

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT for WNEO/WEAO

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National/International Politics

Exposé: America's Investigative Reports June 24, 2007 11 PM ½ hr

In 2006, PITTSBURGH TRIBUNE-REVIEW reporter Carl Prine resumed his investigations of chemical safety in the United States, this time focusing on the nation's railroad transportation system. Prine discovered that trains loaded with toxic and explosive chemicals pass through major metropolitan areas with inadequate or no security, and in some areas present a target extremely vulnerable to terrorist attack. EXPOSÉ also spoke with Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE) who discusses the rail security bill inspired by Prine's reporting.

Culture/Arts

It's Everything and Then It's Gone April 23, 2007 10 PM 1hr

This PBS 45 & 49 production looked back at the Akron "garage band" movement of the 1970s and 80s that launched the national careers of several rock bands, including Devo.

Education

NewsNight.akron April 27, 2007 9 PM ½ hr

During the broadcast, host Vincent Duffy and panelists discussed the recommendations that the Akron School Board heard from a taskforce regarding the dress code. Other topics relevant to the Greater Akron area were also discussed.

CULTURE/ARTS

NOLA: ANOV 000000 Airdate: 4/4/2007 9:00PM 2 hr.
Series Title: **Novel Reflections on the American Dream**

Many of America's finest writers have wrestled with the inequities that belie the American Dream - class and money and, often, a false promise of upward mobility. These themes are reflected through universal characters found in Theodore Dreiser's *Sister Carrie* and Edith Wharton's *House of Mirth*; in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* and John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*; in Ann Petry's *The Street*, in Gish Jen's *Typical American* and in Saul Bellow's *Seize the Day*. Passages from each book, as well as later novels that reflect more diverse voices, were dramatized through haunting still photography, woven together with original and archival footage to form an evocative, intimate tapestry.

NOLA Code: NO NOLA Airdate: 5/20/2007 8:00 PM 1 hr.
Series Title: **Red Tail Reborn**

Cleveland filmmaker Adam White presented the inspiring story of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first and only black pilots of World War II. *Red Tail Reborn* chronicled the Tuskegee Airmen's efforts to overcome racism and earn one of the most impressive combat records in American history. It featured rare interviews of the legendary airmen themselves.

NOLA: WMPP 000000 Airdate: 5/2/2007 10:00PM 1hr.
Series Title: **What Makes Pittsburgh Pittsburgh?**

WHAT MAKES PITTSBURGH PITTSBURGH? It's a question with no easy or definitive answer. It's just fun to consider.

NOLA: INLE 000826 Airdate: 5/29/2007 11:00PM 1 ½ hr.
Series Title: **Independent Lens**

Former street musician and San Francisco dharma bum, Mark Bittner, falls in with a flock of wild parrots as he searches for meaning in life, unaware that the birds will bring him everything he seeks.

NOLA Code: NO NOLA Airdate: 6/3/2007 7:00 PM 1 hr.
Series Title: **The Fire of Genius: 35th Annual National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

PBS 45 & 49 broadcasted highlights from the National Inventors Hall of Fame induction ceremonies that were held on May 4 and May 5 in Akron.

EDUCATION

NOLA Code: MLNH 008813

Airdate: 4/25/2007 7:00 PM 1hr

Series Title: **The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer**

Survivors of Virginia Tech Shootings Face Long Road to Normalcy: As classes resumed at Virginia Tech, survivors of the April 16 shootings worked to get back to their normal routines, a difficult task for communities affected by tragedy such as Columbine High School in Colorado. The NewsHour reported on the struggle to adjust.

NOLA: PNRE 001038

Airdate: 5/18/2007 9:30PM ½ hr

Series Title: **Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly**

Kim Lawton joined Bob Abernethy for a studio discussion about the late Reverend Jerry Falwell's ministry and legacy; Bob Abernethy talked with Boston University religion professor Stephen Prothero, author of "Religious Literacy," about what Americans can do to improve their knowledge of religion; Kim Lawton looked at the impact of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Brazil, and efforts by the Catholic Church to address its waning influence in Latin America.

NOLA: TTCY

Airdate: 6/10/2007 11:30PM ½ hr

Series Title: **To The Contrary**

Can We Talk About Race?: The President of Spelman College said too many Americans are staying quiet as American public schools re-segregate.

NOLA: MLNH 008846

Airdate: 6/11/2007 7:00 PM 1 hr

Series Title: **NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, The**

States Looking to Expand Charter Schooling: States are increasingly requesting federal support for charter schools -- publicly funded schools that are given more autonomy than their peers. The NewsHour looked at the movement to create the schools and questions raised about their effectiveness.

NOLA: NOWD 000325

Airdate: 6/22/2007 8:30PM ½ hr

Series Title: **NOW**

When New Orleans' failing public school system got washed away with the flood waters, the city embarked upon an ambitious and controversial overhaul with an emphasis on charter schools. NOW returns to Lafayette Academy, a charter school where students and teachers have struggled in the past school year with mismanagement and a lack of resources.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

NOLA: NOWD 000315 Airdate: 4/13/2007 8:30PM ½ hr
Series Title: **NOW**

"Beyond Fear: America's Role in an Uncertain World" went beyond the headlines with expert insight and field reporting from Africa, Asia, and Europe and explores new scenarios for US global leadership built on common action, trust, and hope. Terrorism, war, disaster, and disease are grim realities brought closer to home in our increasingly connected world. And, they ultimately shape America's national security and foreign policies.

NOLA: ACRO 000101 Airdate: 4/15/2007 9:00 PM 2 hr.
Series Title: **America at a Crossroads**

This program was the definitive history of the world's most dangerous terrorist organization. It was also the first film to attempt to fully get inside the heads of the men who led Al Qaeda, exploring the ideas that motivated and drove them. With rare footage and firsthand testimony from those who fought, planned, argued, met or lived with them, this was the inside story of Al Qaeda's three leaders -- Osama Bin Laden, Ayman Zawahiri and the recently killed leader of Al Qaeda in Iraq, Abu Musab Al Zarqawi.

NOLA: BMJL 001101 Airdate: 4/25/2007 9:00PM 1 ½ hr.
Series Title: **Bill Moyers Journal**

Four years ago on May 1, President Bush landed on the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln wearing a flight suit and delivered a speech in front of a giant "Mission Accomplished" banner. He was hailed by media stars as a "breathtaking" example of presidential leadership in toppling Saddam Hussein. Despite profound questions over the failure to locate weapons of mass destruction and the increasing violence in Baghdad, many in the press confirmed the White House's claim that the war was won.

NOLA: WWIR 004643 Airdate: 4/27/2007 8:00PM ½ hr
Series Title: **Washington Week**

The war debate becomes veto-bate. Democrats spar for '08, Wolfowitz waits, and the stock market inflates. These were the topics discussed on this episode of Washington Week.