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American History/Biography

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/10/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:18

Over the past few weeks, there has been extensive debate across the U.S. about statues depicting the Confederacy and other troubled aspects of American history. In the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C., the Emancipation Memorial – also known as the Freedman’s Memorial -- is one such symbol. Jeffrey Brown talks to four Black Americans to gauge differing views on the structure.

Series Title: Reagan: American Experience
Episode Title: Lifeguard
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 8/4/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:42:34

In 1988, after two terms in office, Ronald Wilson Reagan left the White House, one of the most popular presidents of the twentieth century -- and one of the most controversial. A failed actor, Reagan became a passionate ideologue who preached a simple gospel of lower taxes, less government and anti-Communism. One by one, his opponents underestimated him; one-by-one, Reagan surprised them, rising to become a president who always preferred to see America as a shining city on a hill.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/17/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:43

Speaking at the White House Conference on American History on Thursday, President Trump announced he would be signing an executive order to create the “1776 Commission” to promote a “patriotic education.” Trump also blasted efforts to reexamine American history with a deeper emphasis on slavery and racism. Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Trump’s perspective on race.

Culture

Series Title: Arteffects
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/2/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

ARTEFFECTS not only delves into the local arts scene but encompasses art features from across the nation. A play on the word "artifact" that emphasizes not only the positive, curious, intended and unintended [effects] the arts have in our daily environments, region and world, but also the long term and lasting impact the arts leave behind [artifact] in helping define and describe our culture, community, nation and world. Repeats Sunday at 630pm. Repeats Sundays at 630pm.

Series Title: Hello Hollywood Hello
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/18/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

This musical documentary traces the history of the longest-running stage show in Reno, Nevada. Launched in 1978, Hello Hollywood, Hello was the most extravagant stage show ever. The one-acre stage featured a landing jet, an earthquake, a three-story waterfall, a levitating space dome and a cast of 133 singers and dancers. The show ran for 11 years and was seen by more than six million people; more than 600 different entertainers appeared in it. Over seven million dollars was spent on the scenery and the 1,273 costumes.

Series Title: Work of Art: Nevada Museum of Art
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/18/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

The Work of Art: Nevada Museum of Art examines Nevada's only art museum and its efforts to enrich our community. We'll take a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into creating an exhibit, and efforts to shape the future of art in the Silver State.

Series Title: Work of Art: Reno Phil
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/18/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

As the Reno Phil prepares and performs its 50th season, composer Zhou Tian goes through the process of creating a brand new piece commissioned by the Phil and commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Series Title: Tahoe: A Visual History
Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 8/18/2020 11:00:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

See Lake Tahoe come alive, artfully. In conjunction with the Nevada Museum of Art's new exhibition this documentary surveys over two centuries of painting, Native baskets, photography, architecture, and contemporary art dedicated to Lake Tahoe, Donner Pass and the surrounding Sierra Nevada Region

Series Title: Jews in Nevada
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/24/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

Jews in Nevada is adapted from John Marschall's acclaimed book that documents the history of Jews in Nevada from 1850 to the present. The film details Jewish involvement in the development and fostering of the state's earliest settlements and its social and political institutions. Other areas of focus include anti-Semitism, Jewish participation in civil rights initiatives, the explosive growth of the Jewish population in the Las Vegas metropolitan area and the development of an expanding Jewish cultural infrastructure.

Series Title: Modernist Maverick
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/25/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

We've all seen the Transamerica Tower, LAX and CBS Television City. Now learn about the man whose creative talents designed these iconic structures and places. Modernist Maverick tells the story of William L. Pereira, who moved west from Chicago to Hollywood, became one of his era's most successful architects and won an Academy Award along the way.

Series Title: Pylon Chasers
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/25/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

Delve into the mindset of pilots who race awe-inspiring historic and modern planes. Shot in high definition in Fall of 2008 at the National Championship Air Races held in Reno, this documentary examines what compels these pilots to compete in one of the most challenging, nail-biting sports in the world.

Series Title: Dust on the Comstock
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/25/2020 9:00:00 PM

Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

The Virginia City Grand Prix challenges even the best motorcyclists, with a course that runs through mountain and desert around this rural Nevada community. Ride with the cyclists as they negotiate rocky trails and breathtaking desert terrain.

Series Title: PBS Reno Spotlight Awards & Auction
Length: 4 hours
Airdate: 9/13/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

We are proud to highlight individuals and community groups who make appositive impact. It's also the return of our on-air wine auction! This high-end auction will feature travel packages, wine and several priceless PBS experiences.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Viking Warrior Queen
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/7/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Join a team of archaeologists as they examine one of the most significant Viking graves ever found and test the DNA of the remains of the female warrior buried inside, rewriting our understanding of Viking society.

Series Title: Forces of Nature
Episode Title: Color
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/5/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

We can't directly see the forces that govern Earth, but we can see their shadows in the shapes of nature that surround us. If we understand why these shapes exist, we can understand the rules that bind the entire universe.

Series Title: NOVA | A to Z
Episode Title: The First Alphabet
Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/23/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Writing shaped civilization itself, from the trading of goods to tales of ancient goddesses and kings. Follow the evolution of the written word, from millennia-old carvings in an Egyptian turquoise mine to our modern-day alphabets.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Wild Nevada
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/2/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

A travel-destination series that explores the interior of Nevada. Episodes are filmed over two days. Hosts Chris Orr and Dave Santina begin their trip at starting point and travel to their destination. Along the way, they take short side trips to investigate points of interest and unique landmarks. This local production airs weekly on Thursday 8pm, Saturday 3pm, Sunday 6:30pm and Tuesday 1pm.

Series Title: Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries
Episode Title: Friendship
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Spy Creatures and their new wild friends rely on each other to look out for predators. A Spy Meerkat babysits meerkat pups while a Spy Cobra pretends to attack the mob. Spy Crocs witness a convenient partnership between real crocodiles and birds.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/3/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:27

In our news wrap Monday, coastal North and South Carolina braced for Hurricane Isaias. The storm is a minimal hurricane but will still challenge residents with another disruption during the coronavirus pandemic. Also, thousands of people in Southern California spent another day under evacuation orders as a wildfire burned east of Los Angeles. It began Friday and exploded in size over the weekend.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 63
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/25/2020 6:30:00 PM

Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:40

During his first term, President Trump has rolled back or weakened more than 100 environmental regulations. On Friday, his administration moved to open up the country's largest national forest for development. Alaska's Tongass National Forest has been called "America's Amazon," and it absorbs about 8 percent of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. Amna Nawaz talks to The New York Times' Coral Davenport.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Clinton: American Experience
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 7/21/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:28

From draft dodging to the Dayton Accords, from Monica Lewinsky to a balanced budget, the presidency of William Jefferson Clinton veered between sordid scandal and grand achievement. In CLINTON, the latest installment in the critically acclaimed and successful series of presidential biographies, AMERICAN EXPERIENCE explores the fascinating story of an American president who rose from a broken childhood in Arkansas to become one of the most successful politicians in modern American history and one of the most complex and conflicted characters to ever stride across the public stage.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/28/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:34

As another difficult week for our country comes to a close, we want to take the time to honor a few of the more than 180,000 people in the U.S. who have lost their lives to the coronavirus. Judy Woodruff shares the stories of five individuals.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 63
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/14/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS

Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:40

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Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/2/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:52

In our news wrap Thursday, the U.S. saw a record 50,000 new cases of COVID-19 in a single day as infections rise in 40 states. Florida set its own record for new cases with more than 10,000 -- but Gov. Ron DeSantis insisted the state is equipped to handle the crisis. Also, there were signs of U.S. economic recovery, with the Labor Department reporting the country added 4.8 million jobs in June.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/4/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:13:21

Unemployment benefits for millions of American expired last week and Congress and the White House are still struggling to come to an agreement on the next coronavirus relief package.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:09:19

In the United Kingdom, residents have long considered the National Health Service (NHS) one of the nation's greatest accomplishments. Across the Atlantic, U.S. Democrats have proposed a similar single-payer system for the U.S., but conservatives have raised alarms about access problems within the NHS. William Brangham reports as part of our series, The Best Health Care? America & the World.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:39

As the United States grapples with the novel coronavirus, nationwide protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd insist the country must confront a second epidemic: racism. Despite a longstanding belief that we are a nation divided, some say there are reasons for hope. Special correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault talks to New York Times columnist and author David Brooks for Race Matters.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/5/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:46

The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May prompted calls to change the policing structure there. On Wednesday night, the city's charter commission will decide whether to ask voters to begin the process of abolishing the police force -- and to clarify what would replace it. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/4/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:24

In parts of the U.S., there continue to be protests and outrage over police conduct and responses to demonstrations. In Rochester, New York, the family of Daniel Prude is calling for officers involved in his March death to be fired and charged. And a self-identified anti-fascist suspected of killing a right-wing protester in Portland, Oregon, was killed by law enforcement. Amna Nawaz reports.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Prehistoric Road Trip
Episode Title: Tiny Teeth, Fearsome Beasts
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Join Emily as she continues her adventure, discovering surprising truths hidden in the fossil record. Meanwhile, scientists studying our planet's past are revealing clues about its future.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Rise of the Mammals
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/5/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

The discovery of a rare trove of fossils reveals in vivid detail how our own group of creatures - mammals - emerged after the asteroid impact that wiped out the great dinosaurs 66 million years ago.

Series Title: Hacking Your Mind
Episode Title: Living on Auto-Pilot
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/9/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Take a trip around the world to discover how you go through life on auto-pilot, and get an auto-pilot owner's manual.