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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Frontline | America's Great Divide: Obama to Trump
Episode Title: Part 2
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/14/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

This episode examines how Donald Trump's campaign exploited the country's divisions and how his presidency has unleashed anger on both sides of the divide.

Series Title: Fight: American Experience; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/11/2020 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

This program tells the interweaving stories of two extraordinary men, boxers Max Schmeling of Germany and American Joe Louis, culminating in what was arguably the most politicized sporting event in history: the 1938 heavyweight championship of the world.

Series Title: Polio Crusade: American Experience; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/31/2020 9:00:00 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: Arteffects
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/01/2020 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 out culture, community, nation and world. Repeats Sunday at 630pm

Series Title: At the Gathering
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2020 12:00:00 am, repeats 1/26 2pm
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

KNPB brings viewers all the atmosphere, history and fun of Elko's annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering to viewers through performances and interviews. Poets and musicians young and old entertain with the classics and new takes on old favorites, and the Gathering adds an international flavor with additions from cattle cultures around the world.

Series Title: House with a History
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2020 11:00:00 pm
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

Residential structures are more than mere shelter: they are the products of human vision, imagination and labor, and the embodiment of their owners, architects and designers. HOUSE WITH A HISTORY delves into the cultural and architectural significance of Nevada's most historic homes. The eight-part series connects the art form with the people and the era through interviews, location footage and archival film and photographs. Episodes focus on residences, some of which are registered as National Historical Landmarks, to showcase the architectural forms that continue to enlighten today.

Series Title: Work of Art: Reno Phil
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/16/2020 2:00:00 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: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS

Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:24

For those tired of the stresses and excesses of contemporary civilization, a survival expert in the Italian Alps offers a training program in living as the Neanderthals did. Participants endure a rough existence in the wilderness, learning to kill prey for food and build their own shelter. Special correspondent Malcolm Brabant left his own modern-day comforts to experience life as a cave man.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Cooked: Survival by Zip Code
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/9/2020 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn the story of a heat wave that overtook Chicago in July 1995, killing 739 residents, most of them poor, elderly and African American. The heat wave revealed a long-term crisis of poverty, racism, and economic and social isolation in the city.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2020 6:30:00 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: Wild Nevada
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/01/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: KNPB / PBS Reno

A travel-destination series that explores the interior of Nevada. Each episode is 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: Tahoe: A Visual History
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/26/2020 05:30:00 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: Nature
Episode Title: Animal Reunions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/1/2020 8:00:00 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: Mexico - Flooded Caves
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/5/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Dive into a network of unexplored caves under the Yucatan Peninsula with Steve Backshall. After trekking through kilometers of scorpion-infested Mexican jungle to reach the caves, he faces the terror of being lost in an underwater silt cloud.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/31/2020 6:30:00 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.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Independent Lens

Episode Title: Accept the Call
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 1/26/2020 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Yusuf Abdurahman, who left Somalia as a refugee 25 years ago, has his worst fear realized when his son is arrested in an FBI counterterrorism sting. Follow Yusuf as he strives to understand why his child would leave America and attempt to join ISIS.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Italian Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/18/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of talk show host Jimmy Kimmel and actors Marisa Tomei and John Turturro, introducing them to ancestors who made immense sacrifices to bring their families from Italy to America.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/29/2020 5:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:02:39

Thousands of women in the U.S. have given birth over the last month, many in the very hospitals where medical professionals have been preparing for an onslaught of patients stricken with COVID-19. NewsHour Weekend Special Correspondent Karla Murthy spoke with one woman living in New York City about her recent experience giving birth amid the pandemic.

Health/Health Care

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/15/2020 6:30:00 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: 2/3/2020 6:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:42

With nearly 20,000 people in China infected by novel coronavirus, the country has essentially quarantined a population of 50 million. Countries including the United States have evacuated their citizens from China and restricted inbound travelers from there. Sec. of Health and Human Services Alex Azar joins William Brangham to discuss how U.S. health officials are handling the outbreak.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/5/2020 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Former Obama campaign manger David Plouffe breaks down yesterday's Super Tuesday results. Infectious disease expert Dr. W. Ian Lipkin tells Walter Isaacson how people can protect themselves from coronavirus. David Simon tells Christiane about his new HBO series "The Plot Against America," based on the Philip Roth novel by the same name.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Frontline | America's Great Divide: Obama to Trump
Episode Title: Part 1
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

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: The First Rainbow Coalition
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2020 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In 1969, Chicago community-based groups formed alliances across lines of race and ethnicity to confront issues like police brutality and substandard housing. Hear the movement's little-known story through archival footage and interviews with members.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/19/2020 6:30:00 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: Nature
Episode Title: The Whale Detective
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/8/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A filmmaker investigates his traumatic encounter with a 30-ton humpback whale that breached and almost landed on him while he was kayaking. What he discovers raises far bigger questions about humans' relationship with whales and their future.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Science Pioneers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/2020 8:00:00 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: Niall Ferguson's Networld
Episode Title: Networld War
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/17/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Focusing on the geopolitics of our interconnected world, with lessons from terrorism and surveillance, Niall Ferguson shows how our democracies are under threat from forces that exploit and weaponize the social networks that we invented.