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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: American Buffalo; The
Episode Title: Blood Memory
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/16/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

The dramatic story of how America's national mammal, which sustained the lives of Native people, was driven to the brink of extinction. Ken Burns recounts the tragic collision of two opposing views of the natural world.

Series Title: The American Buffalo
Episode Title: Into the Storm
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/17/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:50

By the late 1880s, the buffalo that once numbered in the tens of millions is teetering on the brink of extinction. But a diverse and unlikely collection of Americans start a movement that rescues the national mammal from disappearing forever.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Eiffel's Race to the Top
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/25/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover the untold story behind Paris' most famous landmark and the race to build a monument 1,000 feet tall. Through dramatic recreations, official renderings and personal archives, see how the Eiffel Tower became an icon.

ARTS

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Max Roach: The Drum Also Waltzes
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 10/6/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Explore the extraordinary life and musical career of the legendary drummer, composer and social activist. The film follows Roach's career and personal struggles and triumphs, across a series of masterful musical innovations and artistic reinventions. His creativity and unshakable sense of mission kept him at the forefront of music and activism across seven decades--from the era of the Jim Crow south, to the Civil Rights years - from the heady days of post-war modern jazz, to the hip hop-era and beyond.

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

Episode Title: Elon Musk's Twitter Takeover
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/10/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Elon Musk's long and often troubled relationship with Twitter. Musk's journey from one of the platform's most provocative users to its sole proprietor, exploring the acquisition, free speech and the company's uncertain future.

CULTURE

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The War on Disco
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/30/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:41

In the 1970s, disco dominated American pop music. A major stylistic departure from rock, its rise to the top of the charts signaled a cultural shift that some found threatening. Disco's roots lay in the urban subculture, and the artists who created it were largely African American and Latino. In the gay dance clubs where it flourished, disco was much more than music -- it was an expression of pride. To others, disco was anathema. Chicago DJ Steve Dahl, who lost his job when his rock radio station changed to an all-disco format, gave voice to disco-haters by holding "death to disco" rallies. On July 12, 1979, the Chicago White Sox featured Dahl at a "Disco Demolition" event that turned violent; Chicago police in riot gear were summoned to restore the peace. The event became a flashpoint in the culture wars of the 1970s. "The War on Disco" explores the movement that gave rise to disco music, and the backlash that tried to destroy it.

Series Title: Native America
Episode Title: Language is Life
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/14/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:52:55

Celebrate the power of Native languages and the inspirational people who are saving them. From secret recordings to Star Wars films dubbed in Navajo, follow the revolutionary steps transforming Native America.

CRIME/LEGAL ISSUES/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Series Title: A Town Called Victoria
Episode Title: The Fire
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/13/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:35

A south Texas town is thrown into the national spotlight when a local mosque is burned to the ground in 2017. After the media moves on, the community is left to reflect on its complex history with racism.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: The Discord Leaks
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/12/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

How a young National Guardsman allegedly leaked classified documents onto the Discord chat platform. With The Washington Post, Jack Teixeira's alleged leak of national secrets, why he wasn't stopped, and the role of platforms like Discord.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Oregon: New Heights
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2023 4:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other

Segment Length: 00:53:03

Oregon is known for its wild coastline and misty forests, but it's a place where a few hours in your car can take you from the coast to the high desert or the Cascade mountains. Embracing this incredible variety, Baratunde embraces forest bathing, goes spearfishing to discover underwater kelp forests, rides along with cowboys on the cutting edge of sustainable ranching and rollerblades through Portland.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Platypus Guardian
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/18/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:10

Witness the story of Pete Walsh, a Tasmanian man who befriends a platypus he names Zoom. With the help of experts, Pete learns more about the platypus's secret world in a mission to protect them from the dangers of urban development.

Series Title: The Earthshot Prize 2023
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/12/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Event Coverage
Segment Length: 01:58:56

Founded by Prince William in 2020, The Earthshot Prize aims to discover and help scale the world's most innovative climate and environmental solutions to protect and restore our planet. A star-studded awards ceremony, filming in Singapore on November 7, celebrates this year's fifteen finalists before awarding the five winners of The Earthshot Prize.

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Fire Through Dry Grass
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 10/30/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Wearing snapback caps and Air Jordans, the Reality Poets don't look like typical nursing home residents. In Fire Through Dry Grass, these young, Black and brown disabled artists document their lives on lockdown during Covid, using their poetry and art to underscore the danger and imprisonment they feel. In the face of institutional neglect, they refuse to be abused, confined, and erased.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: The Battle to Beat Malaria
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/15/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Segment Length: 00:56:46

Are scientists on the verge of a breakthrough in the fight against malaria, one of humanity's oldest and most devastating plagues? Follow researchers as they develop and test a promising new vaccine on a quest to save millions of lives.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: Native America
Episode Title: New Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/24/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native innovators lead a revolution in music, building, and space exploration. From the surface of Mars to the New York City hip hop scene to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Native traditions are transforming life on Earth and other worlds.

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: McConnell, the GOP & the Court
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/31/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

How Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell helped transform the Supreme Court and U.S. politics. Amid scrutiny of the high court, and a power struggle in the GOP, McConnell's rise and role pushing the judiciary to the right, and America's polarized democracy.

Series Title: America at a Crossroads with Judy Woodruff
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/19/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

As America heads into another national election at a time of distrust and dissatisfaction, Judy Woodruff explores divisions in the country, their historic roots, and how to move forward.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky
Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/4/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Early Earth was a hellscape of molten lava and barren rock, bombarded by meteors, with no atmosphere at all. How did our familiar blue sky - the thin, life-giving band of gasses protecting our planet - come to be?

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Death in Britannia
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The discovery of a skeleton, dating to the Roman occupation of Britain, provokes further study after scientists see an iron nail driven through its heel bone. Could the remains belong to someone the Romans crucified? Despite hundreds, if not thousands, of people being crucified in the Roman Empire, only one other crucified skeleton has ever been found in the world. Who was this person? What was his life in Roman Britain like? And what could they have done to receive so harsh a punishment?

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Inside China's Tech Boom
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/8/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:52:04

In just a few decades, China has transformed into a science and technology superpower. See inside leading Chinese tech companies and labs to discover how they innovate, what drives their rise, and what it means for the future of the global economy.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Lee and Liza's Family Tree
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/22/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

With the help of scientists and genealogists, filmmaker Byron Hurt and his family members search for their ancestors. Follow their journey as they hunt for new details of a history long obscured by the enduring legacy of slavery.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Alaskan Dinosaurs
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/27/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary

Segment Length: 00:56:46

Wielding chainsaws to extract fossils frozen into the permafrost and flying drones to map thousands of footprints, intrepid paleontologists discover that dinosaurs thrived in the unlikelyst of places -- the cold and dark of the Arctic Circle.

WAR/VETERANS/NATIONAL SECURITY

Series Title: War in the Holy Land: A PBS News Special Report
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/13/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Co-anchored by PBS NewsHour's Amna Nawaz from Israel and Geoff Bennett from the nation's capital, the one hour primetime special will wrap the historic and devastating week of violence in Israel and Gaza with reports from Nawaz and PBS NewsHour's Middle East-based special correspondent Leila Molana-Allen, as well as interviews and analysis on the history of the conflict and the path forward for the Middle East and rest of the world. The program will also take a look at the Palestinian militant group Hamas, the intelligence failures of Israel and its allies, and the wider conflict in the region.

Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Shattered Dreams of Peace
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/7/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

In "Shattered Dreams," FRONTLINE examines the faltering, frustrating quest for peace in the Middle East. With never-before-seen footage of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and interviews with Shimon Peres, Yasser Arafat, Madeleine Albright, and other key figures on both sides of the bargaining table, the two-hour documentary gives viewers unprecedented access to the decision-making process that has brought Israel and Palestine to the brink of all-out war.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: 20 Days in Mariupol
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 11/21/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

The award-winning film from the last international journalists inside the Russian siege of Mariupol. An extraordinary account, seen through the lens of the AP's Mstyslav Chernov and two colleagues documenting the atrocities and their own escape.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: Netanyahu, America & the Road to War in Gaza
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 12/19/2023 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

The long struggle between the Israeli leader and multiple U.S. presidents over Middle East peace. The inside story of Benjamin Netanyahu's turbulent relationships with the U.S. and the Palestinians, and the road to war in Gaza.

WOMEN

Series Title: Groundbreakers
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/21/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Executive Produced by tennis champion and activist Billie Jean King, GROUNDBREAKERS features sports icons from different generations as they interview one another, sharing personal powerful stories of the perseverance, pain, and progress they've experienced in their remarkable careers. Athletes include Naomi Osaka and Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Chloe Kim and Nancy Lieberman, Suni Lee and Julie Foudy, and Diana Flores and Billie Jean King. GROUNDBREAKERS celebrates the advancements of women in sports and society, while also revealing the generational mentorship and community building that has fueled the progress that has been made and the ongoing pursuit of equality for women everywhere.

Series Title: Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen
Episode Title: Cat Among the Pigeons
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/3/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Lucy Worsley explores Agatha Christie's haunted, unconventional early life to discover the origins of her talent for murder, and uncovers some carefully concealed secrets.