Big brother? Did the president break the law by ordering domestic spying? NOW investigates in THE WATCHERS. Judging the judge. As confirmation hearings of Judge Alito end this week, MARY KAY CULP, executive director of Kansans for Life, says what it means to her to have him confirmed. A David Brancaccio interview.

The U.S. Supreme Court resurrected a New Hampshire abortion law Wednesday and declared that at least one part of it is "intolerably vague," and then sent the entire case back to the lower court. Gwen Ifill discusses implications of the court's unanimous decision and comments by retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's that could affect the future of abortion rulings with Marcia Coyle, Washington bureau chief and Supreme Court correspondent for The National Law Journal.

More than two weeks after the new Medicare prescription drug program took affect, many seniors are still reporting a series of problems stemming from the challenges of transmitting data among computer systems of the government,
private drug plans, other information processors and pharmacies. Health correspondent Susan Dentzer reports on the problems.

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NOLA Code:      MLNH  008432C1
Series Title:   The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   1/2/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Segment:        00:08:31
Format:         Interview/Discussion/Review; News

Recent studies indicate that more than 70 percent of youth between the ages of 10 and 17 gambled in the past year, up from 45 percent in 1988. Almost one in three high school students gamble on a regular basis, according to the National Academy of Sciences. Lee Hochberg of Oregon Public Broadcasting reports on the rising number of teenage gambling addicts.

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NOLA Code:      MLNH  008451C1
Series Title:   The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   1/27/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Segment:        00:09:33
Format:         Interview/Discussion/Review; News

Oprah Winfrey brought author James Frey back on her program Thursday to answer charges that he lied to her and his readers in his book, "A Million Little Pieces." The book, a memoir of addiction and recovery, became controversial when claims surfaced that the author fabricated much of the story. Jim Lehrer discusses the controversy with cultural historian Robert Thompson, director of Syracuse University's Center for the Study of Popular Television.

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NOLA Code:      AMEX  001007K7
Series Title:   American Experience
Program Title:  Reagan
Episode Title:  AN AMERICAN CRUSADE
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   1/2/2006 8:00:00 PM
Length:         150
Format:         Documentary; Other
When Ronald Reagan's first term reached its halfway point, he was challenged with tremendous economic strife, the recession and unemployment had battered Reaganomics. As the Pentagon spent $34 million per hour on building up U.S. military forces and nuclear weapons, the deficit increased. However, an economic transformation in 1983 and the slow return of Americans to work secured a second term for Reagan -- a term that would afford him his greatest triumphs and his most difficult blows. "The American Experience" chronicles Reagan's last four years in office -- from the loss of his closest advisors and the Iran-Contra scandal, to the dawning of the fall of Communism in Europe.

NOLA Code:      MLNH 008432C1
Series Title:   The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   1/2/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Segment:        00:12:12
Format:         Interview/Discussion/Review; News

The recent furor over President Bush's domestic intelligence program is the latest skirmish in a centuries-old battle over presidential powers in times of war. By letting government agents eavesdrop without court oversight, Mr. Bush joined a long list of presidents who've tested the limits of their war-time authority. For a historical look at how executive powers have been wielded and its impact on governance, we're joined by Richard Norton Smith, director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Ill.; Ellen Fitzpatrick, a professor of history at the University of New Hampshire; and Andrew Rudalevige, professor of political science at Dickinson College and author of "The New Imperial Presidency: Renewing Presidential Power after Watergate".

NOLA Code:      MLNH 008436C1
Series Title:   The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   1/6/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Format:         Interview/Discussion/Review; News

Rhythm and Blues singer Lou Rawls died Friday at the age of 72.

NOLA Code:      AMEX 001201W2
Series Title:   THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE
Program Title:  ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   1/16/2006 8:00:00 PM
Length:         150
She was the nation's conscience, a tireless advocate for the disadvantaged, a woman who influenced American social policies for decades and pushed through the first international charter on human rights. Eleanor Roosevelt survived a painful childhood and a difficult marriage to become one of the most admired women in America. Going beyond her public achievements, this intimate biography explores the secretive and surprising private life of a controversial American figure.

NOLA Code: AMEX 001805W1
Series Title: THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE
Program Title: John and Abigail Adams
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/23/2006 8:00:00 PM
Length: 120
Format: Documentary; Feature Film/Video Drama

John Adams was brilliant, argumentative, sometimes irascible. Abigail Adams was a savvy observer of the tumultuous political scene, not afraid to speak her mind in an age when women were excluded from politics. Together they forged one of the greatest partnerships in American history. In the tradition of its award-winning Presidents series, American Experience's John & Abigail Adams chronicles both an inspiring political marriage and the birth of a nation.

Under the direction of Peter Jones (Bataan Rescue, The Great Transatlantic Cable), two formidable actors -- Simon Russell Beale (John Adams), recipient of the 2003 Laurence Olivier Theatre Best Actor Award for his performance in "Uncle Vanya," and Linda Emond (Abigail Adams), an accomplished stage actress who previously portrayed Abigail in the Broadway rendition of "1776" -- bring the couple to life. Historians, including David McCullough, author of the bestselling John Adams and the recent 1776, Joanne Freeman, and Joseph Ellis, provide insight on the couple and their legacy. A visionary and gifted political thinker, Adams moved a reluctant colonial Congress to declare independence from England, and single-handedly secured millions of dollars in loans to keep the American army from collapse. He penned the Massachusetts constitution, which served as the basis for the U.S. Constitution. He was the nation's first ambassador to England, its first vice president, and its second president. Through it all, Abigail remained his most trusted political advisor and confidante.

NOLA Code: AMEX 001806W1
Series Title: THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE
Program Title: The Nuremberg Trials
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/30/2006 8:00:00 PM
Length: 60
One journalist described it as a chance "to see justice catch up with evil." On November 20, 1945, the twenty-two surviving representatives of the Nazi elite stood before an international military tribunal at the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg, Germany; they were charged with the systematic murder of millions of people. The ensuing trial pitted US Chief Prosecutor and Supreme Court Judge Robert Jackson against Hermann Goering, the former head of the Nazi air force whom Hitler had once named to be his successor. Jackson hoped that the trial would make a statement that crimes against humanity would never again go unpunished. Proving the guilt of the defendants, however, was more difficult than Jackson anticipated. This AMERICAN EXPERIENCE production draws upon rare archival material and eyewitness accounts to recreate the dramatic tribunal that defines trial procedure for state criminals to this day.

Trains carrying six million G.I.'s stopped briefly in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II. Through photos and interviews, Canteen Spirit recalls the moving story of the North Platte Canteen, where residents of 125 Nebraska towns gathered to offer sandwiches, cookies, doughnuts, beverages, cigarettes, magazines and more importantly, an affectionate, patriotic sendoff to the soldiers defending their nation.

Charlie spends the hour with John Hope Franklin, Professor Emeritus of history at Duke University to discuss his autobiography, "Mirror To America."
The program opened with a panel discussion on "The War That Made America" featuring directors Eric Stange and Ben Loeterman as well as Deborah Acklin, executive vice president and general manager, WQED Multimedia. Charlie also spoke with singer/actress Elaine Stritch and Bennet Miller, director, "Capote."

Jeffrey Brown talks with Taylor Branch, author of "On Canaan's Edge," the final installment of his three-volume biography of Martin Luther King Jr.

To mark Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday Tuesday, Jeffrey Brown discusses Franklin's life with Walter Isaacson, president of the Aspen Institute and author of "Benjamin Franklin: An American Life."

As the Declaration of Independence is read to the Continental Army on the eve of the Revolutionary War, General George Washington thinks back to his first military experiences more than 20 years before when he was a young officer, fighting for the Crown to secure the western territories of Pennsylvania and beyond for colonial expansion. Washington was a pivotal figure in the start of the French and Indian War in 1754, a conflict that pitted England's goals for
empire in the New World against French interests. Caught between were the Indian nations, whose leaders struggled to negotiate between these two European forces to protect their own interests. After a disastrous skirmish that leaves a French diplomatic envoy dead and a resounding defeat in his first full-scale battle at Fort Necessity, Washington becomes an aide to General Edward Braddock, who was sent from England with a large force to secure the strategic Forks of the Ohio. By equal measures arrogant and inexperienced, Braddock is met with bitter defeat by French forces and their Indian allies and succumbs to his battlefield wounds. Britain becomes more determined to win the war and sends thousands of troops, setting the stage for the next phase of the war.

NOLA Code: WARA 000103W1
Series Title: The War That Made America
Episode Title: Turning the Tide
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/25/2006 8:00:00 PM
Length: 120
Format: Documentary

The War That Made America brings to television a vastly important but often misunderstood period of American history - a period that set in motion forces that would culminate in the American Revolution. The four-hour dramatic documentary tells the story of the French and Indian War (1754-1763), which began in the wilderness of the Pennsylvania frontier and spread throughout the colonies and into Canada.

QPTR Category: Arts

Charlie speaks with journalist and author of "The Osama bin Laden I Know" Peter Bergen and actor Kiefer Sutherland.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008436C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/6/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
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Ray Suarez looks back on the life and work of playwright Wendy Wasserstein.
In this episode of Charlie Rose, Bruce Wasserstein, the CEO of Lazard, joins Charlie to discuss the business world and how it works.

NOLA Code: COSE 012005C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 1/4/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

In this episode of Charlie Rose, Charlie is joined by a group of important people in the field of technology to discuss where we are now in America technologically and where we are going. Then Charlie is joined by John Doerr and Esther Dyson to discuss improvements that should be made to improve the efficiency of the country.

NOLA Code: FRON 002304K4
Series Title: Frontline
Program Title: Is Wal-Mart Good for America?
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/6/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:51:56
Format: Documentary

FRONTLINE offers two starkly contrasting images: one of empty storefronts in Circleville, Ohio, where the local TV manufacturing plant has closed down; the other, a sea of high rises in the South China boomtown of Shenzhen. The connection between American job losses and soaring Chinese exports? Wal-Mart. For Wal-Mart, China has become the cheapest, most reliable production platform in the world, the source of up to $25 billion in annual imports that help the company deliver everyday low prices to 100 million customers a week. But while some economists credit Wal-Mart's single-minded focus on low costs with helping contain U.S. inflation, others charge that the company is the main force driving the massive overseas shift to China in the production of American consumer goods, resulting in hundreds of thousands of lost jobs and a lower standard of living here at home.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008433C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer

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American Automakers May Be In For A Rough Ride This Year; The Outlook For Oil In 2006; The Abramoff Impact on Lobby Reform; Reaching Out To The Octopus; "Money File"-Mapping Out A Tax Strategy For 2006; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.

NOLA Code:    FRON  002315K2
Series Title:  Frontline
Program Title: Private Warriors
Distributor:   PBS
Release Date:  1/17/2006 9:00:00 PM
Length:        60
Format:        Documentary

FRONTLINE returns to Iraq, this time to embed with Halliburton/KBR, and to take a hard look at private contractors, including Blackwater, Aegis, Erinys and Custer Battles, who play an increasingly critical role in running U.S. military supply lines, providing armed protection and operating U.S. military bases. These private warriors are targeted by insurgents and in turn have been criticized for their rough treatment of Iraqi civilians. Their dramatic story illuminates the Pentagon's new reliance on corporate outsourcing and raises tough questions about where they fit in the chain of command and the price we are paying for their role in the war.

NOLA Code:    MLNH  008443C1
Series Title:  The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:   PBS
Release Date:  1/17/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:        60
Segment:       00:14:00
Format:        Interview/Discussion/Review; News

Margaret Warner reports on the new rules proposed by the Securities and Exchange Commission that would require companies to disclose more information on corporate management pay and perks. Then, Warner discusses the impact these new rules could have on the business world with Nell Minow, editor and founder of the Corporate Library, and John Castellani, president of the Business Roundtable.

NOLA Code:    MLNH  008446C1
Series Title:  The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:   PBS
Release Date:  1/20/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:        60
Segment:       00:08:56
Format:        Interview/Discussion/Review; News
NewsHour correspondent Tom Bearden reports from New Orleans on the commission charged with rebuilding the city's economy and the struggles businesses that decided to reopen face.

NOLA Code: NBRT 025216K1
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/16/2006 5:30:00 PM
Length: 30
Format: News; Other

Denny's Recipe For Diversity; Nordstrom's Plan Of Action; Xerox's Blue Print For Diversity.

NOLA Code: NBRT 025217K1
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/17/2006 5:30:00 PM
Length: 30
Format: News; Other

The Chips Are Down For Intel; Geopolitical Issues Fuel; Skyrocketing Oil Prices; The Stakes Are Raised Again In The Fight For Guidant; The SEC Agrees To Rewrite The Rules For Privacy For Executive Pay; Eliminating Lobbyist Earmarks Is Now A Capitol Concern; "Commentary"-Law Logic; "Last Word"-Happy Birthday Ben Franklin; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.

NOLA Code: NOWD 000203C1
Series Title: NOW
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/20/2006 7:30:00 PM
Length: 30
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

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QPTR Category: Community Politics, Government
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NOLA Code: WWIR 004530C1
Series Title: Washington Week
Distributor: PBS
The states are the battleground on assisted suicide, abortion, and prescription drug snafus, while Congress wrestles to reform itself. At the Supreme Court, the spotlight turned to Oregon as the justices rejected a Bush administration challenge to a landmark right-to-die law.

The January Effect Gets Off To A Positive Start; Gary Thayer, Chief Economist at AG Edwards On The Outlook For Interest Rates; Independence Air Loses Altitude Amid Rising Fuel Costs; Toyota Shifts Into The Top Selling Spot; "Commentary"-Diversifying With A Touch Of Japan; "Last Word"-Social Security's Fatal Mistake; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.

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Wall Street's Promising Start Beginning to Fizzle; One on One--Stuart Schweitzer, JPMorgan Asset Mgt; Lobbying Reform -- Will Increased Waiting Time for Lobbyists Make A Difference?; FDA Changes Prescription Drug Inserts;
"Commentary"- On Being Content In Retirement; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News.

NOLA Code: NBRT 025219K1
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/19/2006 5:30:00 PM
Length: 30
Format: News; Other

Ex-Enron CFO, Richard Causey Witness For The Prosecution?; The Yield Curve Normalizes; Japan's Economy May Have To Take Stock In Its Stock Market; "Money File"-New Year's Financial Resolutions; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.

NOLA Code: SAMF 001502C1
Series Title: Alan Alda in Scientific American Frontiers
Episode Title: Cars that Think
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/28/2006 1:00:00 AM
Length: 30
Format: Documentary; Magazine

The fully automatic car may be down the road a ways, but cars that do your thinking for you are just around the corner - they watch out for hazards, they listen to you, they read your lips, they even know when you're distracted.

QPTR Category: Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement
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NOLA Code: MLNH 008436C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/6/2006 6:00:00 PM
Segment: 00:15:05
Length: 60
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review; News

The recent guilty plea of Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff has thrown the spotlight on lobbying in Washington. Margaret Warner takes a closer look at the lobbying industry with Larry LaRocco, a former Democratic congressman from Idaho and now senior partner at the Fleishman-Hillard government relations firm; Scott Klug, a former Republican congressman and now managing director of public affairs at Foley & Lardner law firm; and Chellie Pingree, president of Common Cause, a nonprofit public policy organization.
Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Jim Lehrer to discuss the guilty pleas of Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff and other political news of the week.

Death penalty problems. Are innocent people being executed in America? Find out in FINAL JUDGMENT. The Abramoff effect. As Washington braces for what could be an explosive scandal, veteran journalist ROBERT SCHEER weighs in. A David Brancaccio interview.

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The news out of Washington this week was centered on Capitol Hill even though Congress was out of session. It was a political bombshell that fell with the announcement that in the wake of the developments surrounding lobbyist Jack Abramoff, Republican Tom DeLay would not try to reassert himself as Majority
Leader in the House of Representatives. This has set off a fierce scramble to fill not only that position but also for Republicans to take up the issue of lobbying reform. Time Magazine Political Correspondent Karen Tumulty updates the GOP political leadership battle while Washington Post Feature Writer and Columnist Jeffrey Birnbaum has the latest on how Republican leaders are hoping to turn the issue of reform in their favor.

NOLA Code: COSE 012021C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 1/30/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60


NOLA Code: MLNH 008444C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/18/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:10:43
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review; News

Kwame Holman reports on the race among Democrats and Republicans to reform lobbying rules after former lobbyist Jack Abramoff admitted that he bribed at least one member of Congress. Then, Margaret Warner discusses the latest on lobbying ethics reform with Washington Post reporter Jeffrey Birnbaum, author of the column "K Street Confidential."

NOLA Code: MLNH 008445C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/19/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:08:27

Ray Suarez reports on the decade-long independent council investigation of former U.S. Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, which ended Thursday. Cisneros was accused of lying to the FBI during his confirmation process background check about payments he made to a former mistress. Then, Neil Lewis of the New York Times discusses the details.
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Release Date: 1/2/2006 5:30:00 PM
Length: 30
Format: News; Other


NOLA Code: NBRT 025207K1
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/3/2006 5:30:00 PM
Length: 30
Format: News; Other

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NOLA Code: MLNH 008450C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/26/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:12:21

General Motors announced Thursday that it lost $8.6 billion last year -- the most since 1992. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports from Flint, Mich. on the union struggles at Delphi, the parts supplier formerly owned by General Motors.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008453C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/31/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:12:21

Ray Suarez looks at the historic 18-year tenure of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who officially retired Tuesday. Then, Suarez discusses Greenspan's influence on the economy and society in general with Irwin Stelzer, director of economic policy studies at the Hudson Institute; James Galbraith,
a professor of public policy at the University of Texas at Austin; and Paul Levinson, chairman of the department of communications and media studies at Fordham University.

NOLA Code: NBRT 025216K1
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/16/2006 5:30:00 PM
Length: 30
Format: News; Other

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Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/17/2006 5:30:00 PM
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Release Date: 1/20/2006 7:30:00 PM
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QPTR Category: Education
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NOLA Code: FRON 002404W2
Series Title: Frontline
Program Title: Country Boys
David Sutherland, acclaimed producer of "The Farmer's Wife," returns to rural America with "Country Boys," an epic tale of two boys coming of age in eastern Kentucky's Appalachian hills. Viewers will come to know Cody Perkins and Chris Johnson, classmates at an alternative high school who inhabit the same world yet are light years apart. Through intimate cinematography and extraordinary sound design that puts the viewer inside the skin of the story's colorful and memorable characters, "Country Boys" traverses the emotional terrain of two boys who are about to become men, documenting their struggles to overcome hardship and poverty and find meaning in their lives.

NewsHour correspondent Spencer Michels reports on the reopening of several New Orleans colleges and universities for the first time since Hurricane Katrina.
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Jeffrey Brown reports on IBM's announcement that it intends to freeze its pension plans as of January 2008. Then, Brown discusses what these pension changes might mean for U.S. workers and companies with Karen Friedman, policy director for the Pension Rights Center, and James Klein, president of the American Benefits Council.
FRONTLINE returns to Iraq, this time to embed with Halliburton/KBR, and to take a hard look at private contractors, including Blackwater, Aegis, Erinys and Custer Battles, who play an increasingly critical role in running U.S. military supply lines, providing armed protection and operating U.S. military bases. These private warriors are targeted by insurgents and in turn have been criticized for their rough treatment of Iraqi civilians. Their dramatic story illuminates the Pentagon's new reliance on corporate outsourcing and raises tough questions about where they fit in the chain of command and the price we are paying for their role in the war.

Following the death of 14 miners in separate accidents in West Virginia, the Senate held hearings on mine safety Monday. Kwame Holman reports.

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Ukraine and Russia have spent almost a week accusing one another of unfair or
illegal practices in its natural gas program, prompting Russia to threaten an embargo. Following a report from Independent Television News, Margaret Warner examines the standoff and its implications with Michael McFaul, a professor at Stanford University, a senior fellow at its Hoover Institution and senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and J. Robinson West, chairman of PFC Energy, a consulting firm that advises oil and gas companies and governments on energy issues.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008452C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/30/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:12:14

President Bush's State of the Union address set for Tuesday night is expected to touch on energy policy and the Iraq war. Jim Lehrer discusses what the president needs to accomplish with Thomas "Mack" McLarty, chief of staff to President Clinton; Kenneth Duberstein, chief of staff to President Reagan; and David Gergen, adviser to presidents Clinton, George H.W. Bush, Reagan, Ford and Nixon.

QPTR Category: Environment/Nature/Geography

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NOLA Code: NAAT 002306K1
Series Title: Nature
Program Title: Life in Death Valley
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/8/2006 7:00:00 PM
It is a visual wonderland, where imposing mountains rise almost two vertical miles above sprawling salt flats and canyons are painted in strokes of blue, pink, violet, and green from sunrise to sunset. This is Death Valley - one of the most inhospitable places on the planet. Nowhere else is a landscape so exquisite yet brutal, stunning yet harsh. Here, temperatures spike into the 130s, the earth cracks like broken clay, and when the hot wind blows, all you can taste is dust and salt. But, ironically, it is water that has shaped this super-arid home of true survivors.

Charlie speaks with National Geographic Explorer-In-Residence, Spencer Wells, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., host of "African American Lives." Also, part two of his conversation with the director of operations for Centcom, Douglas Lute.

NewsHour correspondent Spencer Michels reports on the reopening of several New Orleans colleges and universities for the first time since Hurricane Katrina.

Dan Rivers of Independent Television News reports from the remote Himalayan village of Moori Patan, Pakistan on the struggles of earthquake survivors as they face frigid winter temperatures.
The Monterey Bay Aquarium is recognized as one of the most significant and spectacular aquariums in the world because of its realistic presentations. Instead of exhibiting collections of animals, the aquarium presents entire habitats, virtual slices of ocean that include 30,000 animals and plants. But how does an aquarium work? What's the science behind the magic?

Through tough love and tenacious training, a bloodhound and a bearded collie overcome early misfortunes in life. UNDERDOGS reveals extreme doggie makeovers, shot as "reality style" television. Two pure-bred dogs are selected from animal shelters and adoption centers in the U.S. and England -- a bearded collie and a bloodhound. With the help of trainers, they will each be taught to hone their skills as working dogs, then tested, to judge their success. By the end of the film each dog will have a new home.

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hardship and poverty and find meaning in their lives.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had emergency surgery again Friday to stop bleeding in the brain after suffering a massive stroke Wednesday. Jim Lehrer discusses the causes of and treatments for strokes with Dr. Mark Alberts, professor of neurology at Northwestern Medical School and director of the stroke program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Margaret Warner speaks with Susan Dentzer about a recently released report that shows health spending in the United States doubled between 1993 and 2004.

RAISING CAIN, hosted by child psychologist Michael Thompson, Ph.D., co-author of the best-selling book Raising Cain, explores the emotional development of boys in America today. Thompson consults with some of America's most respected psychologists, social activists, researchers and educators to probe the issues facing young males. The documentary provides surprising new research about boys' inner workings, dispelling a number of commonly held misconceptions and highlighting innovative programs that are bringing out the best in America's
Replacement synthetic senses for people are now a reality. Children as young as 12 months are already getting artificial hearing - while the first trials of electronic retinas for the blind are just beginning.

This touching and inspiring film, a special PBS presentation of an HBO Film, received an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language Film of 2004. "Yesterday" puts a human face on the politics and statistics of the AIDS crisis in Africa through the story of a young mother with the disease who vows to survive long enough to see her daughter go to school.

A report in the Journal of the American Medical Association says 90 percent of the $21 billion pharmaceutical companies spend on marketing goes directly to physicians. Gwen Ifill discusses the debate concerning whether free samples from drug companies influence patients' care with Dr. David Blumenthal, director of the Institute of Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital and professor at Harvard Medical School, and Daniel Troy, partner at the law firm of Sidley Austin in Washington and former chief counsel of the Food and Drug Administration.
In an exploration of extreme medical science, NOVA ascends Alaska's Denali-aka Mt. McKinley-to try to solve the mystery of high-altitude deaths on one of the most dangerous mountains on Earth. NOVA chronicles daring mountain rescues and emergency medical evacuations as it accompanies an expedition team of researchers and experts employing the latest NASA technology to investigate the lethal diseases attacking climbers all over the world.

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In spite of the risks, people are lining up to solve their weight problems in the operating room. And if the latest device -- an implantable stomach "pacer" -- works out, millions more will be taking the surgical way out.
Two recent news stories have raised questions about how the media operate. In one story, the media prematurely announced that 12 of 13 workers trapped in a West Virginia coal mine were alive, but officials later confirmed only one had survived. In another development, The New York Times' public editor criticized the paper for moving too slowly with a story on domestic spying by the National Security Agency. Jeffrey Brown discusses the treatment of these stories with Alex Jones, director of the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University, and Rachel Smolkin, managing editor of the American Journalism Review.


Charlie speaks with John McLaughlin, the former acting director of the CIA, Douglas Lute, director of operations, Centcom, and ABC news correspondent Brian Ross.

Oprah Winfrey brought author James Frey back on her program Thursday to answer charges that he lied to her and his readers in his book, "A Million Little Pieces." The book, a memoir of addiction and recovery, became controversial when claims surfaced that the author fabricated much of the story. Jim Lehrer discusses the controversy with cultural historian Robert Thompson, director of Syracuse University's Center for the Study of Popular Television.

Jeffrey Brown of the Media Unit reports on the roadside bombing that severely injured ABC News anchorman Bob Woodruff and cameraman Doug Vogt. Then, Brown discusses the dangers of reporting in Iraq with Martha Raddatz, chief White House correspondent for ABC News.
Charlie spends the hour with John Hope Franklin, Professor Emeritus of history at Duke University to discuss his autobiography, "Mirror To America".

Charlie speaks with National Geographic Explorer-In-Residence, Spencer Wells, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., host of "African American Lives." Also, part two of his conversation with the director of operations for Centcom, Douglas Lute.

Jeffrey Brown talks with Taylor Branch, author of "On Canaan's Edge," the final installment of his three-volume biography of Martin Luther King Jr.

Coretta Scott King, who continued the fight for racial equality after her husband Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, died Monday at age 78. Gwen Ifill discusses Coretta King's legacy with the Rev. Joseph Lowery, former head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Dr. Johnnetta Cole, president of Bennett College for Women.

QPTR Category: National Politics/Government
When Ronald Reagan's first term reached its halfway point, he was challenged with tremendous economic strife, the recession and unemployment had battered Reaganomics. As the Pentagon spent $34 million per hour on building up U.S. military forces and nuclear weapons, the deficit increased. However, an economic transformation in 1983 and the slow return of Americans to work secured a second term for Reagan -- a term that would afford him his greatest triumphs and his most difficult blows. "The American Experience" chronicles Reagan's last four years in office -- from the loss of his closest advisors and the Iran-Contra scandal, to the dawning of the fall of Communism in Europe.


Coverage of the Senate confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito.
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Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleaded guilty Tuesday to conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion, and agreed to cooperate in a probe that may implicate members of Congress. Margaret Warner discusses the plea agreement and its implications with James Grimaldi of The Washington Post and Eamon Javers of BusinessWeek.

Death penalty problems. Are innocent people being executed in America? Find out in FINAL JUDGMENT. The Abramoff effect. As Washington braces for what could be an explosive scandal, veteran journalist ROBERT SCHEER weighs in. A David Brancaccio interview.
Big brother? Did the president break the law by ordering domestic spying? NOW investigates in THE WATCHERS. Judging the judge. As confirmation hearings of Judge Alito end this week, MARY KAY CULP, executive director of Kansans for Life, says what it means to her to have him confirmed. A David Brancaccio interview.

NOLA Code: WWIR 004528C1
Series Title: Washington Week
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/6/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 30

Abramoff's talking, Sharon is ailing, the president is consulting and the Alito hearings are coming.

NOLA Code: WWIR 004529C1
Series Title: Washington Week
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/13/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 30

The news out of Washington this week was centered on Capitol Hill even though Congress was out of session. It was a political bombshell that fell with the announcement that in the wake of the developments surrounding lobbyist Jack Abramoff, Republican Tom DeLay would not try to reassert himself as Majority Leader in the House of Representatives. This has set off a fierce scramble to fill not only that position but also for Republicans to take up the issue of lobbying reform. Time Magazine Political Correspondent Karen Tumulty updates the GOP political leadership battle while Washington Post Feature Writer and Columnist Jeffrey Birnbaum has the latest on how Republican leaders are hoping to turn the issue of reform in their favor.

NOLA Code: COSE 012022C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 1/31/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Live coverage of president Bush's State of the Union speech.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008442C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/16/2006 6:00:00 PM
More than two weeks after the new Medicare prescription drug program took affect, many seniors are still reporting a series of problems stemming from the challenges of transmitting data among computer systems of the government, private drug plans, other information processors and pharmacies. Health correspondent Susan Dentzer reports on the problems.

Kwame Holman reports on the race among Democrats and Republicans to reform lobbying rules after former lobbyist Jack Abramoff admitted that he bribed at least one member of Congress. Then, Margaret Warner discusses the latest on lobbying ethics reform with Washington Post reporter Jeffrey Birnbaum, author of the column "K Street Confidential."

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The states are the battleground on assisted suicide, abortion, and prescription drug snafus, while Congress wrestles to reform itself. At the Supreme Court, the spotlight turned to Oregon as the justices rejected a Bush administration challenge to a landmark right-to-die law.
Shocking new developments in the Middle East could affect U.S. foreign policy around the world. Plus, domestic trials at home.

Nuclear workers in Iran removed U.N. seals from uranium enrichment equipment Tuesday and resumed nuclear research. Jonathan Miller of Independent Television News reports from Iran about the international concern with Iran's decision to resume nuclear research.

Britain, France and Germany declared Thursday that nuclear talks with Iran are at a "dead end" and called for the U.N. Security Council to get involved. Jeffrey Brown reports on the latest international reaction to Iran's announcement that it will restart its nuclear program. Then, Brown discusses how the U.N. Security Council may handle Iran with David Albright, president of the Institute for Science and International Security, and Trita Parsi, Middle East specialist at Johns Hopkins University.
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A Game for the Ages: Texas defeated USC 41-38 in the Rose Bowl to capture the school's first national championship since 1970. Jim Lehrer speaks with author and sports writer John Feinstein about Wednesday night's game.

NOLA Code: COSE 012014C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 1/19/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review


QPTR Category: Religion/Ethics

Author Bruce Feiler brings his award winning book to life as he takes an archeological odyssey to visit the inscrutable desert landscape where the world's greatest religions were born. The three-part series takes viewers to some of the Bible's most inspiring places -- from the heights of Mount Ararat, where according to the Bible Noah's ark landed; to the desert in Turkey, where Abraham first heard the words of God and to the summit of Mt. Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments. Combing breathtaking images, sweeping landscapes and intimate snapshots, the documentary puts a visual face on the stories that continue to inspire the human spirit. The first episode, "Go Forth: From Creation to Abraham," focuses on initial problems entering hostile areas in the Middle East, meeting Avner Goren -- a leading biblical archaeologist who becomes his traveling partner -- and the forbidding and dangerous environment of the Mesopotamian highlands, where civilization was born.
Episode Title:  A Coat of Many Colors: The Israelites in Egypt
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   1/11/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Format:         Documentary

Egypt. Land of the Pharoahs--and of the Bible. Bruce Feiler continues his journey through the greatest stories ever told, by retracing Joseph's path to Egypt after his brothers sell him into bondage. When Joseph interprets the Pharaoh's dreams, he rises from slave to the heights of power and even brings his brothers and father Jacob to live in Egypt. Feiler takes us from the great temple of Karnak in Luxor, formerly ancient Thebes, to the pyramids and sphinx of Giza, and descends into the royal burial tombs in the Valley of the Kings.
As he treks by camel, boat, horseback and even pyramid-climbing, he discovers how the ancient Egyptian culture and religion influenced the Israelites during their centuries-long stay in Egypt, especially in the importance placed on dreams and story-telling. Feiler explores the ancient ruins of cities where the Israelites were said to toil under an oppressive pharaoh. Beginning at the shallow waters of the Nile, Feiler retraces the story of one of the Bible's greatest figures, Moses, and his eventual confrontation with Pharaoh to let his people go. Did the Israelites build the pyramids? What could have caused the ten plagues? Was it really the Red Sea Moses crossed? As Feiler confronts these questions, on the very body of water that could have been where the waters were parted, he realizes that it isn't the location, or even the event that's important, but that it was experienced as an act of God.

NOLA Code:      MLNH  008449C1
Series Title:   The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   1/25/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Segment:        00:12:54

Faisal Islam of Independent Television News reports on Google's agreement to censor its search engine in China. In return for blocking politically sensitive terms, Google gains access to the world's No. 2 Internet market. Jeff Brown talks to Rebecca MacKinnon of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society about censorship for business interests and the implications this decision may have on the freedom of the Internet.

NOLA Code:      WALB  000103K1
Series Title:   Walking the Bible
Episode Title:  Toward the Promised Land: Forty Years in the Desert
Distributor:    PBS
The Sinai Desert. In the concluding chapter of "Walking the Bible," Bruce Feiler follows the Israelite's 40 year trek through what the Bible calls a "great and terrible wilderness." Feiler experiences the stark reality of the Sinai desert where it's a struggle simply to survive. He finds the locations said to be where God provided water and food for the Israelites - and discovers the secret of the tamarisk tree, which secrets a sweet, honey-like substance called "manna." In the shadow of the mountain believed to be the Biblical Mount Sinai, Feiler visits St. Catherine's Monastery, the oldest operating church in the world. He attends the services, a powerful, unchanged ritual of 1,500 years, and sees what's claimed to be the real "burning bush" in which God spoke to Moses. One of the monks, Texas-born Father Justin, shows him the Monastery's world-renowned library of priceless religious art and manuscripts. Later, when Feiler climbs Mt. Sinai where Moses is said to have received the Ten Commandments, he is struck by the spiritual significance of the land, and its relationship to the people, and to God. As he follows the 40 year route of the Israelites, he visits a local Bedouin family who also derive sustenance from the desert and travels to the "lost city" of Petra in Jordan, where the Israelites may have lived for many years. Nearing the end of Moses' journey, Feiler climbs Mt. Nebo, where God shows Moses the Promised Land the Israelites are about to enter. At the end of his own journey, Feiler realizes that although Moses is denied entrance himself, it is not the land after all that is important for Moses. It is his meeting with God.

QPTR Category: Science/Technology

In this episode of Charlie Rose, Charlie is joined by a group of important people in the field of technology to discuss where we are now in America technologically and where we are going. Then Charlie is joined by John Doerr and Esther Dyson to discuss improvements that should be made to improve the efficiency of the country.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008432C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer

In our fifth episode we will present a special year-end edition produced in collaboration with Discover magazine. The program will offer a fast-paced round-up of a collection of the year's most groundbreaking and curious science stories.

It is a tantalizing idea and an outrageous long-shot: a shriveled mummy with crossed arms that has lain neglected on a dusty museum shelf at Niagara Falls could be the remains of a long-lost Egyptian king. While a trail of clues hints at how the looted mummy made its way to North America, archeologists, scientists, and even an orthodontist look to the latest genetic testing and imaging techniques in hopes of ascertaining the body's hidden identity. "The Mummy Who Would Be King" reveals an astounding story filled with historical intrigue and the wonders of forensic science.
Replacement synthetic senses for people are now a reality. Children as young as 12 months are already getting artificial hearing - while the first trials of electronic retinas for the blind are just beginning.

To be really useful, robots need to behave as a cooperative partners rather than mindless machines. We'll meet three robots - including a future member of an astronaut team- that are trying to better understand us.

The first episode proposes that a society's potential for advanced development was not determined by race or creed, or by time and experience, but by access to domesticated animals and cultivated plants.

The second episode explores the impact of weapons and disease in shaping the conquest of the New World.
Scientists hope the interstellar dust recovered from NASA's Stardust capsule will help them learn more about the formation of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago -- and possibly the origins of life. Jeffrey Kaye of KCET-Los Angeles reports on the mission.

Jeffrey Brown reports on Thursday's launch of the unmanned spacecraft New Horizons and its mission to Pluto. Then, Brown discusses the space mission with Robert Gold, chief of technology at the space department at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Lab.

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NOLA Code:  SLOE 000101W2
Series Title: SECRETS OF LOST EMPIRES: A "NOVA" SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Episode Title: MEDIEVAL SIEGE
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/24/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary; Other

The trebuchet, a missile thrower invented in China more than 2,000 years ago, played a central role in siege warfare in Asia, the Middle East and Europe. Yet surprisingly little is known about how the various forms of this ancient weapon were built. The last remaining example from medieval times was dismantled for firewood a century ago, and the surviving descriptions and drawings are fragmentary and ambiguous. In this program, two teams made up of timber framers, engineers, military historians and experts on siege weapons attempt to build a trebuchet capable of the prodigious feats claimed for the medieval engines of war. Along the shores of Scotland's Loch Ness, at Urquhart Castle, the episode explores how the evolution of siege weapons influenced castle design and paints a vivid picture of life under siege in the time of Edward I.

NOLA Code:  SLOE 000104K5
Series Title: SECRETS OF LOST EMPIRES: A "NOVA" SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Episode Title: ROMAN BATH
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 1/31/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary; Other

Many of the engineering principles and building techniques that underlay the great public works of the Roman Empire - thousands of miles of stone-paved highways, huge bridges that used the arch (a Roman invention) to span deep ravines and aqueducts that delivered fresh water to city centers from hundreds of miles away -- were first tested in a structure for which Rome's engineers are remembered today: the Roman bath. In its vaulted ceiling, its use of the revolutionary new building material now called concrete, and its remarkably intricate systems for plumbing and heating, each bathhouse embodied in microcosm the Romans' engineering genius. Still, despite the cultural and architectural importance of the Roman bath, many of its workings are still poorly understood. What mixture of sand, lime, water and rubble did the builders use to make their watertight concrete? How did they design and cast the domes and vaulted ceilings that allowed them to create large, open interior spaces? And how did they create the intricate plumbing and heating systems responsible for the baths' legendary comfort?
Independence Air's Downfall: Kwame Holman reports on the last day of business for Independence Air, a low-cost airline, and the impact this may have on the travel industry.

Business correspondent Paul Solman of WGBH-Boston reports on the financial troubles of General Motors.

The Ford Motor Co. announced Monday it will make sweeping job cuts and plant closings. Gwen Ifill provides a report. Then, Ifill discusses the potential impact of the layoffs, as well as Ford's new business plan, with John McElroy, host of the television program "Autoline Detroit" and Harley Shaiken, a professor at the University of California-Berkely who specializes in labor issues.
General Motors announced Thursday that it lost $8.6 billion last year -- the most since 1992. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports from Flint, Mich. on the union struggles at Delphi, the parts supplier formerly owned by General Motors.

NOLA Code:  SAMF  001502C1  
Series Title:  Alan Alda in Scientific American Frontiers  
Episode Title:  Cars that Think  
Distributor:  PBS  
Release Date:  1/28/2006 1:00:00 AM  
Length:  30  
Format:  Documentary; Magazine

The fully automatic car may be down the road a ways, but cars that do your thinking for you are just around the corner - they watch out for hazards, they listen to you, they read your lips, they even know when you're distracted.

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QPTR Category:  Urban Development, Urban Decay
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NOLA Code:  MLNH 008439C1  
Series Title:  The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer  
Distributor:  PBS  
Release Date:  1/11/2006 6:00:00 PM  
Length:  60  
Segment:  00:07:23

Over the next two weeks, a commission appointed by New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin will release a series of proposals to revitalize the city. Spencer Michels reports on how the city's residents are reacting to the recommendations on how to rebuild.

NOLA Code:  MLNH 008441C1  
Series Title:  The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer  
Distributor:  PBS  
Release Date:  1/13/2006 6:00:00 PM  
Length:  60  
Segment:  00:06:48

Tom Bearden reports from New Orleans about the hotel crunch created by residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina and tourists hoping to visit the Crescent City.

NOLA Code:  MLNH 008446C1
NewsHour correspondent Tom Bearden reports from New Orleans on the commission charged with rebuilding the city's economy and the struggles businesses that decided to reopen face.

QPTR Category: War/Veterans/National Security

Paul Bremer, The former presidential envoy to Iraq talks about his experience as the administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority and his book titled, "My Year in Iraq."

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One journalist described it as a chance "to see justice catch up with evil." On November 20, 1945, the twenty-two surviving representatives of the Nazi elite stood before an international military tribunal at the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg, Germany; they were charged with the systematic murder of millions of people. The ensuing trial pitted US Chief Prosecutor and Supreme Court Judge Robert Jackson against Hermann Goering, the former head of the Nazi air force whom Hitler had once named to be his successor. Jackson hoped that the trial would make a statement that crimes against humanity would never again go unpunished. Proving the guilt of the defendants, however, was more difficult than Jackson anticipated. This AMERICAN EXPERIENCE production draws upon rare archival material and eyewitness accounts to recreate the dramatic tribunal that defines trial procedure for state criminals to this day.
Trains carrying six million G.I.'s stopped briefly in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II. Through photos and interviews, Canteen Spirit recalls the moving story of the North Platte Canteen, where residents of 125 Nebraska towns gathered to offer sandwiches, cookies, doughnuts, beverages, cigarettes, magazines and more importantly, an affectionate, patriotic sendoff to the soldiers defending their nation.

The program opened with a panel discussion on "The War That Made America" featuring directors Eric Stange and Ben Loeterman as well as Deborah Acklin, executive vice president and general manager, WQED Multimedia. Charlie also spoke with singer/actress Elaine Stritch and Bennet Miller, director, "Capote."

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On March 11, 2004, as four early morning commuter trains were arriving at Atocha station in Madrid, a series of bombs were detonated. Packed with commuters and students heading for work and school, the trains were blown apart. Pandemonium ensued. Fractured bodies littered the station and railway tracks, leaving 191 people dead and more than 1,400 injured. It was the worst terrorist attack in the history of Western Europe. And it was a grim reminder that the followers of Al Qaeda were very much alive and well. In "Al Qaeda's New Front," FRONTLINE, in association with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and The New York Times, investigates the alarming threat radical Salafist jihadists pose to Western Europe and its allies—including the United States. Home to an estimated 18 million Muslims, Western Europe has become the new and deadly battleground in the war on terror.

NOLA Code:    FRON  002315K2  
Series Title:  Frontline  
Program Title: Private Warriors  
Distributor:   PBS  
Release Date:  1/17/2006 9:00:00 PM  
Length:       60  
Format:       Documentary

FRONTLINE returns to Iraq, this time to embed with Halliburton/KBR, and to take a hard look at private contractors, including Blackwater, Aegis, Erinys and Custer Battles, who play an increasingly critical role in running U.S. military supply lines, providing armed protection and operating U.S. military bases. These private warriors are targeted by insurgents and in turn have been criticized for their rough treatment of Iraqi civilians. Their dramatic story illuminates the Pentagon's new reliance on corporate outsourcing and raises tough questions about where they fit in the chain of command and the price we are paying for their role in the war.

NOLA Code:    MLNH  008447C1  
Series Title:  The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer  
Distributor:   PBS  
Release Date:  1/23/2006 6:00:00 PM  
Length:       60  
Segment:      00:11:20

White House officials have launched a public defense of the National Security Agency domestic wiretap program. At the center of the defense is Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who discusses the surveillance program with Jim Lehrer.
Senate Democrats opposed to the National Security Agency domestic spying program introduced a resolution Monday that rejects the administration's arguments. A cosponsor of the resolution, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., responds to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in an interview with Jim Lehrer.

Military complex. Inside the American war machine with award-winning filmmaker EUGENE JARECKI. A David Brancaccio interview. Wasting away. David Brancaccio talks with former Pentagon insider CHUCK SPINNEY about whether America is getting what its paying for when it comes to defense.

As the Declaration of Independence is read to the Continental Army on the eve of the Revolutionary War, General George Washington thinks back to his first military experiences more than 20 years before when he was a young officer, fighting for the Crown to secure the western territories of Pennsylvania and beyond for colonial expansion. Washington was a pivotal figure in the start of the French and Indian War in 1754, a conflict that pitted England's goals for empire in the New World against French interests. Caught between were the Indian nations, whose leaders struggled to negotiate between these two European forces to protect their own interests. After a disastrous skirmish that leaves a French diplomatic envoy dead and a resounding defeat in his first full-scale battle at Fort Necessity, Washington becomes an aide to General Edward Braddock, who was sent from England with a large force to secure the strategic Forks of the Ohio. By equal measures arrogant and inexperienced, Braddock is met with bitter defeat by French forces and their Indian allies and succumbs to his battlefield wounds. Britain becomes more determined to win
the war and sends thousands of troops, setting the stage for the next phase of the war.

QPTR Category: Women

She was the nation's conscience, a tireless advocate for the disadvantaged, a woman who influenced American social policies for decades and pushed through the first international charter on human rights. Eleanor Roosevelt survived a painful childhood and a difficult marriage to become one of the most admired women in America. Going beyond her public achievements, this intimate biography explores the secretive and surprising private life of a controversial American figure.

Essayist Anne Taylor Fleming reflects on the balance of women and power with the prospect of a female president.

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Recent studies indicate that more than 70 percent of youth between the ages of 10 and 17 gambled in the past year, up from 45 percent in 1988. Almost one in three high school students gamble on a regular basis, according to the National Academy of Sciences. Lee Hochberg of Oregon Public Broadcasting reports on the rising number of teenage gambling addicts.

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Since Medicare's Part D prescription drug benefit launched on Jan. 1, tens of thousands of seniors have encountered problems including higher costs, red tape and in some cases no coverage at all. Ray Suarez reports on Thursday's Senate hearing where Republicans and Democrats voiced concerns about the program, and Medicare's top official Mark McClellan acknowledged the rough start. Then, Suarez gets two perspectives on the program's troubled start with Mary Grealy, president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, and Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA.

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Hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., W.E.B. Du Bois professor of the Humanities and chair of African and African American Studies at Harvard University, AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVES, an unprecedented four-part PBS series, takes Alex Haley's Roots saga to a whole new level through moving stories of personal discovery. Using genealogy, oral history, family stories and DNA analysis to trace lineage through American history and back to Africa, the series provides a life-changing journey for a diverse group of highly accomplished African Americans: Dr. Ben Carson, Whoopi Goldberg, Bishop T.D. Jakes, Dr. Mae Jemison, Quincy Jones, Dr. Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, Chris Tucker and Oprah Winfrey.

Professor Gates' research becomes even more difficult as he continues back through the Colonial period of American history. War service records and ways of recording property during slavery's apogee -- such as inventories and sales or gifts of slaves -- help fill in the participants' family trees. In West Virginia, Gates learns from a court transcript about the legal struggle of his ancestor Isaac Clifford, a free man who was kidnapped and accused of being a runaway slave. When the paper trail runs out, Dr. Gates visits scientists who are using DNA analysis to trace ancestral roots. With DNA results and genealogical research in hand, Gates meets with leading historians of the slave trade, and along the way, he learns more about his own ancestry. Finally, Professor Gates and one guest journey to Africa, where they visit the port from which the participant's patrilineal ancestor was most likely shipped into slavery, and meet local tribal elders, who may be the participant's long-lost cousins.
In the chaos following the Civil War, a revolution takes shape in the South. Former slaves move to take control of their lives, setting up their own communities, churches and schools. Southern whites, deeply threatened, resist—often violently. Congress finally acts to stem the violence and safeguard blacks' rights, and passes Radical Reconstruction, imposing military rule on the South and giving black men the vote.

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Jeffrey Brown looks at the legacy of Betty Friedan, a pioneer of the feminist movement who died Saturday. Then, Brown discusses the impact of Friedan's life with NewsHour essayist Anne Taylor Flemming, one of her friends.
Radical Reconstruction, the world's first large-scale experiment in interracial democracy, sweeps across the South; white resistance flares into violence. Northern commitment to Reconstruction wanes as the white Southern version of Reconstruction, the "lost cause," captures the Northern imagination. By 1877, Reconstruction is over, but it has laid the groundwork, both in legislation and in black memory, for the great Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s.

For more than 30 years it would be known as "the blackest day in aviation history." On September 6, 1970, members of the militant Palestinian group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PLFP), hijacked four commercial airplanes. They commandeered a fifth aircraft three days later. Wanting to attract attention to the Palestinian cause and secure the release of several of their comrades, the PLFP spectacularly blew up four of the planes. Today the commanders who planned and carried out the attack resist comparison to the terrorists who masterminded the events of September 11, 2001: members of the PLFP were not religious extremists, but secular Marxist Leninists. And of the almost 600 passengers taken hostage, none were killed. Yet more than three decades later, it is clear that a connection exists between the two seminal events: September 6, 1970 gave birth to a new era of terrorism. In telling this dramatic, complicated story, award-winning producer Ilan Ziv interviews leaders of the PLFP, militants who carried out the attack, journalists who covered the hijackings, crew members and passengers. More than just recounting the events of those tense September days, this AMERICAN EXPERIENCE production examines how and when Middle East militants began to see civilians as legitimate pawns in their struggles for self-determination.
Release Date: 2/22/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Charlie speaks with Tony Judt, author of "Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945" and Richard Reeves, author of "President Reagan: The Triumph of Imagination."

NOLA Code: FONI 000000K2
Series Title: Fort Niagara: The Struggle for a Continent
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/20/2006 9:30:00 PM
Length: 30
Segment: 00:24:25
Format: Documentary

The story of Fort Niagara is the story of a struggle for a continent. For over 150 years, four nations struggled to control this strategic point at the mouth of the Niagara River, and thus control the critical water artery it protected. But the fort is not only unique for its history, it is unique for its longevity. Visitors to the site today can still explore one of North America's largest collections of original 18th century military architecture--tangible reminders of the fort's important past. Experience for yourself this exciting story of one of America's most unique historic places. Rare archival footage, expert commentaries and spectacular videography of the fort itself come together in brilliant high definition to create a program that is a must for anyone interested in the story of North America.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008473C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/28/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:05:50

Effa Manley was the co-owner of the Negro League baseball team the Newark Eagles during the 1930s and '40s. Monday, she became the first woman ever elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Ray Suarez speaks with Leslie Heaphy, a member of the committee that elected her, an associate professor of history at Kent State University and author of the book, "The Negro Leagues."

NOLA Code: QGEB 000000K1
Series Title: The Quiltmakers of Gee's Bend
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/19/2006 11:00:00 AM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary
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Charlie remembers R&B legend Wilson Picket, then Charlie sits down with Joe Roth, founder of Revolution Studios and director of the film "Freedomland." Also on the show is actress Bryce Dallas Howard.

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NOLA Code: COSE 012039C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 2/23/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60


NOLA Code: MLNH 008467C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/20/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:08:20

Jeffrey Brown speaks with NewsHour regular Roger Rosenblatt about his new novel, "Lapham Rising."

NOLA Code: MLNH 008472C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/27/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:04:50

In the first in a new occasional series on poets and poetry, Brian Turner, author of the book "Here, Bullet," shares his poetry with students at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. His poems were written while he served in the Army in Iraq.

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Fred de Sam Lazaro of Twin Cities Public Television reports from India on drug companies that outsource research.

United Flies Out of Bankruptcy; Boeing's Profit Picture Takes Off For 2006; Paul Keung Internet Analyst For C.I.B.C. With His Guesses For Google; Might As Well Face It We're "Addicted To Oil"; "Money File"-Deciphering Financial Planning Alphabet Soup; "Last Word"-Western Union Terminates The Telegram... Stop...; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.

Amazon.com Stocks Take A Dive; Securities Fraud Charges Fly For Executives With A Recipe To Cook The Books; Buy Backs Vs. Dividends; One On One With United Chairman & CEO Glenn Tilton; "Bill of Health"-Paper Vs. Technology; "Commentary"-The Business of the Superbowl; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.

NewsHour correspondent Kwame Holman reports on the uproar concerning last week's announcement that Dubai Ports World, a state-run business in the United Arab Emirates, acquired the British firm that controls six major U.S. east coast seaports. Then, Jim Lehrer speaks with Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., and Clay Lowery, assistant secretary for international affairs at the Treasury Department, about foreign operation of U.S. ports.
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NOLA Code: NBRT 025240K1
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/17/2006 5:30:00 PM
Length: 30

Market Monitor-Michael Metz, chief investment strategist for Oppenheimer and Company; Students From India Seek Higher Education Elsewhere; WTO Director General Pascal Lamy on Global Trade; The PPI Rise Concerns Economists; A Vioxx Victory; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.

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QPTR Category: Community Politics, Government
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NOLA Code: NOWD 000206C1
Series Title: NOW
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/10/2006 7:30:00 PM
Length: 30
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

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Japan's Real Estate Bubble; GM Breaks Out The Axe Again; One on One With John Chambers, CEO, Cisco Systems; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.
Pfizer's Possible Spin Off Is Good Medicine For The Dow; One On One With Philip Remek of Guzman & Company; Small Caps Bring Large Returns; The Return of the Long Bond; Money File-Save Now Or Pay Later; Last Word-Fossett Takes Flight; Where Best To Invest? - The Tech Sector; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.

NOLA Code: NBRT 025241K1
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/20/2006 5:30:00 PM
Length: 30

Bill of Health.

NOLA Code: NBRT 025242K1
Series Title: Nightly Business Report
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/21/2006 5:30:00 PM
Length: 30

Last Word: Potty Training Toilet Paper; Commentary: Dialing Up Ways To Make Smart Phones Smarter; President Bush's Alternative Energy Odyssey; WalMart's Financial Forecast Leaves Investors Cold; The Port Control Controversy Remains On Troubled Waters; One On One With James Paulsen, Chief Investment Strategist at Wells Capital Management; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; Market Stats.

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Vice President Dick Cheney rejected criticism from Congress Tuesday concerning surveillance without warrants. In a newsmaker interview with Jim Lehrer, Cheney
discusses the legal underpinnings the Bush administration has offered for conducting electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists without warrants as well as other domestic and international issues.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008459C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/8/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:20:39

Congress continued Wednesday to debate the legality of the National Security Agency's domestic wiretapping program. Gwen Ifill discusses the Bush administration's agreement to give Congress more information on its use of surveillance without warrants with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., one of the eight members of Congress briefed on the program.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008473C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/28/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:12:37

Jeff Brown reports on the efforts of some museums to make deals with foreign governments over the display and ownership of stolen and disputed artwork.

NOLA Code: WWIR 004535C1
Series Title: Washington Week
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/24/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 30
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review; News

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Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Charlie speaks with designer Karl Lagerfeld and Harriet Mays Powell, fashion director, New York magazine.

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With so much devastation and loss in New Orleans, some residents resent this year's Mardi Gras celebration, while others say it is important to get on with life. NewsHour correspondent Betty Ann Bowser reports from the Big Easy.

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NewsHour Correspondent Jeffrey Kaye of KCET-Los Angeles reports on the Internal Revenue Service's recent scrutiny of churches and ministers who incorporate political messages into sermons.

Gwen Ifill reports on the priorities reflected in the 2007 budget proposal released Monday by President Bush. Then, Ifill gets two different perspectives on the budget proposal from Douglas Holtz-Eakin of the Council on Foreign Relations, a former director of the Congressional Budget Office, and Alice Rivlin of the Brookings Institution, a director of the White House Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton administration.

One On One With James Quigley, CEO, Deloitte Touche USA; Paul Kangas' Stocks In The News; President Bush's $2.7 Trillion Dollar Budget Is On The Hill; Getting Real About Commercial Real Estate As An Investment Option; Where Best To Invest? - The Energy Sector; Commentary - The President's Budget Proposals Need To Include The Word Permanent; Market Stats.
New Chairman of the Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke made his first appearance before Congress this week since taking over the job from Alan Greenspan. Jim Lehrer speaks with David Wessel, deputy Washington bureau chief and columnist at The Wall Street Journal, about Bernanke's role as chairman and how he will address a variety of topics including the price of energy, the cost of entitlements and interest rates.

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Waste land? NOW reports on whether the government is wasting billions of tax dollars on pet projects for lawmakers in MARKS FOR SHARKS.

Margaret Warner reports on the departure of Harvard president Lawrence Summers and the response from students and faculty. Then Warner discusses the larger implications of Summers' resignation with Elizabeth Coleman, president of Bennington College in Vermont, and Ann Mari May, associate professor of economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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President Bush lamented that the United States is "addicted" to oil in his State of the Union speech Tuesday night and urged the use of technology to reduce America's dependence on foreign sources of oil. Gwen Ifill reports on the president's comments and the role of domestic oil production. Then, Ifill discusses potential energy options with Robert Lieber, author and professor of government and international affairs at Georgetown University, and Amy Myers Jaffe, research fellow for energy studies at the Baker Institute at Rice University in Houston.

Ray Suarez reports on a foiled terror attack in Saudi Arabia, which was aimed at a key oil processing facility. Oil futures surged on the news even though exports and production were reportedly not affected. Nigeria, the world's fifth-largest oil exporter, also experienced attacks that threatened supplies and production. Then, Suarez speaks with J. Robinson West, chairman of PFC Energy Inc., and Walter Carrington, a professor of international relations at Simmons College in Boston.

We've all heard of hydrogen as the fuel of the future, but what will it take to get there from here? How can we create hydrogen from renewable sources like the sun - and how do we store it safely once we've got it?
Lee Hochberg of Oregon Public Broadcasting reports from West Virginia on the search for answers to last month's mining disasters.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008461C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/10/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:21:38

Kwame Holman reports on Friday's Senate Homeland Security Committee hearing over the government's response to Hurricane Katrina and the testimony of Michael Brown, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Then, Margaret Warner discusses the hearing with Sens. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Robert Bennett, R-Utah.

NOLA Code: NAAT 002308W2
Series Title: NATURE
Program Title: True Adventures of the Ultimate Spider-Hunter
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/12/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary

Mild-mannered water treatment engineer by day, tarantula obsessive and arachnid guru by night, Martin Nicholas is the real Spiderman. And he is out to find the most amazing spiders in the world. Featured in Nature's "Deep Jungle," Martin travels the world in pursuit of exotic spiders, including the Goliath Bird-Eater of Venezuela and a small South American spider that creates the biggest web in the world - up to 30 feet long.

NOLA Code: NAGS 002104K1
Series Title: National Geographic Specials
Episode Title: Whales in Crisis
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/9/2006 9:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary

Humpbacks, orcas or pilots -- there is something about whales that endears them to people. It is an ancient relationship, long celebrated in myth and legend.
Today, the bond is as strong as ever. National Geographic travels from the arctic to the Florida keys to meet a new generation of whale fanatics -- men and women dedicated to studying, saving and preserving the world's remaining population of whales. In Antarctica, a National Geographic scientist is studying the mysterious bowhead, which could be the longest-living creature on earth, possibly surviving 200 years or more. In Tonga, the program gets close to humpbacks and covers the debate over the resumption of whaling. And in the Florida keys, National Geographic spends weeks inside a major stranding operation and introduces a baby pilot whale -- lucky number seven -- whose future is very much in doubt.

NOLA Code:      NOVA  003304W2
Series Title:   NOVA
Program Title:  Jewel of the Earth
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   2/14/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Format:         Documentary

In the movie Jurassic Park, Richard Attenborough played the role of an entrepreneur who extracted dinosaur DNA from the blood of mosquitoes trapped in ancient amber. Now his real-life brother, Sir David Attenborough, explores that intriguing fossil possibility and a host of other astonishing secrets suspended in time millions of years ago.

NOLA Code:      NOWD  000206C1
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A look back at the decades of effort that culminated in the deep sub Alvin reaching the ocean floor, and a look forward to what's next.

New revelations this week on government eavesdropping; Katrina, what we're spending and why; and the chaos over cartoons. Eavesdropping, spying, surveillance, terror prevention - whatever you want to call it, the battle lines hardened this week over the administration's previously secret program.

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Only a privileged few have ever seen a snow leopard - the powerful and mysterious predator of the Himalayas. Telling the story of this most elusive creature is one of the last great challenges in wildlife filmmaking. This remarkable program, representing three years of hard work, high altitudes, long waits, great risk and dogged determination, accomplishes the impossible when a legendary filmmaker sets out to film a legendary cat.

Theft, assault, destruction of property, and disturbing the peace -- with a rap sheet like that, it's no wonder that some people are fed up with their wild animal neighbors. As cities and suburbs extend further out into animal habitats, these problematic encounters are on the rise, ranging from annoyance and harassment to outright threat and danger.

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Hospital officials in Corpus Christi, Texas, said Harry Whittington, who was accidentally shot by Vice President Dick Cheney, has birdshot in or near his heart, which caused him to suffer a mild heart attack. Jeffrey Brown reports on the story. Brown discusses the extent of Whittington's injuries with Dr. David Pearle, director of the Coronary Care Clinic at Georgetown University Hospital. Then, Brown looks at how the White House and the press have handled the incident with Jim VandeHei, a Washington Post correspondent.

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Series Title:    The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   2/6/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Segment:        00:13:44

Margaret Warner reports on the latest surge of violence and protests in the Muslim world incited by controversial cartoons that appeared in a Danish newspaper in September depicting the Prophet Muhammad. Then, Warner discusses why these cartoons have provoked such a reaction with Fouad Ajami, director of Middle East studies at the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, and Ali Abunimah, writer on Middle East and Arab-American affairs and co-founder of the Electronic Intifada, an Internet gateway about the Palestine-Israeli conflict.

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Length:         30

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Series Title:    Charlie Rose
Distributor:    PLUS
Release Date:   2/28/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length:         60

Charlie has a discussion about prominent journalists based in India with Siddharth Varadarajan, deputy editor of "The Hindu," Shekhar Gupta, editor in chief of "The Indian Express," M.K. Narayanan, national security adviser, India, Jo Johnson, south Asia bureau chief of the "Financial Times" and Gurcharan Das, columnist with the "Times of India."
NBC aired hundreds of hours of prime time coverage of this year's Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, but saw the lowest overall ratings since the 1992 games in Albertville, France. Jeffrey Brown give a report on this year's Olympic coverage. Then, Brown speaks with Rick Gentile, who was involved in producing Olympic games in Nagano, Lillehammer and Albertville, and Richard Sandomir, who writes about sports and TV as a columnist with The New York Times.

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In the chaos following the Civil War, a revolution takes shape in the South. Former slaves move to take control of their lives, setting up their own communities, churches and schools. Southern whites, deeply threatened, resist -- often violently. Congress finally acts to stem the violence and safeguard blacks' rights, and passes Radical Reconstruction, imposing military rule on the South and giving black men the vote.
Ten thousand people gathered Tuesday near Atlanta for the funeral of Coretta Scott King, civil rights crusader and widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The NewsHour provides extended excerpts from the service.


Radical Reconstruction, the world's first large-scale experiment in interracial democracy, sweeps across the South; white resistance flares into violence. Northern commitment to Reconstruction wanes as the white Southern version of Reconstruction, the "lost cause," captures the Northern imagination. By 1877, Reconstruction is over, but it has laid the groundwork, both in legislation and in black memory, for the great Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s.

Effa Manley was the co-owner of the Negro League baseball team the Newark Eagles during the 1930s and '40s. Monday, she became the first woman ever elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Ray Suarez speaks with Leslie Heaphy, a member of the committee that elected her, an associate professor of history at Kent State University and author of the book, "The Negro Leagues."
This one-hour film documents the modern lives and history of the black quiltmakers of Gee's Bend, Alabama. For more than 150 years, the women of Gee's Bend have made quilts reflecting their world. Over generations, they worked in isolation and poverty, continuing to inhabit the remote plantation land their forefathers once slaved. Today, art critics worldwide are comparing them to the great creative enclaves of the Italian Renaissance. Michael Kimmel of the New York Times says the quilts are "some of the most miraculous works of modern art America has produced." Dr. Alvia Wardlaw, contemporary art curator at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, says, "It asks us all about genius, and where does it reside."


Charlie speaks with Turki Al-Faisal, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States.
Congress continued Wednesday to debate the legality of the National Security Agency's domestic wiretapping program. Gwen Ifill discusses the Bush administration's agreement to give Congress more information on its use of surveillance without warrants with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., one of the eight members of Congress briefed on the program.

NewsHour correspondent Spencer Michels reports on the Senate debate over legislation to compensate asbestos victims. Then, Margaret Warner discusses how to best provide compensation for asbestos victims with Sens. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., and Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

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NOW travels to the heart of the hurricane damage where an oil refinery spilled over a million gallons of thick black crude oil into yards and living rooms of
nearly 3,000 homes. Authorities say they are doing what they can, but some environmentalists worry about the long-lasting impact of toxic chemicals. A recent Supreme Court ruling gives states the right to take property for private economic development, but should the government be allowed to force people to give up their homes to make way for condos and shopping malls? For years, the government has used the power of eminent domain to take private property for so-called "public uses," such as building roads, schools, and police stations. Today, cash-strapped cities and towns are arguing that the economic benefits of private development are a legitimate "public use," and they're using eminent domain to force people out of their homes. The report examines what some have called "an unholy alliance" between financially stressed cities and eager developers that is endangering the rights of homeowners across the country. Scientists say that during the last century, almost every glacier on earth has gotten smaller and that the Arctic is warming twice as fast as anywhere else. It proves humans are causing global climate change, which has enormous implications for the health of the planet. But some in government still claim that global warming is a hoax. Recently, six former EPA heads, including five Republicans, said the U.S. government isn't doing enough and a NASA scientist accused the Bush administration of stifling scientific evidence of the dangers of global warming in an effort to keep the public uninformed.

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Series Title: Washington Week
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/3/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 30

The State of the Union, the state of the Congress, and the state of the growing threat from Iran.

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NOLA Code: COSE 012038C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 2/22/2006 11:00:00 PM
Charlie speaks with Tony Judt, author of "Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945" and Richard Reeves, author of "President Reagan: The Triumph of Imagination."

NOLA Code: COSE 012040C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 2/24/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Charlie speaks with Paul Haggis and Terence Howard about the film "Crash." Also a conversation with Torie Clarke about her book and her feelings about Donald Rumsfeld.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008465C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/16/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:12:51

Ray Suarez reports on President Bush's health savings account plan and why the president believes the accounts would benefit businesses and employees. Then, Suarez gets two views on the proposal from Daniel Kessler, professor at Stanford University Business School and senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, and Karen Davis, president of the Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation that researches health policy.

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Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/16/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:08:43

New Chairman of the Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke made his first appearance before Congress this week since taking over the job from Alan Greenspan. Jim Lehrer speaks with David Wessel, deputy Washington bureau chief and columnist at The Wall Street Journal, about Bernanke's role as chairman and how he will address a variety of topics including the price of energy, the cost of entitlements and interest rates.

NOLA Code: NOWD 000207C1
Waste land? NOW reports on whether the government is wasting billions of tax dollars on pet projects for lawmakers in MARKS FOR SHARKS.

This week on Washington Week the main topic of discussion is the vice president's very bad week involving the shooting of his friend while hunting. There is still controversy over who is to blame for the Katrina tragedy. Also we take a look inside Iran as there are situations developing.

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Ray Suarez reports on the United Nations' decision to postpone its vote on referring Iran to the U.N. Security Council. Then, Suarez discusses how this situation might progress with Cliff Kupchan, director for Europe and Eurasia at the Eurasia Group; Karim Sadjadpour, a Tehran-based Iran analyst for the International Crisis Group; and Gary Sick, a staff member on the National Security Council under presidents Ford, Carter and Reagan.

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Release Date: 2/15/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60


NOLA Code: COSE 012036C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 2/20/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Charlie speaks with John Feinstein, author of "Last Dance: Behind the Scenes at the Final Four."

NOLA Code: MLNH 008467C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/20/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:07:16

Ray Suarez reports on a weekend of confrontation, controversy and celebration at the Turin Winter Games. Then, Suarez discusses the clash between two U.S. speed skaters and the raid of the Austrian biathlon and cross country ski teams by police looking for performance enhancers with Sports Illustrated's Brian Cazeneuve.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008471C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/24/2006 6:00:00 PM
With so much devastation and loss in New Orleans, some residents resent this year's Mardi Gras celebration, while others say it is important to get on with life. NewsHour correspondent Betty Ann Bowser reports from the Big Easy.

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NewsHour Correspondent Jeffrey Kaye of KCET-Los Angeles reports on the Internal Revenue Service's recent scrutiny of churches and ministers who incorporate political messages into sermons.

NOLA Code:    MLNH  008469C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:  PBS
Release Date: 2/22/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:       60
Segment:      00:10:56

NewsHour correspondent Tom Bearden reports on the U.S. Air Force Academy's latest attempt to combat perceptions of religious intolerance on campus.

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The third episode examines the development and colonization of Africa by South Africans and Europeans, and explains why geography is still a factor in forming the divide between those with money and resources and those without.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008454C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/1/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:14:09

President Bush lamented that the United States is "addicted" to oil in his State of the Union speech Tuesday night and urged the use of technology to reduce America's dependence on foreign sources of oil. Gwen Ifill reports on the president's comments and the role of domestic oil production. Then, Ifill discusses potential energy options with Robert Lieber, author and professor of government and international affairs at Georgetown University, and Amy Myers Jaffe, research fellow for energy studies at the Baker Institute at Rice University in Houston.

NOLA Code: NOVA 003303K1
Series Title: NOVA
Program Title: The Perfect Corpse
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/7/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary

Central Ireland's waterlogged landscape is no ordinary ground. Here, the moist earth halts decomposition, perfectly preserving stunning evidence of brutal ritualistic killings from the prehistoric Iron Age, over 2,000 years ago. Make no mistake, these are not skeletons or mummies, but the soft tissue and remains of people trapped in time. The perpetrators of this ancient violence are well beyond the reach of law, but there are still many fascinating secrets their victims will share if only modern science knows how to ask. NOVA is granted exclusive access to the investigation of two recently unearthed and exceedingly rare bog bodies. Enter the lab with the experts as they push archaeological forensics to its limits, aiming to unravel how these people lived and how and why they died.

NOLA Code: NOVA 003304W2
Series Title: NOVA
Program Title: Jewel of the Earth
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/14/2006 7:00:00 PM
In the movie Jurassic Park, Richard Attenborough played the role of an entrepreneur who extracted dinosaur DNA from the blood of mosquitoes trapped in ancient amber. Now his real-life brother, Sir David Attenborough, explores that intriguing fossil possibility and a host of other astonishing secrets suspended in time millions of years ago.

NOLA Code: SAMF 001503C1
Series Title: Alan Alda in Scientific American Frontiers
Episode Title: Going Deep
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/4/2006 1:00:00 AM
Length: 30
Format: Documentary; Magazine

A look back at the decades of effort that culminated in the deep sub Alvin reaching the ocean floor, and a look forward to what's next.

NOLA Code: SAMF 001504C1
Series Title: Alan Alda in Scientific American Frontiers
Episode Title: Chimp Minds
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/11/2006 1:00:00 AM
Length: 30
Format: Documentary

A visit with an engaging if unruly bunch of cousins that we formally broke up with about 6 or 7 million years ago - with whom we share almost all of our genes but not a lot of our lifestyle. Why the difference? Maybe it's in how we learn.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008465C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/16/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:09:55

NewsHour correspondent Betty Ann Bowser provides a Science Unit report from New Orleans on efforts to rebuild the levee system before the next hurricane season.
Thanks to more than 100 years of research, much more is now known about the classic Maya period, an era of great cities ruled by powerful kings. Now, a revolution in Maya studies is pushing back the clock as scientists discover the dawn of the Maya. In the jungles of Guatemala, National Geographic archeologist Richard Hansen has discovered a previously unknown dynasty - kings who built the biggest pyramid on earth hundreds of years before the Spaniards arrived. Not far away, another National Geographic archeologist, Bill Saturno, has found a mural that dates from the pre-classic Maya period as well. The first such mural found in 50 years, it is also the oldest ever discovered. It shows that the elaborate Maya mythology so familiar from the classic period was likely in place hundreds of years earlier than previously thought. And in yet another National Geographic-funded Guatemalan archaeological site, extraordinary carvings at a newly excavated temple show that the early Maya made significant artistic achievements. These and other finds covered in this new National Geographic Special are showing that the great Maya civilization was already flourishing around the time of Christ, suffered a collapse and went through a great resurgence, all before the Europeans arrived.

The cosmos has a secret ingredient: a swarm of invisible particles that fills every cubic inch of space. Trillions of them zip through our bodies but we don't notice a thing. Yet without these ghostly, mysterious particles known as neutrinos, the sun wouldn't shine and the elements that make up our world wouldn't exist. NOVA tells the 70-year struggle of scientists to understand them, a tale of atom spies, secret laboratories, and mind-boggling disappearances. This is the story of a discovery that shatters scientists' understanding of what the universe is made of, and could bring us closer than ever to understanding how the universe was first formed.
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Sports Illustrated, who previews the Superbowl. Then Mark Halperin political director, ABC News and Adam Nagourney discuss this week in politics.

Vice President Dick Cheney rejected criticism from Congress Tuesday concerning surveillance without warrants. In a newsmaker interview with Jim Lehrer, Cheney discusses the legal underpinnings the Bush administration has offered for conducting electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists without warrants as well as other domestic and international issues.

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks speak with Jim Lehrer about the Bush administration's campaign to defend the National Security Agency's surveillance, testimony about the government's Hurricane Katrina response, lobbying reform and the Patriot Act.

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NOLA Code: AMEX 001808W2
Series Title: American Experience
Program Title: Hijacked!
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/27/2006 8:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary

For more than 30 years it would be known as "the blackest day in aviation history." On September 6, 1970, members of the militant Palestinian group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PLFP), hijacked four commercial airplanes. They commandeered a fifth aircraft three days later. Wanting to attract attention to the Palestinian cause and secure the release of several of their comrades, the PLFP spectacularly blew up four of the planes. Today the commanders who planned and carried out the attack resist comparison to the terrorists who masterminded the events of September 11, 2001: members of the PLFP were not religious extremists, but secular Marxist Leninists. And of the almost 600 passengers taken hostage, none were killed. Yet more than three decades later, it is clear that a connection exists between the two seminal events: September 6, 1970 gave birth to a new era of terrorism. In telling this dramatic, complicated story, award-winning producer Ilan Ziv interviews leaders of the PLFP, militants who carried out the attack, journalists who covered the hijackings, crew members and passengers. More than just recounting the events of those tense September days, this AMERICAN EXPERIENCE production examines how and when Middle East militants began to see civilians as legitimate pawns in their struggles for self-determination.

NOLA Code: COSE 012034C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 2/16/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Charlie speaks with Paul Pillar, former deputy chief of the counterterrorist center at the CIA, and Edward G. Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania.

NOLA Code: COSE 012035C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 2/17/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60

Charlie speaks with Donald H. Rumsfeld, U.S. secretary of defense.

NOLA Code: FRON 002409K1
Series Title: Frontline
Program Title: The Insurgency
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/21/2006 9:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary

FRONTLINE peels back the layers and gets beyond the propaganda to take a complex look inside the multi-faceted insurgency in Iraq. The investigation includes special access to insurgent leaders, as well as commanders of Iraqi and U.S. military units battling for control of the country and detailed analysis from journalists who have risked their lives to meet insurgent leaders and their foot soldiers.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008465C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/16/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:14:41

Gwen Ifill gets an update on the political situation and violence in the Darfur region of Sudan from Sens. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and Barack Obama, D-Ill.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008467C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 2/20/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:11:32

The scope and limits of presidential power continue to be debated in light of
controversial programs such as the National Security Agency surveillance effort. Jim Lehrer discusses the peaks and valleys of presidential power with Richard Norton Smith, executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, and Ellen Fitzpatrick, professor of American history at the University of New Hampshire.

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Jeffrey Brown looks at the legacy of Betty Friedan, a pioneer of the feminist movement who died Saturday. Then, Brown discusses the impact of Friedan's life with NewsHour essayist Anne Taylor Flemming, one of her friends.

Margaret Warner reports on a major study published today in the Journal of the American Medical Association, which found that reducing the amount of fat in a diet does not reduce the risk of cancer or heart disease. Then, Warner discusses the study results and implications with Barbara Howard, a lead investigator involved with the study and president of the MedStar Research
Institute, and Dr. Peter Libby, chief of cardiovascular medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Effa Manley was the co-owner of the Negro League baseball team the Newark Eagles during the 1930s and '40s. Monday, she became the first woman ever elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Ray Suarez speaks with Leslie Heaphy, a member of the committee that elected her, an associate professor of history at Kent State University and author of the book, "The Negro Leagues."

When Fritz and Cindy Miller learned in 1989 that their infant twins both had spinal muscular atrophy, they knew they could be facing a lifetime of round-the-clock care and frequent sickness. With two quadriplegic daughters, the Millers wondered about their ability to enjoy a "normal" life. This is the inspiring story of one family's love and determination in the face of enormous challenges. From rebuilding their home to accommodate the twins' special needs to building their own two-of-a-kind wheelchairs that offer extraordinary mobility, the Millers have raised two fun-loving teenagers who enjoy hiking, playing dodge-ball and hanging out at the mall.
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Charlie spends the evening with Terrance Howard, Santiago Calatrava, Paul Haggis, Heath Ledger, George Clooney, David Strathairn, Bennett Miller and Ang Lee as they preview the Oscars.

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Length: 60
Format: Documentary

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Wyatt Prunty, who served as a gunner officer in the Navy during the Vietnam war, wrote a poem inspired by the NewsHour's Honor Roll of Americans killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.
It began as a challenge to art itself but ultimately became an enormously influential art movement. Jeffrey Brown reports on an exhibition of Dada art at Washington D.C.'s National Gallery.

Charlie speaks to Jeffery Immelt, Chairman & CEO of General Electric.

Ray Suarez reports on telecom giant AT&T and its planned acquisition of BellSouth Corp. that would make AT&T the largest U.S. provider of telephone services. Then, Suarez discusses what this proposed deal means with Blair Levin, managing director and regulatory analyst for Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. and former chief of staff for the Federal Communications Commission, and Louis Galambos, business historian and professor of history at Johns Hopkins University.

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NewsHour special correspondent for education John Merrow visits a highly praised New York City school that, due to regulations under No Child Left Behind Law, isn't making the grade.
George Mason University has been thrown into national prominence this week by making it to the NCAA men's basketball Final Four. But some argue that universities are chasing illusory athletic glory and, in the process, betraying their principle educational mission. Jeffrey Brown reports on the George Mason story.

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Length:         60
Segment:        00:12:15

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks speak with Jim Lehrer about Hurricane Katrina and the briefing video with President Bush, the president's trip to India and Pakistan and other leading stories from this week.

NOLA Code:     NOVA  002818K8
Series Title:   NOVA
Program Title:  FLYING CASANOVAS
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   3/15/2006 12:00:00 AM
Length:         60
Format:         Documentary

Taking a look at the fascinating species of bower birds and their unique courting behavior. These small male forest birds, native to Australia and New Guinea, build elaborate structures on the forest floor from twigs, leaves and moss. They then decorate their "bachelor pads" with colorful feathers, pebbles, berries and shells - all in the hopes of attracting a mate.

NOLA Code:     NOVA  003008K5
Series Title:   NOVA
Program Title:  Deep Sea Invasion
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   3/8/2006 12:00:00 AM
Length:         60
Segment:        00:49:25
Format:         Documentary

French biologist Alexandre Meinesz was diving in the Mediterranean when he spotted a strange blanket of bright green plants on the seabed. Meinesz was alarmed to find that the toxic algae were decimating marine life in the Mediterranean but his findings were ignored for years by the scientific establishment. Nicknamed the "killer algae," these organisms have since taken
over thousands of acres of seabed, and no one knows how to stop them. Recently they appeared for the first time off the coast of California, and now U.S. officials are struggling to contain their spread up the coast of California.

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Filmmaker John Grabowska explores Alaska's visually spectacular region of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, which includes the continent's largest assemblage of glaciers, the greatest collection of peaks above 16,000 feet, along with dramatic valleys, wild rivers and a variety of wildlife.

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Poisons, toxins and venoms are the defense and attack mechanisms of the natural world. Gila monsters are armed with toxic saliva, cone shells use poison harpoons, scorpions sting, snakes and spiders inject their victims with venom, blue-ringed octopuses and poison dart frogs kill anything that touches their skin. Almost any of these deadly weapons could kill a human in moments. Yet scientists are finding impressive new possibilities for them - new drugs, new cures, new ways to save lives.

In "Quest for the Phoenicians," three renowned scientists, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and oceanographer Robert Ballard, geneticist Spencer Wells and archaeologist Paco Giles, search for clues about the Phoenicians in the sea, in the earth and in the blood of their modern-day descendents. Armed with a revolutionary remotely-operated vehicle, the first robotic deep-sea "archaeologist" capable of deep-water excavation, Ballard looks at ancient shipwrecks along Skerki Bank off the island of Sicily. The film tracks his quest as he deploys modern technology to take a look at the largest collection of ancient wrecks found in deep water.
Ray Suarez reports on the rapid spread of bird flu in Bosnia, Niger, Georgia and France. Then, Suarez speaks with Canice Nolan, head of Food Safety, Health and Consumer Affairs for the European Union Delegation in Washington, D.C., and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, about the status of bird flu in Europe and around the world.

If you think you know why you do things, you're probably wrong. This is an exploration of how our unconscious determines our behavior - including why we buy things that are "cool."

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Length:         60
Segment:        00:08:23

Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. is doing pioneering research and treatment for muscular dystrophy using interdisciplinary teams of doctors and scientists focused on a common problem. Susan Dentzer of the NewsHour's Health Unit reports on the new team approach. The unit is a partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

NOLA Code:      NEWM  000101W2
Series Title:   The New Medicine
Episode Title:  The Science of Emotion
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   3/29/2006 8:00:00 PM
Length:         120
Format:         Documentary

With host Dana Reeve, who was diagnosed with lung cancer following the death of her husband, Christopher, THE NEW MEDICINE goes inside medical schools, healthcare clinics, research institutions and private practices to show physicians on the cutting edge of this new approach. By paying attention to a person's cultural values and lifestyle, stresses and supports, these doctors acknowledge the important role that patients can and should play in their own healing and healthcare. Until recently, scientists viewed the connection between the mind and the body's response to disease with skepticism. Today, thanks to sophisticated new research, the complex biology of mind-body interaction is becoming clearer, and physicians are discovering how something as intangible as hope can help people heal and something as pervasive as stress can sabotage the body's ability to fight infection. THE NEW MEDICINE introduces viewers to some patients who are receiving a new kind of medical care as a result of this breakthrough in understanding. THE NEW MEDICINE explores why even some of the most conservative health institutions are now prescribing meditation and self-hypnosis alongside high-tech modern medicine. "With brain imaging, with molecular biology, cell biology, physiology, we can put all of the pieces of the puzzle together, which we certainly couldn't do even just a few decades ago," explains Dr. Esther Sternberg, research scientist
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The House of Representatives has passed a bill that would focus on the enforcement of illegal workers, which would include building 700 miles of physical barriers along the Mexican border. The Senate is considering a plan to let undocumented workers stay in the country as "guest workers." Gwen Ifill discusses the proposals with Steven Camarota, director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies, and Janet Murguea, president and CEO of the National Council of La Raza.

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The 169-year-old New Orleans Times-Picayune has found itself tested by Hurricane Katrina in unprecedented ways. Jeffrey Brown reports on the newspaper's changing role.

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Katie Razzall of Independent Television News reports on the drought and hunger that are spreading across east Africa, specifically in Somalia and Kenya. Jeffrey Brown talks to the head of the World Food Program, James Morris, about how donations are being solicited and distributed.

Charlie discusses the lessons learned in Vietnam and the U.S. military strategy

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Series Title:   The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   3/31/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:         60

George Mason University has been thrown into national prominence this week by making it to the NCAA men's basketball Final Four. But some argue that universities are chasing illusory athletic glory and, in the process, betraying their principle educational mission. Jeffrey Brown reports on the George Mason story.

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QPTR Category:  Religion/Ethics
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NOLA Code:      NOWD 000210M1
Series Title:   NOW
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   3/11/2006 12:30:00 AM
Length:         30

Comedian Steve Harvey offers his take on how can Americans lead a moral life amidst corruption from Washington to Wall St.

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Series Title:   The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   3/23/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Segment:        00:08:34

41-year-old Afghan, Abdul Rahman, was born a Muslim but was sentenced to death for converting to Christianity. Jeffrey Brown discusses the religious trial with Washington Post editor Pamela Constable.
Charlie speaks with Nandan Nilekani CEO with Infosys technologies and Azim Premji Chairman of WIPRO.

Charlie speaks with Ratan Tata Chairman of Tata Group, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw Chairman of Biocon and Anil Agarwal Chairman of Vedanata Resources.

Jeffrey Brown reports on a new Charles Darwin exhibition at New York's American Museum of Natural History that focuses on Darwin's intellectual evolution as a man who so feared the consequences of his own discoveries, he kept them secret for decades.

NewsHour correspondent Spencer Michels reports on new efforts to make American students competitive in math and science.
If you think you know why you do things, you're probably wrong. This is an exploration of how our unconscious determines our behavior - including why we buy things that are "cool."

NOLA Code:  EXSP  000000K1
Series Title:   Exploring Space: The Quest for Life
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   3/22/2006 8:00:00 PM
Length:         120
Format:         Documentary

How did life begin? Is there life outside of Earth? Is there a future for humankind on other planets? Each new discovery inches us closer to answering these cosmic questions -- linking life on Earth with the rest of the Universe and renewing our dreams of what lies in the unknown realms of the stars.

NOLA Code:  NAAT  002209W2
Series Title:   NATURE
Program Title:  The Venom Cure
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   3/26/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length:         60
Format:         Documentary

Poisons, toxins and venoms are the defense and attack mechanisms of the natural world. Gila monsters are armed with toxic saliva, cone shells use poison harpoons, scorpions sting, snakes and spiders inject their victims with venom, blue-ringed octopuses and poison dart frogs kill anything that touches their skin. Almost any of these deadly weapons could kill a human in moments. Yet scientists are finding impressive new possibilities for them - new drugs, new cures, new ways to save lives.

NOLA Code:  NAGS  002106K2
Series Title:   National Geographic Specials
Episode Title:  Quest for the Phoenicians
Distributor:    PBS
Release Date:   3/22/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format:         Documentary

In "Quest for the Phoenicians," three renowned scientists, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and oceanographer Robert Ballard, geneticist Spencer Wells and archaeologist Paco Giles, search for clues about the Phoenicians in
the sea, in the earth and in the blood of their modern-day descendents. Armed with a revolutionary remotely-operated vehicle, the first robotic deep-sea "archaeologist" capable of deep-water excavation, Ballard looks at ancient shipwrecks along Skerki Bank off the island of Sicily. The film tracks his quest as he deploys modern technology to take a look at the largest collection of ancient wrecks found in deep water.

Who were the first Americans, and where did they come from? We all grew up with the idea that ancient big-game hunters entered the Americas across the Bering land bridge - a strip of dry land that spanned the Bering Strait between Asia and Alaska during the last Ice Age some 12,000 years ago. But in recent years, a wave of startling discoveries has overturned that conventional view. The first Americans almost certainly came thousands of years earlier, traveling in skin boats and living off sea mammals along the edge of the ice. Now a truly provocative theory has stirred a storm of disbelief and argument among archaeologists. A leading prehistorian at the Smithsonian Institution claims that some of these first canoe-borne migrants came not from Asia but Europe, and that they crossed the Atlantic in skin boats by following the fringes of the ice sheets. This Stone Age detective story reveals that the peopling of the Americas is a far more tantalizing riddle than anyone had ever suspected.

Join NOVA for an exclusive backstage pass to the DARPA Grand Challenge - a raucous race for robotic, driverless vehicles sponsored by the Pentagon, which awards a $2 million purse to the winning team. Armed with artificial intelligence, laser-guided vision, GPS navigation, and 3-D mapping systems, the contenders are some of the world's most advanced robots. Yet even their formidable technology and mechanical prowess may not be enough to overcome the grueling 130-mile course through Nevada's desert terrain. From concept to construction to the final competition, "The Great Robot Race" delivers the
absorbing inside story of clever engineers and their unyielding drive to create a champion, capturing the only aerial footage that exists of the Grand Challenge.

NOLA Code: SAMF 001508C2
Series Title: Alan Alda in Scientific American Frontiers
Episode Title: The Secret Canyon
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 3/25/2006 1:00:00 AM
Length: 30
Format: Documentary; Magazine

The best-kept secret of American archeology is now revealed - an entire canyon of perfectly preserved 1,000-year-old remains. Who were these people - and where did they come from?

NOLA Code: SONE 000000K2
Series Title: Story of 1
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 3/29/2006 7:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary

The story of the number one is the story of Western civilization. Terry Jones goes on a humor-filled journey to discover just what an amazing tale lies behind the world's simplest number. Using computer graphics, "1" in all its various guises is brought to life. Its story reveals how celebrated civilizations were achieved, where our modern numbers came from and how the invention of zero changed the world forever - and saved us from having to use Roman numerals today.

QPTR Category: Transportation

NOLA Code: MLNH 008490C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 3/23/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:16:50

General Motors, the world's largest automaker, is losing money to Asian automakers and announced this week that it will offer buyouts to more than 115,000 hourly workers and sell a majority interest in its commercial mortgage
division to an outside investment group. Ray Suarez speaks with Sean McAlinden, chief economist at the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Harley Shaiken, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley who specializes in labor issues, about GM's travails.

Private grants and state funding have allowed the Mississippi Gulf Coast town of Pass Christian to recreate itself. NewsHour correspondent Tom Bearden reports on a town in search of a new image after Hurricane Katrina.

NewsHour correspondent Tom Bearden reports on volunteer organizations helping to rebuild Biloxi, Miss., one of the places where teenagers are choosing to spend their spring break gutting homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Charlie discusses the state of the Bush presidency with Mike Allen, Ed Rollins, a Republican strategist, and David Brooks of the New York Times. Charlie then gets the latest from Baghdad from Jeffery Gettleman and finally Charlie talks to Eddie Hayes, attorney and author of "Mouthpiece: A Life in - and Sometimes Just Outside - the Law."

NewsHour correspondent Spencer Michel reports on President Bush's surprise visit to Afghanistan. Then, Margaret Warner discusses the visit and recent developments in the war-torn nation with Barnett Rubin, director of studies at the Center on International Cooperation at New York University, and Nazif Shahran, an Afghan-American and professor of anthropology at Indiana University.

Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks speak with Jim Lehrer about the political and economical fallout from the U.S. ports controversy, President Bush's trip to New Orleans and other leading stories from the week.
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NOLA Code: WWIR 004537M1
Series Title: Washington Week
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 3/11/2006 12:00:00 AM
Length: 30
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review; News

In this episode of Washington Week, the political discussions range from Dubai pulling out of the US ports deal to the politics of national security to Iran's nuclear program, which is now a huge challenge for the US.

NOLA Code: COSE 012056C1
Series Title: Charlie Rose
Distributor: PLUS
Release Date: 3/20/2006 11:00:00 PM
Length: 60


NOLA Code: MLNH 008486M1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 3/17/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:04:28

Jim Lehrer speaks with Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, about the latest poll numbers on how Americans view the war in Iraq.

NOLA Code: MLNH 008488C1
Series Title: The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 3/21/2006 6:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Segment: 00:36:58
President Bush took questions from the White House press corps Tuesday about Iraq, his cabinet and the public's confidence in the administration, among other issues. Margaret Warner discusses the press conference with James Woolsey, the director of Central Intelligence under President Clinton, and Flynt Leverett, a former CIA Middle East analyst. Gwen Ifill then reports on President Bush's comments on the war in Iraq. David Frum, a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute; David Gergen, a professor of public service at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government; and Shirley Anne Warshaw, a professor of political science at Gettysburg College, follow up with a discussion on the president's comments.

NOLA Code: NOWD 000213C1
Series Title: NOW
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 3/31/2006 7:30:00 PM
Length: 30

Hit or Miss: Just back from Hit, Iraq, Producer Brian Palmer brings us an intimate story of U.S. Marines in a life and death fight against determined insurgents. Interview with Christian Parenti: David Brancaccio interviews writer Christian Parenti about his recent trip to Afghanistan. Parenti provides an insider’s view of what’s really going on in America’s "other" war.

NOLA Code: TOFE 000000K2
Series Title: Time of Fear
Distributor: PBS
Release Date: 3/20/2006 9:00:00 PM
Length: 60
Format: Documentary

In World War II, more than 110,000 Japanese Americans were forced to leave their homes and relocate to military camps. This documentary tells the story of the 16,000 men, women and children who were sent to two camps in southeast Arkansas, one of the poorest and most racially segregated places in America. It also explores the reactions of the native Arkansans who watched in bewilderment as their tiny towns were overwhelmed by this influx of outsiders. With rare home movies of the camp and interviews with Japanese Americans and Arkansans who lived through these events, TIME OF FEAR is a tale of suspicion and fear, of resilience and of the deep scars left by America's long and unfinished struggle with race.

NOLA Code: WWIR 004538M1
Series Title: Washington Week
In this edition of Washington Week, we will discuss military action, legal blundering, political posturing, and the presidency.

For five straight days President Bush had but a single message: no matter what you hear, Iraq is not a lost cause. But was anybody listening?

NewsHour special correspondent for education John Merrow visits a highly praised New York City school that, due to regulations under No Child Left Behind Law, isn't making the grade.

Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. is doing pioneering research and treatment for muscular dystrophy using interdisciplinary teams of doctors and scientists focused on a common problem. Susan Dentzer of the NewsHour's Health Unit reports on the new team approach. The unit is a partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.