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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Sun Queen
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/4/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

For nearly 50 years, chemical engineer and inventor Maria Telkes applied her prodigious intellect to harnessing the power of the sun. She designed and built the world's first successfully solar-heated modern residence and identified a promising new chemical that, for the first time, could store solar heat like a battery. And yet, along the way, she was undercut and thwarted by her boss and colleagues - all men - at MIT. Despite these obstacles, Telkes persevered and, upon her death in 1995, held more than 20 patents.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Nam June Paik: Moon is the Oldest TV
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 5/16/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

See the world through the eyes of Nam June Paik, the father of video art and coiner of the term “electronic superhighway.” Born in Japan-occupied Korea, Paik went on to become a pillar of the American avant-garde and transformed modern image-making with his sculptures, films and performances. Experience his creative evolution, as Academy Award nominee Steven Yeun reads from Paik's own writings.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Casa Susanna
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 6/27/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

In the 1950s and '60s, an underground network of transgender women and cross-dressing men found refuge at a modest house in the Catskills region of New York. Known as Casa Susanna, the house provided a safe place to express their true selves and live for a few days as they had always dreamed—dressed as and living as women without fear of being incarcerated or institutionalized for their self-expression.

CULTURE

Series Title: La Frontera with Pati Jinich
Episode Title: Fronterizos of the Golden Coast
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:55:00

Pati Jinich travels the California part of the US-Mexico border. She meets the fronterizos, or borderlanders, of the golden coast to experience the melding of cultures, cross-border collaborations, and explosive growth.

Series Title: Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets
Episode Title: Elizabeth I, The Warrior Queen
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/14/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore how Elizabeth I's iconic warrior image shaped British national identity.

Series Title: Great American Recipe
Episode Title: 201
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/19/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A new group of home cooks compete to win "The Great American Recipe"; the cooks prepare dishes that define them as well as a recipe that showcases their geographical region.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Hummingbird Effect
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/12/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore Costa Rica one of the most biodiverse places on the planet. From rainforests to volcanos, tiny architects and caretakers at the heart of this vast wildlife diversity keep this ecological giant running: the hummingbirds.

Series Title: Wild Scandinavia
Episode Title: Life on the Edge
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/10/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Scandinavia's wild and unpredictable coast is a place of haunting beauty and dangerous extremes. Home to sea eagles, otters, base jumpers and orca. Only the tough and resourceful can carve out a Life on the Edge.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Wild Florida
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/28/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Florida is home to beaches, coral reefs, pine forests and the famous Everglades wetland, but a growing human population and abandoned exotic pets like pythons are threatening this wild paradise. Can Florida's ecosystems continue to weather the storm?

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: My Grandparents' War
Episode Title: Kit Harington
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/11/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join actor Kit Harington, who has played soldiers, spies, and – in Game of Thrones – warriors, as he discovers that his grandparents played comparable roles in their real lives during WWII and gains a new appreciation of their courage and sacrifice.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: The Shirts on Their Backs
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/9/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. reveals the immigrant roots of actors Tony Shalhoub and Christopher Meloni, introducing ancestors who came to America to build a better life.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Forgotten Journeys
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/20/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps John Leguizamo and Lena Waithe retrace the paths of their ancestors, uncovering crucial pieces of their own identities that were lost on the journey to America.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 208
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/18/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:37

Three years after the start of the pandemic, some 16 million Americans have long COVID, meaning their symptoms continue well after the initial infection. An estimated 4 million people say long COVID has significantly reduced their ability to carry out day-to-day activities. For many of them, that includes their jobs. Economics Correspondent Paul Solman has the story.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Matter of Mind: My ALS
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/1/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Three people with ALS confront complex choices in this intimate exploration.

Series Title: Below the Belt: The Last Health Taboo
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/21/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Through the personal and inspiring stories of four patients urgently searching for answers to mysterious symptoms, Below the Belt exposes widespread problems in our healthcare system that disproportionately affect women. From societal taboos and gender bias to misinformed doctors and financial barriers to care, the film shines a light on how millions are effectively silenced.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Free Chol Soo Lee
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 4/24/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Sentenced to death for a 1973 San Francisco murder, Korean immigrant Chol Soo Lee was set free after 10 years inside San Quentin, finding himself in a new fight to rise to the expectations of the people who believed in him.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Goin' Back to T-Town
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/23/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Goin' Back to T-Town tells the story of Greenwood, an extraordinary Black community in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that prospered during the 1920s and 30s despite rampant and hostile segregation. Torn apart in 1921 by one of the worst racially-motivated massacres in the nation's history, the neighborhood rose from the ashes, and by 1936 boasted the largest concentration of Black-owned businesses in the U.S., known as "Black Wall Street." Ironically, it could not survive the progressive policies of integration and urban renewal of the 1960s. Told through the memories of those who lived through the events, the film is a bittersweet celebration of small-town life and the resilience of a community's spirit.

Series Title: Fire on the Hill: The Cowboys of South Central LA
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/19/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS PLUS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Five miles south of downtown Los Angeles is a place that was, until recent years, known as the murder capital of the world. For most, South Central LA is synonymous with gang violence, drug trafficking, and high amounts of crime. Yet for much of the twentieth century, South Central LA was an agricultural boomtown filled with ranchers, farmers, and equestrians alike. Since the city's establishment, Compton and the surrounding neighborhoods have always had a culture of Cowboys. Once common to the dusty dirt roads, this culture has all but disappeared now in a wash of land-hungry developers, apathetic politicians, and relentless gang activity. *Fire on the Hill* tells the story of the South Central and Compton Cowboys and the last strongholds that they have; a horse stable known as the Hill that was mysteriously set on fire in 2012. This is the story of three of those Cowboys and their fight to live out their vision of the West.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Chasing Carbon Zero

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/26/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:52:05

Can the U.S. reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 and avoid the biggest impacts of climate change? Experts say it can be done. Here's the technology that could get us there.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Your Brain: Perception Deception
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/17/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Is what you see real? Join neuroscientist Heather Berlin on a quest to understand how your brain shapes your reality, and why you can't always trust what you perceive. In the first hour of this two-part series, learn what the latest research shows about how your brain processes and shapes the world around you, and discover the surprising tricks and shortcuts your brain takes to help you survive.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ice Age Footprints
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/28/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Thousands of prehistoric footprints left by Ice Age humans and animals stretch for miles across the blinding white surfaces of New Mexico's White Sands National Park. The phenomenal collection of prints preserves a unique series of snapshots of life and behavior, capturing moments when humans crossed paths with extinct Ice Age beasts, including enormous ground sloths and mammoths. Frozen in time, these intimate traces of human and animal activity represent evidence unknowable from any other type of archeological find. Not only do the tracks reveal remarkable details about life in the Ice Age, but radiocarbon dating of the footprints provides important new evidence about the people of the Americas.