WUFT Gainesville, FL PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

Arts

Series Title:American MastersEpisode Title:HOPPER: An American Love StoryLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/2/2024 9:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:26:46

Discover the secrets behind Edward Hopper's most iconic and enigmatic works. Meet the man behind the brush, and see how his marriage to fellow artist Josephine Nivison Hopper shaped his art and career.

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 160Length:60 minutesAirdate:2/9/2024 6:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:07:09

Award-winning author and producer Kwame Alexander just released his latest work. It's an anthology by Black poets called, "This Is the Honey." Amna Nawaz discussed the book with Alexander for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Episode Title: Episode 190 Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 3/22/2024 7:00:00 PM Service: PBS-NPS Format: News (live news only) Segment Length: 00:08:32

Lenny Kravitz has been busy. He has a new single out Friday from his album set for release in May, an international tour planned for this summer and earlier this month, he earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Geoff Bennett spoke with Kravitz in Los Angeles and visited some of his old haunts. It's for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Culture

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 131Length:60 minutesAirdate:1/1/2024 7:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:05:37

Spray-painted words and pictures, usually clandestine and often illegal, are getting erased by a group of New Englanders who have tagged themselves the anti-graffiti vigilantes. But the method they employ against the perpetrators is an art in itself. Pamela Watts of Rhode Island PBS Weekly reports for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: NOVA Episode Title: Easter Island Origins Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 2/7/2024 9:00:00 PM Service: PBS-NPS Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

The giant stone heads of Easter Island have inspired theories for centuries. Now, new research reveals intriguing evidence of the origins and inspirations of the ancient Rapanui people who created the iconic monoliths.

Series Title:Dante: Inferno to ParadiseEpisode Title:Part One: The InfernoLength:120 minutesAirdate:3/18/2024 9:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:01:56:46

Dive into the dramatic details of Dante's early years and his decision to begin The Divine Comedy in 1306. Join Dante and the great Roman poet Virgil as they delve into the depths of the underworld and encounter Lucifer himself.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Nature Episode Title: The Serengeti Rules Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 1/3/2024 8:00:00 PM Service: PBS Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel back in time, from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools, with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology

Series Title: Nature Episode Title: Flyways Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 2/7/2024 8:00:00 PM Service: PBS-NPS Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:53:10

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Species travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic regions and back again, flying up to nine days non-stop without food or water. But their populations are crashing. Follow a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds.

Series Title:Ireland's Wild CoastEpisode Title:Episode 1Length:60 minutesAirdate:2/17/2024 3:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

Follow a unique, personal journey along one of the most spectacular coastlines in the world featuring the wildlife and wild places that make it so special. Emmy Award-winning wildlife cameraman, Colin Stafford-Johnson, takes viewers on an authored odyssey along Ireland's rugged Atlantic coast.

Family/Marriage

Series Title:Finding Your RootsEpisode Title:Fathers and SonsLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/16/2024 8:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:Interview/Discussion/ReviewSegment Length:00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets actors LeVar Burton and Wes Studi—two men who grew up without their fathers. With few clues to guide him, Gates introduces them to ancestors they've never known—revealing connections to key moments in history.

Series Title:Finding Your RootsEpisode Title:Far and AwayLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/6/2024 8:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:Interview/Discussion/ReviewSegment Length:00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the extraordinarily diverse roots of journalist Sunny Hostin and actor Jesse Williams—telling long-lost stories of African and European ancestry that compel his guests to rethink their own identities.

Series Title:Finding Your RootsEpisode Title:Secret LivesLength:60 minutesAirdate:3/26/2024 8:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:Interview/Discussion/ReviewSegment Length:00:56:46

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

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead Episode Title: Van Gogh's Ear Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 1/10/2024 10:00:00 PM Service: PBS Format: Documentary Segment Length: 01:00:00

The night when Vincent van Gogh cut his own ear defines his turbulent life and art. Generations have theorized about what really happened on December 23, 1888, in the French town of Arles, but no one has been clear on the details—until now.

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:The Woman in the Iron CoffinLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/14/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment 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:American ExperienceEpisode Title:The Cancer DetectivesLength:60 minutesAirdate:3/26/2024 9:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:51:49

Three heroes and their dramatic journeys in the fight against cervical cancer.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title:Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; TheLength:60 minutesAirdate:1/8/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:00:56:46

Explore the issue of reparations in the U.S. with a focus on historical injustices, systemic inequities, and critical dialogue. Through narratives, inquiries, and insights, the film aims to inspire understanding of the scope and rationale

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Episode Title: Episode 161 Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 2/12/2024 7:00:00 PM Service: PBS-NPS Format: News (live news only) Segment Length: 00:10:00

A new documentary explores the little-known stories of the first Black pilots and engineers who were pioneers of NASA's space program. Geoff Bennett has this look at the film, "The Space Race," which airs on the National Geographic Channel and is streaming on Disney+ and Hulu. It's part of our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 194Length:60 minutesAirdate:3/28/2024 7:00:00 PMService:PBS-NPSFormat:News (live news only)Segment Length:00:09:31

Thursday marks one year since Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich was detained by Russian police. He has remained in detention ever since on espionage charges, an accusation both the U.S. and Journal strongly deny. Nick Schifrin speaks with Gershkovich's family and examines efforts to release him.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead Episode Title: Nero's Sunken City Length: 60 minutes Airdate: 1/3/2024 10:00:00 PM Service: PBS Format: Other Segment Length: 01:00:00

Baiae... An escape for ancient Rome's powerful elite, the Las Vegas of its day. Now, archaeologists are mapping underwater ruins and piecing together what life was like in this playground for the rich.

Series Title:Secrets of the DeadEpisode Title:Graveyard of the Giant BeastsLength:60 minutesAirdate:2/7/2024 10:00:00 PMService:PBSFormat:DocumentarySegment Length:01:00:00

A mining operation in Cerrejon, Northern Colombia, opened a window onto a previously unknown period of the earth's history – and a world teaming with giant creatures emerged. The biggest of them all was Titanoboa, a 43-foot snake, the largest that ever lived. No other creature could match Titanoboa in its size and strength, or so it was thought.

Series Title: NOVA Episode Title: Polar Extremes Length: 120 minutes Airdate: 3/20/2024 9:00:00 PM Service: PBS Format: Other Segment Length: 01:52:46

Join renowned paleontologist Kirk Johnson on an epic adventure through time at the polar extremes of our planet. Following a trail of strange fossils found in all the wrong places-beech trees in Antarctica, hippo-like mammals in the Arctic-Johnson uncovers the bizarre history of the poles, from miles-high ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life. What caused such dramatic changes at the ends of the Earth? And what controls the dial on Earth's thermostat? Today, the Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else in the world, and Antarctica has locked in its ice enough water to raise sea level by a terrifying 200 feet. The way that the poles respond to a warming climate is one of the greatest wildcards in predicting our climate future. Johnson uses Earth's history, written in stone, as a cipher to decode what is going on at our polar extremes today, and what the future may hold.