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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: American Buffalo; The
Episode Title: Blood Memory
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/31/2023 4:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

The dramatic story of how America's national mammal, which sustained the lives of Native people, was driven to the brink of extinction. Ken Burns recounts the tragic collision of two opposing views of the natural world.

Series Title: Native America
Episode Title: New Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/12/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native innovators lead a revolution in music, building, and space exploration. From the surface of Mars to the New York City hip hop scene to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Native traditions are transforming life on Earth and other worlds.

Series Title: Native America
Episode Title: Language is Life
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/17/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:52:55

Celebrate the power of Native languages and the inspirational people who are saving them. From secret recordings to Star Wars films dubbed in Navajo, follow the revolutionary steps transforming Native America.

CULTURE

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Zoot Suit Riots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/1/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Zoot Suit Riots is a powerful film that explores the complicated racial tensions and the changing social and political landscape that led up to the explosion on LA's streets in the summer of 1943. To understand what happened during those terrifying June nights, the film describes changes in the city's population — the influx of new immigrants, the booming war-time economy, the huge number of service men on their way to the Pacific theater and a new generation of Mexican Americans who were more conspicuous, more affluent and more self-confident than their parents had ever dared to be.

Series Title: Native America
Episode Title: Women Rule
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/19/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native women are leading, innovating, and inspiring in the arts, politics, and protecting the planet. NATIVE AMERICA explores the diverse ways they carry forward deep traditions to better their communities, their lands, and the world.

Series Title: Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen
Episode Title: Destination Unknown
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/20/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Agatha Christie's shocking disappearance in 1926 gripped the nation. Lucy Worsley unravels the mystery and reveals the profound influence this episode had on her

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Utah: Choose Your Path
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/13/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

From paragliding over the Great Salt Lake to canyon climbing to discovering the science behind nature's healing powers, Baratunde journeys west to find out what modern day pilgrims are seeking in Utah's outdoor spaces.

Series Title: Green Planet
Episode Title: Seasonal Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Sir David Attenborough reveals the surprising and dramatic effects of the four seasons on plant life. In order to survive the huge challenges each season presents, plants must use strategy, deception and remarkable feats of engineering.

Series Title: Cheetah Family and Me
Episode Title: 102
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/22/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: BBC
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Renowned wildlife filmmaker Gordon Buchanan gets close to wild cheetah in the stunning Kalahari, experiencing firsthand the very real dangers these beautiful big cats face.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Hollywood Royalty
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/1/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Three actors born into Hollywood royalty discover branches of their family trees that have been hidden from the public eye—and meet a cast of characters every bit as dramatic as the people they themselves have played on camera.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Secrets & Lies
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/3/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps actors Sigourney Weaver, Justina Machado and Amy Ryan unearth surprising revelations about their family histories, forever altering how they see themselves.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Criminal Kind
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/17/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of actor Laura Linney and journalists Lisa Ling and Soledad O'Brien—telling them stories of tricksters, scoundrels and outright criminals, who nevertheless laid the groundwork for *their* success.

Series Title: Power Trip: The Story of Energy
Episode Title: Globalization
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/11/2023 3:00:00 PM
Service: PBS PLUS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn how energy enabled rapid globalization, both as both a widely traded product and as a facilitator for moving goods globally. In the ancient world, globalization was always a goal, but modern forms of energy provided the missing link.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Science Pioneers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/10/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. traces the family trees of Francis Collins, Shirley Ann Jackson, and Harold E. Varmus — three pioneering scientists who've made dramatic contributions to our understanding of the world, all the while knowing little about their own ancestry.

Series Title: Your DNA Secrets Revealed
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 12/1/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Pledge
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Learn about the science of DNA and the role genetics plays in our longevity, and well-being. Hosted by author, educator and genetic genealogist Diahan Southard, and including interviews with noted biologists and researchers, the program explains why genealogical science is critical to understanding who we really are, and how it can help us make smarter, more informed choices about our health.

TRANSPORTATION

Series Title: Scotland's Scenic Railways

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/6/2023 2:00:00 PM
Service: APTSY
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

From windswept coasts to the wild highlands, every inch of the 2,800 km track is monitored and maintained by an army of expert engineers to protect this magnificent rail line for more than 120 years. These rail lines have inspired poets and artists for hundreds of years, including Leo du Feu, who is travelling from Edinburgh's Waverley station in search of inspiration from Scotland's landscape and wildlife. His journey takes him to Borthwick Castle, one of Scotland's best preserved 15th century keeps composed of a daunting 90-foot-tall double tower.

Series Title: The Tuskegee Airmen: Return to Ramitelli
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/5/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: APTEX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN: RETURN TO RAMITELLI tells the story of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of Black military pilots who broke stereotypes and helped win World War II with their daring fighter escorts of American bombers. The legacy-themed documentary features interviews with many original Tuskegee Airmen, family members, and historians – both Italian and American. It also follows the daughter of a Tuskegee Airman back to Italy to visit what remains of the base at Ramitelli and includes a visit to the cemetery at Nettuno, Italy, where several Tuskegee Airmen are buried.

Series Title: Real Rail Adventures: Swiss Winter Magic
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2023 3:00:00 PM
Service: APTEX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Hosted by veteran traveler and avid train buff Jeff Wilson, REAL RAIL ADVENTURES: SWISS WINTER MAGIC showcases the construction marvels and visual splendors of the Swiss rail system, world-class mainlines, stunning scenic routes, and beautiful cog trains. From Zurich International, Jeff boards the Intercity Line at the airport train station and heads east. At the alpine city of Chur, he changes to the renowned Albula Bernia Express and savors the scenery scrolling by on the ride to his first destination. St. Moritz is legendary as one of the world's premier ski resorts. Alpine winter tourism was invented here in 1864 and St. Moritz has twice hosted the Olympic Winter Games. Traveling aboard the Glacier Express, Jeff heads to the village of Zermatt and the world famous Matterhorn, a mountain of the Alps. Romantic, car-free Zermatt pulses year round and is particularly enchanting in winter. Scores of 500-year-old houses line the streets of the compact village. Zermatt nestles in a peaceful—and yet wild—mountain world at the foot of the indomitable Matterhorn.

WAR/VET/NATIONAL SECURITY

Series Title: Secrets of Scotland Yard
Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/27/2023 2:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

From Dickens to Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie to James Bond, no police institution in the world has caught the public imagination in the same way as Scotland Yard. The name has become synonymous with London's police force, but actually comes from the location of the original police headquarters building.

Series Title: Bob Dole, Italy and World War II
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/5/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Some of the most brutal, merciless and chaotic fighting of World War II took part in the mountains of Italy and lasted until the final days of the war. Even as the Allies advanced into the heart of Berlin in May of 1945, the battle for Italy continued. Many soldiers were affected by their time fighting in Italy and the horrific conditions they faced there. BOB DOLE, ITALY AND WORLD WAR II is about those who lived through one of World War II's most desperate fights, including the young lieutenant from Kansas whose unforgettable ordeal in Italy would shape his life of public service.

Series Title: Shrapnel Down: My Korean War Story
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/12/2023 10:30:00 PM
Service: APTX
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:30:00

In 1952, Gunner's Mate Bill Rector was serving on the USS Los Angeles during the height of the Korean War. Using an 8mm camera, Bill documented his war experiences, including battles during the Blockade of Wonsan - the longest naval blockade in modern history. SHRAPNEL DOWN: MY KOREAN WAR STORY shares this never-before-seen war footage, alongside an interview with Bill, to offer a glimpse into the story of one American war veteran, as seen through the lens of his own camera.