

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT

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Local/National/International Politics

On March 25, 2005, PBS 45& 49 aired a **Newsmaker.akron** edition of NewsNight.akron. Panelist Larry States of WAKR-FM interviewed Summit County Common Pleas Judge James Williams. Williams has been recognized as one of Americas 100 most influential Black Americans. Summit County's first and only African-American judge retired in January. They discussed the life and career of Judge James Williams and Williams's impact on providing affordable housing in Akron and throughout Ohio. Duration: ½ hr

Culture/Arts

The forces behind Youngstown 2010 held two community forums devoted to the subject as part of PBS 45 & 49's quarterly series, 2010 Moving Ahead: A Forum for Reporting Progress. **Beyond Black and White: Youngstown 2010 Town Hall Discussion**, which aired **Thursday January 13, 2005 at 8 pm**, is a compilation of two of these forums focused on race relations, which aired in late 2004 as part of the 2010 series. The programs were repackaged into one single show. Also, new material added that never aired during the original broadcasts. Duration: 2 hr 30 min

Education

Friday nights at 9 PM, PBS 45 & 49 air **NewsNight.akron**. This weekly half hour program recaps important news stories that affect Akron and surrounding communities. Our panelists include reporters, editors and news directors from local media outlets, brought together to cover these stories in depth. On **Friday, February 4, 2005**, the panelists discussed Governor Taft's plans for education, Barberton teachers agree to a wage freeze, Cuyahoga Falls and Ravenna schools pose significant cuts, and higher education tuition grows.

unloading ships. Liberty in the Air - Spanning the 1740s through the 1830s, the second hour explores the continued expansion of slavery in the colonies, the evolution of a distinct African-American culture and the roots of the emancipation movement. The episode reveals the many ways the enslaved resisted their oppression, their role on both sides of the Revolutionary War, and the strength and inspiration many of them found in the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, despite the inherent contradictions that lay in what the documents expressed and what the country practiced.

EDUCATION

NOLA Code: MYAM 9-12 Air Date: T 1/4-25/05 10:00 AM

Series Title: **My America** Duration: 20 min

My America combines elements of traditional civics and social studies curricula with techniques and activities that encourage children to experience the democratic process by participating actively in their schools and local communities. The series explores the basics of American government: the legislative process, ideals of a democratic government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy.

NOLA Code: MOGR 1-8 Air Date: M 1/10-31/05 10:00 AM

Series Title: **Masters of Gravity: Soap Box Derby Math & Science**

Duration: 10 min

The Soap Box Derby, an activity that students find fun and interesting, will provide the framework for teachers to facilitate the application of concepts needed to prepare for Ohio's proficiency tests. The video series follows two kids as they learn to build a Soap Box Derby car.

NOLA Code: BLMP 1-11 Air Date: M/W 1/10/05-3/30/05 10:10 AM

Series Title: **It's a Gas: Math and Science of the Blimp** Duration: 10 min

Helping students learn math and science is the goal of this PBS 45 & 49 multimedia project. The workings of the blimp provide the framework for teachers to illustrate the concepts students must understand to pass Ohio's proficiency tests. The video series follows two high school students trying to win college scholarships. The two team up and decide to create a documentary about how blimps are made and how they work.

NOLA Code: OSMN 1-5 Air Date: W 1/15-2/2/05 10:20 AM

Series Title: **One State Many Nations: Native Americans in Ohio**

PBS 45 & 49 presents a new multimedia project that studies the rich cultural and historical heritage of the Native American nations that have populated Ohio since prehistoric times. Duration: 10 min

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

NOLA Code: NNAK 000728
Series Title: **NewsNight.akron**

Air Date: 1/7/2005 9:00 PM
Duration: ½ hr

During the first NewsNight.akron of 2005, our panelist chose the Newsmaker of the Year for 2004. Connie Humble, Executive Director of Summit County Children Services, was chosen for her positive influence on the city of Akron and Summit County and presented with an award later.

NOLA Code: NNAK 000733
Series Title: **NewsNight.akron**

Air Date: 2/11/2005 9:00 PM
Duration: ½ hr

This week's program focused on the "State of Things". Our panelists gave their reactions and debated the State of the State, the State of the County and the State of the City.

NOLA Code: AMEX 001403C2 Air Date: 1/3/2005 9:00 PM
Series Title: **AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: WOODROW WILSON**
Duration: 1 hr 30 min

An intellectual with unwavering moral principles, Woodrow Wilson became one of America's greatest presidents. Incapacitated by a stroke, Wilson carried out his duties from bed with the help of his wife, Edith, who became the de facto chief executive.

NOLA Code: FRON 002212K4 Air Date: 1/4/2005 10:00 PM
Series Title: **Frontline: The Jesus Factor** Duration: 1 hr

As an evangelical Christian, President Bush has something in common with the 46 percent of Americans who describe themselves as being "born again" or having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Often has the president recounted praying about major decisions facing the nation-but what do we actually know about the rudiments of George Bush's faith? To what extent do the president's spiritual beliefs impact or influence his political decision-making? And how closely do Bush's religious views mirror those of the country's burgeoning-and politically influential-evangelical movement?

NOLA Code: MDPP 000000C1 Air Date: 1/13/2005 18:00 PM
Series Title: **Mandate: The President and the People** Duration: 1hr

For the 54th time in U.S. history, Americans have elected a president. In this ritual of American democracy, the people hand awesome power to a single leader. But what does it mean when a president says he has won a popular mandate? Where does this idea come from? And what does it tell us about

the proper relationship between the president and the people, especially following elections with thin margins? This program goes in search of the American presidency. Seeking insight from leading historians, political scientists and major public figures, the documentary takes a fresh and engaging look at the long and twisting relationship between the presidency and the American democracy.

NOLA Code: FRON 002302M1 Air Date: 2/15/2005 10:00 PM
Series Title: **Frontline: Rumsfeld's War**
Duration: 1 hr

With the United States Army deployed in a dozen hotspots around the world--on constant alert in Afghanistan and taking casualties almost every day in Iraq--some current and former officers now say the army is on the verge of being broken. The man responsible, according to those officers, is a secretary of defense who came into the Pentagon determined to transform the shape of the military. In "Rumsfeld's War, Frontline and the Washington Post join forces for the first time to investigate Donald Rumsfeld's contentious battle with the Pentagon bureaucracy to assert civilian control of the military and remake the way America fights.

NOLA Code: WWIR 004435C1 Air Date: 2/25/2005 8:00 PM
Series Title: **Washington Week** Duration: ½ hr

The president goes to Europe. Did he mend any fences or change any minds? If it's Tuesday, it must be Belgium. President Bush hop-scotched across Europe this week, papering over old differences and cementing new friendships. On the agenda, Iran, Iraq, and nuclear security. But are France, Germany, and Russia on the same page as the Bush administration? In Iraq, the new leadership begins to take shape. Who is the likely new prime minister, and what will the U.S. think? And at home, a battle royal shapes up over Social Security, as lobbyists line up on both sides of the issue. Covering these stories this week, Richard Keil of Bloomberg News, David Sanger of "The New York Times," Doyle McManus of the "Los Angeles Times," and Gloria Borger of "U.S. News and World Report."