

Quarterly Issues/Program Report

April - June 2022

Agriculture

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/10/2022 6:00:00 PM

Extreme heat is gripping large parts of India and Pakistan, affecting hundreds of millions of people in one of the most densely populated parts of the world. Temperatures in India's capital rose above 100 F again this week. The NewsHour looks at how people there are coping.

American History/Biography

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/30/2022 6:00:00 PM

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's prepared remarks if D-Day failed, and warnings President John F. Kennedy would have issued in Dallas had he not been assassinated are among many potential addresses examined in a new book, "Undelivered: The Never-Heard Speeches that would have Rewritten History." Amna Nawaz spoke with author Jeff Nussbaum, President Biden's former senior speech writer, to learn more.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Brian Wilson: Long Promised Road
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 6/14/2022 8:00:00 PM

Explore the life and career of Brian Wilson, the legendary singer, songwriter and co-founder of The Beach Boys.

Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/19/2022 6:00:00 PM

At the Currier Museum in Manchester, New Hampshire, you can find two homes designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright on the same street—a rarity. Curators say they not only offer a window into the past, but important lessons for the future. Special Correspondent Jared Bowen of WGBH Boston brings us the story of how these homes, now open to the public, came to be.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/16/2022 6:00:00 PM

In 2021, more than 1,500 children and teenagers in the United States were killed by gunfire. Activists across the country are working to shed light on that issue through a series of plays written and performed by young adults, many of whom have had direct experience with gun violence. Jeffrey Brown has the story for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/13/2022 11:00:00 PM

The brutality of corporate America and the malaise of the American labor market are being traced back to one businessman: former General Electric CEO Jack Welch. Walter Isaacson speaks with author David Gelles about the legacy of America's first celebrity CEO — referenced in the title of Gelles' new book as "The Man Who Broke Capitalism."

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/13/2022 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Wednesday, the CDC extended a COVID mask requirements for air travel and public transit for two more weeks, the head of the WHO said Ukraine gets far more attention than those suffering in non-white nations, police in New York arrested the man wanted in Tuesday's mass shooting on a subway train, and a dispute over immigration policy led to gridlocked at the Texas border.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/20/2022 6:00:00 PM

After hitting near historic lows pre-pandemic, crime has been spiking in many parts of the U.S., including in the nation's most populous city. Shootings in New York City have more than doubled this year compared to the same time period in 2019. The city's new mayor has made public safety his top priority, while polls show half of New Yorkers view crime as the leading issue. Jeffrey Brown reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/1/2022 6:00:00 PM

Canada unveiled legislation this week that would freeze new handgun purchases and create a mandatory buyback program for semi-automatic rifles. The announcement coincided with the funerals for 19 victims of the massacre in Uvalde, Texas, but it was years in the making. Nick Schifrin reports on how other nations responded to their own mass shootings.

Education

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/19/2022 6:00:00 PM

Even before the pandemic, higher education had an enrollment problem. The last few years have made it worse. That's particularly true for community colleges, where enrollment dropped 13 percent since 2019. The number was 21 percent for Black men. As part of our Rethinking College series, Stephanie Sy reports on how some California programs are trying to reverse that trend.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/4/2022 6:00:00 PM

President Biden proposed providing two years of tuition-free community college after he took office, but the idea was dropped after congressional opposition. Yet efforts persist at the local and state level to boost college attendance. More than 400 such programs now exist in the U.S., including in San Antonio, Texas. Hari Sreenivasan reports for our series, "Rethinking College."

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/22/2022 6:00:00 PM

Schools across the U.S. are getting some much-needed upgrades from the COVID relief package known as the American Rescue Plan. That's true in Missouri, where the state legislature decided how to allocate the federal money just weeks before it was set to expire. But experts say fixing systemic funding gaps in the public education system will require long-term investment. Gabrielle Hays reports.

Employment

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/6/2022 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Friday, April's jobs report shows the U.S. gained 428,000 net jobs despite inflation, supply shortages and rising interest rates. Also, Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene will be allowed to seek reelection, the Irish nationalist party Sinn Fein is poised to win elections in Northern Ireland, and the Census Bureau reports the median age of women giving birth has risen to 30.

Environmental/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
Episode Title: Matt Damon/Gary White
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/15/2022 7:30:00 PM

Oscar-winner Matt Damon and water expert Gary White discuss their goal to end the global water crisis for 771 million people in their lifetimes. They explain how they use microfinance and impact investing to help millions gain access to clean water.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: My Garden of a Thousand Bees
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/4/2022 7:00:00 PM

A wildlife cameraman spends his time during the pandemic lockdown filming the bees in his urban garden and discovers the many diverse species and personalities that exist in this insect family.

Series Title: Rivers of Life
Episode Title: The Mississippi

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/8/2022 7:00:00 PM

The Mississippi reaches far beyond the Deep South. Its fingers stretch into nearly half of the USA, from frozen waterfalls and coyotes fishing in the far north, through lakes crammed with tens of thousands of pelicans, to time-travelling grain barges and steamy southern swamps where alligators rule -the many faces of one river which unites an incredible nation.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/19/2022 6:00:00 PM

A new report from Physicians for Human Rights details the psychological and emotional trauma of the Trump administration's family separation policy. Judy Woodruff asks Chief Correspondent Amna Nawaz about ongoing lawsuits on the issue, growing concern about large numbers of migrants expected at the Southern border when pandemic restrictions expire, and the politics at play ahead of the midterms.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/19/2022 6:00:00 PM

President Biden is under pressure on a number of fronts right now, including getting more done and showing better results that people can feel in the near future. That's particularly true when it comes to the shortage of baby formula around the country. Brian Deese, the Biden administration's director of the National Economic Council, joins Geoff Bennett to discuss some of those concerns.

Health/Health Care

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/5/2022 6:00:00 PM

President Biden received some help from former President Obama Tuesday, as the White House announced a proposal aimed at lowering health insurance costs for millions of Americans. Margot Sanger-Katz, who covers health care for The New York Times, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss the impact this could have and who it could help.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/5/2022 6:00:00 PM

Nearly 15 million people around the world have died from COVID's impact, directly or indirectly, during the first two years of the pandemic, according to a new World Health Organization report. It's also about three times higher than governments have reported so far. University of Washington's Jonathan Wakefield, whose modeling work helped produce the report, joins William Brangham for more.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Made in Boise
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 6/13/2022 10:00:00 PM

Three women find purpose carrying babies for strangers in Boise, Idaho - the unregulated and unofficial 'surrogacy capital' of the United States - even as they put their own lives at risk.

Recreation/Leisure Sports

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/11/2022 6:00:00 PM

It's been nearly 50 years since the passage of Title IX, the landmark civil rights law prohibiting sex-based discrimination at federally funded schools, including in athletic programs. But violations still exist, with schools often providing better opportunities and benefits for boys sports. Amna Nawaz takes a look at one San Diego-area high school team that fought to settle the score.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/18/2022 6:00:00 PM

The U.S. Soccer Federation announced a historic deal Wednesday to ensure equal pay between the men's and women's players. U.S. soccer became the first national team to equalize pay and bonuses in the sport, including for World Cup play. Briana Scurry, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, 1999 World Cup champion and author of the forthcoming book, "My Greatest Save," joins Geoff Bennett to discuss.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/22/2022 11:00:00 PM

U.N. climate chief Patricia Espinosa discusses the recent climate summit in Bonn, Germany. Former federal prosecutor Daniel Goldman discusses the January 6 hearings. Sports journalist Dave Zirin explains the concept of sportswashing and how countries are using sports to distract from their crimes.

Women

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/12/2022 11:00:00 PM

For the many women who climb all the way up the ladder but still can't quite crack the glass ceiling, it's time for the workplace to pay up. This is the title of author and activist Reshma Soojani's new book, which addresses the burnout, exploitation and inequity that harm working women today. Soojani sits down with Hari Sreenivasan to discuss a workplace culture designed by and for men.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/20/2022 11:00:00 PM

The Supreme Court will soon make a final ruling on Roe v. Wade and the future of abortion in America. "The Janes" is a new HBO documentary that takes us back to the late 60s and early 70s, when abortion was illegal and the Jane Underground Collective provided a space for pregnant women in Chicago to seek help.