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Public Affairs

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Oct. 1, 2014
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Description:

HEALTH

Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control, speaks with Hari Sreenivasan about the tools of the American health system being deployed to isolate and stop the Ebola virus from spreading in the U.S., and the likelihood that people in other regions of the world may become infected.

ARTS

When Edward Hirsch lost his son to a drug-related cardiac arrest, the poet began collecting his memories. Overwhelmed with grief, Hirsch turned his reflections into a book-length elegy, now published as "Gabriel." Jeffrey Brown spoke with Hirsch near his home in New York.

POLITICS

Providence's Buddy Cianci was once America's longest-serving mayor who brought new life to a city in decline. But Cianci's legacy was tarnished -- and two different administrations cut short -- by felony convictions in 1987 and 2002. This year, the infamous former mayor is not just on the ballot for a second comeback, he's leading in the polls. Political editor Domenico Montanaro reports.

WORLD

President Obama met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss Israel's failed peace process, restrictions on Iran's nuclear program and the Islamic State. Hari Sreenivasan sits down with chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner to find out what was discussed behind closed doors.

POLITICS

Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, the Republican vice presidential candidate in 2012, says he won't decide about a possible presidential run until 2015. Judy Woodruff sits down with Ryan to discuss both the personal matters -- the death of his father -- as well as the political ideas -- the image of the GOP -- that he addresses in his new book, "The Way Forward: Renewing the American Idea."

EDUCATION

In Chicago, two initiatives were launched to improve access to higher education for lower-income students. To explore the strategies that community colleges and the University of Chicago are planning to use to attract these students, Jeffrey Brown speaks with Robert Zimmer, president of the University of Chicago, and Cheryl Hyman, chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago.

NATION

Secret Service director Julia Pierson resigned Wednesday in the wake of revelations about security lapses in protecting the president and the White House. Carol Leonnig of The Washington Post joins Hari Sreenivasan for an update.

HEALTH

U.S. health officials have warned for months that someone infected with Ebola could unknowingly carry the virus to this country, and there is word now that it has happened: A traveler in a Dallas hospital became the first patient diagnosed in the U.S.

ARTS

A superstar of classical music might normally draw a huge crowd, but that wasn't the case when violin virtuoso Joshua Bell held an impromptu recital in a Metro station in 2007 -- largely ignored by a few thousand commuters. On Tuesday, Bell returned to give a performance at Washington's Union Station, and this time people paid attention. Jeffrey Brown sits down with Bell for an interview.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: THURSDAY, Oct. 2, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/02/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

SCIENCE

Walrus are one of many animals who need Arctic sea ice. But when that ice melts, they must go ashore to rest and find food. In Alaska, 35,000 walrus have been observed on one beach. Judy Woodruff speaks with Margaret Williams of the World Wildlife Fund about the consequences of disappearing ice for animals and how humans are connected to the story.

ARTS

"It's interesting to play a politician who gets stuff done," says "House of Cards" star Kevin Spacey. "Ignore the murdering and the conniving." On the eve of a benefit performance with the Shakespeare Theatre Company in the nation's capital, Jeffrey Brown sat down with Spacey to discuss his character Frank Underwood, his career in the theater and commitment to arts education.

POLITICS

When did the more intimate -- and sometimes sordid -- aspects of the personal lives of politicians become fair game for reporters? Matt Bai of Yahoo News says it was back in 1987, when presidential candidate Gary Hart's extramarital dalliance was made public. Bai joins Gwen Ifill to discuss his new book, "All the Truth Is Out: The Week Politics Went Tabloid."

ECONOMY

Increasingly popular ride-sharing services have attracted customers at a rate that some say endangers the cab industry. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports on the new surge of unregulated competition on the road.

EDUCATION

When the College Board established new national standards for Advanced Placement U.S. History courses, conservative members of the school board in Jefferson County, Colorado, called for changes to their local curriculum to promote patriotism and the free enterprise system and discourage civil disorder. Hari Sreenivasan reports on the ensuing protests against censorship by students.

NATION

When justices are named to the Supreme Court, they hold that seat for life. Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 81, the oldest sitting justice and a powerful voice on the bench. Jeffrey Brown gets views from Erwin Chemerinsky of the University of California-Irvine and Jeffrey Rosen of George

Washington University on the political ramifications of a retirement, and the idea of Supreme Court term limits.

NATION

The Supreme Court justices met to discuss some of the cases they will consider when the fall term begins Monday. The court is expected to weigh issues of housing discrimination, campaign contribution rules and a possible landmark case on same-sex marriage. Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal joins Judy Woodruff to offer a preview.

WORLD

In our news wrap Thursday, the leader of Hong Kong's government defied calls for him to step down and warned protesters not to storm buildings. Gwen Ifill speaks with Demetri Sevastopulo on what's driving young protestors. Also, as many as 100 people may have been exposed to the Ebola patient in Dallas, according to health officials in Texas.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: 2014 HIKI NŌ Awards: High School Winners

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/02/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

Hosted by PBS Hawaii President and CEO Leslie Wilcox and Bank of Hawaii Foundation President Donna Tanoue, this special highlights the schools nominated in the High School Division of the HIKI NŌ AWARDS 2014 and will present the winning High School stories in their entirety. The award categories include: Best News Writing, Best Personal Profile, Best Home-Base School, and Best Overall News Stories.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII

Program Title: Election 2014: State House District 51 and State House District 4

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/02/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

On the Windward side of Oahu, last year's special legislative session on same-sex marriage has been a major driver in the general election contest to represent House District 51 (Kailua and Waimanalo). Incumbent Representative Chris Lee, who championed the marriage equality legislation, is being challenged by insurance executive Wayne Hikida, whose opposition to the new law drew him into the political ring.

The program's second half features candidates for House District 4 – Puna on Hawaii Island, which was first battered by Hurricane Iselle and is now under threat from lava. Democrat Joy San Buenaventura and Republican Gary Thomas are trying to fill controversial Representative Faye Hanohano's seat after the incumbent was unseated in the Democratic primary. Daryl Huff moderates both discussions.

Guests include:

Joy San Buenaventura (D) Candidate for State House District 4

Gary Thomas (R) Candidate for State House District 4

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: FRIDAY, Oct. 3, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 10/03/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including U.S. preparedness for containing the Ebola virus, good news for job growth and the economy, plus the resignation of the director of the Secret Service over botched security for the president.

EDUCATION

Philadelphia's public school system is suffering a severe budget crisis, leaving classrooms packed, faculty understaffed and the district in debt. Special correspondent John Tulenko of Learning Matters examines what led to the shortage of funds and what lawmakers are doing to fix it.

HEALTH

Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, an oncologist and one of the country's leading health care experts, says by age 75 he would opt out of medical treatments in order to not prolong his life in favor of letting nature take its course. Emmanuel joins Judy Woodruff to discuss his provocative essay published in The Atlantic, "Why I Hope to Die at 75."

ECONOMY

For the first time since 2008, the unemployment rate has fallen below 6 percent. The latest jobs report depicts a better rebound in the labor market than last month's report predicted. For an in-depth analysis of the figures, economics correspondent Paul Solman speaks with economist Barry Bluestone.

WORLD

Islamic State militants continue to advance along the Syria-Turkey border, despite ongoing U.S. airstrikes supported by regional allies. Judy Woodruff sits down with chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner for more on Turkey's complicated relationships to the Syrian conflict, its Kurdish population and the coalition fight against the militant group.

HEALTH

Why was Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan initially turned away from the hospital even though he had symptoms of the disease? Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Stephan Morris of the Center for Strategic and International Studies about lessons from the handling of the first case of the disease in the U.S.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND
Program Title: SATURDAY, Oct. 4, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 10/04/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 30

Description:

HEALTH

How can the spread of the Ebola virus be stopped? Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss lessons

learned in the missteps made in treating Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan, who is now in critical condition at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital.

NATION

Young adult literature has become a booming business and one of the fastest growing book categories for publishers in recent years, with more than 715 million books sold in 2013 -- mostly to adults. NewsHour Weekend's Tracy Wholf reports.

WORLD

Instead of focusing on only hardships, a group of photographers living and working in Africa have started an Instagram campaign to show the rest of the world what life in Africa is really like. Saskia de Melker reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Oct. 5, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/05/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition of PBS NewsHour Weekend for Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, a leading expert weighs in on new gains by ISIS in Iraq despite airstrikes by the United States and its allies. Later, the wave of beheadings is even more widespread than recent news coverage suggests. And, a new push to increase the minimum wage. Hari Sreenivasan anchors from New York.

ECONOMY

Matt Flegenheimer of the New York Times joins Hari Sreenivasan to talk about the U.S. cities moving to raise minimum wage on the local level, as the issue lingers in Congress.

WORLD

ISIS' release of yet another videotape showing the beheading of a western hostage has once again drawn international condemnation and refocused attention on the very practice. In fact, beheadings date back to ancient times, and today, they are hardly limited to the violence waged by ISIS in Iraq and Syria. NewsHour's Ivette Feliciano reports.

NATION

Viewers respond to a recent NewsHour Weekend signature piece examining Florida's new law requiring low-performing elementary schools to provide an extra hour of reading every day. Hari Sreenivasan reads your comments.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Oct. 6, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/06/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

Fifty years ago, in October 1964, less than a month before the presidential elections, Lady Bird Johnson boarded a train in Washington to stump through eight Southern states -- a gamble to help win back disaffected voters after the passage of the Civil Rights Act. Judy Woodruff

explores a lesser-known part of the legislation's history with a look at the first lady's influential whistle-stop tour.

HEALTH

The debate over the health risks of high school football has escalated since three student players died in a week. PBS NewsHour's Student Reporting Labs talk to the football team at T.C. Williams High School in Virginia for their response. Then Gwen Ifill sits down with Steven Broglio, director of the NeuroSport Research Laboratory at the University of Michigan to discuss the risks to young athletes.

HEALTH

Authorities have stressed the low likelihood of a Ebola breakout in the United States, but questions regarding the Dallas case and the effectiveness of airport screening have raised concern. Jeffrey Brown gets an update from Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases about the use of experimental drugs to treat the virus.

ARTS

Lev Grossman's bestselling series "The Magicians" proves that fantasy literature isn't only for kids, having captured a new generation of readers with new worlds and mature, complicated characters. Grossman joins Jeffrey Brown to discuss his work and why the genre is growing in popularity.

NATION

Why did the Supreme Court refuse to hear appeals on same-sex marriage, and what does it mean for the future of this issue? Gwen Ifill sits down with Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal for closer look at the court's surprise decision, plus debate on its significance from Austin Nimocks of Alliance Defending Freedom and Evan Wolfson of Freedom to Marry.

Series Title: POV

Program Title: The Act of Killing

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/06/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 120

Description:

This film explores a horrifying era in Indonesian history and provides a window into modern Indonesia, where corruption reigns. Not only is the 1965 murder of an estimated one million people honored as a patriotic act, but the killers remain in power. In a mind-bending twist, death-squad leaders dramatize their brutal deeds in the style of the American westerns, musicals and gangster movies they love — and play both themselves and their victims. As their heroic facade crumbles, one comes to question what they've done.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Oct. 7, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/07/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

As one of only 20 women currently serving in the Senate, New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand has focused on addressing sexual assault in the military and on college campuses. In her new book,

"Off the Sidelines: Raise Your Voice, Change the World," she encourages women to express their views and be heard. Gillibrand joins Judy Woodruff to discuss her experience and advice.
NATION

In a device-heavy world, hands-free technology is supposed to make tasks like driving safer. But a new report found that talking, texting and adjusting music might be even more distracting if you're not using your hands. Gwen Ifill learns more from Jake Nelson, director of Traffic Safety Advocacy and Research at AAA.

SCIENCE

The Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to three scientists who created the revolutionary LED light, which is 20 times more efficient than a standard incandescent bulb. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien joins Jeffrey Brown to talk about the winners and their energy-saving research, plus a look at this year's Nobel Prize in Medicine.

ARTS

To see Jorge Rodríguez-Gerada's "facescape," you have to be high above the crowds on the National Mall, either at the top of the Washington Monument or in the sky. Called "Out of Many, One," -- the translation of "E Pluribus Unum" -- the artist created a composite face from 50 photographs of young men from Washington, D.C. Jeffrey Brown reports.

WORLD

The Islamic State has gained notoriety for their beheadings and mass executions, but the group has also abducted thousands of women to make into sex slaves. A former female captive shares her story with the NewsHour, plus Gwen Ifill talks to Manal Omar of the United States Institute of Peace and David Jacobson of the University of South Florida about the exploitation of women by the Islamic State.

NATION

Criminals give up many but not all of their rights in prison. The Supreme Court is reviewing a case of an incarcerated convict in Arkansas who is challenging regulations prohibiting facial hair on the grounds of religious observance. Special correspondent Tim O'Brien offers some background, and Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal joins Judy Woodruff to talk more about the case.

WORLD

At 9 o'clock one morning in early August, she and her relatives ran out of their home and into the street to join a group of terrified Yazidi families. Word had spread of Islamic State group fighters approaching their village of Tal Azir in Sinjar.

Series Title: FRONTLINE

Program Title: Death by Fire 2

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/07/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

Did Texas execute an innocent man? FRONTLINE re-investigates the case of Cameron Todd Willingham, who was executed for the arson deaths of his three children. The film asks new questions about a key prosecution witness and science that raises doubts about whether the fatal fire was really arson.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Oct. 8, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/08/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

SCIENCE

More than six months ago, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared on its trip from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Two months of searching for wreckage and clues yielded no definitive answers about what happened. On Monday the search resumed. Jeffrey Brown talks to science correspondent Miles O'Brien about the continuing investigation and the upcoming NOVA report "Why Planes Vanish."

POLITICS

Americans tend to view the Founding Fathers favorably but aren't as kind to the modern presidents. Aaron David Miller argues that the American "addiction" for greatness sets today's leaders up against impossible standards. Margaret Warner sits down with Miller to discuss his new book, "The End of Greatness."

WORLD

While Islamic State forces seem poised to take the border town of Kobani, President Obama and military leaders are weighing what more can be done to combat the militants marching toward Turkey. Judy Woodruff gets analysis from Michèle Flournoy, a former Defense Department official, and retired Col. Derek Harvey, a former Army Intelligence officer, on the effectiveness of the U.S.-led fight.

HEALTH

Go inside the Emergency Operations Center at the CDC, the information hub where doctors and scientists are at the front lines of the effort to contain and control the Ebola virus. Special correspondent Kathleen McCleery reports from Atlanta on the challenges of keeping up with the fast-moving epidemic.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: THURSDAY, Oct. 9, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/09/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

HEALTH

Modern medicine has a fundamental failure in its approach toward aging and dying, says Dr. Atul Gawande: "We don't recognize that people have priorities besides just living longer." Gawande, a surgeon and the author of a new book, "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End," joins Jeffrey Brown to discuss his education in mortality.

POLITICS

This November, Alaska, Arkansas, Illinois, Nebraska and South Dakota will vote on proposals to raise their states' minimum wages. In Republican-controlled Arkansas, where the hourly wage is lower than the federal minimum, polls show overwhelming support for the measure. Jacob Kauffman of KUAR Public Radio in Little Rock reports.

SCIENCE

Climate change and resulting rising sea levels threaten a number of dwindling species in the San Francisco Bay Area. A new restoration project transforms industrial salt ponds into thriving marshland habitats to provide a new home for rodents, birds and fish. The NewsHour's Cat Wise reports on another benefit: increased flood protection for human residents.

WORLD

After a record number of young, unaccompanied migrants from Central America started to arrive in the U.S., the White House pledged millions of dollars to help address the problem where it started. The NewsHour's P.J. Tobia examines U.S.-funded programs like community centers that are designed to decrease crime in and stem migration from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

HEALTH

Despite increased pledges of support for the Ebola epidemic, Nancy Aossef of International Medical Corps says there are still not enough operational efforts on the ground. Gwen Ifill talks to Aossef, CEO of one of the few nongovernmental groups treating patients in West Africa, about the current treatment resources available for patients and training efforts and equipment for health workers.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Oct. 9, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/09/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

This episode of HIKI NŌ is being hosted by Kua o ka La Public Charter School — Milolii Hipuu Virtual Academy on Hawaii Island.

Top Story:

Students from Aliamanu Middle School on Oahu highlight a dialogue between Hawaii youth and global peace leaders Desmond Tutu, Gro Harlem Brundtland and Hina Jilani. The August 30, 2014, event, sponsored by Pillars of Peace Hawaii, an initiative of the Hawaii Community Foundation, gave students the opportunity to hear from and interact with three representatives from The Elders, a group that works collectively for peace and human rights. Aliamanu students also interviewed The Elders, inspiring reflections on what the middle schoolers learned and about their hopes for the future.

Also Featured:

Students at Moanalua High School on Oahu spotlight science whiz Dustin Paiea, who worked alongside University of Hawaii engineers to test graphene, a sustainable and highly conductive new material; students at Konawaena High School on Hawaii Island feature the friendships that blossomed when students from Kumejima Island in Okinawa attended Konawaena High School on Hawaii island for three weeks of cultural exchange; students at Saint Francis School on Oahu tell the story of Cathedral Catholic Academy principal Miguel Paekukui, who also shines as a veteran actor for Manoa Valley Theatre; students at Maui High School tell of a mother's courageous battle with ALS and how her daughter's school undertook the Ice Bucket Challenge in her honor; students at Wheeler Middle School on Oahu demonstrate how using Google docs can solve menu planning for any potluck; and students at Waianae High School on Oahu portray

how a student struggling with diabetes has found strength through a new clinic's peer support program.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII
Program Title: Election 2014: U.S. Congressional District 1
Distributor: PBS Hawaii
Date: 10/09/2014 8:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

The Affordable Care Act, same-sex marriage and the Jones Act are just some of the issues facing the candidates for U.S. Congressional District 1, representing urban Honolulu.

The contest between Charles Djou, the Republican candidate, and State Representative Mark Takai, the Democratic candidate, will decide who replaces Colleen Hanabusa, who left her Congressional seat to run unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate. Who can best represent Hawaii in Congress? What qualities and ideas will decide this contest?

Daryl Huff will moderate a discussion between the candidates for U.S. Congressional District 1, as they head toward the November 4 General Election.

Guests include:

Charles Djou (R) Candidate, U.S. House District 1
Mark Takai (D) Candidate, U.S. House District 1

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: FRIDAY, Oct. 10, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 10/10/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

The 22-year civil war in Sudan left 2 million dead and double that number displaced. Young boys who were orphaned by the conflict became known as the "Lost Boys of Sudan." A new film, "The Good Lie," offers a fictional take on four such men who move to the U.S. Jeffrey Brown talks to actor and former "Lost Boy" Ger Duany and screenwriter Margaret Nagle about their efforts to tell this story.

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including the Supreme Court decision not to hear cases on gay marriage bans, criticism for the government's handling of and response to the Ebola epidemic, plus a tribute to former White House press secretary and gun control activist James Brady.

HEALTH

One of the least healthy places in the United States is taking an unexpected shift toward better health. In West Virginia's coal country, a growing health gap is fueled in part by shrinking industry and prosperity. Hari Sreenivasan reports on how health workers and community leaders

in Williamson are trying to turn that around with greater medical access, healthier food and a stronger economy.

ECONOMY

The growing American "share economy" makes use of people's preexisting and underutilized assets and time. Hospitality website Airbnb helps turn empty guest rooms into makeshift hotel rooms. But what happens to actual hotels and bed and breakfasts that have to conform to greater regulation and charge higher prices? Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports.

WORLD

One's a global icon. The other is largely unknown, even in his home country. This year's Nobel Peace Prize winners, Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi, have been leading advocates for the rights of children on issues like child slavery and universal education. Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Gayle Tzemach Lemmon of the Council on Foreign Relations about the significance of their activism.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Oct. 11, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/11/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

HEALTH

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington, D.C. to discuss how Ebola airport screenings at point of departure and arrival work in tandem to ensure a low likelihood of the spread of disease.

NATION

The Department of Transportation in New York City is in the middle of updating the accessibility icon, which advocates say better reflects those with disabilities. NewsHour Weekend's Hari Sreenivasan reports.

NATION

As a vote on whether to raise the tax on sodas, teas, energy drinks and any others that contain added sugar sold in San Francisco draws near, advocates for the beverage industry and public health arena weigh in on how this tax -- similar to others proposed in cities across the country -- would affect consumers. NewsHour Weekend's William Brangham reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Oct. 12, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/12/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

HEALTH

In West Africa, more than four thousand people have died of Ebola. Drew Hinshaw of the Wall Street Journal joins Hari Sreenivasan to report on the status of the global response to the health crisis facing the countries in Africa at the epicenter of the virus' spread.

WORLD

Geoff Dyer of the Financial Times joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington to talk about Turkey's reluctance to fight ISIS, as the NATO partner pushes for a broader fight that includes combating Assad's regime.

ARTS

James Earl Jones, the 83-year-old acting legend who recently made his return to Broadway in the play "You Can't Take It With You," discusses the highs and lows of his six-decade-long career, from his modest beginnings suffering from a stutter to a celebrated star of stage and screen with one of the most recognizable voices in the world. NewsHour's Jeffrey Brown reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: MONDAY, Oct. 13, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 10/13/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

Judy Woodruff sits down with Amy Walter of the Cook Political Report and Dan Balz of The Washington Post for a look at where the most competitive races stand just three weeks from Election Day 2014.

POLITICS

Republican Gov. Rick Snyder is fighting for re-election in Michigan, a state that voted for President Obama in 2008 and 2012. His opponent, Democratic challenger Mark Schauer, is using Snyder's economic record to weaken the incumbent. Christy McDonald of Detroit Public Television reports.

NATION

At Sayreville War Memorial High in New Jersey, seven players from the school's revered football program were arrested for attacking younger teammates in the team's locker room. Jeffrey Brown learns more about the charges of sexual assault and "pervasive" bullying from Kate Zernike of The New York Times.

WORLD

The ongoing war on terror has driven a dramatic rise in spending in the name of security. In his new book, "Pay Any Price: Greed, Power, and Endless War," New York Times investigative journalist James Risen examines the cost -- in both treasure and lives. Judy Woodruff sits down with the author to discuss what he calls the new "Homeland Security-Industrial Complex."

WORLD

A gathering of bishops convened by Pope Francis broke new ground on some taboos of the Catholic faith. While there was no change in doctrine on cohabitation, divorce and homosexuality, the Church signaled a shift away from condemning people who don't live by their teachings. Judy Woodruff sits down with The Boston Globe's John Allen to discuss the Vatican's change in tone.

WORLD

The director of the World Health Organization called Ebola's ravaging effects on West Africa a "crisis for international peace and security." Jeffrey Brown speaks with David Miliband of the International Rescue Committee about the conditions driving the emergency, the challenges of breaking the cycle of transmission and the existential and political consequences of the epidemic.

HEALTH

How prepared are hospitals, doctors and nurses to handle Ebola cases in the United States, and what measures should be taken to increase safety? Judy Woodruff gets an assessment from Dr. Howard Markel of the University of Michigan and Katy Roemer of National Nurses United.

Series Title: INDEPENDENT LENS

Program Title: Bully

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/13/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 90

Description:

This cinematic, character-driven documentary puts a human face on the devastating impacts of the most common form of violence experienced by young people in the nation. At its heart are those with huge stakes in the issue: five kids and families whose stories each represent a different facet of America's bullying epidemic. The film, shot over the course of one school year, opens a window onto the pained and often endangered lives of bullied kids, revealing a problem that transcends geographic, racial, ethnic and economic borders. It documents the responses of teachers and administrators to aggressive behaviors that defy "kids will be kids" clichés and captures a growing movement among parents and youths to change how bullying is handled in schools, communities and society as a whole.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Oct. 14, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/14/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

SCIENCE

Americans eat twice as much salt as recommended, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While the health risks associated with high sodium intake are widely known, many Americans won't sacrifice taste to eat healthily. What causes these cravings and how can we limit them? Hari Sreenivasan examines a mission to revolutionize the processed food business.

HEALTH

After being diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, 29-year-old Brittany Maynard moved her family from California to Oregon to die on her own terms. Oregon law allows Maynard to take lethal prescription medication to end her life. Jeffrey Brown gets debate from Barbara Coombs Lee of Compassion & Choices and Dr. Ira Byock of Providence Institute for Human Caring.

SCIENCE

After profiling visionary individuals like Benjamin Franklin and Steve Jobs, biographer Walter Isaacson has turned his attention to a whole group of creative minds, weaving the tale of the many inventive thinkers who launched the digital revolution. Judy Woodruff sits down with Isaacson to discuss his latest book, "The Innovators," and what set these people apart.

WORLD

The Islamic State claimed responsibility for a suicide bomb attack that killed 23 people in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad. Judy Woodruff speaks with Ned Parker of Reuters about the

militants' long approach toward the capital, as well as fresh sectarian strife despite hope that a new prime minister would help pull the country together.

ECONOMY

Lately the financial markets have been swinging from record leaps to sudden drops. Eswar Prasad, an economist at Cornell University and the Brookings Institution, says that while the U.S. economy is continuing its recovery, the rest of the world is weakening. Prasad joins Gwen Ifill for a closer look at what's happening.

POLITICS

In Colorado, one of the GOP's main midterm battlegrounds to take control of the Senate, the candidates seem to be advocating to women to decide the race. But Rocky Mountain voters are just as likely to legalize marijuana as expand oil exploration. Gwen Ifill reports on the many factors making Colorado's election unpredictable.

ART

If you attend an art show at Arc of the Arts, a studio in Austin, Texas, you'll find paintings and drawings, jewelry and flash animation. The studio houses over 60 artists a week, all of whom are adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Series Title: FRONTLINE

Program Title: The Trouble with Antibiotics

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/14/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

FRONTLINE investigates the widespread use of antibiotics in food animals and whether it is fueling the growing crisis of antibiotic resistance in people. Also this hour: An exclusive interview with the family of a young man who died in a nightmare bacteria outbreak that swept through a hospital at the National Institutes of Health.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Oct. 15, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/15/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

ECONOMY

Worries about Ebola, Europe and the U.S. economy drove another dive on Wall Street. On the same day, the Obama administration announced the national deficit has declined to its lowest level since 2007. Gwen Ifill talks to Treasury Secretary Jack Lew and Budget Director Shaun Donovan about signs of a stabilizing economy, as well as why Americans are skeptical of the improvement.

SCIENCE

In the new book and PBS series "How We Got to Now," Steven Johnson presents six game-changing innovations and how they shaped the modern world. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Johnson about surprising connections between invention and American society.

ARTS

Groundbreaking in its day, '70s sitcom "All in the Family" didn't back down from tackling controversial topics. Legendary TV writer and producer Norman Lear, author of a new memoir, "Even This I Get To Experience," discusses the changing medium and changing audiences with Jeffrey Brown.

WORLD

With less than six weeks before the deadline to agree on an Iran nuclear deal, negotiations have come to a kind of stalemate over sharp limits on Iran's uranium enrichment capability. Gwen Ifill gets an update on the hurdles ahead, as well as areas of agreement, from chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner.

WORLD

During the Iraq war, American soldiers were unknowingly exposed to old chemical weapons long abandoned by Saddam Hussein's regime. The story of the troops who were injured trying to dismantle the contaminated weapons has been kept secret until now. Judy Woodruff learns more from C.J. Chivers of The New York Times about his investigation.

HEALTH

Officials have been saying that the U.S. knows how to stop Ebola, but now another nurse has been infected. What's gone wrong? Judy Woodruff talks to Laurie Garrett of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: THURSDAY, Oct. 16, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/16/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

In September, writers and readers gathered at Storymoja, an annual literary festival in Africa. A celebration of books and ideas, it was also a time to remember Ghanaian poet Kofi Awoonor, one of the 67 victims of the Westgate shopping mall attack in Nairobi one year ago. Jeffrey Brown reports on new voices of African literature and the future of literacy in Kenya.

NATION

In 1964, the Free Speech Movement at the University of California, Berkeley, became the first large-scale campus student movement in the country. The demonstrations set the stage for the anti-Vietnam War movement, the campaign for women's equality and others. Special correspondent Spencer Michaels looks at the evolution of student protest at Berkeley and beyond.

EDUCATION

More than 1.2 million homeless students were enrolled in public schools last year. On top of homework, they face challenges like getting enough to eat and finding shelter that meets basic living standards. The NewsHour's April Brown introduces one student who tackled all of that to become high school valedictorian and a freshman at one of the nation's top universities.

NATION

Two brothers from a military family were lost in separate tragedies just months apart. Jeff Graham was killed while on duty in Iraq; his younger brother Kevin, a ROTC cadet, took his own life during a bout of depression. Yochi Dreazen, author of "The Invisible Front: Love and

Loss in an Era of Endless War,” talks to Jeffrey Brown about the Graham family’s story and the stigma of suicide.

NATION

Members of the gaming community launched a campaign in August called Gamergate as a response to allegations of unethical journalism. But it has grown to include outright threats against women who work in or critique the industry. Hari Sreenivasan talks to one of the targets of the harassment, Brianna Wu of Giant Spacekat.

NATION

With hit shows “Game of Thrones” and “True Detective,” HBO has been a big draw for traditional cable television subscribers. But now HBO is launching a standalone online streaming service, with broadcast network CBS announcing a similar plan. Judy Woodruff talks to Sharon Waxman of The Wrap about the changing ways Americans access entertainment.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation’s First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Oct. 16, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/16/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This episode of HIKI NŌ is hosted by students from Farrington High School on Oahu.

Top Story:

Students from Iolani School on Oahu tell the story of a young Iolani graduate who, despite becoming a quadruple amputee due to a devastating disease, continues to live life with grace and appreciation. She visits her alma mater, sharing her inspiring message of perseverance.

Also Featured:

Students at Maui Waena Intermediate School on Maui explore the controversy surrounding the construction of a new Central Maui Sports Complex; students at Kainalu Elementary School on Oahu profile a Kailua woman who shares the art of ribbon-lei-making with people from around the world; students at Mid-Pacific Institute on Oahu show how science and spiritualism are coming to the aid of a historic Waikiki icon — the Moana Hotel’s majestic banyan tree; students at Lahainaluna High School on Maui share the story of a Lahaina woman who proudly maintains her Hawaiian heritage through pau riding; students at Waiakea High School on Hawaii Island spotlight a locally owned surf company in Kapaa, Kauai that gives back by supporting the community’s sports teams.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII

Program Title: Changing Factors in Hawaii’s Storm Risk

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/16/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

With Hawaii Island still recovering from Tropical Storm Iselle, eyes are now on Tropical Storm Ana, which could hit Hawaii as a hurricane this weekend.

Ana is the third tropical cyclone that has threatened or hit the islands this hurricane season. Is it unusual to have this many severe storms in a short period of time? Is there a reason behind it -- or is it a coincidence? And coupled with rising sea levels, are the state's coastlines more at risk from storm surges and high waves than they were when Iniki arrived more than two decades ago?

What are the changing factors in Hawaii's storm risk?

Guests include:

Gary Barnes, PhD Meteorology Department, University of Hawaii-Manoa

Doug Mayne Vice Director, Hawaii Civil Defense

Robert Ballard Science and Operations Officer, Central Pacific Hurricane Center/Weather Forecast Office

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: FRIDAY, Oct. 17, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/17/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

SCIENCE

It's only a matter of time before a big comet or asteroid is on a collision course with Earth. Will scientists discover it, and be able to do something about it, ahead of time? Science correspondent Miles O'Brien talks to NASA astronomers who troll for trouble in the sky.

NATION

Since 2009, Justice Sonia Sotomayor has brought her unique style to a traditionally reserved Supreme Court. In "Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice," Reuters journalist Joan Biskupic explores how the court's first Latina justice is making her mark. Biskupic joins Gwen Ifill for an inside look.

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including the response to Ebola in the U.S. and how it affects national politics, as well as the outlook for the midterm elections and the gubernatorial debate in Florida.

WORLD

What's behind the timing of the cease-fire between Nigeria and Boko Haram? Jeffrey Brown speaks with J. Peter Pham of the Atlantic Council about the motivation for both sides, why the abducted schoolgirls may have become a burden to their captors and what to expect from future talks.

HEALTH

Ron Klain, the president's pick to coordinate the Ebola response, has been criticized for not having a background in public health. To assess the challenges and criticism facing Klain, Judy Woodruff talks to Pamela Cipriano of the American Nurses Association and Dr. Amesh Adalja of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Oct. 18, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/18/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

ECONOMY

According to AAA, the average price of a gallon of regular gas in the U.S. dropped from \$3.52 in late July to \$3.12 today. Isaac Arnsdorf, an energy and commodities reporter with Bloomberg News, joins Hari Sreenivasan to explain the factors contributing to the drop.

WORLD

For more on the Iraq parliament's approval of Sunni and Shiite ministers, ISIS's presence in Anbar province and the group's encroachment on Baghdad, Douglas Ollivant, a partner with global strategic consulting firm Mantid International, joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington.

NATION

Fifty years after President Lyndon Johnson visited Kentucky and declared the War on Poverty, the area of Eastern Kentucky continues to struggle with high unemployment rates, poverty, and the loss of thousands of coal-industry jobs. NewsHour Weekend's Megan Thompson reports on how the new federal Promise Zones initiative in the region is aiming to boost the economy.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Oct. 19, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/19/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

HEALTH

Helene Cooper of The New York Times, who recently returned from West Africa and is now in a self-imposed quarantine, joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss her day-to-day life after spending time in Liberia and how Ebola has affected the country.

HEALTH

Millions of Americans are now eligible for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, including 1.2 million people with mental illnesses. But this particularly vulnerable group may not actually be getting the health care they need. NewsHour Weekend's Stephen Fee reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Oct. 20, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/20/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

An opera slated to open at the Met in New York has stirred very strong feelings beyond the arts community. "The Death of Klinghoffer" is based on a real and recent tragedy: the hijacking of an

Italian cruise ship and the murder of a disabled Jewish-American passenger in 1985. Jeffrey Brown examines the criticism that the production glorifies terrorism.

WORLD

Why did the U.S. decide to reinforce Syrian Kurds with lethal aid to fight the Islamic State takeover of the town of Kobani? Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner joins Gwen Ifill to discuss reversals by the U.S. and Turkey in the strategy against the militant group.

NATION

From wristwatch to wallet, the cell phone is absorbing more and more forms of personal technology. How does Apple Pay, a new financial transaction service from Apple, affect consumers and how we pay for things? Hari Sreenivasan explores the launch and its impact with Arik Hesseldahl of Re/code.

POLITICS

At 91 years old, former Sen. Bob Dole is still traversing his home state of Kansas to thank his supporters for five terms in the Senate. Judy Woodruff sits down with Dole to discuss how Washington has changed since he was in office, his activism for disabled Americans, President Obama's foreign policy and what he expects from the upcoming election.

POLITICS

In 18 states, recent court rulings have changed requirements in the weeks before Election Day. Special correspondent Kelley McHenry of UNC-TV reports on the confusion over the new regulations in North Carolina. Gwen Ifill sits down with Stu Rothenberg of the Rothenberg Political Report and Susan Page of USA Today to discuss factors that could swing the vote.

HEALTH

Dozens of people who had initial contact with Thomas Eric Duncan, the Liberian man who died of Ebola in Dallas, were deemed safe to leave quarantine after weeks of monitoring. More than 100 others, including those who cared for him, are still being watched. Meanwhile, Nigeria was declared Ebola-free by the World Health Organization. Gwen Ifill reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Oct. 21, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/21/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

NATION

In his biweekly column, New York Times writer Charles M. Blow seeks clarity out of complicated news events. The same search for transparency is seen in his new memoir, "Fire Shut Up in My Bones," which chronicles a childhood punctuated by sexual abuse and lifetime spent navigating masculinity and sexuality. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Blow about his new book and the growth of the American South.

POLITICS

In Georgia, the race for an open Senate seat is dividing voters between Republican David Perdue and Democrat Michelle Nunn. Both seek to distance themselves from President Obama's policies while gathering support from white and African-American voters who often diverge on party lines. Judy Woodruff reports the southern voter mindset from Atlanta.

NATION

The startup scene has exploded on the tech market with good ideas and some not-so-good ideas. Special correspondent Steve Goldbloom examines the process that startups go through to become solid businesses and how unsuccessful business get canned.

HEALTH

A Bulgarian man who was paralyzed from the chest down after a 2010 stabbing can now walk after a pioneering transplant in Poland. Cells from the man's nose were used to repair his spinal nerves in a surgery that gives thousands of paralytics new hope for movement. Alex Thompson of Independent Television News has the report.

HEALTH

The Department of Homeland Security has directed travelers entering the U.S. from Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea to five airports for further screening before entering the country. The new travel protocol comes after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new safety plans for healthcare workers. Gwen Ifill speaks with Dr. Thomas Frieden of the CDC.

Series Title: FRONTLINE

Program Title: Losing Iraq

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/21/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

FRONTLINE examines the unfolding chaos in Iraq and how the U.S. is being pulled back into the conflict. Drawing on interviews with policymakers and military leaders, the film traces the U.S. role from the 2003 invasion to the current violence, showing how Iraq itself is coming undone, how we got here, what went wrong and what happens next.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Oct. 22, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/22/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

In Azar Nafisi's new book, "Republic of Imagination," the Iranian author uses American literary classics to explore perceptions of creativity. The new work picks up where Nafisi left off in her first memoir "Reading Lolita in Tehran." Jeffrey Brown sits down with Nafisi to discuss her new book and the difference in literary attitudes between her home country Iran and the U.S.

HEALTH

News of Apple and Facebook paying for their employees' egg freezing has sparked conversation on the advancement of family planning. Gwen Ifill speaks with Sarah Elizabeth Richards, author of "Motherhood Rescheduled" and Alta Charo of the University of Wisconsin-Madison on the benefits, risks and choices women face.

NATION

Washington Post editor, Ben Bradlee, who was best known for leading the paper during its breaking of the Watergate scandal, died Tuesday at 93 in his home in Washington. By publishing the most controversial reports of the 1970s, Bradlee ushered the Post's transition from a

struggling local paper to a nationally revered publication. Judy Woodruff remembers Bradlee with members of Washington media.

WORLD

Three teenage girls from Denver were detained in Germany last weekend by American authorities under suspicion of joining the Islamic State. The militant group lures recruits worldwide with a sophisticated social media operation. Margaret Warner reports on how the U.S. State Department is targeting the militant group's online recruitment campaign.

HEALTH

Ebola remains at the forefront of public safety concerns, but there are a number of illnesses that pose a far greater health risk. Hari Sreenivasan speaks to Dr. William Schaffner, the chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine at Vanderbilt University on the six other diseases that threaten the public.

WORLD

The shooting in Ottawa has prompted questions about the suspected shooter, his motives and possible connections to past attacks or multiple shooters. Gwen Ifill speaks with Campbell Clark of The Globe and Mail, for a report from Canada's capital.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: THURSDAY, Oct. 23, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/23/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

Updated for today's audiences, the revival production of "It's Only a Play," now on Broadway for the first time, lampoons life on the stage from the perspective of a fictional playwright. Jeffrey Brown sits down with starring actor Matthew Broderick and the show's real-life playwright, Terrence McNally.

WORLD

Telling the stories of conflict in Syria and Iraq has become prohibitively dangerous for many news organizations; more than 70 journalists have been killed while covering the Syrian war. While a few international reporters remain in the country, much of the reporting is now done from the outside. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Deborah Amos of NPR and John Daniszewski of the Associated Press.

NATION

The results of the autopsy on Michael Brown, the teenager shot and killed by a police officer 75 days ago, sparked a new round of protests in Ferguson, Missouri, after the official report was leaked to the press. Judy Woodruff discusses the forensic evidence and its limitations with Dr. Judy Melinek of the University of California, San Francisco.

EDUCATION

For more than 18 years, thousands of students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill took credit courses that never met as a class with a professor; a disproportionate number of the students in those classes were athletes. Gwen Ifill talks to former federal prosecutor Kenneth Wainstein about the investigation that unearthed the fraud and why it lasted so long.

SCIENCE

The Ebola outbreak is still racing well ahead efforts to contain it. Can science and technology do more to slow the spread and save lives? John Holdren, the president's top science adviser, sits down with science correspondent Miles O'Brien to discuss designing better safety gear, the outlook for vaccine testing and why the Obama administration is opposed to an Ebola travel ban.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Oct. 23, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/23/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This is a special, first ever all-Kauai edition of HIKI NŌ, hosted by Island School in Lihue, Kapaa Middle School in Kapaa, Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School in Lihue, Kapaa High School in Kapaa, Kauai High School in Lihue and Waimea High School in Waimea.

Top Story:

Students from Island School on Kauai tell the story of Josh Miller, a junior who recovered from a traumatic trail-bike injury to become captain of his cross-country team.

Also Featured:

Students at Kapaa Middle School on Kauai profile the island's youngest and only female fireknife dancer; students at Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School on Kauai share the story of Gail Mande, who overcame her drug addiction and now counsels troubled youth; students from Kapaa High School on Kauai show how a local juice shop is finding fresh ways to support local farmers; students at Kauai High School turn the spotlight on a teen mentor who is motivated by personal tragedy to help others; students at Waimea High School on Kauai share how an alumni foundation is providing vital support to their school; and students at Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School on Kauai speak with the firefighters who rescued more than 100 stranded hikers last April from a popular but treacherous hiking trail.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII

Program Title: Election 2014: Ballot Measures

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/23/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

A statewide initiative is asking voters whether public funds can be appropriated for the support of private preschools. On the next INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII, hosted by Mahealani Richardson, representatives from each side of the statewide preschool initiative will present their respective points of views.

Guests include:

Joan Lewis, State President, Hawaii State Teachers Association

Deborah Zysman, Executive Director, Good Beginnings Alliance

Second-Half of Insights:

Should the mandatory retirement age of State justices and judges be raised from 70 to 80? Should the cultivation or reproduction of genetically engineered organisms within the County of Maui be temporarily banned? Should all types of agricultural lands receive assistance from revenue bonds? These and other questions will be facing voters statewide. What are the pros and cons on these ballot issues?

Second panel:

John Hart, Chairman, Communications Department - Hawaii Pacific University
Janet Mason, League of Women Voters Hawaii

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: FRIDAY, Oct. 24, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 10/24/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

Legendary singer Tony Bennett found an unlikely collaborator in shape-shifting pop superstar Lady Gaga. The two have united for a jazzy album of popular American standards called "Cheek to Cheek." Jeffrey Brown sits down with Bennett to discuss their hit album and keeping jazz alive.

HEALTH

The New York doctor infected with Ebola was working in Guinea for Doctors Without Borders, a humanitarian organization that deploys specialists to provide medical help in crisis zones all over the world. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro offers a deeper look at the organization's mission and the risks of its work.

NATION

Automakers have recalled more than 50 million vehicles in 2014. The latest wave impacts certain cars with defective airbags from the Japanese company Takata. The airbags, which can rupture and blast metal debris, have been linked to at least four deaths. Judy Woodruff speaks with Micheline Maynard of Arizona State University for what consumers drivers should know.

POLITICS

In Kentucky there's a disconnect in public opinion for the Affordable Care Act versus the state's popular health exchange program. Special correspondent Renee Shaw of Kentucky Educational Television reports on how voter opinions of the president's health care law stands to play a role in how they cast their ballots.

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including what Ebola anxiety says about the national mood, as well as what challenges both parties may face going into the November elections.

NATION

While Manhattan is confronting its first Ebola infection, a Liberian community on Staten Island has been following the devastating toll of the epidemic in West Africa. Hari Sreenivasan reports from "Little Liberia," where he talks to people who have been affected by the outbreak or have confronted stigma.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Jul.25, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/25/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

NATION

As health officials work to reassure the public about the Ebola scare in the U.S., Dr. Stephen Morse of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University joins Hari Sreenivasan in the studio to discuss in detail when the virus is actually dangerous.

NATION

Youth soccer has become one of the leading causes of concussions for kids in America, sending an estimated 10,000 kids to the E.R. every year. NewsHour Weekend correspondent William Brangham, whose three kids all play soccer, weighs the risks and the benefits of the sport. Brangham also reports on the fledgling movement led by a prominent neurosurgeon and World Cup champion Brandi Chastain advocating taking headers out of youth soccer.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Oct. 26, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/26/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

NATION

Last Monday in Quebec, a man purposely crashed his car into two soldiers, killing one of them. On Thursday in Queens, New York, a man who had posted comments sympathetic to jihadists used a hatchet to attack four rookie police officers. What's behind these so-called "lone wolf" attacks and what threat do they pose? For more, Jytte Klausen, founder of the Western Jihadism Project, which tracks the activity of Islamic extremists in the West, joins Hari Sreenivasan from Boston.

WORLD

For 10 days now there have been reports from Africa that those hundreds of school girls abducted by Boko Haram extremists last Spring would be released. But the girls remain in captivity. And, another 30 adolescents were reportedly abducted in Nigeria on Sunday. For the latest, Tim Cocks of Reuters joins Hari Sreenivasan via Skype from Lagos, Nigeria.

NATION

Viewers respond to a report examining whether soccer is safe, given the thousands of concussions that occur every year after kids use their heads to make contact with the ball. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Oct. 27, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/27/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

WORLD

Ukraine's parliamentary election, which favored pro-Europe parties, did not include millions of people in the country's eastern region or from annexed Crimea. Judy Woodruff talks to David Herzenhorn of The New York Times about the potential for a political resolution to the violent conflict and how Russia will respond.

SCIENCE

The African lion population is shrinking due to habitat loss, lack of prey and violent contact with humans, including trophy hunting. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing that these animals be listed as a threatened species. Jeffrey Brown learns more from Jeff Flocken of the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

HEALTH

New guidelines from the CDC recommend voluntary at-home isolation for health care workers returning from West Africa who are in a so-called high-risk category. Are those guidelines strict enough? Judy Woodruff talks to Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases about how health officials determine the right course of action.

EDUCATION

Physical education is required in most American high schools, but for teenagers with physical and developmental disabilities, there can be greater restrictions on how they can get active. The NewsHour's April Brown reports on how schools in Florida's Miami-Dade County are adapting activities like kayaking, sailing and golfing for more children.

POLITICS

Out of 36 states with Senate races, there are 10 where the leading candidates are separated by just a few points. Stu Rothenberg of the Rothenberg Political Report and Amy Walter of the Cook Political Report join Judy Woodruff to discuss which races are still in play and what's driving voters in this election.

WORLD

In West Africa, it's estimated that at least 4,000 children have been orphaned by the deadly Ebola virus. Sometimes the children are abandoned or shunned, due to fear of the disease. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Sarah Crowe of UNICEF about the ways aid agencies are dealing with the crisis.

ARTS

For every American musician who makes it big, there are many, many more who eke out a living to be able to afford new guitar strings. The Music Maker Foundation, based in North Carolina, helps struggling blues artists meet their basic needs, record their music and book tours. Jeffrey Brown reports on their efforts to preserve American culture and keep the music coming.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Oct. 28, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/28/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

WORLD

In cities across the north of Iraq, thousands of displaced families who have fled the Islamic State don't have even the walls of a tent. Special correspondent Jane Arraf reports from Iraq, where the approaching winter could be as deadly as the fighting, and aid agencies aren't able to help.

ARTS

Matthew Quirk's "The Directive," a sequel to his bestselling novel "The 500," imagines a heist to steal billions from a trading desk at the Federal Reserve. Jeffrey Brown talks to Quirk about how he researched the high-stakes break-in.

NATION

An internal audit of the U.S. Postal Service found that it approved nearly 50,000 requests from law enforcement to monitor personal mail. Gwen Ifill sits down with Ron Nixon of The New York Times, who has been investigating this story for more than a year.

POLITICS

Democrats and Republicans are eyeing at least 10 races where independent and third-party candidates could help swing the outcome on Election Day. Judy Woodruff talks to Jonathan Martin of The New York Times about which contests to watch and what it says about the state of two-party politics.

POLITICS

In politically divided North Carolina, Democrat Sen. Kay Hagan is defending her seat against challenger Thom Tillis, the Republican speaker of the N.C. House. Gwen Ifill reports on the finger-pointing, the hostile TV ads, the new voter ID laws and other factors that could play a role in determining this very tight race.

ECONOMY

The devastating Ebola outbreak in West Africa has also had an economic toll for the region, which is home to most of the world's cocoa production. In the U.S., chocolate prices are rising. But is it because there has been a real change in the cocoa market, or is unfounded fear driving up the increase? Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports.

HEALTH

For Americans wondering why President Barack Obama hasn't forced all states to follow a single, national rule for isolating potential Ebola patients, the White House has a quick retort: Talk to the Founding Fathers.

Series Title: FRONTLINE

Program Title: The Rise of ISIS

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/28/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

FRONTLINE investigates the miscalculations and mistakes behind the brutal rise of ISIS. As part of a special FRONTLINE series, correspondent Martin Smith reports from Iraq on how the country began coming undone after the American withdrawal and what it means for the U.S. to be fighting there again.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Oct. 29, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/29/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

SCIENCE

Seconds after launch, a privately owned, unmanned rocket contracted by NASA to deliver supplies to the International Space Station exploded. What went wrong? Science correspondent Miles O'Brien joins Judy Woodruff for an analysis of the accident and the privatization of the U.S. space program.

NATION

After Hurricane Sandy devastated the northeast in 2012, the Red Cross supplied food, clothes and shelter to tens of thousands left homeless by the storm. But two years later, internal documents show logistical problems and communication snafus led to wasteful spending and unmet needs. Gwen Ifill turns to Suzy DeFrancis of the American Red Cross for the organization's response.

ECONOMY

After six years of financial stimulus to mitigate the fallout from the 2008 collapse, the Federal Reserve is ending its money creation programs. But the country is still in economic recovery and the role of the Federal Reserve is still being debated. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports on the dual nature of its mission to keep inflation in check while creating jobs.

POLITICS

In addition to recalibrating the balance of power on Capitol Hill, the upcoming elections will dictate important state policy around the nation. One battle is brewing in North Dakota, where environmentalists are seeking tax revenue for preservation. NewsHour political editor and reporter Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff for a closer look at ballot initiatives on the minimum wage and abortion.

POLITICS

Lame-duck presidents don't usually fare well at midterm elections. President Obama has mostly stayed away from the campaign trail, but with less than a week until Election Day, he's joined the final push in states he's won twice. Dan Balz of The Washington Post and presidential historian Michael Beschloss join Gwen Ifill to discuss the influence of presidents nearing the end of their tenure.

NATION

Teen sexting is very common, and in many states it's also a crime. When a teen sends a sexually explicit photo of themselves, is that child both the perpetrator and the victim of child pornography? As part of a collaboration between The Atlantic and the PBS NewsHour, Judy Woodruff interviews Hanna Rosin about a case in Virginia and the peculiar challenges raised by juvenile sexting.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: THURSDAY, Oct. 30, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/30/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

NATION

Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, is the first Fortune 500 executive to come out. "I'm proud to be gay and I consider being gay among the greatest gifts God has given me," wrote Cook in an essay for Bloomberg Businessweek about his sexual orientation. Gwen Ifill speaks with Kara Swisher of re/code about the significance of Cook's public acknowledgement.

HEALTH

Sheri Fink has been reporting on the human toll of the Ebola outbreak for The New York Times. Judy Woodruff talks to Fink from Monrovia about the tough decisions doctors must make in fighting the disease. Also from the New York Times, Ben Solomon offers a video report from inside an Ebola treatment center, where health care workers try to help their patients find hope.

POLITICS
The U.S. economy appears to be on the upswing, consumer confidence and growth are up and the jobless rate is down. But polls show that voters' feelings about the economy lag behind the signs of improvement. Gwen Ifill talks to NewsHour political director Domenico Montanaro about some of the races that will most affected by the economy.

POLITICS
One of the most competitive and consequential Senate races this year is in Alaska, where voters give more than lip service to state identity and their suspicion of outsiders -- and President Obama. Liz Ruskin of Alaska Public Media offers a look at the two candidates and the political lay of the land in America's last frontier.

WORLD
As Israeli-Palestinian tensions bubble up over access to the holy site known as the Temple Mount, is the Middle East political conflict at risk of becoming a full-on religious conflict? Judy Woodruff gets background on the conflict from Hussein Ibish of the American Task Force in Palestine and David Makovsky of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

ARTS
American poet Galway Kinnell, whose work emphasized the ordinary over the fantastical, died from leukemia Tuesday at his home in Sheffield, Vermont. He was 87.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Oct. 30, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/30/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This episode of HIKI NŌ is hosted by Sacred Hearts Academy in the Kaimuki district of Honolulu.

Top Story:

Students from Waianae Intermediate School on Oahu tell the story of Momi Robins-Makaila, a Waianae Intermediate School teacher who has written a book about the domestic abuse she has suffered in her life and the effect it had on her son. Titled Candy Canes and Coke, Robins-Makaila's book chronicles her abusive relationships and her journey towards healing.

Also Featured:

Students at Hawaii Preparatory Academy on Hawaii Island show how teenagers bridge the generation gap by helping senior citizens navigate new technology; students at Kapolei High School on Oahu profile a teenager who does not let his Type 1 Diabetes get in the way of his passion for BMX bike racing; students at Kalaheo High School on Oahu uncover a World War II bunker in Windward Oahu and discover it's unique, post-war uses; students at Kamehameha Schools Maui Middle reveal the challenges facing an upcountry Maui farmer and the difficulty of getting food from farm to table; students at King Intermediate School on Oahu feature a

tattooed woman who discusses her experiences with workplace attitudes towards her body art; and students at Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School try to uncover a 101-year-old Kauai man's secret to living a long and healthy life.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII
Program Title: Election 2014: Maui Mayor and State Senate District 18
Distributor: PBS Hawaii
Date: 10/30/2014 8:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:
INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII is closing out its Election 2014 coverage with the contest for Maui Mayor and the three-way race to represent State Senate District 18.

The first segment of the show will feature the two candidates for Maui mayor: incumbent Mayor Alan Arakawa and his challenger, Maui County Ocean Safety Officer Tamara Paltin. Both candidates will talk about where they stand on the issues facing Maui county, including: economy diversification, infrastructure updates and the Maui ballot initiative proposing a temporary GMO moratorium on local farms.

Then, we welcome to the table three candidates from Oahu vying to represent Senate District 18 (Mililani, Waikele, Kunia). Raymond Banda (L), incumbent Michelle Kidani (D) and Dennis Kim (R) will present their views about issues facing the Central Oahu area – development, transportation and cost of living – and statewide issues facing our legislators.

Guests include:

Alan Arakawa, Maui County Mayor
Tamara Paltin, Candidate for Maui County Mayor

Senate District 18

Raymond Banda III, (L), Candidate for Senate District 18

Dennis Kim, (R), Candidate for Senate District 18

Michelle Kidani, (D), State Senator, District 18

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: FRIDAY, Oct. 31, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 10/31/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to preview next week's midterm elections and discuss the current mood and priorities of American voters.

ARTS

Taylor Swift's new album is on track to sell a million copies in its first week, a milestone that will make it the only record this year to go platinum. Jeffrey Brown looks at how the young

singer mastered marketing and social media, and why some stars still sell big despite a changing music industry.

WORLD

More than 50 arrests have been made in connection to the disappearance of 43 college students in the Guerrero province of Mexico, but authorities still don't know where to find the missing young men five weeks since their disappearance. Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Dudley Althaus of The Wall Street Journal from Mexico City about the greater political ramifications of this case.

POLITICS

In 2009, the Senate Intelligence Committee launched an investigation of the CIA's interrogation tactics. Though the committee finalized its report in 2009, the CIA has disputed some of the conclusions and insisted on more redactions to protect agency secrets. Judy Woodruff gets perspective from Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, as well as John Rizzo, former acting general counsel of the CIA.

WORLD

In Burkina Faso, a people's revolution unseated a president who had held power for nearly three decades. What effect will this transition of power have for the nation's stability? Jeffrey Brown speaks with Nii Akuetteh of the African Immigrant Caucus about the ways African voters are asserting their political clout.

HEALTH

In a special ward of Mount Sinai in Manhattan, doctors, nurses and security are prepping at top speed for a dreaded scenario: someone with Ebola walking through their doors. The NewsHour's Megan Thompson reports from one of eight hospitals in the state of New York designated to respond to the disease.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Nov. 1, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/01/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

ECONOMY

Stock prices continue going up, as the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 closed at record highs on Friday. To explore what's pushing the numbers higher, Roben Farzad, host of the radio show, "Full Disclosure," joins Hari Sreenivasan via Skype from Richmond, Va.

POLITICS

How much does a having a popular family name matter in politics? At least three dozen members of Congress have had family members who've held office before them. And as numerous incumbents see their political futures in jeopardy, NewsHour's Jeff Greenfield explores whether the family business of American politics -- especially in key battleground states -- helps candidates today.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Nov. 2, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/02/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

POLITICS

Much of the analysis after the 2012 presidential election focused on how the Obama campaign had made better use of technology than the Romney campaign to get its supporters to the polls. So how are both major parties doing this time around in the days leading up to Tuesday's midterm elections? Journalist Ashley Parker joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington.

NATION

This week marked the second anniversary of Hurricane Sandy. The recovery in New York has been very uneven in some of the city's hardest-hit neighborhoods. Photographer Nathan Kensinger documented this in a series of photo essays. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

ARTS

Alexander Calder was one of the modern masters of art -- breaking the mold on sculpture in the 20th century. Nearly 40 years after his death, Calder's work continues to captivate. WGBH's Arts Editor Jared Bowen sat down recently with the Chief Curator of the Peabody Essex Museum near Boston to discuss Calder and his creations.

NATION

While assisted suicide is legal in only three states, the story of 29-year-old Brittany Maynard, who after being diagnosed with terminal brain cancer moved to Oregon so she could legally end her own life, has brought the issue back into the national spotlight. NewsHour Weekend's Stephen Fee reports on how this renewed debate may affect end-of-life care and the momentum for the assisted suicide movement.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Nov. 3, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/03/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

SCIENCE

A co-pilot on an Virgin Galactic test flight died in a crash days after a commercial rocket, bound for the International Space Station, exploded. Are government-sponsored space programs safer? Science correspondent Miles O'Brien joins Gwen Ifill to discuss how the disasters will affect the development of space tourism and whether the industry could eventually offer any scientific advancements.

WORLD

Separatists held an election in the breakaway regions of Eastern Ukraine on Sunday, asserting their independence from Kiev. Ukrainian officials denounced the vote, saying it was in direct violation of an agreement with Russia. Judy Woodruff gets views on the potential fallout from Andrew Weiss of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Stephen Cohen of New York University.

POLITICS

The front-runner in one of West Virginia's state delegate races is a college freshman who won her primary while still in high school. Meet Saira Blair, an 18-year-old Republican and the daughter of a state senator, who says she wants to get into politics to encourage her generation to stay in-state and grow the economy. Political editor Lisa Desjardins reports.

ARTS

In the late '60s, Bob Dylan retreated to upstate New York to recover from a motorcycle accident and the exhaustion of touring. In the basement of a house called Big Pink, he recorded with the musicians who would form The Band. Known as "The Basement Tapes," only a limited number of cuts have been available until now. Jeffrey Brown learns more from Anthony DeCurtis of Rolling Stone.

POLITICS

In some midterm Senate races, Republicans have tried to leverage negative public opinion of the president against their Democratic challengers. Stuart Rothenberg of The Rothenberg Political Report and Amy Walter of The Cook Political Report join Gwen Ifill to discuss the strategies behind some of the tight races and what to watch on Election Night.

POLITICS

Kentucky's Senate race pits the second most powerful Republican in Washington against a hard-charging 35-year-old Democratic challenger. Five-time incumbent Mitch McConnell stands to become the next majority leader, but he's also unpopular in his home state. Meanwhile, Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes has had to keep her distance from another unpopular politician, President Obama. Judy Woodruff reports.

ELECTION 2014

As control of the U.S. Senate hangs in the balance, PBS NewsHour is bringing you live results and analysis this Election Day. Beginning at 6 p.m. EST on Nov. 4, co-anchors Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff will report on the latest developments as polls begin to close around the country. This broadcast will be updated at 7 p.m. EST and again at 9 p.m. EST. At 11 p.m. EST, a special 30-minute show will wrap up the day's final results.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Nov. 4, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/04/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

Energy and the environment have been core issues in Senate races in at least seven states. From oil and gas development, to the regulation of greenhouse gases and power plants, what's at stake as voters go to the polls? Judy Woodruff gets debate from Daniel Weiss of the League of Conservation Voters and Scott Segal of Bracewell & Giuliani.

POLITICS

Younger voters made a big difference for President Obama twice, but their numbers drop in midterm elections. Political editor Lisa Desjardins asks participants of NewsHour's Student Reporting Labs in Kentucky, Michigan and Colorado to watch and react to this year's political ads and explain what motivates them politically.

POLITICS

One of the major national policy issues that lost political momentum going into the 2014 election is immigration reform. What's next for reform if Republicans take the Senate? Did the stalemate demobilize voters? Gwen Ifill gets debate from Cristina Jimenez of United We Dream and Brad Botwin of Help Save Maryland.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Program Title: Solitary Nation
Distributor: PBS
Date: 11/04/2014 10:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

An estimated 80,000 Americans are in solitary confinement – even people who haven't committed violent crimes – sometimes for years, or even decades. Using extraordinary access to the segregation unit at the maximum security Maine State Prison, FRONTLINE examines America's use of solitary confinement, a practice U.S. prisons and jails resort to more than most other countries. Some prison officials see it as necessary to keep order and safety, but critics say it is inhumane and counterproductive. The program is an extraordinarily rare and intimate view of life in solitary, through the stories of inmates living in isolation, the prison officers who keep them locked in and a warden who is re-thinking the practice and trying to reduce the number of inmates in solitary.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Nov. 5, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 11/05/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

From the minimum wage to genetically modified food labeling, voters across the country got to decide on issues that will have direct impacts on their lives. Political editor Lisa Desjardins dissects some of last night's winning and losing ballot initiatives.

POLITICS

Even as a long midterm campaign season comes to a close, politicians don't have much time to breathe before the race for the White House in 2016. With a new party in control of Congress, what will the next big race look like? Judy Woodruff speaks with Democrat strategist Jeff Link and Republican strategist Doug Heye for what both parties can expect.

POLITICS

In the months before midterm elections, Republicans were highly critical of President Obama policies on the Islamic State, Iran sanctions and other challenges. How will the change in Congress affect U.S. policy abroad? Gwen Ifill gets analysis from chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner.

POLITICS

In Georgia and North Carolina, both sites of competitive and high-stakes races, voters picked Republican candidates. Hari Sreenivasan speaks to Merle Black of Emory University and Mac McCorkle of Duke University for their reactions.

POLITICS

At the White House, President Obama addressed the midterm election setbacks for his party and the potential for working with Republicans. Judy Woodruff asks Republican Rep. David Schweikert of Arizona and Democrat Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland whether they see potential for compromise and progress on controversial issues like immigration.

POLITICS

The Republican party picked up Senate seats and other wins from coast to coast in the midterm election. Gwen Ifill sits down with Reince Priebus, chairman of the Republican National Committee, to discuss the outcome and what the GOP hopes to do with its new leverage.

POLITICS

One day after sweeping Republican election gains, President Barack Obama and incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pledged to try and turn divided government into a force for good rather than gridlock on Wednesday, yet warned of veto showdowns as well.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: THURSDAY, Nov. 6, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/06/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

House Speaker John Boehner said that his job is to listen to the priorities of the American people. The GOP leadership outlined their new agenda, including authorizing the Keystone XL pipeline and revising the Affordable Care Act. Gwen Ifill talks to David Winston of the Winston Group and Frederick Yang of Hart Research Associates about the numbers and motivations behind who voted in 2014.

WORLD

Joshua Landis of the University of Oklahoma and Andrew Tabler of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy join Judy Woodruff to explore how the U.S. is responding to and affecting the dynamics between the various factions on the ground in Syria.

WORLD

The 2004 quake and tsunami reshaped life in the Aceh region of Indonesia -- in some ways for the better. The outpouring of international aid helped residents rebuild their community stronger than before the disaster. Special correspondent Kira Kay reports on the disaster's unintended benefits and the efforts to continue healing and prepare for future emergencies.

NATION

California recently passed an affirmative consent law, meaning that consensual sex requires a clear "yes" from both parties on college campuses. But some have challenged the practicality of the policy. Hari Sreenivasan moderates a debate between Jaclyn Friedman of "Yes Means Yes" and Shikha Dalmia of the Reason Foundation.

ARTS

At 18, Patricia McBride became the youngest principal dancer ever in legendary choreographer George Balanchine's company. Now, McBride, herself a mentor, teacher and co-director of the vibrant Charlotte Ballet, is being honored by the Kennedy Center for her artistic dedication.

Jeffrey Brown reports.

HEALTH

In West Africa, Ebola has claimed the lives of 50 percent of people infected. In the U.S., the recovery rate is substantially better. Judy Woodruff learns more from Dr. Bruce Ribner of Emory University about the public health and infrastructure advantages that Americans have in caring for Ebola patients.

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Program Title: THURSDAY, Nov. 6, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/06/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This episode of HIKI NŌ is hosted by Punahou School on Oahu.

Top Story:

Students from Ka Waihona o ka Naauao Public Charter School on Oahu tell the story of a second-generation Waianae farmer who brings people together with a traditional Hawaiian paina (party) that he hosts at his home each fall. Family, friends and community members gather to prepare the meal and to share in giving thanks.

Also Featured:

Students at Waipahu Intermediate School on Oahu show how children at the oldest elementary school in Waipahu complex are benefitting from the addition of new classrooms; students at Kealakehe High School on Hawaii Island spotlight the school's Triathlon Club, which trains students in the multi-discipline sport and inspires others to get active; Students at Kalani High School on Oahu demonstrate a simple way to get started on Instagram students at Waialua High & Intermediate School on Oahu showcase how local artisans have transformed a North Shore art gallery into a work of art; students at Mililani Middle School on Oahu follow the trail of invasive little fire ants in their community; and students at Waianae High School on Oahu tell the story of a City and County lifeguard and his quest to save a program that teaches young people how to become lifesavers in the ocean.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII

Program Title: Election 2014: Honolulu City Council District IV and District VIII

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/06/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

Insights on PBS Hawaii will wrap up four months of weekly Election 2014 candidate discussions by asking political analysts: What Do the Results Mean for Hawaii's Future? How will the choices made by Hawaii's voters affect our state, our communities, and our lives? Daryl Huff moderates a discussion with:

Guests include:

Chad Blair, Political Reporter, Civil Beat

Colin Moore, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Hawaii-Manoa

Debora Halbert, Associate Professor and Chairwoman of Political Science, University of Hawaii-Manoa

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: FRIDAY, Nov. 7, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/07/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the Republican domination in the midterm elections, the impact of voter turnout, which policy items might offer opportunities for compromise and which might be political land mines.

SCIENCE

Combat medics have one mission: keep the wounded alive until they can be safely treated elsewhere. But while survival rates have improved dramatically in the last few decades, one of the biggest challenges that medics still face is uncontrolled bleeding. The NewsHour's Cat Wise reports on a new invention that stops bleeding much faster than traditional gauze.

NATION

Nearly 16 months after Detroit filed the largest municipal bankruptcy in the country's history, a federal judge approved a plan to drop the city's \$7 billion in debt and invest over \$1 billion in public services. Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Darren Walker of the Ford Foundation, the organization that donated \$125 million to a crucial part of Detroit's survival plan.

ECONOMY

For the ninth straight month, the U.S. economy added more than 200,000 positions, bringing unemployment down to its lowest rate in six years. So why do Americans still feel pessimistic about the economy? Much of the workforce remain employed part-time, or combine part-time jobs but get no benefits. Economics correspondent Paul Solman explores the latest hiring trends.

NATION

The Supreme Court announced it would take up a case on the tax subsidies of the Affordable Care Act that could have major implications for the health care law. Marcia Coyle of the National Law Review joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the details, as well as why the court might consider same-sex marriage despite deciding not to earlier in the term.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Nov. 8, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/08/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

NATION

Reversing her earlier opinion, Brandi Chastain now says that heading in soccer should be removed for players aged 14 years and younger. NewsHour Weekend's William Brangham discusses the issue with the World Cup and Olympic soccer champion.

WORLD

Several bombings in and around Baghdad came one day after President Barack Obama announced plans to expand the US role in Iraq. For more on this, Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies joins Hari Sreenivasan in the latest installment of the interview series, "War on ISIS."

SCIENCE

Using the ALMA radio telescope in Chile, astronomers were able to capture the formation of a new planet, and scientists are observing it happen more clearly than ever before. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

WORLD

During El Salvador's brutal civil war 30 years ago, hundreds of thousands of people fled to the United States, where some joined dangerous Latino gangs for protection and a livelihood. Soon after, many of these gang members were deported back to El Salvador, establishing a new and threatening presence in their home country. NewsHour Special Correspondent John Carlos Frey reports from El Salvador.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Nov. 9, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/12/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

WORLD

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit will soon get underway in Beijing, with member countries seeking to promote free trade and economic cooperation throughout the region. Orville Schell, the Director of the Center for US-China Relations at the Asia Society, joins Hari Sreenivasan from San Francisco to discuss the state of China's relationship with world powers, including the US, Japan and Russia.

NATION

In the US, state laws governing compensation for wrongfully convicted people vary significantly. While some states offer sizable packages for the exonerated, at least 20 offer nothing. And even for those that do, it may not be enough to make up for the emotional damage on those who've been wrongfully convicted. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

NATION

Tuesday is Veterans Day -- a day to honor those who have served. But since the draft ended in 1973, the number of Americans who serve in the armed forces has decreased dramatically, leading to what some fear is a lack of understanding between our military and civilian populations. Now, a group of young veterans in Brooklyn have devised a program to try to bridge the divide. NewsHour's Elisabeth Ponsot reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Nov. 10, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/10/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

POLITICS

A politician who self-described as having a "Democrat heart with a Republican head," Nelson Rockefeller would be something of a political anomaly today. Biographer Richard Norton Smith, author of "On His Own Terms," joins Judy Woodruff to discuss what distinguished the four-time New York governor and former vice president.

ARTS

In January, a street criminal tazed Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Frank Almond and stole his precious Stradivarius violin. Unfortunately for the thief -- who was sentenced to

seven years in jail Monday -- the police commissioner in charge was a symphony devotee. Buzz Bissinger of Vanity Fair joins Jeffrey Brown to tell the tale.

WORLD

Mexico City, home to an inefficient and inconvenient water delivery system, struggles to meet the pressing demands of its 22 million residents. Some have turned to harvesting rainwater, which has its own set of limitations. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on the barriers that keep residents from clean water.

POLITICS

Voter turnout for this year's midterm elections was the lowest since 1942, but spending for congressional elections spiked at a record \$4 billion. Political director Domenico Montanaro takes a look at who donated and how money was spent, while Judy Woodruff talks to Matea Gold of The Washington Post about how this year's spending could impact the 2016 presidential race.

NATION

More than 3 million commenters crashed the Federal Communications Commission website in July to weigh in on the issue of net neutrality. Now President Obama has added his strong support, directing the FCC to protect equal access to all web content. Judy Woodruff speaks with U.S. chief technology officer Megan Smith about the president's move.

NATION

Internal emails released as part of a class action lawsuit show that General Motors ordered a half million ignition switches to replace faulty ones nearly two months before notifying safety regulators. The defect has been linked to at least 32 deaths and a recall of 2.6 million vehicles. David Shepardson of The Detroit News joins Judy Woodruff to discuss what GM leadership knew and when.

WORLD

The U.S. relationship with China is critical to existential issues like economic stability and climate change. But that comes with significant concerns, like cyber-security and human rights. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the dilemmas and opportunities of securing greater diplomatic and economic ties between the U.S. and China.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Nov. 11, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/11/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

Some of the difficulties that veterans face when they return to civilian life often goes unseen by most Americans. Detroit Public Television reports on photographer Jennifer Karady's attempt to capture the memories and experiences of veterans.

NATION

A new book, "For Love of Country," argues that Americans are not truly honoring the newest generation of veterans for their contributions to post-combat life. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner talks to co-authors Howard Schultz, the CEO of Starbucks, and Rajiv Chandrasekaran of The Washington Post about what we don't understand about these servicemen and women.

HEALTH

While panic over Ebola has mostly faded in the U.S., communities in West Africa are still completely overwhelmed by the deadly epidemic. Alex Thompson of Independent Television News reports from Sierra Leone, visiting a village named Devil Hole where the disease has run rampant.

HEALTH

Americans who don't have health care coverage will have another chance to sign up under open enrollment. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court agreed to consider a legal challenge to some federal subsidies. Mary Agnes Carey of Kaiser Health News and health policy analyst Susan Dentzer join Judy Woodruff to answer common questions about enrollment and the health care law.

NATION

Aspects of early Mormon history have been discussed and debated, but never officially by the church itself until now. The Mormon Church has been releasing essays that acknowledge that their founder, Joseph Smith, engaged in polygamy. Kristine Haglund, editor of "Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought," joins Jeffrey Brown for a look at how the issue of polygamy factors in contemporary Mormonism.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Nov. 12, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/12/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

NATION

After the 2010 census, the Republican-led Alabama legislature redrew state legislative districts. But their plan was challenged for being a racial gerrymander and violating voting rights. To examine the case's move to the Supreme Court, Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal joins Gwen Ifill.

HEALTH

Individuals can start to apply for health care coverage on state and federal exchanges starting Saturday. As a new open enrollment begins, many people have questions about signing up and the consequences of not signing up. Mary Agnes Carey of Kaiser Health News and health policy analyst Susan Dentzer join Judy Woodruff to answer questions from Americans around the nation.

ARTS

Virunga National Park in Eastern Congo is the spectacular home to the only mountain gorillas left on the planet, and many other types of wildlife. A new documentary tells the story of a group of rangers working to protect the park from threats of civil war, poachers and oil exploration. Jeffrey Brown interviews filmmaker Orlando von Einsiedel.

POLITICS

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, chair of Democratic National Committee, says that American voters support Democrats on the issues, even if their candidates didn't fare well in the midterm elections. As Congress gathers to begin the lame duck session, Gwen Ifill speaks with the congresswoman about the party's assessment of election and plans for the future.

SCIENCE

The European Space Agency successfully landed a spacecraft the size of a washing machine on a moving comet -- a historic first for space exploration. Tom Clarke of Independent Television News reports on the Philae lander's amazing touchdown.

WORLD

How will deals on trade and climate change, struck during President Obama's trip to China, affect relations between the United States and China? Susan Shirk of the University of California, San Diego, and author and lawyer Gordon Chang join Gwen Ifill to discuss the significance of the relationship and the pressure on Chinese President Xi Jinping to compromise.

WORLD

The U.S. and China reached a historic agreement to drastically curb carbon emissions after months of secret talks. Will either side be able to deliver on the pledge? Michael Oppenheimer of Princeton University speaks with Gwen Ifill about the pressures that led to the landmark plan and which other countries may be influenced to address climate change.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: THURSDAY, Nov. 13, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/13/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

Sam Suchmann and Mattie Zufelt are best friends. Three years ago, these teenagers with Down syndrome had the idea to make a zombie movie. Now, with help from their supporters, they have raised more than \$50,000. The NewsHour's Mike Melia reports on their project and how it reflects a shift toward empowering people with developmental disabilities to express themselves creatively.

WORLD

In April, an avalanche on Mt. Everest killed 16 Nepalese guides in the worst accident in the mountain's history. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Chip Brown of National Geographic on how the deadly disaster has affected the Sherpa community and the climbing industry.

EDUCATION

In Alaska, roughly three out of four teachers are from out of state, and more likely to stay for a shorter period of time than those who were born and raised there. The NewsHour's April Brown reports from the town of Dillingham, where educators are trying to encourage local and Alaska Native students to consider teaching in communities where they are desperately needed.

NATION

The seven-month stand-off between Amazon and Hachette over the pricing and profits of ebooks has ended with a new agreement beginning in early 2015. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Jeffrey Trachtenberg of The Wall Street Journal about how the disagreement hurt both the retailer and authors, and whether the conflict could return.

POLITICS

The newest members of Congress are in Washington for orientation ahead of the new session's start in January. Political director Domenico Montanaro meets up with two newly elected lawmakers as they learn to navigate their new positions on the Hill.

SCIENCE

Why land on a comet at all if chance for error is so high? Science correspondent Miles O'Brien joins Judy Woodruff to explain what can be gained from the Rosetta spacecraft's mission and what we can expect from its research.

WORLD

For a deeper look at the Obama administration's strategy to defeat the Islamic State in Syria, as well as the regional challenges of implementing that strategy, Gwen Ifill talks to former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq James Jeffrey and Phyllis Bennis of the Institute for Policy Studies.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Nov. 13, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/13/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This episode of HIKI NŌ is hosted by Lahaina Intermediate School on Maui.

Top Story

Students from Damien Memorial School on Oahu tell the story of a high school senior from a military family who, despite his family's move to another state, decided to stay in Hawaii so that he could complete his final year at Damien.

Also Featured

Students at Kamehameha Schools Kapalama on Oahu show how they are using modern technology to perpetuate ancestral Hawaiian knowledge; students at Kalaheo High School on Oahu explore a World World II bunker in the Kalaheo hillside that now shelters a budding, new venture; students at Mid-Pacific Institute on Oahu share the story of Aloha Tofu Factory and the family that has owned and operated the Hawaii food company for three generations, students at Ewa Makai Middle School on Oahu reveal the recipe for making nutrient-rich garden compost; and students at Maui High School examine Maui's robust film industry and its impact on the island's economy.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: FRIDAY, Nov. 14, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/14/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

In 2009, journalist Maziar Bahari was held for months in solitary confinement in a Tehran prison after being charged with being a spy. He turned his real ordeal into a memoir, which has now been dramatized as "Rosewater," a new movie by Jon Stewart. Jeffrey Brown talks to Bahari and Stewart about appreciating how humor can humanize brutality and the importance of protecting press freedoms.

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Hari Sreenivasan to discuss the week's news, including the carbon deal between the United States and

China, legislative action on the Keystone XL pipeline and how Republicans may respond if President Obama issues an executive action on immigration reform.

NATION

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced a shake-up of the management of the American nuclear weapons stockpile after concluding that the country's aging nuclear infrastructure needs more support. Margaret Warner explores some of the lapses, and Hari Sreenivasan discusses the potential overhaul with former Defense Department official David Trachtenberg and Bruce Blair of Princeton University.

ECONOMY

Casinos have been Atlantic City's lifeblood. Now, they're bottoming out at alarming rates -- four have already closed this year, leaving thousands unemployed. Economics correspondent Paul Solman explores the gamble that elevated Atlantic City in its prime, and how residents and businesses are trying to cope with its decline as a capital of the gambling industry.

HEALTH

Hospital officials in Omaha, Nebraska, are preparing to treat a surgeon who was reportedly infected with the Ebola virus while treating patients in Sierra Leone, where the outbreak continues to be dire. In Liberia, infections rates seem to be slowing, but cases have emerged in Mali. Jeffrey Brown gets an update from CDC director Dr. Tom Frieden about Ebola in West Africa and the U.S.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Nov. 15, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/15/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

POLITICS

Following a growing list of aggressive moves made by Russia against the West, what is Putin's plan? Kimberly Marten, a Russian scholar and professor at Barnard College and Columbia University joins Hari Sreenivasan to provide insight into what may be behind Putin's recent behavior.

ARTS

When the Nazis occupied Czechoslovakia in 1939, tens of thousands of Jews applied for visas to anywhere. Among them, Paul Strnad and his wife Hedy, a dress designer. Ultimately, neither would get a visa to leave Czechoslovakia. Now, in an exhibit called "Stitching History from the Holocaust," the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee is displaying the dresses Hedy once designed and could never realize. NewsHour special correspondent Martin Fletcher reports in collaboration with Milwaukee Public Television.

ECONOMY

Millions of acres of farmland in the U.S. have been affected by herbicide-resistant weeds, rendering some fields unable to be farmed. And the problem is spreading, which could mean more lost crops and lost profits. The EPA approved a new herbicide to be used with USDA-approved genetically modified seeds, but opponents have sued, warning it could harm the environment and human health. NewsHour Weekend's Megan Thompson reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Nov. 16, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/16/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

NATION

Hari Sreenivasan reads comments from viewers about a recent report involving compensation -- or lack thereof -- for people who've been wrongfully convicted of crimes.

POLITICS

Last weekend, North Korea released two American detainees, Kenneth Bae and Matthew Todd Miller. The deal that led to their release was negotiated by James Clapper, the U.S. National Intelligence Director. Adam Entous from The Wall Street Journal joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington with details on that deal.

NATION

The town of Westminister, Mass., could become the first in the nation to ban the sale of tobacco products if a proposal from the city's board of health passes in December. The unprecedented pitch would ban the sale cigarettes, chewing tobacco and e-cigarettes within the city. Proponents cite the benefit of the reduced health risks from tobacco, whereas some residents and local businesses say jobs and consumer freedom is at stake. NewsHour Weekend's William Brangham reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Nov. 17, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/17/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

SCIENCE

Glacial ice is like nature's ancient history book, and today the story is climate change. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports from Alaska, where researchers are studying how warmer temperatures affect the ancient ice and the living things that depend on it.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Nov. 18, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/18/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

WORLD

Judy Woodruff talks to Dennis Ross of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and Shibley Telhami of the University of Maryland about what's behind the recent escalation of violence in Jerusalem.

SCIENCE

Scientists have identified the virus that's caused a massive die-off of starfish along the Pacific Coast. Now researchers must figure out what environmental factors are making the animals more

susceptible to the pathogen. Special correspondent Katie Campbell of KCTS9 in Seattle reports for the public media project EarthFix.

NATION

From Home Depot to the State Department, reports of large-scale cyber attacks have come with increasing frequency. As holiday season approaches, retailers are on the lookout for security breaches. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Brian Krebs, author of "Spam Nation," about who's behind these attacks and how to prevent them.

SCIENCE

Could a small device that produces a common disinfectant be a key to helping stop the spread of Ebola? Seattle-based nonprofit organization PATH develops innovative medical tools for low-income countries. The NewsHour's Cat Wise reports on their recent innovations.

WORLD

While much attention has been paid to the military campaign against the Islamic State, an equally important U.S. battle is targeting their funding, gained mostly through ransom, extortion and theft. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner discusses efforts to stifle the militants' financial fuel with David Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

NATION

As Ferguson, Missouri, awaits a grand jury's decision on whether to indict the police officer who shot teenager Michael Brown in August, Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency and instituted a council of local leaders and law enforcement to address tensions. Gwen Ifill gets analysis from Danielle Belton of Clutch Magazine Online and Susan McGraugh of Saint Louis University.

Series Title: FRONTLINE

Program Title: Firestone and the Warlord

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/18/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 90

Description:

FRONTLINE and ProPublica investigate the relationship between the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and the infamous Liberian warlord Charles Taylor. Based on the inside accounts of Americans who ran the company's Liberia rubber plantation, and diplomatic cables and court documents, the investigation reveals how Firestone conducted business during the brutal Liberian civil war.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Nov. 19, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/19/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Wednesday on the NewsHour, we debate President Obama's expected executive action on immigration. Also: What's next for NSA reform, arming school administrators as a defense against shootings, escalating media attention for rape allegations against Bill Cosby, a look at the

Deepwater Horizon oil spill four years later and a famous musical couple team up for a new album.

NATION

NBC scrapped development of a new Bill Cosby show, Netflix postponed the release of a new comedy special and TV land canceled his reruns in light of new and renewed accusations by five women that the comedian sexually assaulted them. Sharon Waxman of The Wrap joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the allegations and the power of social media in driving this media firestorm.

NATION

More than four years ago, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded, gushing oil into the Gulf Coast for almost three months before it was capped. Despite settlements and clean-up efforts, some communities have never fully recovered. Filmmaker Margaret Brown joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss her documentary, "The Great Invisible," which examines the fallout.

POLITICS

A bill to limit the National Security Agency's domestic metadata collection effectively died on the Senate floor. The USA Freedom Act would have forced the NSA to get court orders for specific data from telecom companies. Gwen Ifill gets reaction from Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the lead sponsor of the legislation.

POLITICS

President Obama will give a prime-time address to announce his plan to shield up to 5 million immigrants from deportation, setting up a potential confrontation with the Republican-led Congress over immigration reform and executive authority. Gwen Ifill gets debate on the president's action from Frank Sharry of America's Voice and Josh Blackman of the South Texas College of Law.

ARTS

Despite playing a common instrument, celebrated banjo players Abigail Washburn and Bela Fleck have kept their musical careers separate. But after performing together as a favor to a relative, the two realized their different styles could be complementary, leading to a new collaboration and a family tour complete with their 21-month-old son. Jeffrey Brown reports.

NATION

In our news wrap Wednesday, New York state's Buffalo region was socked with a powerful, early snowstorm, which covered some areas with as much as 6 feet of powder, with more accumulation expected. Also, the Israeli government demolished the home of a Palestinian man who killed two people by driving his car into a group of pedestrians in October.

EDUCATION

In Washington state, where there was a deadly school shooting just last month, a different district has been training administrators to carry guns in case of a confrontation with an active shooter. Special correspondent Terry Murphy of KCTS Television in Seattle reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: THURSDAY, Nov. 20, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/20/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Thursday on the NewsHour, President Obama announces an executive action to halt deportation for some undocumented immigrants. Also: Congress grills airbag company Takata, the U.N. sounds the alarm on world's refugee 'mega-crisis', Uber comes under fire for cut-throat business tactics, a veteran cleans up unexploded bombs in Vietnam and remembering Mike Nichols.

POLITICS

President Obama addressed the nation Thursday night to announce his plan to change the nation's immigration system through executive action. Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff get reaction from New York Times columnist David Brooks, who argues the president is tackling the problem in the wrong way, and Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne, who says there is nothing unconstitutional about these actions.

POLITICS

After President Obama's address to the nation on immigration, the GOP is gearing up to push back against the plan, said Washington Post reporter Robert Costa in a conversation with Gwen Ifill. While Democrats were excited by the potential for connecting with Hispanic voters in 2016, Costa predicted that Republicans could retaliate by refusing to approve government funding, set to expire Dec. 11.

POLITICS

Following President Obama's speech on immigration, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., questioned the president's legal authority to implement his plan. Referring to Obama's past actions on the issue, Issa said, "Well, you don't sink a ship and then talk about patching the hull." Judy Woodruff gets reaction from the congressman.

ECONOMY

Uber, the popular ride-sharing mobile phone app, has developed a reputation for ruthlessness. The company's latest woes were generated by an executive who talked about hiring operatives to dig up dirt on reporters who criticize the company. Economics correspondent Paul Solman looks at some of Uber's controversial practices and Gwen Ifill learns more from Jan Dawson of Jackdaw Research.

ARTS

Mike Nichols, a prolific figure in theater and film, directed numerous American classics, including "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "The Graduate," a film known for its commentary and influence on American life. Nichols, who arrived in the U.S. at 7 years old after fleeing Nazi Germany, was the winner of an Oscar, a Grammy, 9 Tonys and 4 Emmys. Jeffrey Brown looks back at Nichols' career.

WORLD

There are still ongoing lethal consequences of the Vietnam War that ended in 1975. Undetonated "bomblets," dropped by the U.S. military during the conflict, are killing and maiming people who discover them by accident. To help close a painful chapter in history, American veteran Chuck Searcy has made bomb removal and education his humanitarian mission. Special correspondent Mike Cerre reports.

WORLD

For the first time since World War II, there are more than 51 million people worldwide who are refugees or displaced; more than a quarter have been driven from their homes by the conflicts in Syria and Iraq. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner interviews the U.N High Commissioner for Refugees, António Guterres, about the suffering and broad impacts of the Mideast refugee crisis.

NATION

Exploding airbags manufactured by the Japanese company Takata were the focus of a Senate committee hearing. One in about 8 million cars in the U.S. have been recalled for the problem, which occurs when the inflators fire too much force, sending metal shards flying. Takata's quality chief apologized for the defect but would not support a nationwide recall. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

SCIENCE

In our news wrap Thursday, the world experienced its hottest month of October since recording began -- the fifth month this year to set new highs. Also, as State Secretary John Kerry arrives in Vienna for a new round of Iran talks, the head of the U.N. Nuclear Agency reported that Iran has failed again to explain suspected research into nuclear bomb-making.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Nov. 20, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/20/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This episode of HIKI NŌ features some of the top stories from the Fall Quarter of the 2014/2015 school year. It's hosted by students Lara Sato from Castle High School and Christian Yasuoka from Roosevelt High School, who will introduce the following outstanding stories:

Kapaa Middle School's profile of the youngest, and only female, fire knife dancer on Kauai; Maui High School's story about a mother's courageous battle with ALS and how her daughter's school undertook the Ice Bucket Challenge in her honor; Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School's look at a Kauai coffee shop that hires troubled teens to give them a chance to get their lives back on track; Wheeler Middle School's primer on how to use Google to organize your potluck parties; Ka Waihona o Ka Naauao Public Charter School's story of a second-generation Waianae farmer who brings people together with a traditional Hawaiian paina (party) that he hosts at his home each fall; and Iolani School's inspiring portrait of Summer Kozai, an Iolani graduate whose positive outlook has helped her adapt to life as a quadruple amputee. Also featured will be glimpses of life in Milolii from Kua o ka La Public Charter School Milolii Hipuu Virtual Academy.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII

Program Title: What Are Our Options as Our Lives End?

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/20/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

What options do we have to ensure our lives end in a dignified manner? How can we guarantee our comfort when faced with assisted living or hospice care? What rights do we have as we face the end of our lives? What choices are available to those who are terminally ill? On the next INSIGHTS on PBS Hawaii, Malia Mattoch moderates a discussion on the question: What are our options as our lives end? Guests: Patricia Camero, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Pohai Nani; Lori Protzman, Advanced Care Planning Coordinator, Queens Medical Center; and Dr. Rae Seitz, Medical Director, HMSA Department of Quality Management.

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Patricia Camero, Executive Director for Pohai Nani

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: FRIDAY, Nov. 21, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/21/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we examine the reaction to President Obama's announcement of executive action on immigration. Also: how immigrants are reacting to Obama's action, an outspoken Syrian Sunni cleric denounces Islamic State as anti-Islamic, an article on sexual assault provokes an investigation at UVA, celebrating literature in Miami, and Brooks and Marcus talk the week's political news.

POLITICS

New York Times columnist David Brooks and Washington Post columnist Ruth Marcus join Judy Woodruff to discuss President Obama's call to arms on immigration, a lawsuit by the Republican House over the president's health care law and a look ahead at the 2016 presidential race.

ARTS

More than 30 years ago, a festival was launched to bring prominent writers to an audience of avid readers in downtown Miami in order to help revitalize the neighborhood. Now it's said to be America's largest literary event of its kind: eight days, more than 600 authors and a quarter-million bibliophiles. Jeffrey Brown reports on how authors see the festival as part of a changing book world.

WORLD

With the deadline for a deal on Tehran's nuclear program just days away, talks are on between U.S and Iranian negotiators in Vienna. How likely is it that they can bridge the gap between their demands by Monday? Hari Sreenivasan talks to David Sanger of The New York Times.

NATION

A story in Rolling Stone details the gang rape of an 18-year-old student by seven men at a fraternity house at the University of Virginia. Journalist Sabrina Erdely says that the young woman reported the assault to the administration but nothing was done. Erdely joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the prevalence of campus sexual assault and why the victim was discouraged from speaking out.

WORLD

Sheikh Muhammad al-Yaqoubi, a prominent Syrian Sunni cleric and vocal critic of the Islamic State, led prayers at the funeral of American beheading victim Peter Kassig. Chief foreign correspondent Margaret Warner interviews al-Yaqoubi, exiled from his country, about atrocities committed by the Islamic State, why the militant group is able to gain followers and the fight against the Assad regime.

POLITICS

President Obama announced his plan to shield nearly 5 million immigrants from deportation, and focus instead on deporting undocumented criminals and those who have entered the country recently. Republicans expressed their disapproval, including Speaker of the House John Boehner, who said the president is “damaging the presidency.” Judy Woodruff reports.

NATION

In our news wrap Friday, the city of Buffalo, New York, braced for warming temperatures, rain and potential flooding after being buried by a storm that dumped up to 7 feet of snow. More than 30 roofs have collapsed from the weight of snow already. Also, Republicans in the House of Representatives sued President Obama over the health care law.

POLITICS

President Obama’s address detailing immigration reform brought strong responses from both supporters and those opposed to his plan. Beyond Capitol Hill, we asked documented and undocumented immigrants to express their reactions.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Nov. 22, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/22/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition for Saturday, Nov. 22, President Obama clears the way for American troops to fight in Afghanistan beyond the end of 2014. Later, a Republican-led congressional committee says the Obama administration was not guilty of wrongdoing in Benghazi. And, in our signature segment, searching for ways to punish non-Native Americans who commit domestic violence on reservations.

POLITICS

Late Friday, there was a new finding about the 2012 attack in Benghazi, Libya, that led to the deaths of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans. Ken Dilanian of the Associated Press wrote about it, and joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington for the latest.

ECONOMY

In the past few years, Black Friday shopping sales have crept into Thanksgiving Day as stores try to gain an advantage over their competitors at the start of the holiday shopping season. Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Stephen Greenhouse of the New York Times about how the practice of opening stores on Thanksgiving is getting backlash within the business community.

NATION

Native women in the U.S. face some of the highest levels of violence of any group. The Justice Department says acts of sexual assault against Native American women are most frequently committed by non-Indian men, who are generally immune to prosecution in tribal courts. Congress reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act last year, which gave tribal courts jurisdiction over certain domestic violence crimes committed by non-Indians. But advocates say acts of sexual violence on Indian reservations are still happening with few consequences. NewsHour Weekend’s Stephen Fee reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Nov. 23, 2014

Distributor: PBS
Date: 11/23/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 30

Description:
REPORT

On this edition for Sunday, Nov. 23, the deadline looms for a nuclear deal between Iran and the West, we'll have a report from Vienna where negotiations continue. In our signature segment, New York City tries out a new plan to eliminate traffic fatalities. And, St. Louis is on edge as it awaits a grand jury decision about whether to indict the police officer who killed Michael Brown.

POLITICS

A Monday deadline looms for a nuclear deal between Iran and the West. Hari Sreenivasan is joined by NewsHour's William Brangham, who reported from Iran earlier this year, and David Sanger of the New York Times via Skype, who is in Vienna covering the talks.

ARTS

This week, the U.S. returned hundreds of ancient artifacts to Thailand. The collection of items including bronze objects, pottery and stone tools were taken from a UNESCO World Heritage archaeological site decades ago, and had made their way to a museum in California.

NATION

A grand jury considering whether or not to indict Darren Wilson, the police officer who shot and killed Michael Brown, will reconvene for deliberations Monday, with a decision possibly coming next week. The NewsHour's Stephen Fee is in Ferguson, where tension is building and security is ramping up.

NATION

Although New York City streets over the past few years have been the safest in decades, traffic accidents and pedestrian fatalities have recently started to tick back up. Now, city officials are looking to "Vision Zero," an initiative based on a model from Sweden. The plan hinges on expanded enforcement, new street designs and legislation to increase penalties for dangerous drivers. NewsHour's Hari Sreenivasan reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: MONDAY, Nov. 24, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 11/24/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:
REPORT

Monday on the NewsHour, a grand jury cleared police officer Darren Wilson of wrongdoing in the shooting death of Ferguson teenager Michael Brown. Also: Why Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is resigning, Homeland Security chief Jeh Johnson on Obama's immigration plans, extending the deadline for an Iran nuclear deal and squirrels in Alaska help scientists measure effects of climate change.

NATION

A grand jury decided not to indict Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of teenager Michael Brown. Judy Woodruff and Gwen Ifill get reaction to the verdict from Rev.

Willis Johnson of Wellspring Church, Roger Goldman of Saint Louis University and Gil Alba, former detective at the New York City Police Department.

ARTS

“Redeployment,” a collection of stories about the Iraq War and the struggles veterans face when they return, was this year’s winner of the National Book Award for Fiction. Jeffrey Brown interviews writer and Marine Corps veteran Phil Klay about writing his first book and using war stories to bridge the civilian-military gap.

POLITICS

Last week, President Obama announced executive orders to defer deportation relief to nearly 5 million immigrants and expand border security. Now the task of implementation falls on the Department of Homeland Security. Secretary Jeh Johnson joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the controversy surrounding the president’s action and what message it sends to those who want to cross the border illegally.

NATION

Ahead of the release of a grand jury decision on whether or not to charge Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown, NAACP president Cornell William Brooks joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the importance of nonviolent protest and explain how Brown’s story has sparked a larger discussion about racial profiling and justice.

SCIENCE

On the Alaskan tundra, researchers are tracking the march of global warming. Science correspondent Miles O’Brien explores how soil composition and the sleep schedules of squirrels might offer data on the ways warmer temperatures are affecting ecosystems.

WORLD

Monday was the deadline for a nuclear agreement with Iran, but instead of a deal there was a new extension. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani praised the progress so far, but some leading Republican senators issued a joint statement on increasing sanctions. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner reports potential challenges ahead.

WORLD

As secretary of defense, Chuck Hagel has faced a number of tough challenges, including the Syrian conflict, the rise of the Islamic State and the future of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Judy Woodruff takes a closer look at the reasons behind Hagel’s resignation with Thomas Donnelly of American Enterprise Institute and P.J. Crowley of the George Washington University.

NATION

In our news wrap Monday, a police officer shot and killed 12-year-old Tamir Rice near a playground in Cleveland. The boy was carrying a pellet gun that looked like a real gun. Also, two U.S. troops were killed by a bombing in Kabul, a day after the Afghan parliament approved an agreement to keep some American troops in the country after 2014.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: TUESDAY, Nov. 25, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 11/25/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60
Description:
REPORT

Tuesday on the NewsHour, what's next for Ferguson after the grand jury decision not to indict officer Darren Wilson for the death of Michael Brown. Also: the FDA's new mandatory calorie counts, scientists looking for photographic evidence of a black hole, chasing fortune, truth and ambition in the new China and a city that was once synonymous with violence turns a corner.

SCIENCE

Even though black holes are vital to our understanding of the universe, no one has ever seen one -- yet. To change this, a team of scientists in northern Chile, is using a network of telescopes around the globe to capture an image of a black hole for the first time to prove Einstein's Theory of General Relativity. Rebecca Jacobson reports.

WORLD

Less than two decades ago Medellin, Colombia, was known as the world's murder capital. But ever since new political leadership and a push to increase public spaces, Medellin has seen a sharp drop in violence and drug use and an influx of new businesses. In his Agents of Change series, Fred de Sam Lazaro looks at how the city was able to make such a strong comeback.

ARTS

What began as reporting for the New Yorker turned into "Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China," an in-depth look at China's recent changes by Evan Osnos. Jeffrey Brown speaks with this year's winner of the National Book Award for Non-Fiction at the Miami Book Fair about the "Chinese Dream" and the changes the Chinese are still undergoing.

HEALTH

Food chains, including restaurants, cafes and even some vending machines, will soon be required to list calorie counts clearly on their menus. Margaret Hamburg of the FDA, the group responsible for the new law, speaks with Judy Woodruff on the organization's goal to reduce obesity and the restaurant industry's responses.

NATION

The decision that Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson would not be charged by a grand jury for the shooting of unarmed black teen Michael Brown sparked riots and protests in Ferguson and major cities last night. Gwen Ifill reports on the reactions by protesters and law enforcement after the decision was announced.

NATION

Just a day after the grand jury announced not to indict police officer Darren Wilson, the city of Ferguson remains tense. Gwen Ifill speaks with Christina Swarns, Litigation Director for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and Susan McGraw of St. Louis University, on the grand jury's role in the legal system and what's next for the city of Ferguson.

WORLD

In our NewsWrap Tuesday, a suicide bombing by two teenage girls left at least 30 dead in Nigeria, possibly the work of Boko Haram. Also, Michele Flournoy has removed herself from the running to replace Chuck Hagel as the next Secretary of Defense.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Nov. 26, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/26/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Wednesday on the NewsHour, we examine differences in Americans' perceptions of race and justice. Also: bad weather snarls Thanksgiving travels, fires and floods endanger Native American lands, the economics of raising free-range turkeys, big data problems for one of the country's biggest public school districts and the history behind the president's turkey pardon.

POLITICS
President Obama used his executive authority to pardon Mac and Cheese, the two birds who were saved from the Thanksgiving table this year. Who was the first president to give flight to this holiday amnesty? Political director Domenico Montanaro looks back at the tradition.

NATION
How does race affect justice and how it's applied in America? The death of Michael Brown has prompted fresh debate on that question. Gwen Ifill speaks with Carroll Doherty of Pew Research Center, Judith Browne Dianis of the Advancement Project and journalist Isabel Wilkerson about the way young protesters have mobilized after Ferguson and what that says about the future.

NATION
The Northeast was hit with a mix of rain, snow and sleet on one of the busiest travel days of the year. Many travelers tried to re-arrange travel plans, both on the road and in the air, in order to get a headstart on the storm. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Scott Mayerowitz of the Associated Press about why airlines are preemptively canceling flights.

NATION
For more than 1,200 years, Native Americans have called Santa Clara Pueblo home. But in 2011, a devastating fire blasted through the canyon they consider sacred, setting the stage for destructive floods. Now repairs have gone on for years, and there's constant worry of more damage when it rains. Special correspondent Kathleen McCleery reports.

ECONOMY
How do small farms, competing against factory farms, gobble up their share of business? The family-run Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm in Connecticut relies on Thanksgiving sales for nearly half of their yearly income, selling high-quality birds raised in a free-range environment. Economics correspondent Paul Solman looks at how small businesses struggle in an economy dominated by big business.

NATION
In our news wrap Wednesday, the Cleveland police released a surveillance video showing Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy, being shot by an officer. The child appeared to be brandishing a gun before being shot. There was no audio track on the recording. Also, police in Hong Kong arrested 150 people in a crackdown on pro-democracy protesters.

NATION
One hundred additional officers were called in to protect St. Louis City Hall, where protesters gathered to continue demonstrations over the decision not to indict Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson. Judy Woodruff offers a look at the day's protests around the country.

EDUCATION
A new student record system adopted by the Los Angeles Unified School District has caused chaos for kids, teachers and administrators. Kindergarteners were accidentally enrolled at high schools, while hundreds of older students spent weeks without class schedules. Judy Woodruff learns more from Howard Blume of the Los Angeles Times.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: THURSDAY, Nov. 27, 2014

Distributor: PBS
Date: 11/27/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:
REPORT

Tonight on the program, we take a look at the latest Taliban attacks in Afghanistan and what is unusual about them. Also: A promising vaccine for Ebola, how teachers can talk to students about the situation in Ferguson, how the music industry uses big data to create the next big hit, breaking the gridlock in Congress, and how to stop illegal fish dumping in Montana before it's too late.

NATION

In Montana, illegal fish dumping of non-native species is threatening the state's native trout. In a segment for Student Reporting Labs, Meri DeMarois and her mentor Anna Rau of MontanaPBS report on how conservation organizations are working to protect the indigenous fish population.

POLITICS

Numbers and politics are the focus of "Moneyball for Government," a new book written by a bipartisan group of authors. Gwen Ifill interviews two of the contributors, John Bridgeland, former domestic policy adviser for George W. Bush, and former National Economic Council director Gene Sperling on why a numbers-based approach may be the answer to solving political gridlock.

NATION

Is big data killing good music? As part of a collaboration between The Atlantic and PBS NewsHour, Judy Woodruff speaks with Derek Thompson, whose piece in this month's magazine featured how data collected by Shazam and other music apps is not just predicting the next hit but influencing today's music as well.

EDUCATION

The events in Ferguson have sparked discussions in homes and communities, including schools. Correspondent Jeffrey Brown speaks with #FergusonSyllabus creator Marcia Chatelain of Georgetown University and Liz Collins of Washington Latin Public Charter School on how teachers can use Missouri history and the role of the media to teach and discuss what is happening in Ferguson.

HEALTH

For the first time, an experimental vaccine taken by 20 healthy adults is successfully and safely stimulating an immunity against Ebola. Judy Woodruff talks to Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health on how the vaccine was developed and when we might see protection from the disease.

WORLD

Four attacks on foreigners took place in Afghanistan on Thursday, the latest in a string of bombings by the Taliban. Speaking from Kabul, New York Times foreign correspondent Rod Nordland tells Judy Woodruff what is unusual about the most recent attacks and how President Ashraf Ghani's relationship with the U.S. will affect the Taliban.

WORLD

On Thursday's News Wrap, Americans at home celebrated the holiday with parades like the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Manhattan while U.S. forces in Afghanistan enjoyed turkey with all the trimmings even as Taliban attacks rocked Kabul. Also, 600 migrants fleeing

violence in Syria and Iraq successfully make it to shore in Greece after the ship's engine failure left them adrift since Wednesday.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Nov. 27, 2014

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Length: 30

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Top Story:

Students from Aliamanu Middle School on Oahu highlight a dialogue between Hawaii youth and global peace leaders Desmond Tutu, Gro Harlem Brundtland and Hina Jilani. The August 30, 2014, event, sponsored by Pillars of Peace Hawaii, an initiative of the Hawaii Community Foundation, gave students the opportunity to hear from and interact with three representatives from The Elders, a group that works collectively for peace and human rights. Aliamanu students also interviewed The Elders, inspiring reflections on what the middle schoolers learned and about their hopes for the future.

Also Featured:

Students at Moanalua High School on Oahu spotlight science whiz Dustin Paiea, who worked alongside University of Hawaii engineers to test graphene, a sustainable and highly conductive new material; students at Konawaena High School on Hawaii Island feature the friendships that blossomed when students from Kumejima Island in Okinawa attended Konawaena High School on Hawaii island for three weeks of cultural exchange; students at Saint Francis School on Oahu tell the story of Cathedral Catholic Academy principal Miguel Paekukui, who also shines as a veteran actor for Manoa Valley Theatre; students at Maui High School tell of a mother's courageous battle with ALS and how her daughter's school undertook the Ice Bucket Challenge in her honor; students at Wheeler Middle School on Oahu demonstrate how using Google docs can solve menu planning for any potluck; and students at Waianae High School on Oahu portray how a student struggling with diabetes has found strength through a new clinic's peer support program.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: FRIDAY, Nov. 28, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/28/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

WORLD

Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on how officially atheist, Communist China seems to be supporting a return to traditional Buddhist values in order to convince citizens to care about the environment.

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we take a look at a four-year low in oil prices after the OPEC cartel decided not to cut production levels. Also: Paul Solman looks at the decline of the American shopping mall on this Black Friday, Shields and Brooks analyze the week's top political news, Benedict Cumberbatch talks "The Intimidation Game," and how Buddhism played a role in the U.S.-China climate deal.

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including the grand jury verdict on the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, the resignation of Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, plus what our commentators are thankful for this Thanksgiving.

ARTS

Alan Turing was a brilliant British mathematician who worked in secret to break a key Nazi Germany code, allowing Allied forces to see and plan for attacks ahead of time. Jeffrey Brown talks to Benedict Cumberbatch, star of "The Imitation Game," a new movie portraying Turing's life, about the actor's penchant for playing complicated geniuses.

ECONOMY

From retail to e-tail, is Cyber Monday the new Black Friday? Indoor malls have been in decline ever since consumers discovered online shopping, and many retail spaces are either closing or being repurposed as shopping habits evolve. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports on the fate of America's malls from Akron, Ohio.

WORLD

The price of oil dropped to a four-year low after the OPEC cartel decided not to cut production levels. Judy Woodruff speaks with Kevin Book of ClearView Energy Partners about the national and global consequences of cheap gas and for how long prices will stay low.

NATION

In our news wrap Friday, about 140 million people in the U.S. were expected to shop between Thanksgiving and the end of the holiday weekend. Meanwhile, workers picketed at some Walmart stores demanding more full-time jobs. Also, a gunman in Austin, Texas, shot up the courthouse and police headquarters and tried to set the Mexican consulate on fire overnight. The suspect died on the scene.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Nov. 29, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/29/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition for Saturday, Nov. 29, Egypt drops its case against ousted former president Hosni Mubarak and protesters rally against the decision in central Cairo. Later, the latest on the fight against ISIS in Iraq. And, in our signature segment, how the battle over teacher tenure in California is leading to action in New York.

WORLD

Just a few months ago, some U.S. officials worried that ISIS could be in a position to overtake Baghdad. But now there are new signs of confidence in the fight against the extremist group. For

more, Douglas Ollivant, a partner with Mantid International, joins William Brangham from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

WORLD

An Egyptian court on Saturday dismissed charges that ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was responsible for killing hundreds of demonstrators during the Arab Spring uprising in 2011. For more on the ruling and its importance, Samer Shehata, an associate professor of Middle Eastern politics at the University of Oklahoma joins William Brangham.

EDUCATION

A 2012 legal case brought by nine public school students in California, who argued the state's teacher tenure laws denied their right to a quality education, ended a few months ago after a judge declared the laws unconstitutional. Shortly after the ruling, legal action regarding teacher tenure laws began in another state, with parents in New York filing a similar lawsuit. NewsHour Weekend's Megan Thompson reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Nov. 30, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/30/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition for Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014, Officer Darren Wilson resigns as the march from Ferguson to the state capitol enters its second day, experts take you inside the numbers of holiday shopping to show how retailers and shoppers are feeling so far this season, and journalists discuss new options that may help those with student loans. Alison Stewart anchors from New York.

ECONOMY

Experts expect tomorrow's so-called "Cyber Monday" sales to see an uptick over last year. But will it be enough for businesses to consider the extended shopping weekend a success? For some insight, Shelly Banjo of the Wall Street Journal joins PBS NewsHour's Alison Stewart.

ARTS

An accomplished Kansas musician known for her fiery style of fiddling recounts the special relationship she has with her 97-year-old fiddling mentor from Arkansas. The two discuss their life lessons learned from fiddling, the nuances of their individual sounds, and how their love for the fiddle has been strengthened by each other. This report was produced by KCPT in Kansas City, Missouri.

NATION

Millions of Americans live with student debt for years, even decades after they graduate from college. Now, two of the nation's largest private student lenders have introduced options to allow borrowers to modify the terms on their loans. NewsHour's Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Marian Wang, a reporter with ProPublica and AnnaMaria Andriotis of the Wall Street Journal.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Dec. 1, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/01/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we take a look at new standards that President Obama aims to place on police to ease tension between them and minorities. Also: the Supreme Court tests limits of online free speech, Philadelphia schools aim to innovate to escape crisis, the director of a new documentary on the Penn State scandal, and Liberia and Guinea meet key targets in containing Ebola.

HEALTH

The World Health Organization reported that both Liberia and Guinea have hit key health targets by isolating Ebola patients and safely burying victims. Even so, the fight to end Ebola is far from over. Judy Woodruff talks to Laurie Garrett of the Council on Foreign Relations about why some Ebola treatment centers are empty and why money pledged to end the outbreak hasn't materialized.

NATION

In 2012, Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was convicted for sexually assaulting children. Joe Paterno, the beloved head coach, was fired for failing to report the crime. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Amir Bar-Lev, director of a new documentary, "Happy Valley," that examines the immediate aftermath of the scandal and how Penn State's football-first community recovered.

EDUCATION

Philadelphia public schools are facing serious funding troubles, as well as overcrowding and other issues. But the city's competitive Science Leadership Academy, where the curriculum is based on student-driven project learning, is a great success. Special correspondent for education John Merrow reports on a superintendent's effort to use the SLA as a model for reforming traditional schools.

NATION

President Obama called for \$260 million in response funds to build trust between police and minorities, including purchasing body cameras for officers. Judy Woodruff talks to former New York City Police commissioner Raymond Kelly and Malik Aziz of the National Black Police Association about whether more technology will help prevent another Ferguson-style showdown and what training is most needed.

NATION

Is an angry online post a real threat or an exercise of free speech? The Supreme Court will determine whether a man's violence-filled rants on Facebook about his ex-wife -- posts that led to his arrest -- are protected by the First Amendment. Jeffrey Brown takes a look at the case with Marcia Coyle of The National Law Journal.

WORLD

In our news wrap Monday, a bulletin from the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security warned that U.S. troops and veterans may be targets for attacks by the Islamic State in the United States. Also, Nigerian officials blamed Boko Haram for attacks on a market and a police base that killed five people.

ARTS

A conversation with Mark Strand, who won this year's Pulitzer for poetry for his book *Blizzard of One*.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: TUESDAY, Dec. 2, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 12/02/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we examine why the UN World Food Program was forced to suspend aid to 1.7 million Syrian refugees. Also: the final weeks are upon Congress' to complete its to-do list, whether innovative schools can be all-inclusive in Philadelphia, how preparing for a disaster can help a community bounce back, and the cozy relationship between the Fed and big banks draws scrutiny.

WORLD

A severe cash shortage has forced the UN's World Food Program to suspend food vouchers, immediately affecting 1.7 million Syrian refugees who are reliant on them for survival. Gwen Ifill spoke with Muhannad Hadi of the World Food Program about what the organization needs to provide December's vouchers and why providing debit cards for groceries better serves some refugee populations.

EDUCATION

Can schools that enroll students of all skill levels use the same methods as more academically selective programs? In the second half of our report on Philadelphia's public schools, special correspondent for education John Merrow reports on the city's U School, a neighborhood school that's copying the project-based learning curriculum of some of the city's more exclusive charter schools.

NATION

Only communities that prepare for the unpredictable -- from health scares to cyber attacks -- can quickly bounce back. But how can we flip the paradigm for dealing with disaster? Author Judith Rodin joins Gwen Ifill for a conversation about her book "The Resilience Divided," on what defines resilience and how cities can move their focus from relief and recovery to preparedness and readiness.

ECONOMY

While monitoring Goldman Sachs, New York Federal Reserve supervisor Carmen Segarra made secret recordings that suggested the Fed was too soft on the big bank. She was fired a few months later, for reasons the Fed claimed were unrelated. Judy Woodruff speaks with Jake Bernstein of ProPublica about how these issues are being investigated.

POLITICS

The final weeks of the 113th Congress are here, leaving House and Senate members scrambling to finish business before the holidays. Big-ticket items -- from government funding to tax breaks for corporations and teachers -- remain up in the air, and Republicans are hoping to find a creative way to limit the president's executive action on immigration. Political editor Lisa Desjardins reports.

WORLD

In our news wrap Tuesday, al-Shabaab militants carried out a mass killing of non-muslims in Kenya, leaving 36 dead. The attack was in retaliation for the presence of Kenyan troops in Somalia. Also, a major cable failure in downtown Detroit caused 100 buildings to lose power for much of the day.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 12/03/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:
REPORT

Wednesday on the NewsHour, we take a deeper look at the details of the Eric Garner chokehold case after the grand jury decided to not indict the police officer. Also: the continuing fight over deadly airbag defects, the Supreme Court weighs arguments on job protections for pregnant workers, NASA's first step to send humans to Mars and plans to restructure schools for native American students.

NATION

The high school graduation rate for Native Americans is the lowest of any ethnic or racial group in the United States. How can the government assist reservation schools while respecting autonomy of tribes? Judy Woodruff talks to Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell about a series of initiatives announced by the president on how to undo deep-seated education challenges for Native Americans.

SCIENCE

NASA envisions a human presence on Mars in 20 years. But how will we get there? The Orion spacecraft, an unmanned capsule, will launch on its maiden voyage as an important test for future missions. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports on the engineering hurdles as well as the budgetary ones.

NATION

The Supreme Court heard a case of a former UPS driver who claims the company discriminated against her while she was pregnant. Marcia Coyle of the National Law Journal offers some background on the case and Gwen Ifill gets analysis from Marcia Greenberger of the National Women's Law Center and Karen Harned of the National Federation of Independent Business' Small Business Legal Center.

NATION

Japanese manufacturer Takata is fighting demands by Congress for a nationwide recall of defective airbags linked to at least five deaths. The company maintains that the request is not supported by evidence and that Washington does not have the legal authority to make a parts maker enforce a recall. Judy Woodruff reports.

NATION

A white policeman in New York City will not be charged in the choking death of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man, which was caught on videotape. Hari Sreenivasan learns more about the decision and how New York has been planning for the verdict from Pervaiz Shallwani of The Wall Street Journal.

WORLD

In our news wrap Wednesday, representatives from 60 nations met to strategize against the Islamic State in Brussels. While Secretary of State John Kerry expressed confidence in air attacks against the militants, he would not comment on or deny whether Iran has launched its own strikes. Also, three leaders of Hong Kong's pro-democracy campaign surrendered to police.

NATION

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio spoke Wednesday on a New York grand jury's decision not to indict NYPD police officer Daniel Pantaleo in the death of unarmed, 43-year-old Eric Garner.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: THURSDAY, Dec. 4, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 12/04/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Thursday on the NewsHour, we look at the reactions to the grand jury verdict on the death of Eric Garner in Staten Island and across the nation. Also: Reports of sexual assaults in the military on the rise, how the Kremlin uses reality TV in Russia to promote politics, startups replace surf shops in Venice Beach and poet Claudia Rankine offers urgent verse on race and power.

NATION

While the estimated number of cases of sexual assault are down 25 percent from two years ago, actual reports of assault have increased 8 percent in the past year. Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel said the findings are both a sign of progress and a need for greater reform. Hari Sreenivasan reports on continuing concern over retaliation for and how lawmakers are responding.

NATION

For a broader look at how the Eric Garner case and the intersection of race and justice are resonating with Americans, Gwen Ifill gets perspectives from Candace McCoy of City University of New York and Jelani Cobb of The New Yorker.

ARTS

Poet and playwright Claudia Rankine says that the small moments that carve gaps of misunderstanding between Americans lead to big, national moments of misunderstanding, like events in Ferguson and New York. Rankine explores these disruptions and how they lead to conflict in her new book, "Citizen."

WORLD

President Vladimir Putin gave his state of the nation speech, trumpeting Russia's incursions into Ukraine and the annexation of Crimea. A new book, "Nothing Is True and Everything Is Possible," examines how the Kremlin uses television to promote Putin's views and influence its citizens through reality TV. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner interviews author Peter Pomerantsev.

NATION

Staten Island is whiter and more conservative than the rest of New York City, and it's home to a large number of active and retired firefighters and police officers. It's also where Eric Garner died in a fatal incident with a police officer, as well as where members of the grand jury who ruled on Garner's death reside. How are people there responding? The NewsHour's William Brangham reports.

NATION

Following the choking death of Eric Garner, New York police commissioner Bill Bratton promised an overhaul of the police training program, and, with the mayor, addressed how

officers should react to minor offenses. For the perspective from City Hall, Gwen Ifill speaks with Zachary Carter, legal adviser to Mayor Bill de Blasio.

NATION

Some high tech entrepreneurs have started trading in the high costs of the San Francisco Bay Area for the sunnier skies of Venice Beach in Los Angeles. But with the benefits of the boom, like high-paying jobs, also come problems, especially for the longtime residents of the famously artistic, bohemian neighborhood. Special correspondent Steve Goldbloom reports.

NATION

A new round of protests began across the nation in response to a grand jury decision to not indict a police officer in the death of Eric Garner. While the head of New York's police union called the chokehold used by officer Daniel Pantaleo a "textbook" maneuver, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio called for retraining for the city's police. Gwen Ifill reports.

POLITICS

In our news wrap Thursday, House Republicans pushed through a bill to declare President Obama's executive actions on immigration "null and void." The House also passed a defense spending bill authorizing \$585 billion in funding and expanding military operations in Iraq and Syria. Also, a grand jury in South Carolina indicted a white police officer in the murder of an unarmed black man.

NATION

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, alongside NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton and other police representatives, announced they are working to revamp the NYPD training program in the wake of the Eric Garner decision.

NATION

The Cleveland Division of Police has exhibited a pattern of unnecessary and excessive uses of force, Attorney General Eric Holder said Thursday.

Holder, alongside Assistant U.S. Attorney General Vanita Gupta, announced the findings at a news conference, revealing a Justice Department civil rights investigation into the Cleveland police's use of force that was launched in March 2013.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Dec. 4, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/04/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This episode of HIKI NŌ is hosted by students from Farrington High School on Oahu.

Top Story:

Students from Iolani School on Oahu tell the story of a young Iolani graduate who, despite becoming a quadruple amputee due to a devastating disease, continues to live life with grace and appreciation. She visits her alma mater, sharing her inspiring message of perseverance.

Also Featured:

Students at Maui Waena Intermediate School on Maui explore the controversy surrounding the construction of a new Central Maui Sports Complex; students at Kainalu Elementary School on

Oahu profile a Kailua woman who shares the art of ribbon-lei-making with people from around the world; students at Mid-Pacific Institute on Oahu show how science and spiritualism are coming to the aid of a historic Waikiki icon – the Moana Hotel’s majestic banyan tree; students at Lahainaluna High School on Maui share the story of a Lahaina woman who proudly maintains her Hawaiian heritage through pa’u riding; students at Waiakea High School on Hawaii Island spotlight a locally owned surf company in Kapaa, Kauai that gives back by supporting the community’s sports teams.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII

Program Title: How can we better address domestic violence in our community?

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/04/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

Often shrouded in fear and shame, domestic violence is a crime that often lives just under the surface of Hawaii's communities. Now, with local and nationally publicized incidents, domestic violence, its victims, and its impact on families are in the headlines. Despite the media attention, some victims can't escape the violence and don't know where to turn for help.

Guests include:

Nanci Kreidman, Chief Executive Officer, Domestic Violence Action Center

Keith Kaneshiro, Honolulu City Prosecutor

Annelle Amaral, native Hawaiian consultant

Roz Baker, (D) State Senator, 6th District, South and West Maui,

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: FRIDAY, Dec. 5, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/05/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we examine November's job numbers that showed higher wages, more jobs and changes that may be felt by most Americans. Also: A look at Secretary of State nominee Ash Carter, Shields and Brooks analyze the week's news, debate on restoring a plane from Pearl Harbor, and whether the unraveling of Rolling Stone's UVa sexual assault story will make victims reluctant to speak out.

NATION

Seventy-three years ago, an attack on Pearl Harbor catapulted the U.S. into World War II.

National Air and Space Museum curator Jeremy Kinney shows off a rare survivor from that day - a military seaplane -- and explains how specialists agonize over how to keep it in tact.

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including the better-than-expected jobs report, the nomination of Ash Carter for secretary of defense and the aftermath of the grand jury decision on the killing of Eric Garner.

NATION

After reporting on a horrific case of sexual assault at the University of Virginia, Rolling Stone magazine acknowledged discrepancies in the victim's story, saying their trust in her was "misplaced." Judy Woodruff speaks with T. Rees Shapiro of The Washington Post for more on the revelations that have cast doubt on the account.

ECONOMY

Job growth surged last month, with more than 300,000 new positions added. Hourly wages increased, too. Is there a catch? Diane Swonk of Mesirow Financial joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss how the economy took a step in the right direction and where it can still improve.

WORLD

President Obama announced that Pentagon veteran Ashton Carter will be his nominee to succeed Chuck Hagel as secretary of defense. From the White House, Carter pledged his "most candid" strategic and military advice if he is confirmed. Judy Woodruff gets reaction from retired Brig. Gen. David McGinnis, a former Defense Department official, and Foreign Policy's David Rothkopf.

NATION

In our news wrap Friday, protests over the Eric Garner case and police conduct overall continued across the U.S. with no sign of abating. The NYPD launched a program to train its officers to use body cameras. Also, the International Criminal Court dropped charges of crimes against humanity against Kenya's president for lack of evidence.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Dec. 6, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/06/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition for Saturday, Dec. 6, an American photojournalist and a South African aid worker held captive by al-Qaida in Yemen die during a U.S. rescue mission. Also, examining a fragmented system: are killings by police being undercounted? And, in our signature segment, preparing for the inevitable: estate planning for your online life.

WORLD

American photojournalist Luke Somers and South African aid worker Pierre Korkie died during a failed U.S.-led rescue mission in Yemen on Saturday. Both men had been held hostage by al-Qaida militants since 2013. Eric Schmitt of the New York Times joins Hari Sreenivasan from Bahrain via Skype with the latest.

NATION

A recent Wall Street Journal investigation revealed that federal accounting for killings by police may be grossly miscalculated. The publication's analysis found at least 550 police killings missing from official tallies in America's biggest cities between 2007 and 2012. WSJ reporter Rob Barry joins Hari Sreenivasan for more.

NATION

Raising a large pool of money from many small contributions online, known as crowdfunding, was supposed to be an option for startup business to raise money when President Obama signed the 2012 JOBS Act into law. But today, that method of raising investment capital still remains

out of reach for many entrepreneurs. NewsHour special correspondent Karla Murthy explores the support, concern and timeline of the crowdfunding provision's implementation.

NATION

Social media, email and bank accounts can remain active even after their owner dies, meaning valuable information can become vulnerable -- especially when estate managers can't access these accounts. NewsHour's Hari Sreenivasan reports on the complications surrounding digital estate planning and the drive to increase awareness through legislative action.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Dec. 7, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/07/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition for Sunday, Dec. 7, six Guantanamo detainees are released for resettlement. Later, a closer look at the failed attempt to rescue hostages in Yemen. And, assessing one of North Korea's most powerful weapons: the cyber attack.

WORLD

Investigators have called the pre-Thanksgiving cyber attack on Sony Pictures “unprecedented.” The attack knocked out most of Sony’s network and while the culprits remain unknown, some are considering North Korea as a possible suspect. For more on North Korea’s possible involvement and the country’s cyberwarfare preparedness, Reuters reporter James Pearson joins Hari Sreenivasan via Skype from Seoul, South Korea.

WORLD

U.S. special forces tried to rescue photojournalist Luke Somers from al-Qaida militants on Saturday, but the kidnappers shot Somers and another hostage, South African teacher Pierre Korkie, before the soldiers could get to them. Both hostages died. Adam Entous of the Wall Street Journal joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington to discuss the failed mission.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Dec. 8, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/08/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we examine the failed rescue mission in Yemen of a hostage American journalist and the risks involved in such missions. Also: why young protesters march, two young refugee girls working to support their families in Lebanon, tent cities rise amid housing shortage in Silicon Valley, the new college football playoff, and an interview with music icon Al Green.

ARTS

Al Green was one of five artists honored at the Kennedy Center this year. Jeffrey Brown talks to the singer, whose iconic voice has stirred souls with pop music and gospel for decades, about a life of making music and preaching.

NATION

The first-ever college football championship playoffs will kick-off on New Year's Day. But there's been confusion about and criticism for the semifinal selection process. Judy Woodruff turns to Mike Pesca of Slate to sort out the new system.

NATION

Silicon Valley, the epicenter of the tech industry, is one of the wealthiest and fastest-growing regions in the country. But the rapid development and influx of tech workers has revved up competition for housing and a growing income divide. Special correspondent Scott Shafer of KQED reports on the demolition of a notorious homeless encampment in San Jose.

WORLD

More than a million children have been forced to flee Syria's civil war. Special correspondent Marcia Biggs profiles two young girls, 12-year-old Iman and 14-year-old Bushra, best friends who must work in the fields to support their families now living in Lebanon. But they are the lucky ones: A local organization has set up a school with afternoon shifts for working children.

NATION

Many of the now-daily protests on race and justice are being led by young people frustrated by recent grand jury decisions in Ferguson and New York City. Gwen Ifill gets perspectives from protester Molly Greiber, Tory Russell of Hands Up United and Jessica Pierce of the Black Youth Project on what's driving them personally and the movement at large.

NATION

Demonstrations have swept from coast to coast over a pair of grand jury non-indictments in cases where black men were killed by police officers, laying bare a deep vein of distrust in law enforcement and the justice system. Gwen Ifill reports on how protests have unfolded in New York, Philadelphia and Berkeley.

WORLD

In the wake of the failed mission to rescue American photojournalist Luke Somers and South African teacher Pierre Korkie, Brian Jenkins of the RAND Corporation joins Judy Woodruff to explore the risks of such raids, as well as what other alternative options the U.S. has to consider.

WORLD

The White House said American officials had not known about efforts to win the freedom of South African school teacher Pierre Korkie before a failed U.S. commando raid to rescue Korkie and the American photographer Luke Somers from al-Qaida captors in Yemen. Judy Woodruff reports.

WORLD

In our news wrap Monday, six detainees who have been held for more than a decade at Guantanamo without being charged have arrived in Uruguay to be resettled as refugees. Also, the Justice Department released new guidelines on federal law enforcement profiling that builds on an existing policy barring racial profiling.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: TUESDAY, Dec. 09, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 12/09/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60
Description:
REPORT

Tuesday on the NewsHour, the Senate Intelligence Committee releases an executive summary of a five-year investigation into the CIA's interrogation tactics used on terror suspects after 9/11. Also: An investigation examines who gets to argue before the Supreme Court, scientists develop technology to communicate with dogs and rock star Melissa Etheridge talks about life, love and music.

POLITICS

Robert Grenier, former director of the CIA Counterterrorism Center, joins Judy Woodruff to offer a rebuttal to the charges made in a Senate Intelligence report on the harsh physical and mental techniques the CIA used on scores of terror detainees after 9/11.

POLITICS

A five-year examination into CIA interrogation tactics authorized by the Bush administration has resulted in an extensive executive summary on so-called "enhanced techniques," including rectal forced feeding and hypothermia. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee and the leading force in the release of the report, discusses the significance with Judy Woodruff.

SCIENCE

Researchers at North Carolina State University are inventing technology to decode dog talk. Hari Sreenivasan visits a computer science lab that has designed a harness to monitor physiological and emotional changes and send wireless commands through vibrations, which could be used with guide animals or search and rescue dogs.

ARTS

Singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge has been known for her country and rock hits, but on her new album, "This Is M.E.," she also adds R&B and soul to the mix. Gwen Ifill sits down with the veteran musician to discuss her artistic evolution and the realities of making an album today.

NATION

Cases that make it to the Supreme Court are often argued by a relatively tight circle of lawyers who are well-known to the justices, and more likely to share educational backgrounds and private firm pedigrees. Reuters examined 17,000 filed petitions, uncovering an unusually insular world at the nation's top court. Reuters legal editor Joan Biskupic joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the findings.

POLITICS

A Senate Intelligence Committee report on the CIA's post-9/11 interrogation tactics accuses the agency of deceiving the White House, Congress and the American people. Chairwoman Sen. Dianne Feinstein called the revelations "a stain" on U.S. history. Gwen Ifill details the Senate's findings, which suggest the enhanced interrogation program was "far more brutal" than previously disclosed.

POLITICS

In our news wrap Tuesday, negotiators worked out differences on a \$1.1 trillion federal spending bill that would fund the government through September 2015 and avert a shutdown. Also, Secretary of State John Kerry called on lawmakers to authorize new war powers for President Obama to combat the Islamic State group.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/10/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Wednesday on the NewsHour, we get debate on the effectiveness of harsh interrogation tactics on terror suspects. Also: Can Congress make a budget deal, how U.S. and Iraq can partner in combating the Islamic State group, giving people on Medicaid more choices for long-term care and profane bedtime stories find popularity with parents.

ARTS

Picture books are usually kid-oriented, but two expletive-laden tales, written like traditional bedtime stories, are parents-only hits. "You Have To F**king Eat" and "Go The F**k To Sleep" have become best-sellers, with audiobooks voiced by Samuel L. Jackson and Bryan Cranston -- two actors well-versed in the art of swearing. Jeffrey Brown interviews author Adam Mansbach.

WORLD

While Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel visited Baghdad to meet with Iraq's new prime minister, Kurdish Deputy Prime Minister Qubad Talabani came to Washington in hopes of shoring up support for the fight against the Islamic State. Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner talks to Talabani about battling the militants and political divisions in Iraq.

NATION

In our news wrap Wednesday, a federal judge approved plans for the city of Detroit to shed \$7 billion of its \$18 billion in debt, clearing the way for an end to the largest municipal bankruptcy in history. Also, a national Brazilian commission released a report on systematic torture and killings committed during nearly two decades of military dictatorship.

WORLD

Fallout from the Senate Intelligence Committee's report on CIA interrogation tactics has gone global. The new Afghan president called the findings "shocking," while in Poland, where there had been a secret CIA prison, the former president denied knowledge of the particulars of the program. The White House conceded the U.S. will have to rebuild its moral authority. Gwen Ifill reports.

HEALTH

Most Medicaid funds for long-term care go to nursing homes, but waiver programs give low-income seniors and younger adults with disabilities alternative options to get care in more home-like settings. The NewsHour's Cat Wise reports on a program in Michigan called MI Choice, which aims to empower participants and their families to make decisions about the services they want.

WORLD

While the CIA says the use of enhanced interrogation led to key insights on Osama bin Laden, critics argue that the same information can be obtained with non-abusive tactics. Does torture work as an intelligence gathering tool? Gwen Ifill gets views from former CIA official Bill Harlow and former Guantanamo prosecutor David Iglesias.

POLITICS

House Speaker John Boehner announced a budget deal just a day before the deadline for a possible federal government shutdown. The Republican-written bill has no sign of past shutdown flashpoints, but it doesn't mean everyone is happy. Political editor Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to take a look at the fine print and the political wrangling over the more than \$1 trillion package.

WORLD

In northern Myanmar, there's an epidemic of heroin addiction and HIV infection among workers who mine for jade. Some believe the government is encouraging the use of drugs as a weapon against their people. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Dan Levin of The New York Times about China's role in the industry and how the epidemic spread.

WORLD

Malala Yousafzai said she was "very proud" to represent her country Pakistan in winning the Nobel Peace Prize, and in being the youngest Nobel recipient at age 17.

NATION

Where to draw the line between interrogation and abuse has divided intelligence and terrorism experts and raised questions about the effectiveness of torture as a means to extract information from terror suspects.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: THURSDAY, Dec. 11, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/11/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we examine CIA Director John Brennan's response to the Senate's interrogation report. Also: How can police cool down confrontations before they turn deadly, Peru's indigenous people call for protections against environmental threats, how the economy is affecting the American dream, this year's elevated flu threat, and true crime podcast sensation "Serial."

WORLD

As delegates from around the world gather in Lima, Peru, to work on a framework on climate change, thousands of Peruvians flocked to the capital to demand better protection for their lands and cultures. As part of our Culture at Risk series, Jeffrey Brown reports from Lima on the struggle to balance the protection of remote indigenous communities with industry and growth.

NATION

The ways police are trained to use force and to work in communities of color are being scrutinized in the wake of shootings in Ferguson and Cleveland, as well as the death of Eric Garner in New York. Judy Woodruff discusses training with New Haven Police Chief Dean Esserman, David Klinger of the University of Missouri and Ronald Hampton, former head of the National Black Police Association.

WORLD

In a rare news conference, CIA Director John Brennan defended the agency's record on so-called enhanced interrogation techniques and conceded abuses. While Brennan said that in some cases harsh tactics led to or confirmed important information, he admitted the cause-and-effect "is unknown and unknowable." Gwen Ifill learns more from Siobhan Gorman of The Wall Street Journal.

NATION

A weekly podcast has riveted millions with its exploration of a true crime story and its questions about whether the man at its center is guilty or innocent. "Serial" probes the 1999 conviction of a high school senior who was charged with the murder of his ex-girlfriend. Hari Sreenivasan talks

to Slate's David Haglund about the runaway success of the show, now the most popular podcast in history.

HEALTH

'Tis the season to be sick, and this year's flu shot may not save you. Doctors are warning that the season could be more severe than they thought because a strain of the virus is not responding to the vaccine. Gwen Ifill gets tips for how to prepare from L.J. Tan of the Immunization Action Coalition.

NATION

The U.S. economy has been showing signs of more robust recovery, but many Americans say they're not feeling it. A new poll by The New York Times found the public is more pessimistic than it was right after the financial collapse. Andrew Ross Sorkin of The New York Times joins Judy Woodruff to discuss American perceptions of economic mobility and inequality.

WORLD

In our news wrap Thursday, two months of pro-democracy demonstrations in Hong Kong ended after police cleared the main protest site. Also, a powerful storm was expected to dump up to 8 inches of rain on the West Coast, knocking out power, disrupting flights and raising fears of landslides.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Dec. 11, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/11/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This is a special, first ever all-Kauai edition of HIKI NŌ, hosted by Island School in Lihue, Kapaa Middle School in Kapaa, Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School in Lihue, Kapaa High School in Kapaa, Kauai High School in Lihue and Waimea High School in Waimea.

Top Story:

Students from Island School on Kauai tell the story of Josh Miller, a junior who recovered from a traumatic trail-bike injury to become captain of his cross-country team.

Also Featured:

Students at Kapaa Middle School on Kauai profile the island's youngest and only female fireknife dancer; students at Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School on Kauai share the story of Gail Mande, who overcame her drug addiction and now counsels troubled youth; students from Kapaa High School on Kauai show how a local juice shop is finding fresh ways to support local farmers; students at Kauai High School turn the spotlight on a teen mentor who is motivated by personal tragedy to help others; students at Waimea High School on Kauai share how an alumni foundation is providing vital support to their school; and students at Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School on Kauai speak with the firefighters who rescued more than 100 stranded hikers last April from a popular but treacherous hiking trail.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII

Program Title: How Can We Help Hawaii's Working Poor?

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/11/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

Hawaii's high cost of living, a shortage of affordable housing and a fragile economy leave many of our families stretched thin. For some, regular paychecks aren't enough to rise above poverty – and families are just a bad break away from living on the streets. INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII asks: How Can We Help Hawaii's Working Poor? Daryl Huff moderates this discussion.

Guests Include:

Kathryn Xian, Director, Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery

Sen. Josh Green (D) Chairman, State Senate Committee on Health

Trisha Kajimura, Social Policy Director, Catholic Charities Hawaii

Scott Nakasone, Assistant Administrator, State Department of Human Services

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: FRIDAY, Dec. 12, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/12/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

ARTS

Laura Ingalls Wilder is known for the "Little House" series, based her family's journey across the American plains. But until now, Wilder's autobiography, "Pioneer Girl," has never been published. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Pamela Smith Hill, author of "Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer's Life," on the details Wilder saved for her more mature account.

NATION

The hacking of Sony Pictures Entertainment has exposed salaries, sensitive personal e-mails, Social Security numbers and health records of employees. Who's the lead suspect in the attack and how does it affect business in Hollywood? Hari Sreenivasan gets background from James Lewis of the Center for Strategic & International Studies and Sharon Waxman of The Wrap.

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we examine the continued dropping of oil prices which drove the sharpest stock market drop in more than three years. Also: stopping dangerous college drinking, housing could be cure for chronic illness in LA's homeless, new lives in Uruguay for former Guantanamo detainees, a Sony email hack reveals insensitive messages, and Shields and Brooks analyze the week's news.

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including the \$1.1 trillion spending bill to fund the government and the Senate's investigation of the CIA's interrogation methods.

HEALTH

Los Angeles' homeless residents often struggle with chronic physical and mental illnesses -- health crises made worse by life on the streets. Hari Sreenivasan explores why L.A.'s health officials are pushing to provide thousands of the county's sickest residents with permanent supportive housing through the federal Medicaid program.

WORLD

Abu Wa'el Dhiab is one of six former Guantanamo detainees who were resettled in Uruguay this week, after being held for more than a decade without being charged. Cori Crider, lawyer for the former prisoner, talks to Judy Woodruff about life for the men after Guantanamo.

EDUCATION

More than 1,800 students die each year in the U.S. from alcohol-related incidents, and nearly 100,000 sexual assaults have been reported that were linked to intoxication. How do we address the dark consequences of excessive drinking on college campuses? Gwen Ifill talks Jonathan Gibraltar of Frostburg State College and Beth McMurtrie of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

SCIENCE

In our news wrap Friday, British officials demanded an investigation of an incident that brought Europe's busiest airport to a standstill. Also, the Pew Research Center found that the wealth gap between white Americans and minorities is growing.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Dec. 13, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/13/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition for Saturday, Dec. 13, protests against killings by police continue in New York and Washington D.C. Later, a look inside a covert United States government hip hop program in Cuba. And, from California, a historic drought has farmers desperate for water.

ECONOMY

Over the last few weeks, the price of oil has dropped dramatically. While this may be good news for consumers, for Wall Street the numbers tell a different story. The Wall Street Journal's Nick Timiraos joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington, D.C. to help make sense of the downward trend.

POLITICS

This week the Associated Press revealed that the U.S. government attempted and failed to co-opt the hip-hop scene in Cuba to "spark a youth movement against the government." Trish Wilson of the Associated Press joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington, D.C with the latest.

NATION

Hari Sreenivasan reads viewer comments in response to a NewsHour Weekend report on new options for borrowers of student loans and an updated segment on teacher tenure lawsuits.

NATION

In the four years since the drought in California began, the lack of water has cost thousands of jobs, caused noticeable changes in the landscape and induced desperation among citizens who are running out of options. In search of a solution, farmers who have drilled deeper and deeper into the ground for available water have sought help from unlikely sources. NewsHour's John Larson reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Dec. 14, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/14/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition for Sunday, Dec. 14, the Senate passes the \$1.1 trillion spending bill that will keep the government running in a late night deal. And, in our signature segment, two years after the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, we look at Connecticut's gun laws -- which are some of the most restrictive in the nation.

ECONOMY

Valued at \$41.2 billion, on-demand taxi service Uber is both the darling of Wall Street and the bane of local regulators across the country and around the world. Liz Gannes of Re/code joins Hari Sreenivasan from San Francisco with more on the Uber boom and wide-ranging criticism.

WORLD

For the first time in history, climate change negotiators have come up with a plan to limit greenhouse gas emissions in every single nation. The agreement requires all 196 countries to create a detailed plan within the next six months to limit emissions from burning coal, gas and oil. William Mauldin of the Wall Street Journal joins Hari Sreenivasan via Skype from Cuzco, Peru to discuss the agreement.

POLITICS

Late Saturday night the Senate passed a sweeping \$1.1 trillion spending bill, heading off a government shutdown. The budget plan, which has drawn criticism from both Democrats and Tea Party Republicans, clears the way for larger campaign contributions by wealthy individual donors, among other things. For more insight on the bill, Niels Lesniewski of Roll Call joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington, D. C.

NATION

In the two years since the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the state of Connecticut adopted some of the most restrictive gun policies in the country, including a controversial law enacted last year to keep weapons out of the hands of the mentally ill. NewsHour's John Carlos Frey reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Dec. 15, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/15/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Monday on the NewsHour, we examine the bloody aftermath of the Australian hostage showdown. Also: what the political divides in Congress mean for the next term, how an activist stunt may have damaged an ancient treasure in Peru, shifting American views on guns and violence, tech trends to watch in 2015 and a look back at the excruciating final hours of President George Washington's life.

NATION

Are high-tech personal gadgets on your holiday shopping list? Hari Sreenivasan talks to Amy Webb of Webbmia Group about the rise of wearable devices, the inherent concerns over data collection and security and the industry that's popped up to help safeguard consumer privacy.

HEALTH

Learn the gruesome details of President George Washington's final hours on the 215th anniversary of his death. The retired commander-in-chief woke up at 2 a.m. on Dec. 14, 1799, with a sore throat. After a series of medical procedures, including the draining of nearly 40 percent of his blood, he died that evening. Dr. Howard Markel of the University of Michigan shares the story with Jeffrey Brown.

NATION

Two years after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School -- and for the first time in more than 20 years -- a majority of Americans support gun rights over gun control. Judy Woodruff talks to Carroll Doherty of the Pew Research Center and Joseph de Avila of The Wall Street Journal about shifting U.S. opinions on guns and safety.

ARTS

An act of environmental protest directed at the global climate conference in Lima, Peru, may have inadvertently damaged a world heritage site. A week ago, Greenpeace members trekked to one of the nation's most important -- and off-limits -- archaeological sites, the "Nazca Lines," and left a large-scale message. Jeffrey Brown reports on the disturbance and the response.

POLITICS

The fight in Congress over a compromise federal spending bill revealed tensions between pragmatists and purists in both parties. Judy Woodruff sits down with Todd Zwillich of The Takeaway and Amy Walter of The Cook Political Report to discuss the polarization and political dynamics of the incoming Congress.

POLITICS

The final days of the current Congress have exposed fissures within both parties, as Capitol Hill prepares for a power shift favoring Republicans. Political editor Lisa Desjardins reports on the fight over the compromise spending bill that passed over the weekend, and the Republican maneuver that allowed outgoing Majority Leader Harry Reid to schedule votes on key nominees.

WORLD

Australian police stormed a cafe in Sydney where a lone gunman had held several hostages for hours, ending the siege with heavy gunfire. Two hostages were killed, in addition to the suspect. Judy Woodruff learns more from Sydney-based journalist Stuart Cohen, and chief foreign correspondent Margaret Warner offers a read on how U.S. intelligence officials are interpreting the attack.

WORLD

In our news wrap Monday, Palestinian officials announced a decision to make a new bid for statehood at the UN Security Council and to try to force Israel to give up the West Bank. Also, more than 3,000 rescuers searched through the wreckage of mudslide in central Indonesia. The death toll rose to 56, while more than 50 others remain missing.

ARTS

Most people who take the ferry to Alcatraz are going to tour the legendary former prison in San Francisco Bay. They may be surprised to find seven new works by Chinese artist and dissident Ai Weiwei, who was detained by Chinese authorities for nearly three months in 2011. Special correspondent Mina Kim of KQED reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Dec. 16, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/16/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we look at the aftermath of a massacre of schoolchildren by the Taliban in Pakistan. Also: Jeb Bush announces he is looking into a 2016 presidential bid, Oakland looking into racial biases and law enforcement, how world factors are taking a toll on the Russian ruble, getting to "zero" in the fight against Ebola, and a preview of "Sacred Journeys" on PBS.

HEALTH

This year's Ebola outbreak has claimed the lives of more than 6,800 people, according to the World Health Organization. "If you leave a single case untreated and then if you let that transmission continue, it could explode again," Dr. Jim Yong Kim, president of the World Bank, tells the NewsHour. Kim joins Judy Woodruff to discuss challenges of wiping out the disease.

WORLD

To examine the roots of Russian economic vulnerability and the potential implications for Russia and other countries, Jeffrey Brown gets analysis from Angela Stent of Georgetown University and Eswar Prasad of Cornell University.

WORLD

Russia's central bank hiked a key interest rate nearly 7 points overnight in a dramatic move to stabilize the economy. The ruble has lost 60 percent of its value since January, and Russians have been feeling the economic pinch of inflation. Jeffrey Brown reports how the falling price of oil and Western sanctions have hurt the Russian economy.

NATION

In some communities, the long-tense relationships between law enforcement and minorities are suddenly very public and very hard to ignore. Special correspondent Jackie Judd reports from Oakland on efforts to improve relations, using research from Stanford University on the deep and often hidden biases on race and inequality.

POLITICS

With a little less than two years to go before the 2016 election, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush announced on social media that he is actively exploring a run for president. Judy Woodruff talks to Philip Rucker of The Washington Post and Susan Page of USA Today to discuss the strategy behind the move and what advantages or disadvantages he may encounter in a presidential contest.

WORLD

In our news wrap Tuesday, the citizens of Sydney paid tribute to the two victims who were killed in a hostage standoff. Also, two suicide car bombings killed at least 26 people in Yemen.

WORLD

Taliban gunmen stormed a military-run school in Peshawar, Pakistan, killing scores of young students. The Pakistani Taliban claimed it was in retaliation for a new government military offensive. Chief foreign correspondent Margaret Warner reports on the events and Judy Woodruff turns to The Washington Post's Tim Craig in Islamabad for more on how the nation is responding.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/17/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we take a look at a historic agreement between the United States and Cuba to restore diplomatic ties and swap prisoners and examine the effects of the talks. Also: Sony cancels release of "The Interview" after threats of attack, what a lapse in terrorism insurance means for businesses, body cameras on police uniforms, and a farewell to the 113th Congress.

POLITICS

As the 113th Congress drew to a close, long-term lawmakers who are stepping down offered farewells and final thoughts about the state of American politics, as well as issues ranging from campaign finance to supporting veterans. Political editor Lisa Desjardins listens in.

NATION

Dozens of American police departments have adopted the use of body cameras for officers to record interactions while they're on the street, and President Obama has called for \$75 million to purchase more. Hari Sreenivasan reports from New Jersey on whether this tool can lead to improvements in policing.

POLITICS

Since 9/11, businesses have been able to insure themselves against terrorist attacks through the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act. But for the first time in 13 years, Congress ended a session without renewing its funding, due to opposition from Sen. Tom Coburn. Judy Woodruff sits down with Leigh Ann Pusey of the American Insurance Association for how the move will affect businesses nationwide.

ARTS

Sony Pictures canceled the release of "The Interview," a movie about an assassination plot against North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, after the nation's largest theater chains had said they wouldn't play the movie. Sony has been the target of a large-scale hack of its computer data, with a group calling itself the Guardians of Peace claiming responsibility for near-daily leaks. Jeffrey Brown reports.

WORLD

How are Cuban-Americans responding to the breakthrough in relations between the U.S. and Cuba? Maria de los Angeles Torres of the University of Illinois at Chicago and Cuban-American activist Ana Carbonell join Judy Woodruff for a debate on the change in policy and its effect on the future of pro-democracy activism on the island.

WORLD

For two views on the diplomatic reconnection with Cuba, Judy Woodruff turns to Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen, who supports the move and traveled from Cuba with released prisoner Alan Gross, and Roger Noriega, former assistant secretary of state, who says President Obama is "betting" on goodwill from the Castro regime.

WORLD

In our news wrap Wednesday, USAID administrator Rajiv Shah announced he's stepping down hours before the diplomatic deal with Cuba was announced. Shah had overseen the agency's involvement in secret programs in Cuba. Also, Pakistan mourned and buried victims of a Taliban attack on an army-run school.

WORLD

The United States will re-establish diplomatic relations with Cuba after more than 50 years of hostility and isolation. President Obama announced a rapprochement between the two countries, which includes expanding economic ties and easing some conditions of the travel ban. Cuban President Raul Castro welcomed the thaw while cautioning there is more to resolve. Judy Woodruff reports.

WORLD

President Barack Obama said Wednesday that the U.S. is making historic changes in its dealings with Cuba, because decades of U.S. isolation of the communist nation have had little effect.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: THURSDAY, Dec. 18, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 12/18/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Thursday on the NewsHour, we examine the wider impact of President Obama's move to thaw relations with Cuba. Also: Cyber threats and free speech in Hollywood, allegations of teen mistreatment at Rikers Island, how Congress is rolling back regulation for big banks on Wall Street and holiday gifts that encourage better habits.

WORLD

Chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner and political director Domenico Montanaro join Hari Sreenivasan to explore what it means in practical terms and political effort to reopen relations with Cuba.

WORLD

As President Obama closes a door on Cold War hostilities between the U.S. and Cuba, American businesses wait in the wings for new opportunities to expand to the nation that has long been off-limits. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Marcelo Prince of The Wall Street Journal about which industries would be most affected if the embargo was lifted.

ECONOMY

Do you struggle with slouching, overeating or oversleeping? This holiday season, there's a gift for that. Economics correspondent Paul Solman talks to Sendhil Mullainathan about consumer innovations that promise to improve your life through behavioral economics.

ECONOMY

Tucked into the new federal spending bill that passed this week was a provision to loosen banking regulations on hedges known as derivatives or swaps, rolling back part of the Dodd-Frank Act that was enacted after the financial crisis. Dennis Kelleher of Better Markets and Mark Calabria of the Cato Institute join Hari Sreenivasan for a discussion on what the bill means for banks.

WORLD

After more than a year of secret negotiations, the U.S. will renew diplomatic ties with Cuba, easing economic and travel restrictions. While many celebrated the news, critics have said the deal doesn't improve the country's democratic or human rights outlook. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

NATION

Sony's self-censorship of "The Interview" -- which imagines the assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un -- has launched debate on the collision of free speech and security. Hari Sreenivasan explores criticism and questions leveled at Sony Pictures with David Rothkopf of Foreign Policy and Sharon Waxman of The Wrap.

NATION

The decision to cancel the release of Sony's controversial comedy, "The Interview," due to threats of violence from an anonymous hacking group, has sparked angry reactions from celebrities and politicians alike. The White House said the hacking of Sony is being treated as "a serious national security matter." Hari Sreenivasan reports.

ARTS

Stephen Colbert is signing off from "The Colbert Report," his satirical news pundit show and his brash conservative persona, to switch over to CBS, replacing David Letterman for his new take on late night TV. Jeffrey Brown takes a look at Colbert's greatest hits from the last nine years.

WORLD

In our news wrap Thursday, Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed confidence that his nation's economy and currency would recover in the next two years and vowed that the West would never "defang" Russia. Also, Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told The Wall Street Journal that recent airstrikes have killed senior leadership in the Islamic State group.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/18/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This episode of HIKI NŌ is hosted by Sacred Hearts Academy in the Kaimuki district of Honolulu.

Top Story:

Students from Waianae Intermediate School on Oahu tell the story of Momi Robins-Makaila, a Waianae Intermediate School teacher who has written a book about the domestic abuse she has suffered in her life and the effect it had on her son. Titled *Candy Canes and Coke*, Robins-Makaila's book chronicles her abusive relationships and her journey toward healing.

Also Featured:

Students at Hawaii Preparatory Academy on Hawaii Island show how teenagers bridge the generation gap by helping senior citizens navigate new technology; students at Kapolei High School on Oahu profile a teenager who does not let his Type 1 Diabetes get in the way of his passion for BMX bike racing; students at Kalaheo High School on Oahu uncover a World War II bunker in Windward Oahu and discover its unique, post-war uses; students at Kamehameha Schools Maui Middle reveal the challenges facing an upcountry Maui farmer and the difficulty of getting food from farm to table; students at King Intermediate School on Oahu feature a tattooed woman who discusses her experiences with workplace attitudes toward her body art; and students at Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School try to uncover a 101-year-old Kauai man's secret to living a long and healthy life.

Series Title: INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII

Program Title: Is Public School Reform Working for Hawaii's Students?

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/18/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

The \$75 million Race to the Top grant gave Hawaii's public schools a much needed boost toward overall student academic achievement. But educators still believe we have a long way to go to get our students career- and college-ready. What more needs to be done as we prepare to apply the standards of the one-size-fits-all Common Core nationalized plan for education? Are we placing too much of a burden on our teachers? Should the focus be on parents?

Guests include:

Karen Lee, Executive Director, Hawaii P-20

Suzanne Mulcahy, Kailua/Kalaheo complex area superintendent, Department of Education

Catherine Caine, 2015 State Teacher of the Year, Waikiki Elementary School

Joan Lewis, Vice President, Hawaii State Teachers Association

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: FRIDAY, Dec. 19, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/19/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

NATION

Environmental groups have long pushed for coal ash, a by-product of coal burning energy production that contains toxic contaminants, to be classified as a hazardous material. While the EPA announced new standards for storage and disposal, the agency decided to leave regulation with the states rather than the EPA. Dina Cappiello of the Associated Press joins Jeffrey Brown to discuss the new rules.

WORLD

Four years ago, a dramatic act by a Tunisian street vendor prompted weeks of protests, the ousting of a president who had ruled for 25 years and an eruption of upheaval and transformation around the Arab world. In collaboration with filmmaker Jessie Deeter, Hari Sreenivasan explores Tunisia's fledgling steps to democracy as the nation prepares for elections.

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week's news, including the choice to censor a Hollywood film about the assassination of Kim Jong-un, President Obama's move to renew U.S. ties with Cuba and early signs that former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush could be a 2016 presidential candidate.

NATION

There are fewer and fewer opportunities for senior citizens and millennials to encounter one another in daily life. The NewsHour's Mary Jo Brooks reports from Denver on two organizations that pair adolescents to help elders with household tasks and digital literacy, who in turn offer wisdom and experience.

POLITICS

In a year-end news conference, President Obama discussed reestablishing ties with Cuba, the North Korean cyber-attack against Sony Pictures and race relations in America. Judy Woodruff reports.

WORLD

President Obama told the White House Press Corps that Sony was wrong to withdraw its film, "The Interview," and that the U.S. would react "proportionally" to the damaging cyber-attack by North Korea. Judy Woodruff turns to Dmitri Alperovitch of CrowdStrike and Jack Pritchard, the former U.S. special envoy for negotiations with North Korea, about options for an American response.

NATION

In our news wrap Friday, a new report by the Government Accountability Office concludes that the U.S. government is not ready for a nuclear terrorist attack or a large-scale natural disaster. Also, Turkey signaled it could start training Syrian opposition fighters this winter.

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we examine President Obama's closing remarks on 2014. Also: What actions the U.S. should take on North Korea's hacking, Tunisia's elections will test democracy and fragility, the EPA decides not to classify coal ash as hazardous, Shields and Brooks analyze the week's news, and teens and elders bridging the generation gap.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Dec. 20, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/20/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition for Saturday, Dec. 20, North Korea says it was not behind the cyber attack on Sony Pictures and warns of consequences if the U.S. retaliates and in Iraq, Kurdish forces supported by U.S. airstrikes make gains against ISIS. Finally, from Georgia, a look into one town's struggle to decide whether to allow a mosque to be built in the face of brutal ISIS attacks.

POLITICS

President Obama, in an apparently unprecedented step, only took questions from female reporters during a news conference Friday. It might be a very small example of how the president, often criticized for his caution, is now doing things his own way. Peter Baker of the New York Times joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington, D.C. with more on Obama's final term strategy.

WORLD

Over the past few days, pro-Western Kurdish fighters, with the aid of American air power, have forced ISIS fighters in Northern Iraq to retreat from territory they seized last summer. Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies joins Hari Sreenivasan from Washington, D.C. with more on the largest offensive operation carried out against ISIS so far.

NATION

In Kennesaw, Ga., the city council recently rejected, then approved a bid to house a mosque at a shopping mall. The vote has ignited a fierce debate in the community over how residents feel about Muslims and their First Amendment right to freedom of religion. NewsHour Weekend's William Brangham reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Dec. 21, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/21/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

NATION

As the investigation into the two New York Police Department officers who were fatally shot over the weekend unfolds, shock and frustration prevail. The incident tops off months of nationwide demonstrations against police and a public fallout between New York City's mayor and the police union. NewsHour's William Brangham reports.

REPORT

On this edition for Sunday, Dec. 21, authorities investigate the murder of two New York City police officers and its possible link to recent protests against police, the National Labor Relations Board files a formal complaint against McDonald's and its franchisees and later we look closer at a federal program that rewards whistleblowers for their help in recovering tens of millions of dollars.

NATION

Pervaiz Shallwani, a criminal justice reporter for the Wall Street Journal joins Hari Sreenivasan for the latest information about the murder of two NYPD officers in Brooklyn Saturday, Dec. 20.

NATION

Hari Sreenivasan reads viewer comments in response to a NewsHour Weekend report on controversy surrounding the opening of a mosque in a town in Georgia.

ECONOMY

A lawyer from the National Labor Relations Board filed formal complaints against McDonald's and some of its franchises on Friday. To unpack this story further, Steven Greenhouse, a former correspondent for the New York Times, who has covered labor issues, joins Hari Sreenivasan.

NATION

Last year alone, the federal government and its whistleblowers -- people incentivized by the False Claims Act to expose fraud in companies that work with the government -- recovered nearly \$6 billion in lawsuits that exposed wrongdoing. But some question whether the False Claims Act actually prevents fraud or merely incentivizes people with potential reward money. NewsHour's Rick Karr reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Dec. 22, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/22/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Monday on the NewsHour, we examine the rising tensions in New York in the wake of the murder of two police officers. Also: what's behind a massive Internet failure in North Korea, a simple children's toy turns into new tool for the blind, what's next for Obamacare, Pope Francis

delivers an untraditional Christmas message and a unique oral history project preserves American stories.

NATION

Get two people together with a microphone and let them talk and listen to each other. That's the premise of the StoryCorps Project, which has recorded and archived more than 50,000 stories told by Americans so far. Now creator Dave Isay has been awarded the 2015 TED Prize of \$1 million and a chance to continue expanding. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Isay about what brings people to the mic and the goals of StoryCorps.

HEALTH

More than 2.5 million people have selected a health care plan through the federal health exchange so far in the new enrollment season. This year, signing up on HealthCare.gov has been easier, but how easy will it be to pay for coverage? Mary Agnes Carey of Kaiser Health News joins Judy Woodruff to discuss why some are seeing changes in premiums and out-of-pocket costs.

RELIGION

In remarks for Christmas before the Roman Curia, Pope Francis delivered a scathing review of the behavior of Vatican officials, decrying the "spiritual Alzheimers" that makes them forget their real purpose. Gwen Ifill talks to Kevin Eckstrom of the Religion News Service about the pope's latest effort at spurring reform in the Catholic church.

NATION

A simple question -- how do blind people read? -- inspired a middle-schooler's transformation into a tech entrepreneur. Using Lego blocks, 13-year-old Shubham Banerjee created a low-cost braille printer to improve access and literacy for the visually impaired. Special correspondent Jackie Judd reports as part of our Breakthroughs series.

WORLD

A massive Internet failure in North Korea has many wondering if retaliation for the Sony hack is underway. Just days after President Obama warned that the U.S. would respond "proportionally" to a cyber-attack on the entertainment company, The New York Times reported that nation's links to the Internet went completely dark this morning. Judy Woodruff talks to David Sanger of The New York Times.

NATION

The murder of two New York City police officers has ignited a volley of blame and exposes the deep rifts dividing a city in mourning. Gwen Ifill gets two perspectives from Patrick Colligan of the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association and Mark Levine of the New York City Council.

NATION

Tensions are high in New York after a fatal shooting of two cops over the weekend. The attack sparked accusations by the police union against Mayor Bill de Blasio, leaving him on the defensive. Gwen Ifill reports.

NATION

In our news wrap Monday, a white police officer will not be charged in the shooting death of a black mentally ill man in Milwaukee. The victim's family has asked the U.S. attorney to conduct a federal investigation. Also, a French firm will pay a record \$772 million for violating U.S. laws against overseas bribery.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Dec. 23, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/23/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Tuesday on the NewsHour, we take a closer look at factors helping the U.S. economy pick up steam. Also: Who's really behind the Sony hack, archaeologists protect some of the Western Hemisphere's oldest treasures, FDA recommends lifting its ban on gay blood donors, what opening the door to Cuba may mean for baseball and meeting the war dogs who fight in some of world's most dangerous places.

WORLD

How will opening the door to normal relations with Cuba affect the world of professional baseball, a game that so many Cubans love? Hari Sreenivasan speaks with Jim Litke of the Associated Press to understand the possible implications.

MILITARY

Some 2,500 dogs have accompanied American warriors on patrol and in close combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Tasks like bomb detection and protection demand dedication to their human handlers, with whom they often form a special bond in the face of danger. Margaret Warner talks to Rebecca Frankel, author of "War Dogs: Tales of Canine Heroism, History and Love."

HEALTH

The FDA is set to ease a 31-year ban on blood donations by gay men, put in place in the early days of the AIDS crisis. The policy revision will allow gay men to donate blood one year after their last sexual contact, which could free hundreds of thousands of pints a year. I. Glenn Cohen of Harvard Law School joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the change in donor requirements and how the FDA move came about.

WORLD

In northern Peru, workers are fortifying the ancient site of Chan Chan, once the largest city in the Americas and the largest adobe city on the world. Earlier this year climatologists predicted strong El Nino weather effects in 2015, threatening rain in a desert climate that rarely gets any. Jeffrey Brown reports on the efforts to preserve and protect Peru's heritage from the elements.

NATION

Some cyber security experts are skeptical of assertions that North Korea is responsible for a massive hack on Sony. To examine the debate, Gwen Ifill gets assessment from Dmitri Alperovitch of CrowdStrike and Marc Rogers of CloudFlare.

NATION

"The Interview," a controversial movie about the assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, will show in theaters after all. Previously canceled by Sony Pictures after the studio was hacked and moviegoers threatened with terrorism, the film will begin showing at some independent theaters around the country on its original release date. Gwen Ifill examines the reversal.

ECONOMY

The U.S. economy's summer surge was even stronger than first estimated, expanding at an annual rate of 5 percent from July to September -- the best performance since the summer of 2003. Judy Woodruff talks to Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS, about the impressive recent growth and whether it will last.

NATION

In our news wrap Tuesday, protesters in New York rejected Mayor Bill de Blasio's plea to suspend demonstrations against police use of force out of respect for the families of two murdered officers. Also, Obama administration officials reported nearly 6.4 million Americans have enrolled for coverage on HealthCare.gov, of whom 1.9 million are new customers signing up this year.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 12/24/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60
Description:
REPORT

Wednesday on the NewsHour, we get a rare glimpse inside the Islamic State from a man who spent 10 days behind the terrorist front lines. Also: Mounting pressure over airbag recalls, a virtual college that doesn't need lectures, tenure or a campus, staying merry at family gatherings amid political discord and using Christmas tree fires to capture teens' interest in science and safety.

EDUCATION

A group of high school students in Maryland aren't just playing with fire -- they are gathering and studying the data as well. The NewsHour's April Brown reports on a fire science class at the University of Maryland for local high schoolers, in which students burn Christmas trees and other objects, and use their physics and chemistry skills to measure the results.

EDUCATION

There are no lectures allowed at San Francisco's Minerva Schools, an innovative college with a curriculum specifically designed to improve knowledge retention for students. Professors hold their seminar-style classes online, allowing Minerva students to move around the globe each semester, from Berlin to Buenos Aires. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports.

NATION

The holiday season is a time of joy, love and the occasional family brawl over politics. Steven Petrow of The Washington Post joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss how to make it through the big family dinner while staying on speaking terms.

WORLD

German author Jürgen Todenhöfer spent 10 days with Islamic State group fighters inside Syria and Iraq after securing a safety guarantee from its leadership. He tells Gwen Ifill what he saw and what he thinks about the militant group's capability.

NATION

More than 24 million vehicles have been recalled in the U.S. and around the world this year due to a defect in airbags manufactured by Takata. The Japanese company has resisted calls to do more, and today its president stepped down. Hari Sreenivasan learns more from David Shepardson of The Detroit News.

NATION

In our news wrap Wednesday, UPS and FedEx tried to avoid a repeat of last year's mass delay of Christmas deliveries by capping air-express shipments by some major retailers. Also, authorities

in Berkeley, Missouri, called for calm after a white policeman killed a black teenager, sparking protests and clashes with law enforcement.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR
Program Title: THURSDAY, Dec. 25, 2014
Distributor: PBS
Date: 12/25/2014 6:30:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Thursday on the NewsHour, we get a glimpse of the push to bring “The Interview” to movie theaters. Also: A movement to prevent employers from asking about criminal convictions, how Pope Francis cultivated his populist appeal, the Ukraine-Russia conflict divides Ukraine’s religious community and states pick and choose what elements of Common Core to keep.

RELIGION

From his simple lifestyle to his active engagement in diplomacy, Pope Francis has distinguished himself as the leader of the Catholic Church. Jeffrey Brown talks to Austen Ivereigh, author of a new biography, “The Great Reformer,” about the ways the pope’s upbringing in Argentina informed his papal priorities, and his efforts to clean up the Vatican.

EDUCATION

In 2008, a set of academic standards for U.S. public schools called the Common Core was created for states to voluntarily implement. Intended to raise the bar for American students and teachers, many states that originally signed on are now rewriting the standards or opting out altogether. Special correspondent John Tulenko of Learning Matters reports.

NATION

Many employers require job applicants to disclose any criminal history, often preventing those with a record from reentering the workforce. But Illinois is one of a number of states working to change this, with a new law prohibiting employers from asking about convictions on initial applications. Special correspondent Brandis Friedman of WTTW reports on the “ban the box” movement.

WORLD

In Ukraine, religion is another battlefield in the conflict between pro-Russia and pro-Ukraine supporters. Special correspondent Kira Kay reports on the political pressures that have divided congregations.

ARTS

Moviegoers lined up at independent theaters to see “The Interview,” a comedy about a CIA plot to assassinate Kim Jong-un. After criticism from President Obama and others, Sony Pictures reinstated the release of the film in some theaters and via on-demand. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Russ Collins of the Art House Convergence about the effort to bring the movie to audiences.

WORLD

In our news wrap Thursday, Pope Francis decried the persecution of Christians and others by the Islamic State and grieved the suffering of those stricken by Ebola or affected by war or terrorism in his Christmas Day remarks at the Vatican. Also, protests continued in Missouri, where 18-year-old Antonio Martin was shot by a police officer after allegedly pulling out a handgun.

WORLD

St. Nicholas church is the center of life in the Ukrainian village of Butyn. It survived two world wars and the communist Soviet Union, that demolished many other churches around the country. But St. Nicholas has now become an unexpected battleground of beliefs, and even political influence, in Ukraine.

Series Title: HIKI NŌ: The Nation's First Statewide Student News Network

Program Title: THURSDAY, Dec. 25, 2014

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/25/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

This episode of HIKI NŌ is hosted by Punahou School on Oahu.

Top Story:

Students from Ka Waihona o ka Naauao Public Charter School on Oahu tell the story of a second-generation Waianae farmer who brings people together with a traditional Hawaiian paina (party) that he hosts at his home each fall. Family, friends and community members gather to prepare the meal and to share in giving thanks.

Also Featured:

Students at Waipahu Intermediate School on Oahu show how children at the oldest elementary school in Waipahu complex are benefitting from the addition of new classrooms; students at Kealakehe High School on Hawaii Island spotlight the school's Triathlon Club, which trains students in the multi-discipline sport and inspires others to get active; Students at Kalani High School on Oahu demonstrate a simple way to get started on Instagram; students at Waialua High & Intermediate School on Oahu showcase how local artisans have transformed a North Shore art gallery into a work of art; students at Mililani Middle School on Oahu follow the trail of invasive little fire ants in their community; and students at Waianae High School on Oahu tell the story of a City and County lifeguard and his quest to save a program that teaches young people how to become lifesavers in the ocean.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: FRIDAY, Dec. 26, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/26/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Friday on the NewsHour, we look back at the banner year in corporate mergers and the effect on the economy. Also: Deteriorating conditions for people living in Islamic State territory, the Affordable Care Act's impact on hospitals, restoring a Rothko mural with digital technology, Mark Shields and Michael Gerson on the week's news and a cartoonist makes fun of caring for aging parents.

ARTS

A series of paintings created by Mark Rothko for Harvard University was thought irreparably damaged by years of sun exposure and removed from view. Thirty-five years later, the paintings

have returned, thanks to art historians and curators using digital projection, which offers viewers the appearance of restoration for works too fragile to touch. Special correspondent Jared Bowen of WGBH reports.

ARTS

Known for her dry wit, cartoonist Roz Chast finds humor in caring for aging parents in her first graphic memoir, "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?" Jeffrey Brown speaks with the New Yorker artist about taking on more personal subject matter and how cartooning became a tool in remembering her late parents.

POLITICS

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson join Judy Woodruff to discuss this week's news, including the state of race relations in America in the wake of continuing protests and the killing of two New York police officers, what the hacking of Sony Pictures means for cyber-security in the future and the balance of power between Congress and the president.

WORLD

The Islamic State has tried to paint an idealized portrait of life under its governance. But according to The Washington Post, the people who live in militant-controlled territory face failing infrastructure, power cuts, skyrocketing prices for basic goods and hunger. Liz Sly, Washington Post bureau chief in Lebanon, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the reality.

HEALTH

In negotiating the creation of the Affordable Care Act, hospitals took a big gamble, with the expectation that they would soon have millions of new Medicaid customers. In states that expanded Medicaid, the bet paid off. Sarah Varney of Kaiser Health News reports on financial gains made by some hospitals as more patients are able to pay their bills, and the heavy price being paid by hospitals in states that opted against expansion.

ECONOMY

2014 has been a banner year for corporate mergers, with more than \$3 trillion in deals announced worldwide. What kind of impact do these deals have on the companies, employees and the economy? Hari Sreenivasan learns more from Andrew Ross Sorkin of The New York Times.

WORLD

In our news wrap Friday, nations around the rim of the Indian Ocean marked the 10th anniversary of a devastating tsunami that led to the deaths of almost 230,000 people. Also, activists and witnesses reported that the Syrian government dropped barrel bombs on two towns near Aleppo which are now held by the Islamic State.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SATURDAY, Dec. 27, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/27/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

NATION

The recent hacking of Sony, which was widely blamed on North Korea, has caused the Obama administration to consider new steps to protect against cyber attacks. Carol Lee of the Wall Street Journal joins Hari Sreenivasan from Hawaii, where the president is vacationing, for more on that.

REPORT

Thousands attend the funeral of one of two New York City police officers murdered while on duty last weekend. The Vice President pays tribute to the officer and the NYPD. Later, North Korea ridicules President Obama and accuses the US of causing internet shortages in that country.

NATION

In the second installment of "Flying Coach," special correspondent John Larson's series on people he encounters while traveling to report on other stories, we meet Donna Hahn, whose family worked as sharecroppers in Arkansas until the Ku Klux Klan drove them away.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND

Program Title: SUNDAY, Dec. 28, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/28/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

REPORT

On this edition for Sunday, Dec. 28, a commercial airliner carrying 162 people vanishes in Southeast Asia -- we'll have the latest on the search. Later, as the holiday shopping season draws to a close, how did retailers across the nation do? And, in our signature segment, people sent to jail because they can't pay fines.

ECONOMY

Ever since oil prices started falling, experts have predicted that consumers would use the extra money saved to spend more on holiday gifts. Did that happen? Sara Germano of the Wall Street Journal joins Hari Sreenivasan from Albany with the latest numbers.

WORLD

As of Monday morning in Asia, the search for a missing AirAsia jetliner which disappeared carrying 162 people is resuming. The Airbus vanished from radar screens about 40 minutes after taking off from Indonesia en route to Singapore on Sunday. NewsHour's Zachary Green has more on the ongoing investigation.

NATION

Cities across the country are increasingly turning to what are known as private probation companies to collect unpaid fines. But are indigent people ending up in jail because they can't afford to pay? Since NewsHour Weekend's first story on this issue aired last spring, the Childersburg Municipal Court issued a "standing order" stating that "In no case shall an indigent defendant be incarcerated ... based solely on his or her inability to pay fines." But the practice continues elsewhere in the country. Special correspondent John Carlos Frey takes an in-depth look at what some are calling the return of the debtors' prison.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: MONDAY, Dec. 29, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/29/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

REPORT

Monday on the NewsHour, the search widens for a missing AirAsia jetliner. Also: The U.S. combat mission in Afghanistan comes to a close, Greece's prime minister calls for elections, how the ice bucket challenge sparked a year of viral philanthropy, Colombia tries to repay civil war victims, putting urban homicides on the record and an exit interview with outgoing Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss.

WORLD

As the U.S. combat mission ends in Afghanistan, those Americans who are staying in the country will move to a role of training and supervision. Sean Carberry of NPR speaks with Jeffrey Brown about the capabilities of Afghanistan's military forces, goals of the country's new President Ashraf Ghani and how much life has changed for the citizens since the start of the war.

POLITICS

With a week to go until the new Congress arrives in Washington, we ask departing members to take stock of their legislative careers. Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia joins Judy Woodruff to discuss saying goodbye, how to make a dent in the federal debt, the future of immigration reform and whether the 114th Congress will be willing to reach across the aisle.

WORLD

The Afghanistan war, the longest in American history, came to a formal close on Sunday. The U.S. combat mission has been winding down since 2010, but the Taliban has been mounting a resurgence, making 2014 the war's deadliest year. Jeffrey Brown reports.

NATION

Homicide Watch, an online database that records and tracks homicide cases, was created to document under-reported crimes in Washington, D.C. The site has been praised by law enforcement and the families of victims, but is shutting down in that city. Co-founder Laura Amico, a Boston Globe reporter, speaks with Jeffrey Brown about sharing violent crime information with the public.

WORLD

A 50-year civil war between Colombia's government and the leftist FARC rebels has claimed more than 200,000 lives and caused suffering for millions. The government has made steps to deliver reparations to those affected and support humanitarian zones, but the goal of helping victims is fraught with complication as conflict and violence continue. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

NATION

This year, a challenge to Facebook users to douse themselves in ice water became an internet craze, raising millions for ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. Gwen Ifill talks to Nancy Frates, the mother of the man who inspired the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, about the impetus for the viral fundraising campaign and how it has advanced awareness and research of the disease.

WORLD

Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras called snap elections after parliament was unable to agree on a new president. Alexis Tsipras, leader of the far-left Syriza party and an opponent of austerity, emerged as a leading candidate. But many fear that rejecting those policies could shake the European economy. Paul Mason of Independent Television News reports.

WORLD

Gwen Ifill interviews The Wall Street Journal's Guarav Raghuvanshi from Singapore about the missing AirAsia jetliner, how monsoon season may factor into the disappearance and if there are similarities to Malaysia Airlines 370.

WORLD

In our news wrap Monday, 427 people were rescued from a Greek ferry off the coast of Albania. At least 10 people died after a fire broke out Sunday on the boat's car deck. The rescue was hindered by rain and high winds. Also, a suicide bomber killed at least 15 people in Iraq, at the funeral for a man linked with pro-government Sunni militias.

WORLD

An AirAsia jetliner disappeared Sunday morning off Indonesia without a trace. So far the international search effort has been fruitless and officials have said that the plane is likely at the "bottom of the sea." Alex Thomson of Independent Television News reports.

Series Title: JOURNEY TO PLANET EARTH

Program Title: Extreme Realities: Severe Weather, Climate Change, and Our National Security

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/29/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

Hosted and narrated by actor Matt Damon, this new episode in the series investigates the link between extreme weather events, climate change and threats to national security. Featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Thomas Friedman, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, former CIA Director James Woolsey, and environmental visionary Lester Brown, the documentary focuses on recent political conflicts and severe weather events in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Russia, India, the Middle East, the United States and the Arctic.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: TUESDAY, Dec. 30, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/30/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

WORLD

The Obama administration's lead negotiator in upcoming talks with Cuban officials in Havana, Assistant Secretary of State of Western Hemisphere Affairs Roberta Jacobson, tells chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Warner that she's under no illusions about the communist government's willingness to allow freedoms.

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we continue to examine the AirAsia crash and its causes. Also: what the U.S. faces in negotiations with Cuba, turning social media into successful fundraising, authors share their favorite books of 2014, the stories that mattered to students this year, and a conversation with outgoing Congressional veteran Rep. George Miller.

POLITICS

Rep. George Miller arrived in Washington in 1974, in the aftermath of Watergate, ready to change Congress. Now he is retiring after nearly four decades in the House of Representatives. Gwen Ifill asks the Democratic congressman if he accomplished what he hoped to during his years as a lawmaker and what he expects to see from his colleagues after he leaves.

WORLD

In our news wrap Tuesday, protests against Russian President Vladimir Putin erupted in Moscow after leading activist Alexei Navalny was convicted of fraud. Also, the UN Security Council

voted against a resolution offered by Palestinians to end Israeli control in the West Bank and East Jerusalem by 2017.

EDUCATION

A contest sponsored by PBS Newshour Extra and Google asked students to create a digital mash-up looking back at 2014. Judy Woodruff talks with three high schoolers who entered the #MyZeitgeist competition about deciding what events made their year-in-review videos and how their generation gets its news.

ARTS

What did our favorite authors read this year? Jeffrey Brown asks novelist Ann Patchett and business writer Daniel Pink for their top recommendations of 2014, including a young adult novel written in verse and a book about humanity's place in the universe, plus other standout works.

NATION

The viral ALS Ice Bucket Challenge was a watershed moment in the evolution of philanthropy, but using social media to raise money has not been a universally successful strategy. Stacy Palmer of The Chronicle of Philanthropy and Amy Sample Ward of the Nonprofit Technology Network join Hari Sreenivasan for a conversation about donating in the digital age.

WORLD

Now that search teams have located wreckage and remains from the missing AirAsia flight, the mission shifts to retrieving more bodies and combing the underwater site for the plane's black box recorders. Andy Pasztor of The Wall Street Journal talks to Hari Sreenivasan about the process of piecing together the cause of a plane crash.

WORLD

Relatives of the missing AirAsia passengers got a jolting end to their wait for news of their loved ones, when images of bodies and wreckage flashed on a television at a crisis center with no warning. Indonesia's search and rescue chief confirmed that the search had ended in the Java Sea, about 10 miles from the plane's last-known location. Hari Sreenivasan reports.

Series Title: PBS NEWSHOUR

Program Title: WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31, 2014

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/31/2014 6:30:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

NATION

What will history say about 2014? As the year comes to a close, Hari Sreenivasan gets insight from Jeffrey Goldberg of The Atlantic, Helena Andrews of The Washington Post and Evan McMorris-Santoro of BuzzFeed, who take stock of 2014 and make predictions for next year.

REPORT

Tonight on the program, we take a look at the dozens of detainees freed from Guantanamo in 2014 and how closing the prison is still far off. Also: Rose Bowl opponents team up to raise awareness of a rare blood disorder, how one doctor is prescribing data to improve healthcare, a look ahead to 2015, and two film critics take a look at 2014's best movies.

ARTS

What movies are likely to be remembered long after 2014 ends? From a cinematic meditation on growing up, to a stirring portrait of the civil rights movement, film critics Dana Stevens of Slate and Mike Sargent of Pacifica Radio join Jeffrey Brown to discuss their personal picks for the best films of the year.

HEALTH

Despite a wealth of medical resources available, simple and accessible answers are often unavailable. To change this, two doctors are using big data to find and share information about illnesses and treatment effectiveness. Special correspondent Jackie Judd reports on the unconventional approach and how their website is changing doctor and patient relationships.

WORLD

Five more Guantanamo prisoners have been released after being held for more than a decade. All told, 28 were moved out of the detention center in 2014, as part of the Obama administration's push to close Guantanamo, but 127 detainees remain. Gwen Ifill speaks with Miami Herald reporter Carol Rosenberg about the difficulties of finding a destination for cleared prisoners.

WORLD

In our news wrap Wednesday, the first two bodies recovered from the crash of AirAsia flight 8501 landed in Surabaya, Indonesia, but efforts to continue searching for more victims were delayed by strong winds and heavy rains. Also, in Afghanistan, 26 people who were celebrating a wedding were killed by a rocket during a fight between the government and Taliban insurgents.

Arts, Drama & Culture

Series Title: PBS HAWAII PRESENTS

Program Title: Aloha Buddha

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/02/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

Through first person accounts, this film chronicles the changes and adjustments that Japanese Buddhism adopted when it came to Hawaii, eventually becoming one of the most unique forms of Buddhism in the world. Elderly temple members and Buddhist priests, along with recently discovered vintage color footage, unfurl the history and provide a rare glimpse into the birth of American Buddhism.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Gerri Hayes

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/07/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

For businesswoman Gerri Hayes, being told that "you can't do it" just makes her more determined to succeed. Gerri shares her survival story as a single mother of two young children who moved to Hawaii to take a human-services job that didn't materialize. She founded a business, Office Pavilion Hawaii, providing furniture to workplaces. It was hailed by Pacific

Business News as 2011's top female-owned business in the Islands, with revenues that year of \$37 million.

Series Title: MAKERS
Program Title: Women in Hollywood
Distributor: PBS
Date: 10/07/2014 9:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

Six new documentaries in the MAKERS project feature groundbreaking American women in different spheres of influence: war, comedy, space, business, Hollywood and politics. Each program will profile prominent women and relate their struggles, triumphs and contributions as they reshaped and transformed the landscape of their chosen vocations.

Women in Hollywood

Follow the women of showbiz, from the earliest pioneers to present-day power players, as they influence the creation of one of the country's biggest commodities: entertainment. Hear from: Jane Fonda, who at 75 is starring in the award-winning series *The Newsroom*; Shonda Rhimes, who created *Grey's Anatomy* and *Scandal*; Linda Woolverton, the screenwriter who re-imagined the traditional Disney princess by making Belle (in *Beauty and the Beast*) a self-possessed, strong-willed young woman; Lena Dunham, who mines comedy and drama gold by exploring what it's really like to be a young woman today; six-time Academy Award nominee Glenn Close; director Nancy Meyers; and actress Zoe Saldana.

Series Title: PBS HAWAII PRESENTS
Program Title: Artist
Distributor: PBS Hawaii
Date: 10/12/2014 9:00:00 PM
Length: 30

Description:

This program looks at five prominent Hawaii artists. Though divergent in approach, these individuals share the unquenchable thirst to create something that never existed before. They are Hawaii's own and represent a thriving local arts community. Featured artists include Sally French, Leland Miyano, Maika'i Tubbs, Bobby Ingano and Marie Takazawa.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX
Program Title: Mark Dunkerley
Distributor: PBS Hawaii
Date: 10/14/2014 7:30:00 PM
Length: 30

Description:

Mark Dunkerley is most happy when he's flying an airplane — upside down. The Hawaiian Airlines President and CEO grew up with aviation fuel in his blood, flying unaccompanied between boarding school in London and his parent's home in Washington D.C., and eventually earned a degree in Air Transport Economics. Since 2002, Dunkerley has been at the helm of

Hawaiian Airlines. And his passion for flying upside down? That kicks in when Dunkerley is piloting his personal aerobatic aircraft.

Series Title: MAKERS
Program Title: Women in Space
Distributor: PBS
Date: 10/14/2014 9:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

Six new documentaries in the MAKERS project feature groundbreaking American women in different spheres of influence: war, comedy, space, business, Hollywood and politics. Each program will profile prominent women and relate their struggles, triumphs and contributions as they reshaped and transformed the landscape of their chosen vocations.

Women in Space

Trace the history of women pioneers in the U.S. space program. Some, like aviators Wally Funk and Jerrie Cobb, passed the same grueling tests as male astronauts, only to be dismissed by NASA, the military and even Lyndon Johnson, as a distraction. It wasn't until 1995 that Eileen Collins became the first woman to pilot a spacecraft. The program includes interviews with Collins, as well as Sally Ride's classmates Shannon Lucid, Rhea Seddon and Kathryn Sullivan, and features Mae Jemison, the first woman-of-color astronaut, and Peggy Whitson, the first female commander of the International Space Station. The hour ends with the next generation of women engineers, mathematicians and astronauts — the new group of pioneers, like Marleen Martinez and Dava Newman, who continue to make steps forward.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX
Program Title: Nick Vujicic
Distributor: PBS Hawaii
Date: 10/21/2014 7:30:00 PM
Length: 30

Description:

Born without arms and legs, inspirational speaker Nick Vujicic has never experienced the warmth of wrapping his arms around someone and hugging them. Yet he once held the record for the number of hugs in an hour. That's Nick Vujicic — he always feels that “you can, you will.”

Series Title: MAKERS
Program Title: Women in War
Distributor: PBS
Date: 10/21/2014 9:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Description:

Six new documentaries in the MAKERS project feature groundbreaking American women in different spheres of influence: war, comedy, space, business, Hollywood and politics. Each program will profile prominent women and relate their struggles, triumphs and contributions as they reshaped and transformed the landscape of their chosen vocations.

Women in War

Track American women's increasing participation in war — from Vietnam to the present — as nurses, soldiers, journalists, diplomats and spies. Among those featured are Linda Bray, the first woman to lead troops into battle, and Valerie Plame Wilson, whose career was sabotaged after she was “outed” as a high-level spy. Viewers hear from war correspondents Molly Moore, Clarissa Ward and Christiane Amanpour about life on the battlefield. The film shares the stories of military leaders who have broken through gender barriers, like General Angela Salinas, at her retirement the highest ranking woman serving in the USMC, and Vice Admiral Michelle Howard, the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. Navy.

Series Title: PBS HAWAII PRESENTS

Program Title: Biography Hawaii: Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/23/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

A formidable presence in 19th-century Hawaii, Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani refused to speak English, practice Christianity, or leave the Hawaiian Islands. Though her life was darkened by the deaths of her children and her beloved first husband, she was a popular and strong force who resisted the kingdom's drift toward annexation. In keeping with Princess Ruth's own devotion to Hawaiian language and culture, this documentary is presented in two versions: English and Hawaiian.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Kitty Lagareta

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/28/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

If you think you know Kitty Lagareta – business owner, public relations professional, University of Hawaii Regent – you'll be surprised at the second career she almost had, how she got into public relations in the first place, and what she can do on a skateboard.

Series Title: MAKERS

Program Title: Women in Hollywood

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/28/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

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Women in Business

Hear about the exceptional women – past and present – who have taken the world of business by storm. Told by female business leaders themselves, this is a candid exploration of what it takes to make it and a celebration of the extraordinary individuals who, over the course of 50 years, have proven – on Wall Street, in corporate America or business empires of their own – that a woman’s place is wherever she believes it to be. Some of the featured business leaders include Ursula Burns, the CEO of Xerox and the first African American woman to head a Fortune 500 company; Sallie Krawcheck, Wall Street powerhouse and current owner of the global networking platform for women, 85 Broads; Cathy Hughes, radio and television personality and the first African American woman to head a publicly traded corporation; lifestyle mogul and business magnate Martha Stewart; and Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook, whose provocative book, *Lean In*, ignited a national conversation about women, feminism and equality in the workplace.

Series Title: PBS HAWAII PRESENTS

Program Title: Fishing Pono

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 10/30/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

Native Hawaiians on the island of Molokai are using ancient conservation methods to restore local fisheries. Featuring lifelong fisherman Kelson “Mac” Poepoe, whose fishing conservation program is based on historical practices, this story shows how a community turned the tide on a seemingly doomed resource.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Robert Iopa

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/04/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

On the day Robert Iopa graduated from Waiakea High School with a 1.7 grade point average, his grandmother looked at him with dismay. “I mean, she literally was looking at me almost with tears in her eyes, saying, ‘So, what are you gonna do now?’” Iopa remembers. “In response to my grandmother, I said, ‘I’m going to be an architect.’” Since then, architect Robert Iopa has focused on place, history and culture in projects in Singapore, Malaysia, Honolulu and in his hometown of Hilo.

Series Title: MAKERS

Program Title: Women in Politics

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/04/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

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program will profile prominent women and relate their struggles, triumphs and contributions as they reshaped and transformed the landscape of their chosen vocations.

Women in Politics

View profiles of women in public office who were “firsts” in their fields. From the first woman elected to Congress in 1916 to a young woman running for Detroit City Council in 2013, the documentary explores the challenges confronting American women in politics. Trailblazing leaders like Hillary Clinton, Senator Barbara Mikulski, Olympia Snowe, the youngest Republican woman ever elected to the House of Representatives, and Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman to serve in Congress, provide a backdrop for younger women like Rashida Tlaib, the first Muslim American woman elected to the Michigan House, and Raquel Castaneda-Lopez, who chronicles her run for Detroit City Council. Today’s leaders in Washington include: Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), the first female senator from Massachusetts; Susan Collins (R-ME), who led the Senate in shaping a deal to end the government shutdown; and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), currently the youngest woman serving in Congress, are also represented.

Series Title: PBS HAWAII PRESENTS

Program Title Ma Ka Malu Ali‘i: The Legacy of Hawaii’s Ali‘i

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/06/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

The 19th century was a time of devastating change for the Hawaiian people. This documentary looks at the visionary efforts of five members of the ali‘i, Hawaiian royalty, to provide for the education of the children, healthcare and comfort for the elderly. The charitable institutions they created have endured and are thriving and vital institutions today.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: John Rampage

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/11/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

John Rampage got the performing bug early in life. As a young boy, he acted on stage and danced classical ballet, and at one point, even considered dance as a career. This background provided the base for John’s current role as artistic director of Diamond Head Theatre, where he’s responsible for everything from selecting the shows performed, all the way down to the color of a performer’s shoes. Throughout, he’s handing down his decades of experience and love of theatre to the next generation.

Series Title: PACIFIC HEARTBEAT

Program Title: Nā Loea: The Masters

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/13/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

Meet two men who are considered masters in Hawaiian culture: Keone Nunes, a kumu hula (teacher of hula) and master of traditional kakau (tattooing), and Ed Wendt, a pioneer in the taro restoration movement who has helped to re-establish the water rights for all traditional farmers in east Maui.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Sam Low: A Hawaiian Yankee

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/18/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

In 1921, a young Sandy Low was sent away from his home in Kohala to attend school in Connecticut. He never returned to Hawaii. But he gave his aloha spirit, his appreciation of Hawaiian music, and most importantly, his love of the sea, to his son, Sam Low, who was raised on Martha's Vineyard off Cape Cod. Sam Low took all that his father had given him to heart, and returned to Hawaii to become an ocean voyager.

Series Title: PBS HAWAII PRESENTS

Program Title: Keola Beamer: Mālama Ko Aloha (Keep Your Love)

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/20/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

This program tells the story of Keola Beamer's journey through song. The respected composer and slack key guitarist partners with an array of musicians, including Native American flutist R. Carlos Nakai, American jazz pianist Geoffrey Keezer and Hawaiian vocalist Raiatea Helm. These collaborations demonstrate how one can retain cultural identity while openly sharing with others to create something new – a global art form. This multicultural exchange reaches its zenith when Beamer performs a Hawaiian-language version of John Lennon's "Imagine," with musicians playing traditional Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Classical European and American Jazz instruments. In another particularly moving segment, Keola accompanies his wife Moanalani Beamer as she performs a hula as a quadriplegic woman who magically regains use of her limbs in a dream.

Series Title: NA MELE

Program Title: Natalie Ai Kamaau and Family

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/24/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

Natalie Ai Kamaau brings a voice that fills the PBS Hawaii studio. Joined by her husband, Iolani Kamaau, on guitar and vocals, and their daughter, Sha-Lei Kamaau, who accompanies the music with hula, Natalie performs with a passion that comes from the origins of the songs she sings, and the love she has for her family.

Among the songs featured are “Pili Aloha,” which connects Natalie to her mother, kumu hula Olana Ai, and “Shower Tree,” which was written for Natalie and Iolani ‘s son, Chaz. Sha-Lei joins Natalie and Iolani with hula, including the playful “Hula Tease,” and a graceful accompaniment to Natalie and Iolani ‘s performance on “Uhiwai.”

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Sam Low: Raising Islands

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/25/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

As a crewmember on the Hokulea, waterman Sam Low experienced the chicken skin moments when, as the canoe would approach a Pacific island, the island itself would appear to be raised out of the distant horizon as the canoe sailed closer. As a documentarian, author Sam Low heard the vision, fears and dreams of master navigator Nainoa Thompson and those involved with sailing the canoe. On this episode, Sam Low shares his stories of sailing on Hokulea.

Series Title: PACIFIC HEARTBEAT

Program Title Hula: Language of the Heart

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/27/2014 8:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

The Merrie Monarch Hula Festival is a four day competition and exhibition that showcases elegance, power and rich storytelling that this ancient art form portrays. This program highlights the 2012 festival winners and presents a look at hula's role in the past, present and future of Hawaii's people.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Victoria Cuba

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/02/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

If you call Jim Burns a haole he would likely take offense. His father, John A. Burns, always thought of himself as a local boy. Jim, who grew up in Kailua and easily breaks into Pidgin English, sees himself the same way. As Jim was growing up, he saw the respect that his father had for Hawaii immigrants, and learned that being a local boy was about more than just speaking Pidgin.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Jim Burns: His Own Man

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/09/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

Jim Burns reflects on his life as a judge, a father, a husband and a cancer survivor. By the time his father, John A. Burns, became the second Governor of the State of Hawaii, Jim was already a lawyer. He carved out a career path: as a judge in Family Court, and later as Associate Judge and Chief Judge in the Intermediate Court of Appeals. “You don’t live your father’s life, you live your own life, and that’s what I’ve tried to do, without embarrassing him,” Jim says.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Daniel Martinez

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/16/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

As Chief Historian at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Daniel Martinez has heard the stories from the survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and shares those stories with Park visitors. In this conversation with Leslie Wilcox, you’ll hear how his connection with that infamous event goes deeper than his role as an historian.

Series Title: PBS HAWAII PRESENTS

Program Title: Family Ingredients

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/18/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

This program blends food, travel and genealogy, tracing family origins through food. In this pilot episode, Chefs Ed Kenney and Alan Wong trace Wong's roots through his family recipes. They visit Wahiawa, Oahu, Wong's hometown; and Tokyo, where Wong was born. Along the way, the chefs meet organic farmers, tofu manufacturers, sushi chefs – all people who play a role in bringing food to our tables.

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Victoria Cuba

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 12/23/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

Victoria Cuba, a recent graduate of Waipahu High School, is quick to smile, loves music and wants to become a storyteller. And her bedroom is the back of a truck — she and her family are homeless. Despite being at an age when revealing that you and your family are living out of your car could be embarrassing, Victoria is willing to share her story, to, in her words, “make a difference.”

Series Title: LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX

Program Title: Stacy Sproat-Beck

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/30/2014 7:30:00 PM

Length: 30

Description:

At the age of twelve, Stacy Sproat left her home on the north shore of Kauai to attend Kamehameha Schools in Honolulu and subsequently, the University of Southern California. But she always wanted to come home. As a child, she'd worked on the family farm, swam in the mountain streams, surfed the waves at Kalihiwai and lived with people who took care of each other. So as an adult, Stacy Sproat-Beck decided that her place in life would be caring for the land and the values that she had grown up with.

History

Program Title: Korea: The Forgotten War in Colour

Distributor: APT

Date: 10/30/2014 9:30:00 PM

Length: 45

Description:

This two-part program, presented back-to-back, offers a unique insight into a conflict that saw East confront West, communism challenge liberal democracy and Korean fight Korean in a bloody civil war. It features first-hand accounts and recently discovered original color film to shed light on this historical event.

Outbreak

In the summer of 1950, the people of Korea were trapped between two new superpowers of the postwar world flexing their muscles – the United States and the Soviet Union. On June 25, 1950, the North Korean People's Army invaded the South. For the next 12 months, the opposing forces of North and South marched up and down the Korean peninsula in a series of attacks and counterattacks until cease-fire negotiations began on July 10, 1951. But the negotiations did not bring an end to the conflict, and the war dragged on for another two years.

Stalemate

While diplomats wrangled and negotiators argued, the fighting in the blighted Korean countryside continued. Stories emerged of atrocities committed by both sides. Amid allegations of retribution and reprisals, one of the major issues at the negotiations was the repatriation of prisoners of war. Eventually, a ceasefire was declared on July 27, 1953.

Program Title: Navy Seals: Their Untold Story

Distributor: PBS

Date: 11/11/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 120

Description:

This program recounts the ticking-clock missions of the “commandoes of the deep” through firsthand accounts – including that of a D-Day demolition team member – and through never-before-seen footage, home movies and personal mementoes. Admirals, master chiefs, clandestine operators, demolitioners and snipers reveal how U.S. Navy SEALs morphed into the world's most admired commandoes.

Series Title: PBS HAWAII PRESENTS

Program Title: Biography Hawaii: Koji Ariyoshi

Distributor: PBS Hawaii

Date: 11/13/2014 9:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

Koji Ariyoshi lived a remarkable life at the center of events that transformed Hawaii, America, China and the world. Born on a Kona coffee plantation in 1914, he worked as a stevedore in Honolulu while attending the University of Hawaii. He was employed on the San Francisco docks when World War II broke out, and soon found himself at Manzanar internment camp for American Citizens and aliens of Japanese ancestry.

When he enlisted in the U.S. Army, his language skills led to an assignment which ultimately carried him to Yenan, China, where he observed Communist re-education camps for Japanese POWs and worked closely with several of China's future leaders, including Mao Zedung. After returning to Hawaii, Ariyoshi became involved in union activities, and soon was editing the Honolulu Record, the voice of labor during the turbulent conflicts between unions and Hawaii's ruling elites.

In August 1951, Koji Ariyoshi was one of the activists arrested and charged with being a Communist - a small group that had become known as the Hawaii Seven. Eventually acquitted, he later became a founder and champion for the University of Hawaii's Ethnic Studies and Oral History programs, and for state historic preservation. This documentary contains interviews with family and friends, commentary by cultural historians, and stunning footage for wartime China.

Program Title: Rickover: The Birth of Nuclear Power

Distributor: PBS

Date: 12/16/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 120

Description:

Combative, provocative and searingly blunt, Admiral Hyman G. Rickover was a flamboyant maverick and a unique American. When few thought it possible, then-Captain Rickover undertook to harness the power of the atom to drive the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, whose trip under the polar ice pack was one of the great adventure stories of the 1950s. Later, Rickover built the world's first commercial nuclear power plant at Shippingport, PA. Rickover's achievements made him a national celebrity, and he appeared on the cover of Time magazine. Many questioned Rickover's goal of an all nuclear navy, and others questioned his creation of a technocratic elite, his own navy within the Navy. However, few contested that he had transformed the Navy and changed the course of America's technological development.

Science & Nature

Series Title: NOVA

Program Title: Surviving Ebola

Distributor: PBS

Date: 10/08/2014 10:00:00 PM

Length: 60

Description:

In December 2013, in a small village in West Africa, a young boy died from the dreaded disease, Ebola. Over the next nine months the virulent killer would claim more victims than all previous Ebola epidemics put together. And for the first time, the disease escaped the isolated, rural villages where it had first appeared, and traveled in infected patients by air to densely populated cities in several African countries. As the epidemic threatens to spiral out of control, NOVA reports from the hot zone, where courageous medical teams struggle to cope with a flood of victims, to labs where scientists are racing to test vaccines and find a cure. This program includes chilling first-hand interviews of what it's like to catch and survive this terrible affliction.