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**January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024**

**Arts**

Category: Arts  
NOLA: AMMS 003604  
Series Title: American Masters  
Episode Title: HOPPER: An American Love Story  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/2/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

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.

Category: Arts  
NOLA: AMMS 003408  
Series Title: American Masters  
Episode Title: Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and Roll  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 2/2/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Experience the meteoric rise and enduring legacy of Little Richard. This portrait of the "King and Queen of Rock and Roll" explores his far-reaching influence as well as his advocacy for the rights of Black artists in the music industry.

Category: Arts  
NOLA: MLNH 014190  
Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 190  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/22/2024 6:00:00 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**

Category: Culture  
NOLA: KTUT 000102  
Series Title: Tutankhamun: Allies & Enemies  
Episode Title: Episode 2  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/16/2024 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:53:12

Hour two uncovers further mysteries behind King Tut's life and burial. Egyptian Archeologist Dr. Yasmine El-Shazly continues her journey, seeking to answer some of the historical inconsistencies surrounding this great civilization.

Category: Culture  
NOLA: NOVA 005102  
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.

Category: Culture  
NOLA: DANT 000101  
Series Title: Dante: Inferno to Paradise  
Episode Title: Part One: The Inferno  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 3/18/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment 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**

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters  
NOLA: NAAT 003702  
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

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters  
NOLA: NAAT 004206  
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.

Category: Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters  
NOLA: NOVA 004701  
Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Polar Extremes  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 3/20/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 01:56:46

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.

## Family/Marriage

Category: Family/Marriage  
NOLA: FIYO 001003  
Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Fathers and Sons  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/16/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment 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.

Category: Family/Marriage  
NOLA: FIYO 001006  
Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Far and Away  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/6/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment 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.

Category: Family/Marriage  
NOLA: FIYO 000903  
Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Secret Lives  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/26/2024 8:00:00 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: SEDE 001602  
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.

Category: Health/Health Care  
NOLA: SEDE 001605  
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/14/2024 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.

Category: Health/Health Care  
NOLA: AMEX 003603  
Series Title: American Experience  
Episode Title: The Cancer Detectives  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/26/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:51:49

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

## Minorities/Civil Rights

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights  
NOLA: CINH 000000  
Series Title: Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; The  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/8/2024 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment 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.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights  
NOLA: AMMS 003307  
Series Title: American Masters  
Episode Title: How It Feels To Be Free  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 2/6/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 02:00:00

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights  
NOLA: RAAH 000000  
Series Title: Rising Against Asian Hate: One Day in March  
Episode Title:  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/19/2024 11:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format:  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Following the aftermath of the March 2021 mass shootings at three spas in Atlanta, this film chronicles how the Asian American community came together to fight back against hate and explores the struggles and triumphs of AAPI communities.

## Science/Technology

Category: Science/Technology  
NOLA: SEDE 001603  
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.

Category: Science/Technology  
NOLA: SEDE 001505  
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Graveyard of the Giant Beasts  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/7/2024 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment 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 teeming 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.

Category: Science/Technology  
NOLA: NOVA 005105  
Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: A.I. Revolution  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/27/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A.I. tools like ChatGPT seem to think, speak, and create like humans. But what are they really doing? From cancer cures to Terminator-style takeovers, leading experts explore what A.I. can - and can't - do today, and what lies ahead.