Shares video of the day, we see how the pioneering idea could be a life changer for developing countries struggling with both sewage and clean water access.

**January 26, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Obama proposal to expand protection for Arctic wildlife refuge sparks backlash: Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge has about 7 million acres that are protected from oil and gas exploration and President Obama wants to expand it by 12 million more. Judy Woodruff gets debate on the proposal from Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, chair of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell.

**February 3, 2015 9pm**

**Big Burn: American Experience, 60 minutes**

In the summer of 1910, an unimaginable wildfire devoured more than three million acres across the Northern Rockies, confronting the fledgling U.S. Forest Service with a catastrophe that would define the agency and the nation's fire policy for the rest of the 20th century and beyond. THE BIG BURN provides a cautionary tale of heroism and sacrifice, arrogance and greed, hubris and, ultimately, humility in the face of nature's frightening power.

**February 15, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 2 minutes**

More extreme winter weather wallops U.S. Northeast, Midwest: By this morning, a foot of snow was already on the ground across much of Eastern Massachusetts, and 20 inches had already fallen in some coastal areas. Much of the Midwest also suffered through extreme cold last night and this morning. Another winter storm, Octavia, is expected to bring snow and ice to about a dozen states tonight and tomorrow...from Missouri to Virginia.

**March 18, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute**

Why are sea lion pups crowding California's shores? In our NewsHour Shares video of the day, a record number of sea lion pups have washed up on shore in Southern California. Some scientists think the warming waters and shortage of fish are forcing mothers to search longer for food, and marine mammal centers taking care of the hungry pups are nearing capacity.

## **Family/Marriage**

**January 13, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

What happens when the person forcing you into sexual slavery is your own mother? In India, a new law punishes human traffickers rather than the girls who have been forced into prostitution, sometimes by family members. In the second report of a two-part series, special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro joins human rights activists and the police as they go into homes and brothels in search of victims of the sex trade.

**January 30, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

Ensuring a daughter's health by checking in at 'Midnight Three & Six': In our NewsHour Shares video of the day, a short documentary from The New York Times explores a family's daily struggles monitoring and managing their daughter's Type 1 diabetes.

**February 2, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Opting out of vaccination is 'recipe for outbreak': Parents who don't vaccinate their children due to concerns about side effects can put others at risk -- even those who have been vaccinated. Gwen Ifill talks to Patsy Stinchfield of the Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota about the importance and safety of immunization.

**February 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

Parents of U.S. hostage Austin Tice mount campaign to win his release: In the summer of 2012, Austin Tice was working as a freelance journalist in Syria when he suddenly disappeared. A shaky video showing Tice alive but held by unknown captors remains the only clue about his fate. Now, his parents are urging the U.S. government to improve how they handle the safe return of hostages. Judy Woodruff reports.

**March 23, 2015 11pm**

**Independent Lens: Little White Lie, 60 minutes**

Filmmaker Lacey Schwartz grew up with two loving Jewish parents. When she discovers that the man she's always assumed was her father is not her biological parent, she unlocks a powerful family secret about her real father's identity.

**March 31, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Why Scott Simon shared his mother's death with an unseen audience: Scott Simon is known as the voice of NPR's Weekend Edition Saturday, but he also gained an audience when he used Twitter to document his mother's final days. His 140-character observances of the life and death of his mother led to a new book, "Unforgettable: A Son, A Mother and the Lessons of a Lifetime." Simon joins Gwen Ifill for a conversation.

## **Health/Health Care**

**January 2, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

Luck, not lifestyle, may be to blame for more cancers than previously thought: A combination of luck, hereditary and lifestyle choices have all been linked to cause cancer. But a new study finds that luck, or random DNA mutation during cell division, is the primary factor behind more cancers than previously thought. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Cristian Tomasetti of Johns Hopkins University about why this news supports healthy lifestyle choices more than ever, and how doctors and patients can use the study to protect against cancer.

**January 13, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Facing widespread flu, health officials encourage antiviral drug use: This year's flu season is shaping up to be one of the worst in recent years. Judy Woodruff talks to Dr. Tom Frieden of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about this year's influenza strain and the benefits and limitations of using antiviral drugs for patients sick with flu. The CDC director also gives an update on the Ebola outbreak response in West Africa.

**January 15, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

The right to die in Belgium: An inside look at the world's most liberal euthanasia law: Belgium has the world's most liberal law on physician-assisted suicide, which is not just for the terminally ill. Patients with psychiatric conditions - and now, even children - can request euthanasia. Surveys in Belgium show overwhelming public support, and many doctors say it gives patients with constant and unbearable suffering a practical and humane way to die peacefully. But even in a country with a far-reaching acceptance, controversy still exists. NewsHour's Megan Thompson reports.

**January 21, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Ebola doctor: 'Tremendous strides' in stemming the outbreak: Dr. Pranav Shetty, global emergency health coordinator for International Medical Corps, was hailed by President Obama in his State of the Union address as an embodiment of the effort to roll back the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. In August, Shetty went to Liberia to help establish and oversee two treatment units and a training center for health workers. He joined Jeffrey Brown for a conversation.



**January 30, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

A push to use the human genome to make medicine more precise: President Obama introduced a new plan to create a database of genetic information of a million Americans in order to better tailor medical treatments for groups of patients. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien interviews Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, about the potential of precision medicine, privacy concerns and political roadblocks.

**February 10, 2015 10pm**

**Frontline: Being Mortal, 60 minutes**

FRONTLINE teams up with writer and surgeon Atul Gawande to examine how doctors care for terminally ill patients. In conjunction with Gawande's new book, *Being Mortal*, the film explores the relationships between doctors and patients nearing the end of life, and shows how many doctors - including Gawande himself - struggle to talk honestly and openly with their dying patients.

**February 10, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Why you shouldn't RSVP to a 'measles party': In California, a parent reportedly invited others to a "measles party" -- a way to intentionally expose unvaccinated children to the virus with the goal of building immunity. Rear Adm. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the status of the recent outbreak and what misinformation about the virus could be harmful.

**March 30, 2015 8pm**

**Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies, 120 minutes**

The search for a "cure" for cancer is the greatest epic in the history of science, spanning centuries and continents. This episode follows that centuries-long search, but centers on the story of Sidney Farber, who, defying conventional wisdom in the late 1940s, introduces the modern era of chemotherapy, eventually galvanizing a "war on cancer." Interwoven with Farber's narrative is the contemporary story of a 14-month-old diagnosed with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. The film follows her as she and her parents struggle with the many hardships and decisions foisted upon a cancer patient.

## **Homosexuality**

**January 16, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 13 minutes**

Shields and Brooks on same-sex right to marry, Romney run resistance: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including the Supreme Court's move to consider same-sex marriage, next steps for Republican congressional leaders, emerging GOP candidates for the next presidential race, plus thoughts on the NewsHour's decision to not show the post-attack cover of Charlie Hebdo.

**January 16, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Supreme Court to consider whether all states must recognize same-sex marriage: Same-sex marriage is now legal in 36 states, so should gay couples be allowed to marry nationwide? Having considered aspects of the debate before, the Supreme Court will consider that question directly this spring. Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal joins Judy Woodruff to look back at past rulings explain the timing behind the move.

**February 9, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

How Alabama politics are motivating a legal showdown over gay marriage: In 2006, Alabama voters overwhelmingly passed a ban on gay marriage. Last month a federal court lifted that law, but the state's Supreme Court chief justice ordered judges to ignore the ruling. The U.S. Supreme Court has refused an appeal to uphold the ban, allowing same-sex unions and setting up a legal showdown over state rights. Judy Woodruff talks to Joseph Smith of the University of Alabama.

**February 23, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Alan Turing's family fights to correct a historical injustice: The 2015 Oscar winner "The Imitation Game" tells the story of British mathematician Alan Turing, whose early computer helped the allies win World War II. But the movie also brings attention to the anti-sodomy laws that drove Turing to suicide. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Peter Tatchell of the Peter Tatchell Foundation about getting justice for others convicted under the same laws.

**March 31, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Religious Freedom bill stirs Hoosier uproar: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said he wanted to clarify his state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, defending the law he signed last week as not discriminatory. In the last few days, gay rights groups have protested while high-profile companies have come out against the bill, with potential economic consequences for the state. Political editor Lisa Desjardins updates Judy Woodruff.

## **Housing/Shelter**

**January 21, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Housing discrimination case could have broad implications: A case between a Texas state housing agency and an advocacy organization asks the Supreme Court to decide whether unintentional discrimination over federal tax credits violates the Fair Housing Act. The results could have repercussions beyond both the state of Texas and the housing industry. Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal helps outline the case with Judy Woodruff.

**January 28, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Library social worker helps homeless seeking quiet refuge: Meet the nation's first full-time library social worker. Instead of trying to keep homeless residents from taking shelter in the urban haven of public libraries, San Francisco has adopted a new approach: employing a trained professional to address the needs of these visitors. The NewsHour's Cat Wise reports.

**February 3, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Will S&P's penalty for too-rosy mortgage securities ratings send a message? While not admitting wrongdoing, Standard & Poor's Financial Services agreed to pay almost \$1.4 billion to settle allegations by the Justice Department that credit ratings for high-risk mortgage securities mislead investors before the 2008 financial crisis. Judy Woodruff discusses implications of the penalty with Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood and Lynn Stout of Cornell University.

**February 8, 2015 3:30pm**

**Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly, 7 minutes**

Homeless Female Veterans: "We are still not getting it as a country, and we're making a poor effort as a society to take care of all our veterans... We can liberate other countries and clear up their natural disasters. Women veterans are now America's natural disaster," says Final Salute founder Jaspens Boothe.

## **Immigration/Refugees**

**January 2, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

Fleeing war and poverty, refugees heading toward Italy abandoned at sea: Refugees fleeing war and poverty in North Africa and the Middle East often are forced to cross the Mediterranean Sea in rickety, overcrowded boats. Recently, an increase in human smugglers abandoning these ships before reaching Europe have forced EU countries to take on these migrants and ships at unprecedented levels.

**January 13, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Despite milder tone after White House meeting, immigration may pose political impasse: The leaders of the Republican-controlled Congress were among more than a dozen lawmakers who gathered at the White House to talk common ground and areas of conflict with President Obama. Political director Domenico Montanaro and political editor Lisa Desjardins join Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff to discuss the tone of the meeting and the persistent political sticking points.

**January 5, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Will new Lebanese border rules discourage Syrian refugees? Lebanon is imposing new rules on who can cross its border as the country strains to cope with the world's worst refugee crisis. Humanitarian groups are worried the policy will trap Syrians in a war zone with no way out. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the conditions in Lebanon and how the restrictions will affect refugees.

**February 7, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes**

Humanitarian crisis growing in Ukraine amid civilian mass exodus: World leaders have been meeting to try to end the fighting in Eastern Ukraine that intensified recently and threatens to become an even broader conflict. Associated Press reporter Peter Leonard joins Alison Stewart via Skype from Donetsk, where pro-Russian rebels are battling Ukrainian government forces.

**February 17, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Millions in limbo as judge halts Obama's immigration action: President Obama's executive actions on immigration have been delayed after a federal judge in Texas ruled it didn't follow proper legal procedure. Alan Gomez of USA Today and Stephen Legomsky of Washington University Law School join Judy Woodruff to discuss what may happen in the courts and how it affects the millions of people who were supposed to be shielded from deportation.

## **Minorities/Civil Rights**

**February 23, 2015 9:30pm**

**Searching For York, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

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

**January 8, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Director Ava DuVernay on sharing the story of 'Selma' and deconstructing American heroes: The story of the seminal 1965 Alabama civil rights protests is being retold in the historical drama "Selma," bringing to life the heroism of the activists and the brutality of the resistance. Gwen Ifill talks to director Ava DuVernay about contention over historical discrepancies and why no one has ever attempted to make a feature film about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. before.

**January 15, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

How the Oscars' lack of diversity reflects who runs Hollywood: For the first time in 20 years, all of the Academy Award nominees for leading and supporting acting roles are white. Gwen Ifill asks Mike Sargent of Pacifica Radio and Ann Hornaday of The Washington Post about the surprises and snubs of the 2015 Oscar nominations, and what it says about power and diversity in Hollywood.

**February 10, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

How do communities increase accountability and rebuild trust after police shootings? Around the nation, from Ferguson to Staten Island to Albuquerque, communities are grappling with the aftermath of deaths caused by police officers who used lethal force. Gwen Ifill talks to Cornell William Brooks of the NAACP and Richard Berry of the International Association of Chiefs of Police about how to repair strained relations and curb the use of excessive force by law enforcement.

**February 14, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

Will 'Fresh off the Boat' turn the tide for Asian Americans on TV? The new ABC sitcom "Fresh off the Boat" debuted to winning ratings and marked the first time in 20 years you could watch a network series centered on an Asian-American family. But will the popular sitcom clear the path for more exposure of Asian Americans in pop culture? NewsHour's Mori Rothman reports.

**February 16, 2015**

**Independent Lens: Through a Lens Darkly, 90 minutes**

This is the story of the pioneering African-American photographers – men and women, celebrated and anonymous – who have recorded the lives and aspirations of generations, from slavery to the present. By Thomas Allen Harris.

**February 20, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 10 minutes**

Police use of force not always black and white: In recent days, two incidents have added to national concern about excessive police force against minorities. Police shot and killed a Hispanic man in Washington State, and in Alabama, an Indian man was partially paralyzed after an officer knocked him down. Judy Woodruff talks to Suman Raghunathan of South Asian Americans Leading Together and David Klinger of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**March 20, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

How parents talk to their African-American sons about the police: As communities around the nation grapple with questions of race and police brutality, a New York Times short documentary asks parents of African-American boys what they say to their sons about how to respond if stopped by police.

## **National Politics/Government**

**January 13, 2015 10pm**

**Frontline: Putin's Way, 60 minutes**

FRONTLINE investigates the accusations of criminality and corruption that have surrounded Vladimir Putin's reign in Russia. Tracing his career back over two decades, "Putin's Way" reveals how the accumulation of wealth and power has led to autocratic rule and the specter of a new Cold War.

**January 7, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

What does Mitch McConnell's political past mean for the Senate's future? Mitch McConnell conquered a dream he had worked toward for more than a half century when he was sworn in as Senate majority leader of the 114th Congress. How did he get there, and what are his plans for the Senate now? Political editor and reporter Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to look back at the lawmaker's journey and his plans to bring more debate and compromise to the Senate floor.

**January 13, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

What do Ohio voters want? More political cooperation despite clashing views: What do Americans think about Washington politics and productivity over the last two years? Across the political spectrum, one thing that many seem to agree on is that both parties share blame for dysfunction and stasis. Judy Woodruff talks to voters in Columbus, Ohio, about their hopes for the new Congress.

**January 16, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Will federal reforms on civil forfeiture mean more police accountability? The Justice Department is changing the federal rules on civil forfeiture. Local police departments around the country have used the controversial practice to raise nearly \$3 billion by seizing property from people who are suspected but not convicted of a crime. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Sarah Stillman of The New Yorker about the rise of civil forfeiture and the first signs of reform.

**February 2, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Dissecting Obama's 2016 budget proposal: Shaun Donovan, the White House's director of the Office of Management and Budget, talks to Gwen Ifill about whether President Obama's budget proposal can find a political middle ground, especially when Democrats say "invest" and Republicans hear "spend."

**February 4, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour 7 minutes**

FCC proposes treating all Internet traffic equally: The Federal Communications Commission unrolled a plan to preserve equal access to the Internet for all users, treating broadband in a way that's similar to a public utility. Leading up to the announcement, more than 4 million commenters weighed in on the net neutrality debate at the FCC in the past year. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the decision.

**February 25, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Why Senate and House Republicans are split over a Homeland Security bill: With just days before the deadline to fund Homeland Security, it's congressional Republicans who are divided over blocking President Obama's immigration reform efforts and avoiding a shutdown. Political editor Lisa Desjardins joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the political battles at the Capitol.

**March 10, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

What House Republicans hope next year's budget will look like: House Republicans revealed their 2016 budget plan, pushing for deep cuts to lower the deficit, while preserving defense spending. What are the political calculations behind the proposal? Political editor Lisa Desjardins joins Gwen Ifill for a look at the priorities fueling the GOP budget.

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

**January 29, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Weighing risks and benefits of making a deal with Iran: As part of a collaboration between The Atlantic and the PBS NewsHour, Judy Woodruff examines the challenges and opportunities of reaching a nuclear deal with Iran.

**January 16, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 23 minutes**

European Terror Attacks, Nuclear Talks with Iran, Same-Sex Marriage at the Supreme Court: Reverberations from the terror attack in Paris continued this week as dozens of arrests have been made, and Europe remains on heightened alert. Plus, nuclear talks with Iran continue, and President Obama is threatening to veto legislation imposing more sanctions on Iran saying they would derail progress. The Supreme Court will decide the constitutionality of same-sex marriage. Republicans are meeting in California this week, while several have already started making moves towards a 2016 White House campaign. And in our Friday Focus, John Harwood of CNBC previews President Obama's State of the Union address.

**March 15, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 4 minutes**

What's the state of Kerry's nuclear deal with Iran? Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday that he hopes to reach the framework of a nuclear deal with Iran by the end of March. But he said he worries Senate Republicans have made the talks even tougher after they sent a letter to Iranian leaders, which Kerry later dismissed as false information that was meant to interfere with the deal. For more on the state of the talks, Carol Lee of the Wall Street Journal joins Hari Sreenivasan.

**March 19, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

Are negotiators close to an Iranian nuclear deal? According to the Associated Press, a draft nuclear agreement would decrease Iran's centrifuges by 40 percent. While negotiators report progress, there's still no deal yet. Gwen Ifill talks to George Jahn, the Associated Press reporter who broke the story of the latest negotiations.

## **Poverty/Hunger**

**January 3, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 2 minutes**

Viewers respond to report on jail time for people unable to pay fines: Cities across the country are increasingly turning to what are known as private probation companies to collect unpaid fines. But are indigent people ending up in jail because they can't afford to pay? Hari Sreenivasan reads viewer comments to a recently aired story on NewsHour Weekend.

**January 5, 2015 11pm**

**Independent Lens: Rich Hill, 60 minutes**

Follow three boys as they navigate the often-treacherous road between childhood and adolescence in an economically depressed Missouri town. Despite the isolation and deprivation, they long for the American Dream. By Tracy Droz Tragos and Andrew Droz Palermo.

**January 18, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 4 minutes**

With more U.S. students living in poverty, education system faces strain: A newly released report by the Southern Education Foundation says the majority of all public school students across the United States come from low-income families. Experts say that could have important implications for the nation's education policies. Washington Post reporter Lyndsey Layton joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington to discuss the issue.

**January 24, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 8 minutes**

Living with a record: How past crimes may drive job seekers into poverty: Applicants with criminal backgrounds, including those with nonviolent criminal convictions or even arrests, are increasingly being driven into poverty. Even if it has been years since they've served time for past criminal infractions, those applying for jobs are often unable to find work -- especially in a climate of extreme job competition. NewsHour's Stephen Fee reports.

**February 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Will new manufacturing ease Mississippi's 'psychosis of poverty?': In Mississippi, where the unemployment rate peaks at 15 percent in some areas, pockets of new manufacturing have ignited hopes for an economic rebirth. And while signs of growth give some people hope for a new era, how much will the area's poor actually benefit? NewsHour's John Larson reports as part of our continuing series, "Main Street America."

**February 10, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Meet an advocate for the needs and dignity of the millions who live in India's slums: Slum Dwellers International, an advocacy organization started in India, has had success rallying large numbers of marginalized people to push for their rights and get basic amenities like toilets, electricity and permanent shelter. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro talks with founder Jockin Arputham about his lifelong calling to improve living conditions and empower communities.

**February 21, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 8 minutes**

Heat or hunger? Low-income families struggle to cope with winter weather: As the brutal winter drags on for parts of the country, many low-income families are struggling to pay their energy bills. In North Carolina, local governments are increasingly partnering with private nonprofit organizations to try to find new ways to help poor families stay warm in the winter. NewsHour's Stephen Fee reports.

## **Recreation/Leisure/Sports**

**January 8, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Snowkiting, 30 minutes**

A fun look at a relatively new sport! We follow The Southern Oregon Kite Addicts to the backside of Mount Ashland and "kiteski" up the slopes. When the guys hit big air they fly, often for several minutes at a time.

**January 15, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Mt. Hood: Climbing Oregon's Highest Peak, 30 minutes**

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

**January 22, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Ice Diving, 30 minutes**

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

**February 5, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Endurance Ride/Shed Antler Hunting, 30 minutes**

Find out what endurance riding is all about and why those who enjoy this equestrian sport jokingly wonder if it's a hobby or addiction. In central Oregon there's an increasingly popular form of hunting that never kills animals.

**March 19, 2015 8:30pm**

**Oregon Field Guide: Giant Waves, 30 minutes**

Giant Waves -Coos Bay, Oregon is one of the most spectacular wave-watching spots anywhere. The locals have always known it but few others do. These spectacular waves smash against the cliffs at Shore Acres State Park with such force that sprays shoot up several hundred feet.

**January 14, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Yosemite free climbers complete their gripping feat: Two climbers successfully scaled the near-vertical slab of El Capitan's Dawn Wall in Yosemite National Park, using their fingers and feet without additional aids. After 19 days, Tommy Caldwell and Kevin Jorgeson are the first to free climb the entire granite face. Gwen Ifill talks to Chris Weidner of the Boulder Daily Camera about their pinnacle achievement.

**January 20, 2015 10:30pm**

**Frontline: League of Denial: The NFL's Concussion Crisis, 90 minutes**

America's indisputable national pastime. But the NFL is under assault as thousands of former players and a host of scientists claim the league has covered up how football inflicted long-term brain injuries on many players. In this special investigation, FRONTLINE and prize-winning journalists Steve Fainaru and Mark Fainaru-Wada of ESPN reveal the hidden story of the NFL and brain injuries, drawn from their forthcoming book *League of Denial: The NFL, Concussions and the Battle for Truth* (Crown Archetype, October 2013). What did the NFL know and when did it know it? What's the truth about the risks to players? What can be done? The FRONTLINE investigation details how, for years, the league denied and worked to refute scientific evidence that the violent collisions at the heart of the game are linked to an alarming incidence of early onset dementia, catastrophic brain damage, death, and other devastating consequences for some of football's all-time greats.

**January 21, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Just weeks before Super Bowl, NFL investigates Patriots for underinflated footballs: The NFL is investigating the New England Patriots for using underinflated footballs during their final blowout victory game against the Indianapolis Colts before the Super Bowl. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Ben Volin of The Boston Globe about past cheating allegations against the team's coach and why referees didn't catch the violation before the game.

**February 5, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Training, technology and talent takes the U.S. Ski Team to new heights: The U.S. Ski Team is hoping for big medal wins and greater recognition at the Alpine World Ski Championships this week. A more rigorous training schedule and equipment improvements have made these American skiers more competitive. The NewsHour's Mary Jo Brooks reports from Vail.

**March 12, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

With new rules aimed at speeding up the game, MLB hopes to strike a sweet spot: The average length of a baseball game is three hours and two minutes, half an hour longer than in the 1980s, and officials are concerned the game is going on too long. To speed up the sport, Major League Baseball is experimenting with new rules during spring training, including what happens in between innings and in the batter's box. Hari Sreenivasan learns more from Mike Pesca of Slate's "The Gist."

**March 17, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Effects of concussions and sports-related head trauma, parents, coaches and medical professionals are debating how to keep players safe. Some are looking to technology, like a device worn under the helmet that shows the force of impact after a fall or collision. Hari Sreenivasan reports as part of our Breakthroughs series.



## Religion/Ethics

**January 7, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Understanding the threat of Islamic extremism in Europe - Part 3: Charlie Hebdo, the publication whose staff was attacked by three gunmen in Paris, has been threatened and firebombed in the past over provocative commentary and cartoons on Islam. Michael Leiter, former director of the National Counterterrorism Center, and Bertrand Vannier of Radio France join Judy Woodruff to discuss the newspaper's reputation and who might be behind the violence.

**January 8, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

What's driving European Muslims to extremism? The brothers who attacked satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo had a secular Muslim upbringing before their apparent radicalization. What's leading young European Muslims to embrace extremism? Peter Neumann of King's College London says it's a conflict of identity and acceptance. Neumann talks to Judy Woodruff about increasing polarization and what governments can do prevent attacks.

**January 14, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

France arrests dozens for hate speech; Charlie Hebdo returns with first issue since attack: Three million copies of Charlie Hebdo sold out as people snatched up the first issue of the satirical French newspaper since the deadly attack. Their cover, showing an image of the Prophet Muhammad with a sign reading, "Je Suis Charlie," prompted negative reactions from around the Muslim world. Meanwhile, French officials made 54 arrests in a crackdown on hate speech. Gwen Ifill reports.

**January 26, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

For Muslims in U.K., not feeling 'British' can lead some to extremism: Nearly a third of the 15,000 foreign fighters for Islamic State are Muslims from Western Europe, seeking an alternative to the alienation some feel here at home. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner reports from London on how cultural isolation and discrimination can help drive young Western recruits to embrace radicalism.

**February 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Shields and Brooks on the politics of vaccination, using religion to justify evil acts: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including the latest acts of terror by Islamic State, a speech by President Obama on the way religion, including Christianity, has been used to justify violence, and why some Republican politicians spoke against mandating vaccination in the wake of a measles outbreak.

**February 25, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 11 minutes**

Supreme Court weighs how religious freedom affects business dress codes: The Supreme Court is considering a case brought by a young Muslim woman who was not hired for a job at a clothing store after she wore a headscarf to the interview. Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal offers background on the case, plus Gwen Ifill gets analysis from Rae Vann of the Equal Employment Advisory Council and civil rights attorney Munia Jabbar.

## **Science/Technology**

**January 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Archaeologists in Peru add drones to their list of tools: In Peru, drones are keeping a watchful eye on some ancient cultural sites endangered by encroaching development or other perils. In our Culture at Risk series, Jeffrey Brown reports on how archaeologists and government officials are using the new technology to protect the country's heritage from above.

**January 12, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

News Wrap: Islamic State supporters hack U.S. military social media accounts: In our news wrap Monday, social media sites belonging to the U.S. Central Commands were hacked by a group who said they acted on behalf of the Islamic State. Threats against members of the military were posted on the @CENTCOM Twitter feed. Also, French officials said as many as six members of a terror cell may be on the loose following the terrorist attacks in Paris.

**January 7, 2015 10pm**

**Nazi Mega Weapons: V1 Hitler's Vengeance Missile, 60 minutes**

In retaliation for devastating Allied bombing raids on German cities, Hitler orders the development of a groundbreaking weapon. This is the story of one of the most ambitious projects of the Third Reich: Hitler's Vengeance weapon, the V1. Though it was ready too late to make a difference to the outcome of the war, its legacy is the cruise missile – a weapon that changed the face of war forever.

**January 22, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

From fireside chats to YouTube: Interactive media helps Obama connect with the country: In a social media push by the White House, three popular YouTube users were invited to interview President Obama following the State of the Union. Brian Donahue of CRAFT Media/Digital, William Powers of the MIT Media Lab and YouTube entrepreneur Hank Green discuss with Judy Woodruff how social media and platforms like YouTube may affect the reach and effectiveness of the president's message.

**January 28, 2015 10pm**

**Secrets of the Dead: Ben Franklin's Bones, 60 minutes**

When skeletal remains of at least 10 people, including several infants, turned up in the basement of Benjamin Franklin's British residence, people wondered if the Founding Father might have had a much darker side, as the bones had been meticulously cut and drilled. Franklin was aware of the bodies in his basement, but they weren't the victims of violent acts. Rather, they were used for the purposes of an illegal anatomy school that helped shaped modern medicine.

**February 12, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

How professional survey-takers are shaping scientific research: An online job forum called Mechanical Turk has created a pool of professional survey-takers who complete hundreds of inquiries a week. For academic researchers, it's cheap, easy to use and the response flood in fast. But how good is the data being collected? Judy Woodruff learns more from the NewsHour's Jenny Marder.

**February 18, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Why we pick and choose which science to believe: Climate change, vaccines, genetically modified foods -- those topics are ripe for debate and disbelief among people of every political persuasion who aren't convinced by scientific evidence. What accounts for the rift between scientists and the public? Gwen Ifill talks to Joel Achenbach of the Washington Post and Cary Funk of the Pew Research Center about whether the divide is here to stay.

## **Sexuality**

**January 14, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

How military sex offenders fly under the radar after returning to civilian life: There are hundreds of service members who have been convicted of sex offenses but never appear on any public registry once they leave the military, disappearing into neighborhoods across the country and, in some cases, preying on new victims. Special correspondent Mark Greenblatt of the Scripps News Service reports.

**January 26, 2015 10pm**

**A Path Appears, 90 minutes**

Join New York Times reporter Nicholas Kristof, Ashley Judd, Blake Lively and Malin Ackerman as they meet activists fighting sex trafficking in the U.S.

**February 9, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

New series explores how to fight gender oppression at home and abroad: Journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn have exposed widespread problems of abuse, sex trafficking and violence against women in Africa and Asia. Now they also bring their focus home, shining a light on the ways American women are commonly hurt, deprived and exploited. Jeffrey Brown talks to them about their new book and documentary series on PBS, "A Path Appears."

**March 18, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 9 minutes**

Victims of human trafficking put on hold by congressional gridlock: Lawmakers from both parties had come together in recent weeks to combat human trafficking with a bill to help victims. But now senators are in a standoff over a stipulation that bans the use of special funds for victims' abortions. Judy Woodruff talks to Bradley Myles of Polaris and Holly Austin Smith, an advocate and a trafficking survivor, about how predators lure victims and what's at stake.

## **Social Services**

**January 28, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Library social worker helps homeless seeking quiet refuge: Meet the nation's first full-time library social worker. Instead of trying to keep homeless residents from taking shelter in the urban haven of public libraries, San Francisco has adopted a new approach: employing a trained professional to address the needs of these visitors. The NewsHour's Cat Wise reports.

## **State Wide Culture and History**

**January 4, 2015 6pm**

**Oregon Wine: Grapes of Place, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes**

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

**January 5, 2015 9pm**

**Cuisine of Our Own, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

Oregon gets lots of national attention these days for its food. We all know the buzzwords: Northwest cuisine. Farmers' markets. Seasonal, local produce. Free-range meats. Farm-to-table restaurant offerings. But these aren't new -- this is the food of James Beard's Portland 100 years ago! Did it just go away, then come back? What is Northwest cuisine? Why is Oregon at the forefront of the "new food" movement? What did Oregonians used to eat? How did we wind up with so many great restaurants?

**January 5, 2015 9:30pm**

**Oysterman, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

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

**January 12, 2015 9pm**

**Streetcars, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

Oregon once had one of the most extensive streetcar systems in the United States. Streetcars provided cheap, comfortable public transportation - before there were automobiles.

Streetcar lines formed the streets and neighborhoods that shaped our cities, providing a foundation for the modern streetcar revival.

For decades, streetcars rattled throughout the region, and the nation, until they disappeared in favor of the car. Today, they are making a comeback.

**January 12, 2015 9:30pm**

**Pacific Crest Trail: A Ride to Remember, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

This program explores the well documented trip along the Pacific Crest Trail of Don and June Mulford with the photos they took and the film that was made into an hour-long drama narrated by Don.

**January 19, 2015 9pm**

**Rajneeshpuram, An Oregon Experience 60 minutes**

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

**January 26, 2015 9pm**

**Pendleton Round-Up: The Wild West Way, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes**

The Pendleton Round-Up is not the oldest rodeo in the country, and not even close to the biggest. But according to the cowboys who compete there, it's one of the best. And besides, the Round-Up is far more than just a rodeo. An extraordinary number of local volunteers run the whole operation, making a year-round commitment to this week-long event. The Round-Up, in turn, has become inextricably intertwined with the Pendleton community and the Umatilla reservation. And the active Native American presence has kept the Round-Up distinctive throughout these many years. We explore the rodeo's rich history, including rodeo clowns and Indian pageants; a succession of rodeo riders - African-American, Native-American and women who defied the prejudices of the times to become crowd favorites. All these elements come together in the Pendleton Round-Up.

**February 2, 2015 9pm**

**Linus Pauling, An Oregon Experience, 60 minutes**

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

**February 9, 2015**

**Astoria, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

Astoria, Oregon is the oldest U.S. settlement this side of the Rocky Mountains. ^The original settlement turned out to be the "foot in the door" which allowed the United States to claim the Oregon Territory.

**February 9, 2015 9:30pm**

**Road to Statehood, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

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

**February 16, 2015 9pm**

**Civilian Conservation Corps, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

The Civilian Conservation Corps was one of the most popular New Deal relief programs. During the Great Depression, the program put millions of young men to work improving public lands. In its short existence, enrollees planted three billion trees earning the name Roosevelt's Tree Army. Today, their work is still enjoyed in parks and forests around the state. Through interviews with former enrollees and historic images, the program tells the story of the CCC in Oregon.

**February 16, 2015 9:30pm**

**Braceros, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

This WWII guest-worker program saved American agriculture and changed Oregon in never-imagined ways.

## **Transportation**

**January 7, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

News Wrap: Minibus explosion kills dozens outside Yemen police academy: In our news wrap Wednesday, at least 37 people were killed when a bomb ripped through the main police academy in Yemen's capital. Also, search teams found the tail section of a crashed AirAsia jetliner in the Java Sea, with hopes that the black box recorders are inside the tail or nearby.

**January 12, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

How automakers and car buyers are responding to low gas prices: Since last year's Detroit Auto Show, gas prices have dropped by nearly a third. With the new lower prices, demand has gone up for big new SUVs and sedans, but automakers have also switched gears to develop more fuel-efficient cars. Gwen Ifill speaks with John Stoll of The Wall Street Journal about the tension between the two trends and convincing car buyers to think long-term.

**January 15, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

Drive the car of the future? No, it drives you: A big sensation at the Consumer Electronic Show this year was a preview of the autonomous driving car, a vehicle equipped with a supercomputing chip and software that can recognize other vehicles and obstacles. Special correspondent Steve Goldbloom takes the passenger seat in one of these connected cars.

**January 29, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

Using AirAsia Flight 8501's mistakes to prevent future crashes: The black box from AirAsia Flight 8501 provided some answers about what caused the crash, but also opened up questions about automation and why mistakes from past accidents haven't been corrected. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien joins Gwen Ifill to discuss eerie similarities between AirAsia's flight and past crashes and why the still-missing Malaysia Airlines flight was declared an accident.

**January 21, 2015 9pm**

**NOVA: Sunken Ship Rescue, 60 minutes**

NOVA follows the epic operation to secure, raise and salvage the Costa Concordia cruise ship, which ran aground and capsized off the coast of Italy on January 13, 2012, killing 32 people. The wreck stretches the length of three football fields, weighs 45,000 tons and lies half submerged on the site of a protected reef, with a 160-foot-long hole in its hull. Moving it from its precarious perch on the edge of an underwater cliff will be a huge technical and logistical challenge. Now, NOVA joins a team of more than 500 divers and engineers working around the clock as they attempt the biggest ship recovery project in history.

**February 7, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes**

Google Maps for bacteria? How NYC subway swab could change public health: Scientists in New York recently searched the city's subway system and found all kinds of germs that could cause everything from the common cold to meningitis. Dr. Christopher Mason, a geneticist at Weill Cornell Medical College who headed the study, joins Alison Stewart to discuss the study's implications on the public health system.

**March 5, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

News Wrap: March storm roars, grounding flights and closing roads: In our news wrap Thursday, a massive snow storm caused havoc from North Texas to New England. A flight arriving from Atlanta slid off the snowy runway at LaGuardia Airport, crashing into a fence just feet from Flushing Bay, but no major injuries were reported. Also, the State Department will review the 55,000 pages of emails provided by Hillary Clinton from when she was secretary of state.

**March 26, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

How well do we know the pilots who fly our planes? Revelations of the cause of the Germanwings Flight 9525 crash have spurred serious concerns over safety and flight protocols, including ensuring pilots are properly trained and adding more monitoring in the cockpit. NewsHour aviation specialist Miles O'Brien joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the questions the airline industry may consider in the aftermath of the crash.

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

**January 2, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

News Wrap: Obama announces new sanctions on North Korea: In our news wrap Friday, President Obama announces new sanctions on three North Korean organizations and 10 individuals in response to the country's cyber-attack on Sony Pictures. Also, more than a dozen airstrikes from the U.S. and coalition warplanes hit the Islamic State group's de facto capital in Syria.

**January 9, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

High volume of potential threats challenges Western counterterrorism efforts: How worried should Western nations be about future attacks in the same vein as the Paris shootings? Judy Woodruff gets analysis from Peter Neumann of King's College London and former White House counterterrorism official Juan Zarate about what security officials should focus on now and why terrorists have moved to soft targets like shopping malls and office buildings.

**January 15, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

'An era of defeat' for the best soldiers in the world? Journalist James Fallows says it's time to examine why the best funded, best trained and most professional military in the world hasn't achieved lasting victory in the post-9/11 era. He joins chief foreign correspondent Margaret Warner to discuss his provocative critique in The Atlantic magazine, and how the public should be more connected to American armed conflict.

**January 21, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Facing resistance from Capitol Hill, U.S. opens Cuba talks: The United States and Cuba have commenced talks aimed at normalizing long-strained relations, but support for this turning point is not universal. Gwen Ifill talks to Indira Lakshmanan of Bloomberg News from Havana about opposition from Capitol Hill and the long process of reestablishing the relationship after 53 years.

**February 5, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 3 minutes**

Kerry: U.S. 'cannot close our eyes' to Russian fighters in Ukraine: The leaders of France and Germany went to Kiev to discuss diplomatic solutions to the escalating war, while NATO defense ministers met in Brussels to plan how to counter Russia's aggressive actions. The White House has debated sending weapons to aid the Ukrainian military effort, a move that other nations have discouraged but has gained support in Washington. Gwen Ifill reports.

**February 10, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 6 minutes**

Why Obama is seeking congressional OK for the fight against Islamic State, and what it will take to win it: The confirmed death of Kayla Mueller, another American hostage held by the Islamic State, comes as White House is reportedly preparing to ask for congressional authorization to fight the militant group. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner and political editor Lisa Desjardins join Judy Woodruff to discuss what might go into the president's resolution.

**March 24, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 12 minutes**

Afghan President Ghani: Partnership with U.S. 'revitalized': President Obama announced that the U.S. would scale back the pace of its promised troop pullout from Afghanistan, retaining current forces this year. Gwen Ifill interviews President Ashraf Ghani about thawing relations with the U.S., potential changes in how Pakistan differentiates between terror groups and whether the threat of the Islamic State might drive the Taliban to the negotiating table.

## **Women**

**February 23, 2015 9pm**

**Beatrice Morrow Cannady, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

Beatrice Morrow Cannady was a pioneer African American civil rights advocate in Oregon.

**March 16, 2015 9pm**

**Lola Baldwin, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

Lola Baldwin began working for the Portland Police Department in 1905 for the Lewis & Clark Exposition to protect women and children coming to town for the event. She was hired officially in 1908 becoming the country's first sworn policewoman crusading for the moral and physical welfare of families, single working women and children.

**March 23, 2015 9pm**

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

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

**March 23, 2015 9:30pm**

**Opal Whiteley, An Oregon Experience, 30 minutes**

In the early 1900s, a teenager growing up in the forests and logging camps of Cottage Grove was an international star. It was thought she might become Oregon's greatest nature writer and teacher. In 1920 her secret childhood diary was published in serialized form - then later that year as a book. But instead of rising to stardom, Opal became Oregon's biggest embarrassment and mystery. Today many consider her work literary genius; others call her a fraud.

**January 4, 2015 4pm**

**To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 25 minutes**

Foreign Service Officers are the face of America around the world. At a time in the not so distant past, FSOs were almost always white, middle to upper class and from the Northeast. Today, there are more women and minorities, but they are underrepresented. The State Department is working to remake the institution into one that looks like America today; diverse and multi-cultural.

**January 25, 2015 4pm**

**To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, 25 minutes**

White House Pay Gap: Are women in the White House paid fairly? Microcredit & Poverty: Is microcredit living up to expectations as a tool for poverty reduction? Anonymous: Does the secretive hacking group help or hurt women? PANEL: Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Sabrina Schaeffer, Debra Carnahan, Francesca Chambers.

**January 22, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Almost every country in the world offers more generous maternity leave than the U.S.: The United States and Papua New Guinea are the only countries in the world that do not provide any paid time off for new mothers. Why haven't maternity leave laws kept pace with the increase of working parents? Economics correspondent Paul Solman explores the debate on whether time off for new parents is also good for business.

**February 5, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 2 minutes**

When will there be enough women on the Supreme Court? Justice Ginsburg answers that question: In our NewsHour Shares video of the day, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg speaks candidly about career challenges she overcame to make it to the country's highest court.

**February 9, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

New series explores how to fight gender oppression at home and abroad: Journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn have exposed widespread problems of abuse, sex trafficking and violence against women in Africa and Asia. Now they also bring their focus home, shining a light on the ways American women are commonly hurt, deprived and exploited. Jeffrey Brown talks to them about their new book and documentary series on PBS, "A Path Appears."

**February 17, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 4 minutes**

Women can suffer menopause hot flashes for more than a decade, study finds: Four out of five middle-aged women cope with hot flashes, night sweats and other uncomfortable consequences of menopause. Now, the largest study of its kind has shown that those symptoms can last much longer than previously thought, and are worse for some women of color. Judy Woodruff learns more from Dr. Nancy Avis of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.



**February 25, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 7 minutes**

Silicon Valley lawsuit shines light on struggles for women in tech: A discrimination lawsuit in California involving a former employee at a Silicon Valley venture capital firm signals another instance of that industry being critiqued for its treatment of women. Jeffrey Brown talks to Nicole Sanchez of Vaya Consulting and Nellie Bowles of Re/code.

**March 18, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Study raises questions about value of breast cancer biopsies: Breast biopsies are good for accurately diagnosing invasive cancerous cells, but are less accurate when it comes to finding other abnormalities, according to a new study. This means many women may receive unnecessarily aggressive treatment. Hari Sreenivasan learns more about the findings from lead author Dr. Joann Elmore of the University of Washington.

## **Youth**

**January 11, 2015 5:30pm**

**PBS NewsHour Weekend, 3 minutes**

What can be done to prevent youth radicalization? A former CIA deputy director told PBS NewsHour Weekend on Saturday that a major concern for the U.S. is the possibility of radicalized young men with EU or American passports entering the country to carry out terrorist attacks like those committed in France this past week. Humera Khan, executive director of the anti-terrorism think tank Muflehun, joins Hari Sreenivasan to talk about what's being done to combat terrorist organization recruitment.

**January 29, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 8 minutes**

Why keeping young offenders out of jail could reduce crime: Juvenile offenders kept under supervision close to home, rather than in secure, state-run facilities, are significantly less likely to be arrested again or commit more serious crimes, according to a new study. Judy Woodruff discusses the findings with Xavier McElrath-Bey of the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth and Michael Thompson of the Council of State Governments Justice Center.

**February 5, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Progress in curbing childhood obesity, but major racial gaps persist: Efforts to combat childhood obesity in the U.S. in recent years have started to show results. But while rates are falling, they remain high. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has announced a new \$500 million investment in fighting the epidemic, bringing its commitment so far to \$1 billion. Jeffrey Brown learns more from Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

**February 6, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

National Geographic trains youths to use a camera as cultural passport: For 10 years, National Geographic has been training young people around the world to use a camera as a tool for peace. The NewsHour's Anne Davenport talks to a couple of aspiring photographers from South Sudan about bringing the stories of their community to the wider world.

**February 24, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

Feeding infants peanuts could reverse dramatic allergy rise, study finds: Since 1997, the estimated percentage of children in the U.S. who are allergic to peanuts has quadrupled. A new study challenges conventional wisdom, suggesting that introducing peanuts into infants' diets could prevent allergies later on. Jeffrey Brown learns more from Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

**March 3, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 5 minutes**

What are the biggest barriers to educating girls around the globe? A new U.S. government effort in partnership with the Peace Corps is aimed at educating the 62 million girls around the world who do not attend school. The initiative, called the Let Girls Learn program, will train volunteers to support locals in becoming champions for girls' education. Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet joins Jeffrey Brown to discuss the new program.

**March 31, 2015 7pm**

**PBS NewsHour, 1 minute**

12-year-olds talk about dealing with bullies, jealousy and zombies: In our NewsHour Shares video of the day, public radio station WNYC produced a series on what it's like to be a 12-year-old, with some honest thoughts from more than 100 kids.