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Arts

Category: Arts
NOLA: MLNH 014013
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 13
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/19/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:59

Tanya Aguiñiga is a Los Angeles-based artist, designer and activist who grew up as a binational citizen of Mexico and the United States. Much of her work speaks of her divided identity and tells the larger and often invisible stories of the transnational community. She shares her Brief But Spectacular take on using craft to push back on injustice for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Category: Arts
NOLA: APOC 006035
Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Episode Title: Episode 35
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/18/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:18:09

Jon Batiste has had a busy year. After winning five Grammys at last year's awards – including album of the year – he is back with a new recording. The concept album "World Music Radio" weaves Jon's signature style of jazz, funk, and soul with the sounds of global artists like Lana Del Rey, Lil Wayne, and K-Pop girl group New Jeans. To break it all down, Jon speaks with Michel Martin.

Category: Arts
NOLA: BFKO 000101
Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo
Episode Title: The Making and Breaking
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/19/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:55:48

Explore the early life of Frida Kahlo as she discovers her genius for painting following a tragic, life-changing accident, leading her to encounter world-famous muralist Diego Rivera who she later marries, twice.

Culture

Category: Culture
NOLA: GARC 000204
Series Title: The Great American Recipe
Episode Title: Episode 4
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/10/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join the cooks as they prepare grab-and-go meals, from breakfast burritos to musubi. In the second round, the cooks make home-baked treats as part of the first-ever Great American Recipe Bake Sale.

Category: Culture
NOLA: ICCA 000108
Series Title: Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein
Episode Title: The Golden Gate Bridge
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/1/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The Golden Gate Bridge is an engineering marvel that symbolizes America's can-do spirit. Explore if America can continue to execute bold and ambitious infrastructure projects in the 21st century.

Category: Culture
NOLA: AMDO 003608
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Bulls and Saints
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/18/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:34

After 20 years of living in the United States, an undocumented family decides to return home. Little do they know it will be the most difficult journey of their lives and reawaken an intense desire for a place to belong. Set between the rodeo arenas of North Carolina and the spellbinding Mexican town they yearn for, Bulls and Saints is a love story about reverse migration, rebellion, and redemption.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters
NOLA: HUFO 000102
Series Title: Human Footprint
Episode Title: Top Predator
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/12/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:54:53

There's a killer inside us. Our biology, culture, technology, and economy have transformed our species into the greatest predator the world has ever seen. From Yellowstone to Mozambique, Shane explores our global impact as the planet's top predator.

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters
NOLA: MLNH 014027
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 27
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/8/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:19

In our news wrap Tuesday, a storm system blasted the Northeast with severe weather, there's new evidence of global warming affecting Antarctica with sea ice at a record low, the Supreme Court reinstated a federal regulation aimed at curbing the spread of "ghost guns," and more than 11,000 Los Angeles city employees called a 24-hour strike.

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters
NOLA: AOUT 000202
Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Suwannee: Wild River
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/6/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:52:33

The Suwannee is one of the last wild rivers in America, and its watershed creates woods and wetlands, marshes, and cave systems. From its headwaters in the Okefenokee Swamp, Baratunde journeys downstream, meeting colorful denizens of the Suwannee. From jet skiers to herpetologists, manatees to snapping turtles, he learns how this unique environment inspires a whole range of passions.

Family/Marriage

Category: Family/Marriage
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 2
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/4/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:50

Although America declared its independence in 1776, it would take nearly 90 years for those enslaved to obtain their freedom. And despite the abolishment of slavery 158 years ago, Reuters found some of the country's most powerful politicians today are descendants of slaveholders. Amna Nawaz spoke with editor Tom Lasserer about the report and his own family's history with slavery.

Category: Family/Marriage
NOLA: FIYO 000613
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: War Stories
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/29/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of actor Julianne Moore, comedian Bill Hader, and painter Kehinde Wiley, revealing how their ancestors' military service left an indelible mark both on their families and on their country.

Category: Family/Marriage
NOLA: FIYO 000903
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Secret Lives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA to help comedians Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash solve deep family mysteries.

Health/Healthcare

Category: Health/Health Care
NOLA: MLNH 014006
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 6
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/10/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:43

There are concerns about how the Supreme Court's ruling striking down affirmative action in college admissions could affect the medical profession. Currently, just 5.7 percent of doctors in the U.S. are Black and nearly 7 percent are Hispanic. There's worry about what this ruling could mean for the pipeline of who eventually provides healthcare. Amna Nawaz discussed more with Dr. Utibe Essien.

Category: Health/Health Care
NOLA: MLNH 014042
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 42
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/29/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:38

President Biden announced the first batch of drugs designated for Medicare price negotiations that would make them more affordable for older and disabled Americans. But drug manufacturers are attempting to block the effort. Stephanie Sy discussed more with Stacie Dusetzina.

Category: Health/Health Care
NOLA: MLNH 014045
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 45
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:34

A ban on gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth went into effect in Texas, making it the most populous state to date with such a ban. The law revokes the medical licenses of any doctor who provides minors with gender-affirming medical care like puberty blockers, hormone treatments or surgeries. Laura Barrón-López reports on families grappling with the potential consequences.

Local Programming

Category: Local
Series Title: Main St. Unplugged
Episode Title: Erica Lane
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS
Segment Length: 00:55:00

A special Main Street Unplugged featuring Erica Lane. Hear some original songs and some familiar ones. Celebrate July 4th with Basin PBS. Sponsored by Arts Council of Midland.

Category: Local
Series Title: Town Hall
Episode Title: Exploring Mental Health for Seniors
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/27/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS
Segment Length: 00:59:00

It is well known that as a society we are living much longer now thanks to improved living conditions and health care. Reaching old age is a blessing in many ways but there are challenges facing the elderly, which deserve our attention. Join host Becky Ferguson as we focus on the pleasures and perils of aging in Midland.

Category: Local
Series Title: One Question with Becky Ferguson
Episode Title: Graham Eliot
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/11/2023 9:30:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS
Segment Length: 00:30:00

Kick off a new season of One Question with Becky Ferguson. Get to know Chef Graham Elliot (#GreatAmericanRecipePBS & #CowboyPrime).

Category: Local
Series Title: Odessa Arts Presents
Episode Title: In Spire
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/25/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS
Segment Length: 00:22:00

InSpire, filmed over nine months, is a locally produced documentary in partnership with the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities, about public art in Odessa, specifically the Odessa Spire.

Category: Local
Series Title: One Question with Becky Ferguson
Episode Title: Bob Woodward
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS
Segment Length: 00:30:00

Let the silence suck out the truth. Those words from Bob Woodward of Watergate fame. Woodward, of the Washington Post, continues to break stories fifty years after the famous break-in that led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. Since then, he has interviewed nearly all of our presidents witnessing up close the span of recent history. Why does he believe we could be in peril?

Category: Local
Series Title: West Texas Jazz Society
Episode Title: From BeeBop to Hip Hop
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/7/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS
Segment Length: 00:59:00

The West Texas Jazz Society plays a lot of great styles of music, listen and learn how the music known as jazz continues to influence the music we listen to today. You'll always find a way to make music a part of your life and we hope you'll make the world a more beautiful place through music.

Category: Local
Series Title: One Question with Becky Ferguson
Episode Title: Big Bend
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/14/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: Basin PBS
Segment Length: 00:30:00

There is a place in Far West Texas where night skies are dark as coal and rivers carve temple-like canyons in ancient limestone. There, at the end of the road, hundreds of bird species take refuge in a solitary mountain range surrounded by weather-beaten desert. Tenacious cactus bloom in sublime southwestern sun, and diversity of species is the best in the country. The magical place is Big Bend.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: MLNH 014018
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 18
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/26/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:30

In the new book "American Whitelash," Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Lowery examines the pattern of racist violence that follows racial progress in our country, including the recent white supremacist violence that surged following Barack Obama's presidency. Wesley sat down with Geoff Bennett to discuss his findings.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: AMEX 001311
Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Fatal Flood
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/22/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the spring of 1927, after weeks of incessant rains, the Mississippi River went on a rampage from Cairo, Illinois to New Orleans, inundating hundreds of towns, killing as many as a thousand people and leaving a million homeless. In Greenville, Mississippi, efforts to contain the river pitted the majority black population against an aristocratic plantation family, the Percys -- and the Percys against themselves. A story of greed, power and race during one of America's greatest natural disasters.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: AMEX 003508
Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:46:26

Explore what happened when the small Mississippi town of Leland integrated its public schools in 1970. Told through the remembrances of students, teachers and parents, the film shows how the town -- and America -- were transformed.

Science/Technology

Category: Science/Technology
NOLA: NOVA 004612
Series Title: NOVA | The Planets
Episode Title: Inner Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2023 9:00:00 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?

Category: Science/Technology
NOLA: NOVA 004418
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Killer Floods
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/23/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Uncover geologic fingerprints of colossal floods that violently reshaped the ancient world. Follow geologists around the globe as they reconstruct catastrophic Ice Age floods more powerful than all the worlds top ten rivers combined.

Category: Science/Technology
NOLA: NOVA 004913
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Rebuilding Notre Dame
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/13/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In April 2019, the world watched as a devastating fire almost destroyed Paris's iconic Notre Dame Cathedral. Go behind the scenes with a team of engineers, masons, and timber workers tackling the daunting challenges of restoring the historic landmark.