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**PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report**  
**January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024**

**AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY**

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Born to Sing  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/14/2024 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:52:10

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of singers Alanis Morissette and Ciara, revealing their hidden connections to history -- and to music.

Series Title: American Experience  
Episode Title: Nazi Town, USA  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/4/2024 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the rise of the German American Bund, a 1930s organization of American Nazis. With chapters across the country, the Bund represented what experts believe was a "genuine threat of fascist subversion in the United States."

Series Title: Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/17/2024 7:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Pledge Event  
Segment Length: 00:55:33

Meet the courageous woman who repeatedly risked her life and freedom to liberate others from slavery.

## CULTURE

Series Title: American Experience  
Episode Title: Voice of Freedom  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 1/14/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:56:46

On Easter Sunday, 1939, contralto Marian Anderson stepped up to a microphone in front of the Lincoln Memorial. Inscribed on the walls of the monument behind her were the words "all men are created equal." Barred from performing in Constitution Hall because of her race, Anderson would sing for the American people in the open air. Hailed as a voice that "comes around once in a hundred years" by maestros in Europe and widely celebrated by both white and black audiences at home, her fame hadn't been enough to spare her from the indignities and outright violence of racism and segregation. Voice of Freedom interweaves Anderson's rich life story with this landmark moment in history, exploring fundamental questions about talent, race, fame, democracy, and the American soul.

Series Title: Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World  
Episode Title: The Foundation  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/11/2024 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover the factors that led to the birth of Hip Hop and its first socially conscious hit The Message by Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five in 1982.

Series Title: In Their Own Words  
Episode Title: Princess Diana  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/20/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Meet those closest to Princess Diana and follow her story as she grew from a shy, aristocratic schoolgirl into a dynamic force for change. This is a journey from the inside of her life, and the story of a woman who defied expectations and evolved into one of the most impactful icons of our time.

## ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Ireland's Wild Coast  
Episode Title: Episode 2  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/5/2024 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

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.

Series Title: Outback  
Episode Title: Return of the Wet  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/9/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Inland Kimberley is now so stiflingly hot, everything and everyone moves with caution - with the exception of gold diggers Honest John and Steve. The region's remaining waterholes are packed with animals, forced dangerously close. The coast is also a place to congregate. The humidity builds and finally, the skies explode with thunder and rain.

Series Title: Rick Steves Mighty Alps  
Length: 90 minutes  
Airdate: 3/18/2024 5:00:00 PM  
Service: APTX  
Format: Pledge Event  
Segment Length: 01:30:00

In the thin-air "thriller" pledge event special RICK STEVES MIGHTY ALPS, join Rick Steves on an alpine adventure from Italy to Austria to Switzerland to France, with scenic train rides, breathtaking lifts, majestic glaciers, and unforgettable hikes. In this greatest-hits blitz of the Alps, Rick celebrates both nature and culture. He takes viewers along for the journey to conquer the Dolomites in Italy and the Zugspitze in Austria. Then, in Switzerland, Rick savors more jaw-dropping mountain beauty, from the Matterhorn to the Jungfrau to Appenzell. And in France, with Chamonix as a springboard, Rick rides the lift up to the Aiguille du Midi and hut-hops along the iconic Tour du Mont Blanc hiking path. While visiting the literal high points of Europe, Rick inspires viewers to also enjoy alpine life, from its folk music to its rustic cheeses.

**FAMILY/MARRIAGE**

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Forever Young  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/21/2024 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets Valerie Bertinelli and Brendan Fraser -- two actors who've spent their lives in the limelight, never knowing about their roots.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Hold the Laughter  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/9/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the roots of comedians Bob Odenkirk and Iliza Shlesinger—two very funny people whose family trees brim with dramatic stories, introducing them to relatives who took great risks to overcome enormous hardships.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Mean Streets  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/24/2024 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. maps the family trees of comedian Tracy Morgan and actor Anthony Ramos -- taking the two New York City natives far from their hometown.

Series Title: Energy Switch  
Episode Title: Electric Cars - Pros and Cons, Part 2  
Length: 30 minutes  
Airdate: 1/3/2024 4:00:00 PM  
Service: NETA  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:30:00

Subsidies for electric cars have helped make them popular, but have gone mostly to the wealthy. These and mandates may have unintended consequences. We need more affordable EVs, even if they have lower range, say Dr. Beia Spiller, Director of the Transportation Program at Resources for the Future, and Dr. David Rapson, Economic Policy Advisor for the Fed and Professor of Economics, UC Davis.

Series Title: Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 2/26/2024 10:00:00 PM  
Service: EPS  
Format: Pledge event  
Segment Length: 02:00:00

In this program, psychiatrist and founder of Amen Clinics Dr. Daniel Amen will show you how you can improve your memory and even rescue it if it's headed for trouble. You will discover some of the most common—and one of the most surprising—causes of memory loss and when you should be concerned. Dr. Amen will share the seven foods and supplements that research shows you can use every day to enhance your memory. And he will show you how to supercharge your memory with 11 simple daily practices.

Series Title: Your DNA Secrets Revealed  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 3/17/2024 11:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Pledge event  
Segment Length: 02:00:00

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: Britain's Scenic Railways

Episode Title: Episode 3  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/5/2024 2:00:00 PM  
Service: APTSY  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Follow the route of the Hogwarts Express to Glenfinnan station, where a piece of railway history is up for sale; and take a Highlands helicopter ride to reveal how climate change is threatening the line. Explore efforts to restore a cherished steam locomotive to the Strathspey Railway.

Series Title: Pullman and the Railroad Rebellion: American Stories  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/11/2024 8:00:00 PM  
Service: APTEX  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

In 1864, the powerful industrialist and engineer George Pullman brought luxury to overnight train travel with his revolutionary sleeping cars. Passengers aboard these rail cars were served by former slaves who became known as Pullman Porters and Maids. Pullman soon established a company town for employees on Chicago's South Side, giving him complete autonomy over every aspect of their lives. PULLMAN AND THE RAILROAD REBELLION: AMERICAN STORIES recounts the bloody rebellion that followed as Pullman's workers fought for their independence.

Series Title: Epic Train Journeys  
Episode Title: The Glacier Express  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 3/22/2024 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS PLUS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

The Glacier Express train in the Swiss Alps is an engineering marvel traveling over treacherous gorges and through huge mountain ranges.

**WAR/VET/NATIONAL SECURITY**

Series Title: WWII Mega Weapons  
Episode Title: Tunnels of Okinawa  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 1/28/2024 10:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The tide of war in the Pacific has now fully turned against the Imperial Japanese forces. In a fierce and brutal island hopping campaign, the Americans are winning battle after battle, rapidly gaining ground in their ultimate goal of invading mainland Japan. However, the Japanese decide that the island of Okinawa will be their last bastion of defense.

Series Title: The Tuskegee Airmen: Return to Ramitelli  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/4/2024 11:00:00 PM  
Service: APTX  
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: Memphis Belle: Her Final Mission  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 2/5/2024 12:00:00 AM  
Service: APTX  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

MEMPHIS BELLE: HER FINAL MISSION is an hour-long documentary that tells the story of two teams: the crew who flew her into combat and the restoration team that took 13 years to return her to her former glory. Two teams, separated by more than six decades, are bound together by their love of this remarkable and historic plane called the Memphis Belle.