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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein
Episode Title: The Statue of Liberty
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/11/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Reveal the evolving meaning of this symbol for a "nation of immigrants," and how it embodies our values and our conflicts, from abolition and women's suffrage to the treatment of refugees.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Plague at the Golden Gate
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 7/15/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:51:33

The gripping story of the desperate race against time to save San Francisco and the nation from the deadly disease, Plague at the Golden Gate is based in part on David K. Randall's critically acclaimed book, Black Death at the Golden Gate.

Series Title: Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein
Episode Title: The American Bald Eagle
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/18/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The story of how the American Bald Eagle soared to its vaunted perch in American iconography. Learn how it became an iconic symbol of patriotism but also of environmental activism and Native American traditions.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Busing Battleground
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/11/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

In 1974, after a decades-long battle by Black parents in Boston working for equal education, a local judge mandated the desegregation of the public schools. Cross-town busing led to an eruption of explosive racial violence that tore the city apart, setting a tragic course for Boston's children that still reverberates today. Told through rare archival footage and first-person interviews with community leaders and students who took part in the busing plan, THE BUSING BATTLEGROUNDS is a definitive reexamination of a tumultuous piece of Boston's racial history.

CULTURE

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Bulls and Saints
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/18/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:34

After 20 years of living in the United States, an undocumented family decides to return home. Little do they know it will be the most difficult journey of their lives and reawaken an intense desire for a place to belong. Set between the rodeo arenas of North Carolina and the spellbinding Mexican town they yearn for, Bulls and Saints is a love story about reverse migration, rebellion, and redemption.

Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo
Episode Title: The Making and Breaking
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/19/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:55:48

Explore the early life of Frida Kahlo as she discovers her genius for painting following a tragic, life-changing accident, leading her to encounter world-famous muralist Diego Rivera who she later marries, twice.

CRIME/LEGAL ISSUES/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Floyd Abrams: Speaking Freely
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/22/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Follow the 50-year career of preeminent First Amendment attorney Floyd Abrams. See how his landmark cases, from the Pentagon Papers to Citizens United, helped define free speech as it is known today.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Sanson and Me
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/19/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Filmmaker Rodrigo Reyes is inspired to make a documentary about Sanson, an immigrant serving life for first-degree murder in Pelican Bay State Prison, but authorities won't allow the incarcerated young man to be filmed. In light of this, Sanson's story is shared through dramatic reenactments of his letters, using members of his own family as actors.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Human Footprint
Episode Title: Strangers in Paradise
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Invasive species are reshaping the world's ecosystems, but who's really to blame? Shane wrestles a python, hunts Hawaiian pigs, and gets sucker-punched by a carp to answer the question: in the Age of Humans, how does our species decide what belongs?

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Flood in the Desert
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/22/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the 1928 dam collapse, the second deadliest disaster in California history. A colossal engineering failure, the dam was built by William Mulholland to ensure the growth of Los Angeles by bringing water to the city via aqueduct.

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Suwannee: Wild River
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/6/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:52:33

The Suwannee is one of the last wild rivers in America, and its watershed creates woods and wetlands, marshes, and cave systems. From its headwaters in the Okefenokee Swamp, Baratunde journeys downstream, meeting colorful denizens of the Suwannee. From jet skiers to herpetologists, manatees to snapping turtles, he learns how this unique environment inspires a whole range of passions.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:10:13

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed the enormous strain on the mental healthcare system for young Americans. Parents whose children have complex mental and behavioral needs have had to take desperate measures to get their kids treatment. Christopher Booker reports for our series, Early Warnings: America's Youth Mental Health Crisis. A warning, this story includes discussions of suicide and depression.

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Eat Your Catfish
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/24/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Paralyzed by late-stage ALS, Kathryn clings to a mordant wit as she yearns to witness her daughter's wedding. Shot from her fixed point of view, watch a family grappling with the daily demands of disability and in-home caretaking.

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 45
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:34

A ban on gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth went into effect in Texas, making it the most populous state to date with such a ban. The law revokes the medical licenses of any doctor who provides minors with gender-affirming medical care like puberty blockers, hormone treatments or surgeries. Laura Barrón-López reports on families grappling with the potential consequences.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 52
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:28

A new round of COVID-19 boosters will be available within days as cases and hospitalizations continue to rise across the country. The Food and Drug Administration approved the new shots Monday and a CDC advisory panel recommended the updated boosters for all Americans 6 months or older. Amna Nawaz discussed the latest with CDC Director Dr. Mandy Cohen.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:46:26

Explore what happened when the small Mississippi town of Leland integrated its public schools in 1970. Told through the remembrances of students, teachers and parents, the film shows how the town - and America - were transformed.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: A Song for Cesar
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/29/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS

Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Trace the life and legacy of labor activist Cesar Chavez. Through interviews with Maya Angelou, Joan Baez, Carlos Santana and more, see how music and the arts were instrumental to the success of the farmworkers' movement Chavez helped found.

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: Putin's Crisis
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/11/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

With Vladimir Putin facing down a mutiny, how the Russian leader reached this moment of crisis. The story of Putin's rise, his clashes at home and abroad, and how his troubled Ukraine war led to the greatest threat yet to his grip on power.

Series Title: Once Upon a Time in Northern Ireland
Episode Title: Who Wants to Live Like That?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/30/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore how politicians are propelled back toward peace talks. After decades of cyclical violence, a breakthrough is reached, and there is joy when the Good Friday Agreement is announced in 1998. However, peace comes at an enormous cost.

Episode Title: Jerry Brown: The Disrupter
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/15/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:33:29

Experience the political and personal journey of Jerry Brown, the longest serving governor in California history. First elected at 36 years old and again at 72, Brown has spent over five decades tackling climate change and inequality.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Killer Volcanoes
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/16/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join NOVA and a team of volcanologists looking for an elusive volcanic mega-eruption that plunged the medieval earth into a deep freeze. Investigate the geologic evidence from Greenland all the way to Antarctica to identify the 750-year-old culprit.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Killer Hurricanes
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/23/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Follow a team of experts investigating the Great Hurricane of 1780 that killed more people than any other Caribbean hurricane. Discover what made the storm so deadly and whether mega-storms are more likely to strike in our rapidly changing climate.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Sunken Ship Rescue
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/30/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

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.