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AGING

I Remember Better When I Paint

Airdate: Monday, February 6, 2012, 10:00pm
Length: 60-minutes

Description: Narrated by Olivia de Havilland, this was the first international documentary about the positive impact of art and other creative therapies on people with Alzheimer's and how these approaches can change the way we look at the disease. Among those who are featured are noted doctors and Yasmin Aga Khan, president of Alzheimer's Disease International and daughter of Rita Hayworth, who had Alzheimer's.

Use Your Brain to Change Your Age

Airdate: Saturday, March 24, 2012, 6:00pm
Length: 120-minutes

Description: In this program Clinical neuroscientist and bestselling author, Dr. Daniel Amen, shared simple steps to boost our brain to help us live longer, look younger and dramatically decrease our risk for Alzheimer's disease.

Ed Slott's Retirement Rescue

Airdate: Saturday, March 17, 2012, 6:00pm
Length: 120-minutes.

Description: IRA expert, Ed Slott, offered financial advice for retirees.

ECONOMY

Moyers & Company #101: On Winner-Take-All Politics

Airdate: Thursday, January 19, 2012, 7:00pm
Length: 60-minutes

Description: The premiere episode of Moyers & Company, Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson -- "the Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson of political science" -- delved into Winner-Take-All Politics, their book on "How Washington Made the Rich Richer -- And Turned Its Back on the Middle Class." Moyers stated: "Their account is the best account I've seen of how politicians rewrote the rules to create a winner-take-all economy that favors the 1% over everyone else, putting our once and future middle class in peril." The show included testimony of middle class Americans at a Senate hearing about the impact of hard times on families, as well as an essay on how Occupy Wall Street reflects a widespread belief that politics no longer works for ordinary people.

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Moyers & Company #102: David Stockman on Crony Capitalism

Airdate: Thursday, January 26, 2012, 7:00pm
Length: 60-minutes

Description: Moyers & Company continued its multi-episode focus on the intersection of money and politics, as it explored the tight connection between Wall Street and the White House with David Stockman, former budget director for President Reagan. Currently a businessman Stockman spoke candidly with Bill Moyers about how money dominates politics, distorting free markets and endangering democracy. "As a result," Stockman said, "we have neither capitalism nor democracy. We have crony capitalism." Also on the show, Moyers talked with Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter and columnist Gretchen Morgenson on how money and political clout enable industries to escape regulation and enrich executives at the top. Morgenson warned of Wall Street's culpability in the widening income gap back in 2007 on Bill Moyers Journal.

Moyers & Company #103:

Airdate: Thursday, February 2, 2012, 7:00pm
Length: 60-minutes

Description: This episode focused on the collusion between government and corporate finance as exemplified by the Citicorp-Travelers merger, which – due to the removal of Glass-Steagall – enabled the formation of the financial behemoth known as Citigroup – and how when the economic meltdown hit, the bank cut more than 50,000 jobs, and more than \$45 billion of tax dollars were spent save it. John Reed, former CEO and Chairman of Citigroup, discussed how he regrets his role in the affair, and said lifting the Glass Steagall protections was a mistake. Mr. Reed noted - "It wasn't that there was one or two or institutions that...got carried away and did stupid things. It was, we all did... And then the whole system came down."

ENVIRONMENT

NHK World Special: Fallout: The Last Days of Litate Village

Airdate: Wednesday, January 4, 2012, 3:00am
Length: 60-minutes

Description: The residents of Litate Village in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan led a quiet agricultural life surrounded by mountains until the tsunami and earthquake on March 11, 2011 resulted in life-altering accident at the nuclear power plant 40 kilometers away. With their village located inside the government-designated planned evacuation area, the residents were forced to decide between abandoning their homes and livelihood, or staying. This program recorded the struggles Litate villagers faced as their village's very existence was threatened.

Nova #3901 "Deadliest Volcanoes"

Airdate: Thursday, January 5, 2012, 9:00pm

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Description: Millions of people around the world live in the shadow of active volcanoes. Under constant threat of massive volcanic eruptions, their homes and their lives are daily at risk from these sleeping giants. From Japan's Mount Fuji to the "Sleeping Giant" submerged beneath Naples to the Yellowstone "supervolcano" in the United States, this episode exposed viewers to scientists from around the world who are at work on these sites, attempting to discover how likely these volcanoes are to erupt, when eruptions might happen and how deadly they could prove to be.

Nova #3801 "Deadliest Earthquakes"

Airdate: Thursday, January 5, 2012, 10:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In 2010, epic earthquakes all over the planet delivered one of the worst annual death tolls ever recorded. The deadliest strike was in Haiti, where a quake just southwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince, killed more than 200,000, reducing homes, hospitals, schools, and the presidential palace to rubble. In exclusive coverage, a NOVA camera crew followed a team of US geologists as they entered Haiti in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy.

Groundswell: Hydrofracking in New York State

Airdate: Saturday, February 25, 2012, 3:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: "Groundswell" was a town hall meeting on the controversial energy extraction technique known as hydraulic fracturing. The program focused on the issues "fracking" poses for New York State. It featured stories about the communities of Middlefield and Vestal and their conflicting outlooks on hydraulic fracturing. The program also featured a panel of experts in a studio discussion and audience participation.

Nova #3810 "Japan's Killer Quake"

Airdate: Thursday, March 1, 2012, 9:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In its worst crisis since World War II, Japan faced disaster on an epic scale: a rising death toll in the tens of thousands, massive destruction of homes and businesses, shortages of water and power, and the specter of nuclear reactor meltdowns. The March 11th earthquake was the world's fourth largest earthquake since record keeping began in 1900 and the worst ever to shake Japan. The seismic shock wave released over 4,000 times the energy of the largest nuclear test ever conducted; it shifted the earth's axis by 6 inches and shortened the day by a few millionths of a second. The tsunami slammed Japan's coast with 30 feet-high waves that traveled 6 miles inland, obliterating entire towns in a matter of minutes. JAPAN'S KILLER QUAKE combined authoritative on-the-spot reporting, personal stories of tragedy and survival, compelling eyewitness videos, explanatory graphics and exclusive helicopter footage for a unique look at the science behind the catastrophe.

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Nova #3604: Extreme Ice

Airdate: Thursday, March 22, 2012, 9:00pm
Length: 60-minutes

Description: In collaboration with National Geographic, NOVA followed the exploits of acclaimed photojournalist James Balog and a scientific team as they deployed time-lapse cameras in risky, remote locations in the Arctic, Alaska, and the Alps. Grappling with blizzards, fickle technology, and climbs up craggy precipices, the team had to anchor cameras capable of withstanding sub-zero temperatures and winds up to 170 mph. The goal of Balog's team's perilous expedition: to create a unique photo archive of melting glaciers that could provide a key to understanding their runaway behavior and their potential to drive rising sea levels. Some models now project a one-meter sea level rise over the next century, which could displace millions of people everywhere from Florida to Bangladesh and require trillions of dollars in new coastal infrastructure investments. But, these models don't reflect recent findings that glaciers in Greenland and Antarctica are melting at an ever-faster rate.

HEALTH

Caucus: New Jersey #2384: Health Savvy: Bone Health & Joint Replacement

Airdate: Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 11:30pm
Length: 30-minutes

Description: This half-hour episode examined ways to take care of your bones and joints, new surgical interventions, and ways to manage patient expectations following joint surgery. Guests included: Scott Schoifet, MD, Med Dir., Virtua Joint Replacement Institute, Andrea Johnson Davis, DPT, Clinical Dir., Star Physical Therapy, Michael Balabon, Who had Both Knees Replaced, and Elliot D. Rosenstein, MD, Dir., Institute for Rheumatic & Autoimmune Diseases, Overlook Medical Center.

Caucus New Jersey #2385: Healthcare Executives Roundtable

Airdate: Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 11:30pm
Length: 30-minutes

Description: This half-hour panel addressed the complex issues facing our healthcare system today. Particular attention was paid to the needs facing urban hospitals, as well as the health insurance providers that seek to serve the people who live there. Guests included: William McDonald, Pres. & CEO, St. Joseph's Healthcare System, Terence L. Byrd, President, Healthfirst NJ, Gary S. Horan, Pres. & CEO, Trinitas Health & Regional Med Ctr., and Kevin J. Slavin, Pres. & CEO, East Orange General Hospital.

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Nova #3908: Separating Twins

Airdate: Thursday, February 9, 2012, 9:00pm
Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program recounted the incredible story of Trishna and Krishna, twin girls born joined at the head. Abandoned shortly after birth at an orphanage in Bangladesh, they had little chance of survival, until they were saved and taken to Australia by an aid worker. After two years battling for life, the twins were ready for a series of delicate operations, which will prepare them for the ultimate challenge: a marathon separation surgery that will allow them to live truly separate lives. Surgeons knew there was no guarantee of survival for either of the girls -- but without surgery there was no hope at all. With exclusive access, NOVA's cameras were with Trishna and Krishna and their caregivers throughout their journey.

Blood Sugar Solution with Dr. Mark Hyman

Airdate: Saturday, March 17, 2012, 1:30pm
Length: 90-minutes

Description: Dr. Mark Hyman explained what "diabesity" is, outlined the underlying causes that drive the problem, and provided a personalized, 4-step plan to help you overcome diabesity. Dr. Hyman identified the seven keys to achieving wellness-optimizing nutrition, balancing our hormones, cooling off inflammation, fixing our digestion, enhancing detoxification, boosting our energy metabolism, and calming our mind-and outlined the steps needed to personalize this approach to healing.

HERITAGE/CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES

Alexander Clark: Lost in History

Airdate: Monday, February 13, 2012, 10:00pm
Length: 30-minute

Description: Lost in History presented the story of a prominent 19th Century African-American from Iowa, Alexander Clark, who organized African-Americans to fight during the Civil War and later brought an historic lawsuit that forced the desegregation of Iowa's public schools.

Searching for Buxton

Airdate: Monday, February 13, 2012, 10:30pm
Length: 30-minute

Description: In this program, a young African-American went searching for his family history in a long-disappeared Iowa coal mining town and discovered that his relatives may have fared better a century ago than he does today.

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Slavery By Another Name

Airdate: Sunday, February 19, 2012, 9:00pm

Length: 90-minute

Description: SLAVERY BY ANOTHER NAME challenged one of America's most cherished assumptions: the belief that slavery in this country ended with Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. This documentary told a harrowing story of how in the South, even as chattel slavery came to an end, new forms of involuntary servitude, including convict leasing, debt slavery and peonage, took its place with shocking force -- brutalizing and ultimately circumscribing the lives of hundreds of thousands of African Americans well into the 20th century. It was a system in which men, often guilty of no crime at all, were arrested, compelled to work without pay, repeatedly bought and sold and coerced to do the bidding of masters. The program spanned eight decades, from 1865 to 1945, revealing the interlocking forces in both the South and the North that enabled this "neoslavery" to begin and persist. Using archival photographs and dramatic re-enactments, filmed on location in Alabama and Georgia, it told the forgotten stories of both victims and perpetrators of neoslavery and included interviews with their descendants living today. The program also featured interviews with Douglas Blackmon, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Slavery by Another Name" and with leading scholars of this period.

Black in Latin America

Airdate: Sunday, February 26, 2012, 9:00 & 10:00pm

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Length: Four 60-minute episodes

Description: Black in Latin America, a four-part series on the influence of African descent on Latin America, is the 11th and latest production from renowned Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Black In Latin America, examined how Africa and Europe came together to create the rich cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Latin America is often associated with music, monuments and sun, but each of the six countries featured in Black in Latin America including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, Mexico, and Peru, has a secret history. On his journey, Professor Gates discovered, behind a shared legacy of colonialism and slavery, vivid stories and people marked by African roots. Latin America and the Caribbean have the largest concentration of people with African ancestry outside Africa - up to 70 percent of the population in some countries. The region imported over ten times as many slaves as the United States, and kept them in bondage far longer. On this series of journeys, Professor Gates celebrated the massive influence of millions of people of African descent on the history and culture of Latin America and the Caribbean, and considered why and how their contribution is often forgotten or ignored.

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POLITICS

PBS Newshour #10234

Airdate: Wednesday, January 4, 2012, 6:00pm
Segment Length: 13:18

Description: Facing Romney's Funding, Staffing Edge, How Will Santorum Fare in N.H.? A day after Mitt Romney's narrow win over Rick Santorum in the Iowa Caucuses, most of the Republican presidential hopefuls moved their attention from the Midwest to New England to campaign before next week's primary in New Hampshire. Judy Woodruff reported on those issues and spoke with Gwen Ifill and Jeremy Peters of The New York Times.

Charlie Rose #18011

Airdate: Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 3:00pm
Segment Length: 24:14

Description: This episode provided a preview of the upcoming New Hampshire Republican presidential primary with Al Hunt of Bloomberg News; Judd Gregg, the former governor of New Hampshire; Matthew Dowd of ABC News and Bloomberg News; and Norah O'Donnell, chief White House correspondent for CBS News.

New York Now #13187

Airdate: Sunday, January 15, 2012, 11:00am
Length: 30-minute

Description: The four members of the Independent Democratic Conference sat down with NYN in-studio to discuss the one year anniversary of their departure from their old caucus.

New York Now #13188

Airdate: Sunday, January 22, 2012, 11:00am
Length: 30-minute

Description: In this episode, NYN analyzed the Governor's Executive Budget with Bob Ward from the Rockefeller Institute and at the Reporters Roundtable.

New York Now #13190

Airdate: Sunday, February 5, 2012, 11:00am
Length: 30-minute

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Description: Longtime Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver talked to NYN about his proposal to raise New York's minimum wage to \$8.50.

New York Now #13191

Airdate: Sunday, February 12, 2012, 11:00am
Length: 30-minute

Description: NYN traveled down to Queens to cover a contentious redistricting hearing.

WOMEN

Seneca Falls

Airdate: Saturday, March 3, 2012, 3:00pm
Length: 60-minute

Description: In this program, nine women in a theater troupe journeyed to the setting of America's first women's rights convention

Marie Antoinette

Airdate: Saturday, March 3, 2012, 8:00pm
Length: 120-minute

Description: Her name has become synonymous with the French monarchy and all its excesses, but there is more to the story of Marie Antoinette than the simplistic tale of a frivolous sovereign whose behavior helped provoke the uprising that became the French Revolution. This film traced her journey from the splendors of her childhood in the palaces of the mighty Austro-Hungarian Empire to her final hours in a squalid French prison cell.

Helen of Troy

Airdate: Saturday, March 10, 2012, 8:00pm
Length: 120-minute

Description: Bettany Hughes (THE SPARTANS) traveled across the eastern Mediterranean on an epic journey to find out the truth about Helen of Troy, known as "the face that launched a thousand ships." She has been blamed for causing the Trojan War, a conflict that resulted in countless deaths. During her own voyage in Helen's wake, Bettany Hughes sorted the reality from the myths told about Helen. She traveled from the city where it is said Helen was born - Sparta in the mountains of Greece - to the archaeological site in modern Turkey that will be forever linked with the war fought in Helen's name: Troy.

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Julia Robinson and Hilbert's Tenth Problem

Airdate: Thursday, March 15, 2012, 10:00pm

Length: 60-minute

Description: Narrated by actress Danica McKellar (The Wonder Years), JULIA ROBINSON AND HILBERT'S TENTH PROBLEM presented the inspiring life story of the pioneering American mathematician Julia Robinson (1919-1985) and charted her major contribution to solving one of the 20th century's most vexing mathematical questions - Hilbert's Tenth. The documentary was pieced together by a wide array of archival footage, stills and recordings, recollections from other mathematicians - including the three others responsible for solving H10 - and warm reminiscences by her sister/biographer, Constance Reid.

Who Does She Think She Is?

Airdate: Monday, March 19, 2012, 10:00pm

Length: 60-minute

Description: From the Oscar-winning production team behind Born Into Brothels: The Kids of Calcutta's Red Light District comes WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS?, an examination of some of today's most pressing issues: parenting and work, partnering and independence, and economics and art. The film followed four diverse female artists as they navigate the economic, psychological and spiritual challenges of making work outside the elite art world. From Hawaii's Big Island to the suburbs of Ohio, from New York City to the deserts of New Mexico, these women - representing a variety of ages - fought to honor both their vision and their families every day. In seeking this balance, the women found that their art often inspires their parenting and, conversely, their families often inspire their art.