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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Retro Report on PBS
Episode Number: 101
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/7/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn social media's addictive power. Discover NFL protests' ties to 1968. See how Wall Street women fought harassment, and a python invasion. Andy Borowitz compares politics ads to cigarettes.

Series Title: Race Underground: American Experience; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/12/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Learn how America's first subway, in Boston, overcame a litany of engineering challenges, the greed-driven interests of businessmen and the great fears of its citizenry to create a rapid transit system soon replicated throughout the country.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/18/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:07:29

Wednesday's House proceedings represent only the third time in U.S. history that the body has debated impeaching a president. What has changed in the decades since previous impeachment processes -- and what hasn't? Yale University professor Beverly Gage joins John Yang to discuss the role of the modern media, varying reliance on the courts and whether impeachment has become a partisan tool.

CULTURE

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Scanning the Pyramids
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/1/2019 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel with the scientific team granted unprecedented access by the Egyptian government to solve a 4,500-year-old mystery: what lies within the Great Pyramid at Giza. Using non-invasive technologies, they make a historic discovery.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:32

Actor Edward Norton has starred in a wide range of movies, from cult hit "Fight Club" to commercial blockbuster "The Incredible Hulk." But recently he's been very selective about his projects. "Motherless Brooklyn," which he both acts in and directs, made the cut. Jeffrey Brown spoke with Norton at the Toronto International Film Festival about the film's "emotional intimacy" and current relevance.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/9/2019 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

As House Democrats kick off this week with more congressional evidence, Patrick Gaspard joins the program to discuss the impeachment hearings. Bernardine Evaristo, the first black woman to win the prestigious Booker Prize, tells Christiane about her novel "Girl, Woman, Other." Nicholas Lemann sits down with Walter Isaacson to offer his take on the ideal of the American Dream.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/9/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:41

More than five weeks since Hurricane Dorian devastated the Bahamas, the complexities of the storm and the recovery are in some ways just beginning to reveal themselves. But scientists also say the long game for the Bahamas is very uncertain, just as the certainty grows linking climate change and a greater frequency of strong hurricanes. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports.

Series Title: Nature | Okavango: River of Dreams
Episode Title: Inferno
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/6/2019 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover the landscape and wildlife of the Lower Okavango River, where the land is baked dry by the scorching sun. Large herds of zebra and wildebeest migrate to the dry plains in search of the precious salt that these animals need.

Series Title: NOVA | Inside Animal Minds
Episode Title: Who's the Smartest?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/18/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

What makes an animal smart? Many scientists believe the secret lies in relationships. Throughout the animal kingdom, some of the cleverest creatures – including humans – seem to be those who live in complex social groups, like dolphins, elephants and apes. Could the skills required to keep track of friend and foe make animals smarter? To find out, NOVA goes inside the social lives of some of the smartest animals on the planet.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Family Reunions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/22/2019 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Uncover family mysteries about two legends of hip hop, Sean Combs and LL Cool J, through the use of DNA technology that reveals information that shakes their very foundations.

Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: For Sama
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 11/19/2019 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Feature Film/Video Drama
Segment Length: 01:26:46

The astonishing personal story of a young Syrian mother's perseverance through the siege of Aleppo. Told as a love letter from a mother to her daughter, the film explores the agonizing dilemma of whether to abandon Aleppo and the fight for freedom.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/16/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:56

In recent years, the number of licensed in-home child care providers has declined about 20%. According to the Center for American Progress, half the U.S. population lives in areas lacking enough providers, with low-income families and communities of color disproportionately affected. But a new wave of startups aims to help parents and providers to connect. Special correspondent Cat Wise reports.

Health/Health Care

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/11/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:42

At age 61, Judi Polak is five years into a bleak diagnosis: Alzheimer's disease. But last year she made medical history in a clinical trial, when a team of scientists, engineers and practitioners deployed a novel device to take aim at a big barrier in the fight against her illness. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports from Morgantown, West Virginia.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/6/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:05

Health care is a top 2020 political issue. Democratic candidates are debating whether to build upon the Affordable Care Act, or 'Obamacare,' or replace it with Medicare for All. Meanwhile, President Trump wants to dismantle the ACA entirely. As millions of Americans enter the time of year when they choose their health plans, Amna Nawaz gets the latest from Margot Sanger-Katz of The New York Times.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/16/2019 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

John Kerry speaks to Christiane Amanpour about climate change and last week's COP25 summit, Bobby Jindal gives a Republican perspective on impeachment and Ferhat Jawdat discusses China's treatment of its Muslim Uyghur minority. Plus, Steven W. Thrasher tells Hari Sreenivasan about the HIV/AIDS crisis in the U.S.

Minorities/Civil Rights

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Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/23/2019 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Christiane Amanpour sits down with the iconic editor-in-chief of Vogue, Anna Wintour, to discuss Karl Lagerfeld's passing and the environmental impacts of fashion. Michel Martin speaks to Mississippi author Kiese Laymon about his memoir "Heavy." Award-winning historian Henry Louis Gates Jr. explains why the United States' forgotten Reconstruction era is still relevant today.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Decade of Fire
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/10/2019 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In an underknown piece of New York history, the South Bronx looked like a war zone after an epidemic of fires in the 1970s. It was up to Vivian Vazquez and other community leaders to save their neighborhoods. Abandoned by landlords and city officials, buildings burned almost continuously from an estimated forty fires a day that razed 80% of area housing stock and displaced a half million residents. With the help of fellow survivors, Vivian tells the story of the brave advocates who banded together amidst the rubble and built a better future for their children.

Series Title: Ruben Salazar: Man in the Middle - A Voces Special Presentation
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2019 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:43

This documentary examines the life and mysterious death of pioneering Mexican-American journalist Ruben Salazar. At the heart of the story is his transformation from a mainstream, establishment Los Angeles Times reporter to a supporter and primary chronicler of the radical Chicano movement of the late 1960s. Killed by a law enforcement officer in 1970, Salazar became an instant martyr to the Latino community – which had often criticized his reporting. Featuring material from recently released files, the program removes Salazar from the glare of myth and martyrdom and offers a clear-eyed look at the man.

Science/Technology

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/1/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:55

Chinese 5G technology is designed to transmit huge amounts of data instantly, and deploy vast networks of surveillance cameras and facial recognition software. While dozens of countries around the world plan to adopt the innovation, human rights advocates and the U.S. are sounding the alarm. Nick Schifrin reports as part of "China: Power and Prosperity," with support from the Pulitzer Center.

Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: In the Age of AI
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/5/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

The promise and perils of AI; from fears about work and privacy to rivalry between the US and China. A new industrial revolution that will reshape and disrupt our lives, our jobs and our world, and allow the emergence of the surveillance society.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/12/2019 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:47

Digital communication and social media have revolutionized our culture, but for some people, they worsen feelings of isolation and depression. Scott Galloway, a professor at New York University's Stern School of Business, specializes in human wellbeing and has learned how to keep perspective amid his own emotional battles. Galloway shares his Brief But Spectacular take on the algebra of happiness.