

KBYU-TV Quarterly Program Topic Report

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Key: Military Time Used

Types of Programs: D = Documentary C = Call-in
N = News Interview/ Segment O = Other

Issue

Date Time Length Program Title Type Guests

Education

4/7 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"In Tuition Aid Rules, Immigration Debate Meets Reality." The constant debate over immigration has led to several states denying the children of illegal immigrants educational grants, tuition assistance, and other aid to help pay for higher education. Newshour reporter Lee Hochberg describes the impact this legislation is having on these families.

4/29 20:00 56:46 **Small Fortunes: Microcredit and the Future of Poverty** D
 This program explores the issues of poverty and microcredit as it profiles numerous recipients of small loans in locales ranging from India to the Philippines to New York City. It tells the stories of how short-term loans of even a few dollars have resulted in dramatic lifestyle changes for families who otherwise would have no means of lifting themselves out of poverty. Nobel Prize winner Muhammad Yunus teaches poverty-stricken women how to start their own business and provide for their families.

5/21 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"Report Aims to Debunk Myths on Gender and Education." A new study reveals a theory on the different learning aptitudes among males and females. As a result, many educational systems may need to adapt their teaching techniques and policies. Jim Lehrer reports.

6/17 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"New Orleans School Reforms Target Young Readers." Newshour reporter John Merrow continues his ongoing investigation into urban educational systems. He visits New Orleans, an area of concern in urban school reform, to examine how students are learning to read.

Environment

4/1 21:00 56:46 **National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth** D
"Invaders." The encroachment of non-native species of plants and animals into an environment can be devastating to the existing wildlife. They often drive their neighbors to extinction and compete for valuable resources. Experts are constantly looking for ways to combat this incursion.

4/7 20:00 50:02 **Disaster Detectives** D
"Water." In the wake of hurricane Katrina, Americans are looking for explanations for the causes of natural disasters. With the onset of global warming, disasters such as avalanches and tsunamis will likely increase in frequency.

5/14 21:00 49:03 **Planet Tales** D
"Everglades: To Hell and Back." In the Everglades a mass of water approximately 37 wide advances slowly, yet the habitat changes every two hours. A place of abundant life, the Everglades are home to big cats, alligators, and even sharks. This program focuses on one of America's largest and most important wetlands regions.

- 5/28 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"Report Documents Climate Change Impact on U.S.A." With global warming on the rise, climate change is adversely affecting the nation's farmers by altering the weather patterns they rely on. This investigation was sparked by a recent government report. Jim Lehrer reports.
- 6/12 20:00 56:46 **Nature** D
"Penguins of the Antarctic." The changing climate is having sweeping effects in polar regions such as Antarctica. This program focuses on the effects these changes are having on the penguin populations, and how they are struggling to cope with their shifting environment.

Government

- 4/8 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"Hearings Rekindle Debate on Military Progress in Iraq." In their joint report before the Senate, General David Petraeus and U.S. Ambassador to Baghdad Ryan Crocker recommend a continuation to the military presence in Iraq in order to "preserve the still-fragile security gains." This recommendation causes military experts to weigh in on the current status of Iraq. Jim Lehrer reports.
- 4/20 13:30 27:30 **The McLaughlin Group** N Mort Zuckerman
"Will the Real Barack Obama Please Stand Up?" McLaughlin and his panel Eleanor Clift
 discuss Sen. Obama's assertion that those who fall on hard times "to guns or religion or antipathy" and his explanation of this statement. They weigh in how Clarence Page
 these words will affect voters in the coming primaries and general election.
- 5/15 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"Calif. Court Ruling Renews Debate Over Gay Marriage." The ban on gay and lesbian marriage in California was lifted recently by the California Supreme Court, which ruled the ban unconstitutional. Jim Lehrer reports on the continual debate on gay marriage and the reaction to the decision.
- 6/23 21:00 56:46 **Election 2008 Special** N
 An in-depth look at the Utah Third District primary elections. This program compares the candidates in the race to become the state's next congressional representative.
- 6/29 13:30 27:30 **The McLaughlin Group** N Patrick Buchanan
"Gun Ban Shot Down" The U.S. Supreme Court recently struck a 32-year old Michelle Bernard
 law which outlawed the possession of handguns in Washington D.C., asserting Derek McGinty
 that the Second Amendment protects the private possession of firearms. Monica Crowley
 McLaughlin and his panel discuss the landmark ruling which debunks the argument that the original constitutional framers only intended the state militia to carry weapons.

Health/Health Care

- 4/28 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"Mass. Health Care Plan Praised, But Struggles With Cost." Massachusetts' universal health care coverage plan has been a benefit to the residents, many of whom could not previously afford health care – but due to the high costs of this coverage plan, critics question the overall effect it is having on the state. Newshour reporter Susan Dentzer reports on the status.
- 5/31 13:30 1:27:59 **You: Steps for Extending Your Warranty O**
 In this program, Dr. Michael Roizen covers the mechanics of the body and teaches ways to improve and extend your life through improving stress, memory, health, and hormone levels.

6/5 19:00 1:29:13 **Brain Fitness Program** O
Neuroscientists have created a system to overcome three main causes to the decay of brain activity. They focus on improving the brain functions of sensory perception, chemical balance, and overall processing speed.

6/7 14:00 56:32 **Back Care Basics: Yoga for the Rest of Us** O
Strong, healthy back muscles provide support for the spine and result in more energy and vitality in everything done. Peggy Cappy shows the right exercises and yoga poses to protect the back, alleviate back pain, and improve posture.

Religion/Ethics

4/27 13:00 26:46 **I Believe** O
“*Buddhism*” Host Dennis Wholey looks into the widely followed religion of Buddhism. He discusses the fundamentals of this religion with Hyon Gak Sunim.

5/4 13:00 26:46 **I Believe** O Alexia Kelley
“*Interfaith Discussion, part 1*” Host Dennis Wholey meets with Dr. Siva Subramanian
representatives of several faiths to discuss the similarities and differences of Reverend Doctor Clark Lobenstine
their religions and the importance of the InterFaith Alliance in Metropolitan Imam Mohamed Magid
Washington. Rabbi Jack Moline
Hugh Byrne

6/23 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
“*New Survey Maps Shifts in the U.S. Religious Landscape.*” A senior fellow from the Pew Foundation discusses his group’s findings on religion across America. They discovered that American citizens are devout to their beliefs, but the role of religion as a concept has been shifting. Jim Lehrer reports.

Transportation

4/9 20:00 56:46 **Nova** D
“*The Great Robot Race.*” The Pentagon’s Darpa Grand Challenge focuses on the development of driverless vehicles. Senior officials hope to create robots which will reduce the need to send humans into battle zones, and the Grand Challenge aims at spurring the creation of such technology.

4/15 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
“*Proposed Delta-Northwest Merger Raises Questions for Airline Industry.*” Newshour takes a look at the proposed merger between Delta and Northwest Airlines. The merger has arisen due to an industry suffering from high fuel costs and particular safety concerns. Airline analysts review the possible results of the merger. Jim Lehrer reports.

6/25 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
“*As Oil Prices Rise, Carmakers Look to Electric Future.*” The production and use of electric cars was once a slow moving industry but with the hike in oil prices and the progress in battery technology, electric cars are grabbing more attention. Newshour reporter Spencer Michels looks into the increasing development of the electric car industry and the companies that are producing new vehicles.

Science / Technology

4/5 18:30 26:40 **ABC’s of HDTV** O
TV Show Host Nick Clooney guides viewers through an informative program on the digital broadcast television switch in February 2009. He helps answer common questions that the American public has in regards to current technology and the steps they need to take to be technologically ready for the switch.

- 4/23 20:00 56:46 **Nova** D
"Saved By the Sun." With the rise in oil prices and disturbances in politics in the Middle East, scientists are looking to alternatives to energy production in light of an uncertain future. Solar energy is being reconsidered by scientists as a solution to the energy crises. Believers and disbelievers are weighing in on the debate.
- 6/20 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"NASA Lander Discovers Evidence of Ice on Mars." NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander found evidence of water-based ice on Mars, confirming some scientists' theories. Scientist Peter Smith of the University of Arizona discusses the discovery. NASA discovered water-based ice on Mars through the launch of the Phoenix Mars Lander. Newshour asks Scientist Peter Smith of the University of Arizona to discuss this finding and its effects to the scientific community.

Crime

- 4/16 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"Supreme Court Votes 7-2 to Allow Lethal Injection." The Supreme Court recently voted to continue the use of lethal injections in the state of Kentucky. They were also presented the debate on the legal implications of the death penalty for child rapists. National Law Journal reporter Marci Coyle takes a look at these two cases.
- 5/19 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"Supreme Court Upholds Child Pornography Law." The Supreme Court upheld a five year old federal law provision that declares the promotion or presentation of child pornography as a criminal offense. National Law Journal reporter Marcia Coyle examines this decision.
- 6/23 20:00 56:46 **Secrets of the Dead** D
"Gangland Graveyard." First-hand accounts from FBI special agents reveal the dramatic downfall of "Big Joey" Massino, a major Mafia player. Tony-winner Live Schreiber delves into the largely unheralded FBI effort to cripple the mob.