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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: The U.S. and the Holocaust
Episode Title: The Golden Door (Beginnings - 1938)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/6/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 02:10:55

Congress passes its first laws restricting immigration after decades of maintaining open borders; in Germany, Hitler and the Nazis begin their persecution of Jewish people, causing many to flee to other countries including America.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

Series Title: In Their Own Words
Episode Title: Princess Diana
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2023 3:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

See how Diana defied expectations and evolved into one of the most impactful icons of our time. Look back on her life through a contemporary lens that credits her choices, suffering and triumphs as the ultimate disrupter for a generation of women.

CULTURE

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Riveted: The History of Jeans
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover the fascinating story of this iconic American garment. From their roots in slavery to the Wild West, hippies, high fashion and hip-hop, jeans are the fabric on which the history of American ideology and politics are writ large.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: King Arthur's Lost Kingdom
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Uncover new archaeological evidence at Tintagel that suggests the legend of King Arthur started in a prosperous and sophisticated trading village in 5th-century Britain following the departure of the Romans.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ancient Maya Metropolis
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Around 800 CE, the ancient Maya abandoned the magnificent cities they had lived in for centuries. NOVA investigates dramatic new scientific evidence for droughts that pushed cities already stressed by overpopulation and warfare beyond their limits.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 141
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:11

Rescue crews in Alabama and Georgia spent the day looking for survivors and victims after tornadoes ravaged the region Thursday evening. After a long night, the damage began coming into sharper focus after daybreak. At least nine people died, with seven of them in Alabama. Amna Nawaz reports.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Elephant and the Termite
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Witness the dramas of Africa's great wildlife meeting place -- the waterhole. From mighty elephants to tiny termites, an entire community of creatures call the waterhole their home.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Born in the Rockies: First Steps
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

From early spring to late summer, follow new animal mothers through the trials of raising a family in the Rocky Mountains. Cranes migrate north to give birth, a bison mother protects her lambs from threats and young mountain goats learn to climb.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Hidden Kin
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the remarkable roots of actors Edward Norton and Julia Roberts—using DNA analysis and genealogical detective work to travel generations into the past, tracing lineages that run from Northern Europe to the American South. Along the way, Norton and Roberts reimagine their family stories and discover their hidden connections to our nation’s history—and each other.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: And Still I Rise
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/21/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. reveals the unexpected family trees of activist Angela Y. Davis and statesman Jeh Johnson, using DNA and long-lost records to redefine notions of the black experience—and challenge preconceptions of America’s past.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: No Irish Need Apply
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of actor Jane Lynch and comedian Jim Gaffigan, revealing the Irish American experience through their families.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 143
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/17/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:26

The American Academy of Pediatrics released new guidelines on treating childhood obesity. It recommended pediatricians should evaluate and treat obesity in kids early on to reduce the risk of developing long-term health conditions. Dr. Sandra Hassink of the Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight joined Amna Nawaz for a closer look at the recommendations and the implications.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 165
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/16/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:10:32

The specter of long COVID, with its mysterious cause, no obvious cure and an unknown duration, haunts millions and millions of people. In this report, we hear from some of those who are suffering with it and William Brangham speaks with Dr. David Putrino of Mount Sinai Health in New York about the varied symptoms people are dealing with.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 185
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/16/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:51

The CDC released two reports about mortality rates for mothers and babies in America and they include some stark racial divides. New mothers are dying at higher rates than mothers in any other industrialized nation. And while the overall rate of infants dying is at record lows, the deaths of Black infants spiked during the pandemic. William Brangham explores the trends with two of the researchers.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: The Big Payback
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 1/16/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:05

Evanston, Illinois rookie Alderwoman Robin Rue Simmons led the passage of the first tax-funded reparations bill in U.S. history for Black Americans. What follows is grief and debate as she and her community struggle with the burden to make repair and restitution for its citizens, while a national racial and social crisis engulfs the country. Meanwhile, Texas Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee faces a 30-year battle to pass H.R. 40, a national bill to study reparations and make recommendations. Both women are met with racism and resistance, as well as help from allies and abolitionists within. Together, they pressure the government to deliver monetary justice and appropriate remedies for Black Americans harmed by centuries of chattel slavery, state-sponsored terrorism, systemic injustice, and corporate exploitation. Will the debt ever be addressed, or is it too late for a reparations movement to finally get the big payback?

Series Title: Making Black America: Through the Grapevine
Episode Title: Episode 1
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Hour one explores how free Black people, in the North and South, built towns, established schools, held conventions - creating robust networks to address the political, economic, and social needs of the entire Black community.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 174
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/1/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:11:03

Across the country, at least 150 bills have been filed by Republican legislators targeting transgender Americans. Roughly 100 of those bills specifically restrict doctors and other providers from offering transition-related health care for minors. We hear from concerned parents whose children are most impacted and William Brangham discusses the bills with Erin Reed.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Lie Detector
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the 1920s, two men designed a machine that could tell if a person was lying. Called the polygraph, their lie detector transformed police work and seized headlines, soon becoming the nation's "mechanical conscience. A tale of good intentions, twisted morals, and unintended consequences.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Star Chasers of Senegal
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A visionary astronomer in West Africa attempts a high-stakes observation of a distant asteroid vital to a NASA mission. From prehistoric ruins to Islamic skywatchers, explore the heritage and future of African astronomy.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 190
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:12:19

TikTok is the fastest growing app on the planet with more than 150 million monthly users in the U.S. alone. But that popularity does not extend to Capitol Hill where its defenders are in the minority. Laura Barrón-López looks into the potential personal, political and international fallout should the government outlaw the platform.