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**ARTS**

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead  
Episode Title: Leonardo, The Man who Saved Science  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/5/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Leonardo da Vinci is well known for his inventions as well as his art. New evidence shows that many of his ideas were realized long before he sketched them out in his notebooks- some even 1,700 years before him! Of these “inventions” da Vinci never affirmed that his projects came from his original ideas. This film features drawings of his most famous ideas and inventions, some of which trace their original creation to ancient Greece while others were a product of the scientific inventions of golden age of Islamic learning. This knowledge seemed to be lost in Europe during the Dark Ages until the Renaissance when da Vinci recovered it.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 217  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/1/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:00

The Writers Guild of America’s contract with Hollywood studios expires at midnight Tuesday, potentially affecting over 800,000 jobs if last-minute negotiations break down and a strike begins. Writers are demanding higher wages and better working conditions and say many of their concerns stem from the industry's emphasis on streaming. Geoff Bennett discussed the possible strike with Anousha Sakoui.

Series Title: American Masters  
Episode Title: Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and Roll  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 6/2/2023 8:30:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Experience the meteoric rise and enduring legacy of Little Richard. This portrait of the "King and Queen of Rock and Roll" explores his far-reaching influence as well as his advocacy for the rights of Black artists in the music industry.

## CULTURE

Series Title: La Frontera with Pati Jinich  
Episode Title: Fronterizos of the Golden Coast  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/6/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:55:00

Pati Jinich travels the California part of the US-Mexico border. She meets the fronterizos, or borderlanders, of the golden coast to experience the melding of cultures, cross-border collaborations, and explosive growth.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 218  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/2/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:03:35

Simran Jeet Singh is executive director for the Aspen Institute's Religion and Society Program and author of "The Light We Give: How Sikh Wisdom Can Transform Your Life." Singh shares his Brief But Spectacular take on how by focusing on the positive aspects of our multi-religious, racial and ethnic world, society can disrupt bias and build empathy.

Series Title: The Great American Recipe  
Episode Title: Episode 2  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/26/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join the home cooks as the competition heats up with challenges for their best in-a-pinch recipe and a noodle dish representing their heritage. All kinds of dishes show up on the plate, but one cook is ready to impress by making their own pasta.

## ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 198  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/4/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:04:12

In our news wrap Tuesday, parts of the Midwest and South braced for a new wave of severe weather days after tornadoes killed 32 people, Evan Gershkovich, the Wall Street Journal reporter being held in Russia, met with his lawyers and appeared to be in good health and the U.S. military announced a drone strike killed a senior member of the Islamic State in Syria.

Series Title: Nature  
Episode Title: Attenborough's Wonder of Song  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/3/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

David Attenborough presents seven of the most remarkable animal songs found in nature and explores the significance of these songs in the lives of their species. Each one - from the song of the largest lemur to the song of the humpback whale to the song of the lyrebird - was recorded in his lifetime. But will they soon be heard no more? Contrary to Charles Darwin's theory of sexual selection, a new generation of scientists have discovered that animal song is not just the preserve of males. Females sing too. But there are also fears that we do not have much longer to hear them. Because as humankind gets noisier, the rest of the planet is falling silent. Joyous, surprising and poignant, this story of pioneering research and astounding insight is a chorus of wonder and a wake-up call.

Series Title: Nature  
Episode Title: Pandas: Born to be Wild  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/2/2023 3 AM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Unlock the mysteries of wild pandas whose counterparts in captivity are known for their gentle image. Journey through the steep Qinling Mountains with filmmakers, scientists and rangers to witness pandas' startling courtship and aggression behaviors.

**FAMILY/MARRIAGE**

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Country Roots  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/11/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the remarkably diverse backgrounds of country music icons Clint Black and Rosanne Cash.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Against All Odds  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/2/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. introduces media personality Andy Cohen and radio journalist Nina Totenberg to ancestors who were determined to survive.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: On Broadway  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/27/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. investigates the family histories of Broadway stars Audra MacDonal and Mandy Patinkin, discovering ancestors whose struggles laid the groundwork for their success.

**HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 199  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/5/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:09:04

The FDA recently made it easier for people to obtain a powerful overdose-reversing medicine. Narcan previously required a prescription, but soon will be sold over the counter. Communities are already using it to fight overdose deaths. With support from the Pulitzer Center and in collaboration with the Global Health Reporting Center, William Brangham reports from New York for our series, Rural RX.

Series Title: Independent Lens  
Episode Title: Matter of Mind: My ALS  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/1/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:05

The first of a series of three documentaries, each focusing on a different neurodegenerative disease. This film follows three people living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a neuromuscular disease with an average survival time of 2-5 years from diagnosis. As ALS progresses, the brain loses the ability to control muscles, resulting in the inability to move, speak, eat, and ultimately breathe. In Durham, North Carolina, renowned African-American architect Phil Freelon is dealt the diagnosis of ALS on the eve of completing his architectural masterpiece, The National Museum of African American History and Culture. As he progresses towards paralysis and loss of speech, he and his family grapple with the illness, erosion of control, and the question of what it is to live and die with dignity. In the rural California town of Arvin, former mechanic Charlie Wren is living on a life support ventilator, completely paralyzed except for his eyes. He is cared for by his wife Angelina Flores Wren, who left her job as a medical assistant to become his 24/7 caregiver.

Series Title: Below the Belt: The Last Health Taboo  
Episode Title:  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/21/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Through the lens of endometriosis, examine the widespread problems in our healthcare systems that disproportionately affect women. This film reveals how millions are silenced and how, by fighting back, they can improve healthcare for all women.

## MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 201  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/7/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:17

A rule change the Biden administration is proposing could make broad bans on competition by transgender athletes illegal, but would still allow restrictions in some cases. The proposal would affect Title IX, which prohibits sex-based discrimination by schools that receive government funding. William Brangham spoke with LGBTQ+ reporter Orion Rummel of The 19th News about the restrictions.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 219  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/3/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:10:47

The fact that our country is divided isn't new. In many respects, it can be traced back to the founding of a nation on the promise of freedom while dependent on slavery, a time when many couldn't participate in the democracy being created. Judy Woodruff examines how that founding contradiction has evolved and what it means for our challenges today. It's part of her series, America at a Crossroads.

Series Title: POV  
Episode Title: After Sherman  
Length: 90 minutes  
Airdate: 6/26/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Explore coastal South Carolina with filmmaker Jon-Sesrie Goff as his search into his Gullah/Geechee roots transforms into a poetic investigation of Black inheritance amidst the violent tensions that define America's collective history.

## SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 207  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 4/17/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:03:26

Jennifer Doudna is a Nobel laureate in chemistry and professor of biochemistry, biophysics and structural biology at the University of California, Berkeley. She has been a pioneer in CRISPR gene editing and continues to revolutionize research in her field. Doudna shares her Brief But Spectacular take on the future of CRISPR.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 220  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 5/4/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:35

The use of commercially developed spyware that allows governments to hack a phone and steal its data is booming. Earlier this year, the Biden administration banned federal agencies from using commercial spyware that poses risks to human rights and national security. But as Nick Schifrin reports, spyware is thriving and has already targeted journalists, dissidents and politicians around the world.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 248  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 6/13/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:05:20

More than 6,000 communities on the popular social networking forum Reddit have gone dark as moderators protest the company's decision to charge some third-party apps for the use of Reddit data. The move is controversial, with many of the apps having to shut down as a result, but the Reddit CEO doesn't appear to be backing down anytime soon. Geoff Bennett discussed the protest with Bobby Allyn.