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Crimes/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: MLNH 009503
Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/3/2009 6:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Supreme Court Term Brought Some Surprises: Legal analysts Linda Greenhouse and Thomas Goldstein examine the impact of the most significant Supreme Court decisions of the 2008 term, including a narrow ruling on the landmark Voting Rights Act.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: WWIR 004904
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/24/2009 8:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview, Discussion/Review

The professor, the policeman, and the president: did Barack Obama step on his own healthcare message, tonight on Washington Week. The first black president steps into his first racial controversy. Pres. Barack Obama said, "The Cambridge Police acted stupidly in arresting somebody when there was already proof that they were in their own home." And then, attempts to step away. Pres. Obama later stated, "There was an overreaction in pulling Professor Gates out of his home to the station. I also continue to believe, based on what I heard that Professor Gates probably overreacted as well."

Cultural/Arts/Religion

Category: Culture
NOLA: AMMS 002204
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Garrison Keillor: The Man on the Radio in the Red Shoes
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2009 8:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Lake Wobegon -- where the women are strong, the men are good looking and all the children are above average -- has become America's collective hometown, visited weekly for the past 40 years on a fictional radio program that creates authentic nostalgia. With his Prairie Home Companion, Garrison Keillor became our national philosopher, filling the shoes of Will Rogers and Mark Twain, through his running commentary about the human condition and the social politic. With biting wit, a quirky perspective and an uncanny ability to hone in on the pulse of

America, Keillor's themes and characters are somehow familiar to us all, resonating a shared experience.

Category: Culture
NOLA: TTEA 000102
Series Title: Time Team America
Episode Title: Topper, South Carolina
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/17/2009 8:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other

TIME TEAM AMERICA wades into the swamps of South Carolina to find the truth about North America's first human inhabitants. Experts debate about when people first came to this land. Did they follow big game across the continent 15,000 years ago or did they arrive much, much earlier? TIME TEAM AMERICA has just three days to search out evidence that could shed light on the controversy. What they find could rock the archaeological world. Along the way, they glimpse what life was like in North America 15,000 years ago, and what may have happened to the continent's first people.

Economy/Labor/Employment

Category: Economy
NOLA: ASMO 000101
Series Title: Ascent of Money
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/8/2009 9:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Niall Ferguson seeks to explain the financial history of the world, exploring how our complex system of global finance evolved, how money has shaped the course of human affairs and how the mechanics of this economic system work to create seemingly unlimited wealth or catastrophic loss

Category: Economy
NOLA: BMJL 001314
Series Title: Bill Moyers Journal
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/17/2009 9:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Moyers on Money and Health Reform: Obama and Environmentalists: Bill Moyers talks with two environmental activists who are disappointed with the President's progress on climate change. Also, check out the debate among environmentalists over Obama's initiatives. Robert Wright: In his new book, "The Evolution of God," bestselling author Robert Wright examines how the idea of God has changed through history. Wright sits down with Bill Moyers to discuss why he thinks the notion of God is imperative to a moral society.

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Environment

Category: Environment/Nature/Geography
NOLA: NAAT 002312
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Vanishing Lions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2009 8:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

As the largest predator in Africa, the lion should have nothing to fear. But the king of the savannah is facing an uncertain future. While concentrating on the dwindling number of elephants and rhinos, nobody suspected the biggest of big cats was in trouble. When the number of lions turned out to be fewer than 30,000 and not 100,000 as previously estimated, it was clear that the great lion had become vulnerable. We hear from lion experts, farmers and Masai herdsman as they explore solutions to the problems of saving lions and living with them.

Category: Environment/Nature/Geography
NOLA: ANHU 000000
Series Title: Anatomy of a Hurricane
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/19/2009 10:30 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

The hurricane season of 2004 was categorized as one of the most active on record. It began with an uneventful June and July then suddenly turned violent in August.

Health/Healthcare

Category: Health/Healthcare
NOLA: NBRT 028078
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/09 6:30 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Will the Health Care Crisis Cooperate With Health Insurance Co-Ops.

Category: Health/Healthcare
NOLA: COSE 015153
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/29/09 11:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

First, a conversation on healthcare reform with Dr. Howard Dean and Dr. Bill Frist. Then, Homeland Secretary Janet Napolitano lays out the Administration's plan on counter-terrorism, border control and natural disasters.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: MEML 0000104
Series Title: Make 'Em Laugh: The Funny Business of America
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/13/2009 10:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

In the ongoing war against hypocrisy, conservatism, political correctness, prejudice, prudery, censorship, sentimentality, liberalism, extremism and complacency, it was always the comedian who led the first wave of attack. Rather than using risqué jokes and four letter words simply to get a rise out of an audience, the most audacious comedians - from pioneers like Mae West and Moms Mabley to 60s and 70s bad boys like Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor and George Carlin - invoked what the First Amendment to the American Constitution calls "freedom of speech" to bring the biggest and most dangerous laughs to the American public.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: TTEA 000103
Series Title: Time Team America
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/22/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

TIME TEAM AMERICA digs for the remains of the first American town founded by former slaves. In 1836 "Free Frank" McWorter purchased his freedom from a Kentucky plantation owner and headed North. When he reached Illinois, he planted roots, started a town, and sold enough property to purchase the rest of his family out of slavery. Now a farmer's field covers this dramatic testament to victory over enslavement

National Government/National Politics

Category: National Politics/Government
NOLA: COSE 015143
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/15/2009 11:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

A conversation with Richard Levin, President of Yale University.

Category: National Politics/Government
NOLA: NOVA 003501
Series Title: Astrospies
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/28/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

A look at the Cold War-era plans of the U.S. and USSR to militarize space. Insights from astronauts involved in the top-secret American program; a look at the Soviet "Almaz" spy station, which featured high-powered spy cameras and a cannon to knock out enemy satellites.

State and Local Government/State and Local Politics

Category: State and Local Government/State and Local Politics
Series Title: Texas Monthly Talks
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2009 12:00 Noon
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Compilation: The Obama Administration

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Crimes/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: MLNH 009525
Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/4/2009 6:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Lacking Clear Solution, Obama Struggles to Close Gitmo: With less than six months until President Obama's deadline for closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, the White House is struggling to decide on a bevy of options. Ari Shapiro of National Public Radio speaks with Judy Woodruff about the various options under review.

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: WWIR 004909
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/28/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview, Discussion/Review

Attorney General Eric Holder goes toe-to-toe with CIA Director Leon Panetta over detainee interrogations. "If threatening a prisoner with an electric drill isn't torture, I'm not sure what is." How far will the investigation go?

Cultural/Arts/Religion

Category: Culture
NOLA: HIDE 000707
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/10/2009 8:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Encore presentations: An instrument that may have been recovered from the Hindenburg; a book that may have been a gift from John Adams to his son; a home in the Bronx that may have been the birthplace of hip hop.

Category: Culture
NOLA: OBME 000000
Series Title: Objects and Memory
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/17/2009 9:00 PM
Service: PBS

Format: Other

Examines the response to items recovered or offered after 9/11 and other national tragedies.

Economy/Labor/Employment

Category: Economy
NOLA: COSE 015161
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/10/2009 10:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

First, a conversation with Kurt Andersen about his book "Reset: How This Crisis Can Restore Our Values and Renew America." Next, a look at the film "Cold Souls" with Paul Giamatti and Sophie Barthes. Last, a conversation with Peter Levene, chairman, Lloyd's of London.

Category: Economy
NOLA: WWIR 004909
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/28/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

The loss of a liberal lion, plus the Justice Department versus the CIA and the good news-bad news economy, on Washington Week.

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Environment

Category: Environment/Nature/Geography
NOLA: NOSN 000305
Series Title: NOVA ScienceNOW
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/11/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine

A new view of leeches; SETI - the search for extraterrestrial intelligence; stem cells; and a profile of Edie Widder, a specialist in marine bioluminescence.

Category: Environment/Nature/Geography
NOLA: NAAT 002002
Series Title: Nature
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/16/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

The teaming of horse and rider is arguably the most sophisticated and intriguing example of human-animal cooperation. NATURE explores and illuminates this phenomenon in "Horse and Rider."

Health/Healthcare

Category: Health/Healthcare
NOLA: NOSN 000301
Series Title: NOVA ScienceNOW
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/4/09 9:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine

Dark matter; experiments with memory loss in mice; "digital detective" Hany Farid, Professor of Computer Science at Dartmouth; and the "wisdom of the crowd."

Category: Health/Healthcare
NOLA: BMJL 001320
Series Title: Bill Moyers Journal
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/28/09 8:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

The documentary "Money-Driven Medicine," about the failings of the for-profit health system, is featured.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: DOFA 000000
Series Title: Documenting the Face of America
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/10/2009 10:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

This film brings to life the remarkable stories behind the legendary group of New Deal-sponsored photographers who traversed the country in the 1930s and early 1940s, capturing the face of Depression-era America. The unlikely group of photographers and artists was brought together by a fiery prairie populist and government bureaucrat named Roy Stryker. Julian Bond narrates.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: MLNH 009538
Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer: The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/21/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Poet Ricardo Pau-Llosa Reflects on Influences, Art: Ricardo Pau-Llosa, a prolific Miami-based poet and critic of Latin American art, remembers the colors, tastes and memories that shaped his youth and his writing, taking him back to his native Cuba.

National Government/National Politics

Category: National Politics/Government
NOLA: WWIR 004906
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/7/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

A surprise report on unemployment, the debate of health care reform begins in earnest across America, and the secret mission to North Korea by Bill Clinton.

Category: National Politics/Government
NOLA: COSE 015167
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/18/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

First, a look at Hosni Mubarak's meeting with President Obama in Washington with Steven Cook of The Council on Foreign Relations and Michele Dunne of The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Next, a consideration of one of the most important bilateral relations in the world with China's Ambassador to the U.S. Zhou Wenzhong.

State and Local Government/State and Local Politics

Category: State and Local Government/State and Local Politics
Program Title: Texas Monthly Talks
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/2/2009 12:00 Noon
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Jerry Patterson, Texas Land Commissioner

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September 2009

Crimes/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: MLNH 009525
Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/4/2009 6:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

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Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
NOLA: NOWD 000538
Series Title: NOW on PBS
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/18/2009 7:30 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Surrogacy: Wombs for Rent? Commercial surrogacy--when women are paid to carry and deliver babies for people who cannot conceive them biologically--is banned in almost every developed country in the world except the U.S., making it a land of opportunity for parents around the world. In June, celebrity parents Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker announced publicly they had twins delivered via surrogate. But surrogacy services and their oversight vary from state to state, creating a strong potential for deceit and fraud.

Cultural/Arts/Religion

Category: American History/Biography
NOLA: AMMS 002205
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Trumbo
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/2/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

A look at the life of Hollywood screenwriter Dalton Trumbo who was blacklisted during the Red Scare.

Category: Culture
Program Title: Cathedral in the Desert
Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 9/28/2009 9:30 PM
Service: Local Production
Format: Documentary

The POWs of Hereford Camp 31.

Economy/Labor/Employment

Category: Economy
NOLA: COSE 015177
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2009 11:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

The future is discussed with Eric Schmidt, Marc Andreessen and Bill Gates.

Category: Economy
NOLA: NBRT 029143
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/30/2009 11:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Market Stats; Paul Kangas' Stocks in the News; Bank of America CEO, Ken Lewis Calls it Quits; IPO's Show Signs of Recovery; The Commerce Department Opens the Internet Floodgate; Sam Stovall, of Standard & Poor's Reviews the 3rd Quarter; "Money File"-Cash on the Sidelines.

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Environment

Category: Environment/Nature/Geography
Title: The Natural Wonder of Texas: Palo Duro Canyon
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2009 8:30 PM
Service: Local Production
Format: Documentary

See Palo Duro Canyon again or for the first time and experience the beauty, the history and the cast of characters whose influence flows through the canyon...then and now. Broadcast in High Definition.

Category: Environment/Nature/Geography
Series Title: National Parks: America's Best Idea
Episode Title: The Scripture of Nature (1851-1890)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/27/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

In 1872, Congress acts to protect land that will become America's first national park, Yellowstone.

Health/Healthcare

Category: Health/Healthcare
NOLA: BMJL 001321
Series Title: Bill Moyers Journal
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/4/09 8:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine

No More Mr. Nice Guy: A Bill Moyers essay on fighting the health care debate.

Category: Health/Healthcare
Series Title: PBS Special Report on Health Care Reform
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 9/24/09 8:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

The economics of health care reform and how reform might change the way we live are investigated.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: MLNH 009549
Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/7/2009 6:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

New Book Looks at Key Moments in Historic 2008 Election: Judy Woodruff speaks with authors Dan Balz and Haynes Johnson about their new book, "The Battle for America 2008: The Story of an Extraordinary Election," which examines Obama's historic election.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
NOLA: WWIR 004912
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/18/2009 7:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Republicans and Democrats grow even further apart on healthcare, on defense, on just about everything. Why is explored on Washington Week.

National Government/National Politics

Category: National Politics/Government
NOLA: NOWD 000536
Series Title: NOW on PBS
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/4/2009 7:30 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

After Guantanamo: Closing Guantanamo Bay's prison will do little to close the debate on what we should do with alleged terrorists. This week NOW, as part of collaboration with the nonprofit investigative unit ProPublica, explores the controversial tactic of "preventative detention," a government plan that may detain suspects indefinitely without trial or even formal charges. Implementing such a plan may have far-reaching consequences on not just our fight against terrorism, but the integrity of the U.S. Constitution and the cause of human rights. Even with President Obama in office and Guantanamo's days numbered, we're still asking: What price will we pay for peace on the ground and peace of mind?

Category: National Politics/Government
NOLA: NPAB 000104
Series Title: National Parks: America's Best Idea
Episode Title: Going Home
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/30/2009 7:30 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

The automobile allows more people to visit the parks. The Smoky Mountains and Tetons become parks.

State and Local Government/State and Local Politics

Category: State and Local Government/State and Local Politics
Program Title: Texas Monthly Talks
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9-6-09 12:00 Noon
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Abraham Verghese, Physician and Author