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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Country Music
Episode Title: The Rub (Beginnings - 1933)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:34

After centuries of percolating in the American South, what was first called "hillbilly music" begins reaching more people through the new technologies of phonographs and radio. The Carter Family, with their ballads and old hymns, and Jimmie Rodgers, with his combination of blues and yodeling, became its first big stars. Rodgers' career ends when he dies young from tuberculosis.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Science Pioneers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. traces the family trees of Francis Collins, Shirley Ann Jackson, and Harold E. Varmus – three pioneering scientists who've made dramatic contributions to our understanding of the world, all the while knowing little about their own ancestry.

Series Title: Polio Crusade: American Experience; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/31/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE presents "The Polio Crusade," a one-hour documentary from filmmaker Sarah Colt ("Geronimo," "RFK") that interweaves the personal accounts of polio survivors with the story of an ardent crusader who tirelessly fought on their behalf while scientists raced to eradicate this dreaded disease. Based in part on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "Polio: An American Story" by David Oshinsky, "The Polio Crusade" features interviews with historians, scientists, polio survivors, and the only surviving scientist from the core research team that developed the Salk vaccine, Julius Youngner.

CULTURE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Homecomings
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps actor Sterling K. Brown, comedian Sasheer Zamata and musician Jon Batiste discover the unexpected places their ancestors called home, providing new insight into the people and places that made them who they are today.

Series Title: Country Music
Episode Title: Will the Circle Be Unbroken? (1968 - 1972)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:24

With the Vietnam War intensifying, America is more divided than ever. Country music is not immune to the divisions. Kris Kristofferson, a former Rhodes Scholar and Army captain, becomes a writer whose lyricism sets a new standard for country songs. Bob Dylan, the Byrds, and other non-country artists find Nashville a creative place to record. And a hippie band from California, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, comes to town to create a landmark album that bridges the gap between generations.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:14

Shane Bauer, author of our February pick for the NewsHour-New York Times book club, Now Read This, joins Amna Nawaz to answer reader questions on "American Prison," and Amna announces the March book selection.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Animal Reunions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/1/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Feel the emotion as keepers and carers reunite with the wild animals that were once in their care to learn whether the close interspecies bonds that developed over many years in refuges and orphanages have stood the test of time.

Series Title: Expedition with Steve Backshall
Episode Title: Suriname - Lost World
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/26/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel to the Guiana Shield with Steve Backshall, whose mission is to discover its abundance of wildlife and natural wonders. He travels deep into the untouched jungle, finding animals that have never encountered humans.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/31/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:27

The Trump administration wants to roll back another federal regulation intended to reduce global warming. Obama-era automobile fuel efficiency rules require U.S. vehicles to increase mileage standards by an average of 5 percent per year from 2021 through 2026. Tuesday's move would reduce the improvement threshold to 1.5 percent. The Washington Post's Juliet Eilperin joins John Yang to discuss.

Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/21/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:52

The Polaroid camera bypassed the entire process of film development, thus providing photographers an immediate look at their work. Released for sale in 1948, the first version was an “instant” hit. Now, the museum at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is showcasing the intersection of technology and art. Special correspondent Jared Bowen of WGBH reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/13/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:44

Poet Tongo Eisen-Martin was born and raised in San Francisco, a city whose rapid gentrification he critiques in his work. Through his writing, Eisen-Martin seeks to “facilitate resistance” to a culture that he believes perpetuates domination of those who are already oppressed. The winner of a California Book Award shares his Brief But Spectacular take on poetry as revolution.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/27/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:57

South Carolina band Ranky Tanky is on a mission to revive and celebrate Gullah music and culture, which originated among descendants of West African slaves in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. The group earned a Grammy Award this winter, and Jeffrey Brown went to the Lowcountry for a listen as part of our American Creators series and ongoing coverage of arts and culture, Canvas.

Health/Health Care

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/15/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:36

An outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus has plagued Democratic Republic of Congo for nearly a year and a half, with more than 3,000 people getting sick and 2,000 dead. Major medical advances in prevention and treatment have kept the disease's toll from rising, but ongoing war -- and attacks on medical teams -- have forced the response to a standstill. Special correspondent Monica Villamizar reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:30

The spread of novel coronavirus in China has focused great attention on public health in that country and around the world. But the outbreak is also having a major economic impact, with quarantines imposed, flights suspended and factories shuttered. William Branham reports and talks to The Washington Post's David Lynch about the outbreak's implications for the global supply chain and more.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/5/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:11:05

Restrictions intended to control the global outbreak of novel coronavirus continue to increase. In many countries, schools are closed, travelers face quarantine and business has ground to a halt. William Branham reports and Judy Woodruff talks to Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, about how it is attempting to offset the economic implications of the virus.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Frontline | America's Great Divide: Obama to Trump
Episode Title: Part 1
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:34

This episode traces how Barack Obama's promise of unity collapsed as increasing racial, cultural and political divisions laid the groundwork for the rise of Donald Trump.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Always in Season
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/24/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

ALWAYS IN SEASON explores the lingering impact of more than a century of lynching African Americans and connects this form of historic racial terrorism to racial violence today. The film centers on the case of Lennon Lacy, an African American teen who was found hanging from a swing set in Bladenboro, North Carolina, on August 29, 2014. Despite inconsistencies in the case, local officials quickly ruled Lennon's death a suicide, but his mother, Claudia, believes Lennon was lynched. Claudia moves from paralyzing grief to leading the fight for justice for her son. As the film unfolds, Lennon's case, and the suspicions surrounding it, intersect with stories of other communities seeking justice and reconciliation. A few hundred miles away in Monroe, Georgia, a diverse group of reenactors, including the adult daughter of a former Ku Klux Klan leader, annually dramatize a 1946 quadruple lynching to ensure the victims are never forgotten and encourage the community to come forward with information that might bring the perpetrators to justice. As the terrorism of the past bleeds into the present, the film asks: what will it take for Americans to begin building a national movement for racial justice and reconciliation?

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/19/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:39

The 2018 film "Roma," set in Mexico, won myriad awards and acclaim. But it also sparked a national debate about racial and social inequities. Now, its star, Yalitza Aparicio, has carved out a new offscreen role as an advocate for change, championing rights for indigenous people and Mexico's domestic workers. Jeffrey Brown reports from Mexico City.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA | The Planets
Episode Title: Inner Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/8/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The rocky planets – Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars – were born of similar material around the same time, yet only one supports life. Were Earth's neighbors always so extreme? Is there somewhere else in the solar system where life might flourish?

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2020 5:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:26:48

On this edition for Saturday, February 1, the Senate impeachment trial winds down after Republicans vote to exclude new evidence, Brexit is official as Britain charts a new course amid divisions in the country, and our "Future of Food series" looks at how Jordan is using technology and innovation to help refugees facing food shortages. Hari Sreenivasan anchors from New York.

Series Title: SciGirls Stories: Real Women, Real Jobs
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2020 7:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:30:00

Inspiring real-life stories for all ages featuring successful women in STEM careers (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). These are the innovators, problem-solvers and dreamers who are passionate about their work, hobbies, families and helping to make the world a better place. They motivate girls to pursue all kinds of interests and career paths.