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GUIDE

1 Monday

8pm For The Love of Friends

Set against the lead-up to a stage play based on the same story, *FOR THE LOVE OF FRIENDS* is a documentary that blends performance rehearsal clips with interview and archival footage to highlight the remarkable life and work of activist Brent Nicholson Earle. At the height of the AIDS epidemic, Brent refused to watch his friends suffer due to government inaction and public ignorance about the disease. His audacious response in 1986 was to embark on a 10,000-mile run around the perimeter of the United States to draw attention to the plight of AIDS patients. He performed this remarkable feat amid public backlash, a homophobic media blackout, his own health challenges, and an inconvenient lack of any long-distance training. After enduring blisters, exhaustion, ignorance and fear, he returns home to his own HIV diagnosis. Though the run finishes, Brent's activism never stops.

9:30pm Stories from the Stage

The Perfect Gift

It is often said that it is better

to give than to receive. But no matter which side we're on, gifts have the power to simply bring a smile or even save a life. Christine donates a kidney to a stranger; Stacey dreams of one gift but gets another; and on the night of her first high school dance, Mary gets an amazing gift from her dad. Three storytellers, three interpretations of *THE PERFECT GIFT*.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am From Fear to Hope:

The Hiv and Aids Journey

In the early 1980s, a mysterious wave of illnesses emerged. Strange infections. Rare cancers. Mostly in young men. Doctors were baffled. Families were terrified. And an entire community began to lose many of its own. What started as confusion turned to crisis; tens of thousands would die stigmatized and forgotten in one of the most devastating public health emergencies of our time, *FROM FEAR TO HOPE: THE HIV AND AIDS JOURNEY* tells the story of how it began and how it changed everything. The hour-long film takes viewers inside the desperate search for answers: the race to identify a deadly virus, the struggle to treat it, and the relentless fight to be heard. The films focus on the scientists and medical professionals fighting to treat

and cure HIV and AIDs as well as the activists who protested the government's mistreatment of the epidemic.

2 Tuesday

8pm Secrets of the Dead

Jamestown's Dark Winter

Follow forensic anthropologists as they excavate the early American colony and uncover dark secrets. What do the newly discovered bones of a 14-year-old English girl reveal about what really happened during the winter of 1609?

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Mozart's Sister

A new documentary investigates a 250-year-old musical mystery. For the first 16 years of her life, Mozart's sister shared equal billing with her brother. Musical partners and collaborators, Wolfgang Mozart and Maria Anna Mozart played together before kings and queens, and were the talk of Europe. Forced to withdraw from public life because she was a woman, a stunning new investigation explores why she was retired and what happened to her music. *Mozart's Sister* is a 'musical-true crime' story that explores the lost talent of Maria Anna Mozart.

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12am Nova

Revolutionary War Weapons

In April 1775, war breaks out in Britain's most troublesome territory. Now the American



Colonial Army faces what seems like an impossible challenge - to militarily defeat the world's most powerful nation. We've all heard the stories of pluck and valor, but what really led to Britain's defeat and the birth of the United States? American and British archeologists and historians unpack the real story of technology, innovation, and luck that determined the outcome of key battles - from the Massachusetts militias who fired the first shots to the Naval clashes between British and American ships of the line. This unique film brings the latest science to bear to reveal the hidden history of the Revolutionary War.

3 Wednesday

8pm Searching: Our Quest for Meaning in the Age of Science

The Big & The Small
Part 2, "The Big & The Small," dramatizes the fact that humans are almost exactly the same distance - in terms of "Powers of Ten" - between an atom and a star. But where do we fit in the moral universe? Alan speaks with the Dalai Lama, a rabbi and a bio-ethicist about the nature of consciousness, and the status of future Artificial Intelligences.

9pm Searching: Our Quest for Meaning in the Age of Science

Homo Techno
Part 3, "Homo Techno,"

features stories - including that of a paralyzed former gang member who risked his brain to advance medical science - that prompt Lightman to think deeply about how advances in science and technology will impact our future evolution into what will perhaps be a new species: "Homo Techno" - part human and part machine. What essential human qualities will we want to preserve? As both a physicist and an essayist, Lightman is a rare talent. After years on the faculties of Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lightman's first novel, *Einstein's Dreams*, became an international best-seller. Co-written and directed by award-winning public television science producer Geoff Haines-Stiles (Carl Sagan's *COSMOS*, *NOVA*'s "Is Anybody Out there," and *Childhood*), *SEARCHING* is filmed in Ultra HD format worldwide, and features state-of-the-art astronomical computer graphics along with a wide range of innovative story-telling techniques.

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The Stars & The Osprey
Part 1, "The Stars & The Osprey," begins with Lightman's late-night experience alone on the

ocean when he felt connected to the stars, and ends with a memorable eye-to-eye encounter with a wild creature. Lightman attempts to reconcile these transcendent experiences with the material world of atoms and molecules.

4 Thursday

8pm Doc World

Ganden: A Joyful Land
Likened by Buddhists to the Vatican City, Ganden is considered the most influential monastery of Tibetan Buddhism. Monks lived in the monastery for more than 500 years before a brutal invasion drove them to India. *GANDEN: A JOYFUL LAND* is a look at the lives and remembrances of the remaining generation of monks to have studied at the monastery in Tibet where the Dalai Lama's lineage began.

9:30pm POV Shorts

Under G-D

Inspired by the lawsuits filed in Florida challenging the state's abortion ban on the basis of religious freedom, *Under G-d* is a documentary short film about the national Jewish response to the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* U.S. Supreme Court decision woven through the lived experiences of impacted Jewish women and the various lawsuits currently being launched by rabbis, Jewish organizations and interfaith leaders to challenge the overturning of *Roe v.*



Wade, state by state. Through the lens of maintaining the separation between church and state, these nationwide efforts are predicated on ultimately protecting religious freedom and democracy for all.

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5 Friday

8pm Leonardo da Vinci

The Disciple of Experience

Leonardo apprentices as an artist and craftsman in Florence, where the Renaissance is in full bloom. He shows extraordinary talent but struggles to finish commissions. Later, in Milan, he paints a monumental fresco of the Last Supper.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm Bloomberg Wall

Street Week

12am Earth's Sacred

Wonders

House of the Divine

Meet a Muslim paramedic who helps fasting worshipers during Ramadan in Jerusalem. A Cambodian man risks his life to save his ancestral spirits from the jungle. A Buddhist warrior monk in China faces a test that will change his life forever.

6 Saturday

8pm Ron Carter: Finding The Right Notes

Explore the life and career of jazz luminary Ron Carter, the most recorded bassist in history. Featuring original concert footage and candid insights from jazz icons, *Finding the Right Notes* is a vibrant portrait of the artist in his own words.

10pm French Village

The Liberation

Marie successfully helps Helene escape from the school, but raises the alarm in the process. Directed by Patrice Martineau & Philippe Triboit, 2012.

11pm Holy Silence

HOLY SILENCE, a documentary film from Emmy-nominated director Steven Pressman, takes a fresh look at a topic that has sparked controversy for decades. During the years leading up to World War II, what was the Vatican's reaction to the rise of Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany? And after the war began, how did the pope respond to the horrors of the Holocaust? In telling that story, **HOLY SILENCE**

focuses on American officials -- from a humble New England priest to the president of the United States -- who were working behind the scenes to influence the Vatican's actions during that dark period in modern history.

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7 Sunday

8pm Gospel

The Gospel Train/The Golden Age of Gospel

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9pm Gospel

Golden Age of Gospel

Starting in the 40s, **GOSPEL's** hour 2 explores the Golden Age of Gospel - the dramatic explosion of Black sacred music and the segregated highways of the American South - which took the Lord's music into the mainstream.

10pm The American Revolution

The Times That Try Men's



Souls

British General Howe soundly defeats General Washington at Long Island and in Manhattan, forcing the Americans to abandon New York City. After fleeing across New Jersey, Washington's army regroups before attacking an outpost at Trenton.

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8 Monday

8pm Independent Lens

Mama Bears

Although they grew up as fundamentalist, evangelical Christians, these moms are now willing to risk losing friends, family, and faith communities to keep their kids safe-even if it challenges their belief systems and rips apart their worlds.

9:30pm Stories from the Stage

Maternal Instinct

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am Media Access Awards with Easterseals

A celebration of disability in media with Marlee Matlin, Henry Winkler, and many

others. Hosted by Ali Stroker.

9 Tuesday

8pm Ancient Skies

Finding The Center

Follow the efforts to give the Earth a shape and a place. From flat Earth legends to Galileo's telescope, track major changes in scientific understanding. Ideas rise and fall as we continue to explore our ancient skies.

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Our Place in the Universe

Complete the puzzle of our ancient skies. A cast of scientific pioneers reshapes the solar system and better understands a growing universe. But there is still much more space to explore.

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Gods and Monsters

We uncover the story of our relationship with the skies from our earliest ancestors, through to the birth of the science of astronomy. Our story begins with one of the earliest known creation myths - the Babylonian Enuma Elish. With spectacular CGI animation, we see the clash of the gods Marduk and Tiamat that the Babylonians believed gave birth to the earth and the sky. In this episode we visit the caves of El Castillo in Northern Spain. Deep inside the caves we see some of the earliest cave paintings in the world.

Astronomer Phil Plait shows

us how the skies could be used to navigate and tell the time, either by observing the phases of the moon, or by tracking the movements of the sun across the horizon. We look at Stonehenge and the Great Pyramid of Giza and see that, as our earliest civilisations developed, we built monuments that enabled us to observe the skies and worship them. We visit Ancient Greece, where the great storytellers Hesiod and Homer were populating the world with gods and monsters. That is until the first philosophers started to look at the world not in terms of individual events that showed the actions of living gods in the sky, but as phenomena that were all part of the patterns of the natural world. As philosophy and early science start to reshape the world from mythological to rational, we are on the cusp of a revolution that gave birth to modern science.

10 Wednesday

9pm Frontline

The Deal: Trump, Bukele &

The Gangs of El Salvador

The Salvadoran president's deal with Trump to imprison deportees, and what each stood to gain. With the Salvadoran news outlet El Faro, now reporting from exile, President Nayib Bukele's tangled history with the gangs the U.S. says it is fighting.

10pm PBS News Hour



11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am Will to Preach

The half-hour documentary *A WILL TO PREACH* offers viewers an unprecedented look at a pastor moving from scripture to sermon. In the program, Reverend Doctor William H. Willimon accepts an invitation from a young clergyman to guest preach at a small Episcopal church in Salisbury, North Carolina. The congregation is planning a weekend discussing racism and Rev. Willimon will deliver the sermon that culminates the weekend. Compounding the challenge of speaking about a sensitive subject, the Episcopal Church's assigned scripture for that Sunday does not appear to offer anything on racism. How will Willimon take the allotted biblical text and connect it to the topic, at a church of a different denomination, in a town he does not know? Through interviews with family and colleagues, plus intimate camera access to Willimon and his process, *A WILL TO PREACH* offers a fascinating study of story, homiletics, humor, faith, and ultimately, the art of preaching.

12:30am POV

Between Goodbyes

When a queer Korean adoptee reunites with her birth mother in Seoul, deep cultural misunderstandings and unspoken regrets surface. With tenderness, humor, and determination,

both navigate the heart-wrenching legacy of international adoption.

11 Thursday

8:30pm Doc World

The Accused: Damned Or Devoted?

Powerful cleric Khadim Rizvi has one mission: to preserve blasphemy laws in Pakistan - they prescribe a death sentence for disrespecting the Prophet Muhammad. He is running for the country's highest office to carry out his goal, silencing anyone who tries to change the law with death. The film follows the rise of Rizvi's push for power as people who have been accused, are just pawns in his game.

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12 Friday

8pm Leonardo da Vinci

Painter-God

Leonardo designs fanciful flying machines, studies light and shadow, investigates gravity, dissects cadavers, and pours the sum of his scientific and artistic knowledge into a portrait that would become the most famous painting on earth.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm Bloomberg Wall Street Week

12am Earth's Sacred Wonders

Closer to the Divine

Travel to Japan, where a Shinto devotee undertakes a grueling challenge at a sacred waterfall. A young Muslim helps re-plaster a mosque in Mali. At a New York City cathedral, an Episcopal priest brings people and their pets closer to God.

13 Saturday

8pm American Masters

Max Roach: The Drum Also Waltzes

Explore the extraordinary life and musical career of the legendary drummer, composer and social activist. The film follows Roach's career and personal struggles and triumphs, across a series of masterful musical innovations and artistic reinventions. His creativity and unshakable sense of mission kept him at the forefront of music and activism across seven decades--from the era of the Jim Crow south, to the Civil Rights years... from the heady days of post-war modern jazz,



to the hip hop-era and beyond.

9:30pm Eddy's World

The entertaining story of toy inventor Eddy Goldfarb, best known for the iconic Yakity-Yak Teeth and 800 classic toys. At 102-years-old, Eddy still prototypes new toys in his garage machine shop and creates projects on his 3D printer.

10pm French Village

The Visitor

Daniel and Sarah stumble upon a wounded man in a barn who escaped capture by the Germans. Directed by Patrice Martineau, 2012.

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14 Sunday

8pm Gospel

Take The Message

Everywhere/Gospel's Second Century

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Gospel's Second Century

Gospel's Platinum Age reflected a new generation embracing secular rhythms to modernize the gospel sound. GOSPEL's hour 4 explores the movement that brought songs about faith to millions at clubs, on cable TV and on urban radio.

10pm The American Revolution

Conquer by a Drawn Game

After beating General Washington in battle, General Howe takes Philadelphia, forcing Congress to flee the city. But the Americans' surprising victory over General Burgoyne at Saratoga encourages France to openly support the United States.

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15 Monday

9pm Our American Family: The Mays

The first half of the 1900's represents the last era of American life that, for most families, began largely unchanged from the generations that came before. Courage brought 17-year-old Jacob May to the US from Germany in 1879 in search of a better life. That same courage enabled his family to rescue 200 Jews from Nazi Germany. Moving from poverty to prosperity, the May Hosiery Mill grew through three generations to contribute commerce and compassion within the Nashville community and beyond. Deeply committed to one another, bolstered by good humor, theirs is a story of fearless hope and courage.

9:30pm Stories from the Stage

Finding Family

While some families are tied together by biology, others are created when people welcome children into their hearts and homes through adoption. Betsy helps her son make contact with his birth mother; Dan describes being smuggled out as an infant from Mexico; and Paul's relationship with his mom takes a twist when he adopts a baby boy. Three storytellers, three interpretations of FINDING



FAMILY.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am Free Exercise:

America's Story of Religious Liberty

Explore the development of religious freedom in the United States as told first through the eyes of six American faith communities - Quakers, Baptists, Black churches, Catholics, Mormons and Jews - then examining recent challenges.

16 Tuesday

8pm Nova

Hunt for the Oldest Dna

For decades, scientists have tried to unlock the secrets of ancient DNA. Follow the dramatic quest to recover DNA millions of years old and reveal a lost world from before the last Ice Age.

9pm Your Health: A Sacred Matter

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am Nova

Ice Age Footprints

Thousands of prehistoric footprints in New Mexico's White Sands National Park capture moments when Ice Age humans crossed paths with enormous ground sloths and mammoths. What can this new evidence reveal about the peopling of the Americas?

17 Wednesday

8pm A Celebration of Hanukkah

In the heartwarming and nostalgic program, A CELEBRATION OF HANUKKAH, host Geoffrey Baer takes viewers on a fun exploration of the time-honored traditions of this joyous Jewish holiday, sharing how Hanukkah came to be, the significance of the season's cherished dishes, and the ways families continue to celebrate together across generations. Along the way, Geoffrey provides an overview of Hanukkah in popular culture, weaving in his holiday memories through childhood home movies. And, because food plays such a meaningful part of every Hanukkah observance, he also heads into the kitchen with experts to try his hand at creating seasonal culinary delights - including latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (filled donuts) - while explaining how these dishes connect to Hanukkah's history.

9pm Frontline

Strike On Iran: The Nuclear Question

Investigating Iran's nuclear program in the aftermath of the U.S. and Israeli strikes. Using rare on the ground access in Iran and in-depth forensic analysis, an immersive investigation with the Washington Post, Evident Media, and Bellingcat.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am Hollywood Priest: The

Story of Fr. "Bud" Kieser

The documentary HOLLYWOOD PRIEST: THE STORY OF FR. "BUD" KIESER tells the intriguing story of a devoted yet stubborn priest who connected with his congregation through television. The TV pastor experienced great success until he fell in love with a nun and his show was canceled. This disruptive event catalyzed a fundamental shift in Fr. Kieser's approach to providing spiritual guidance, leading him to engage more directly with the poor and turning his life in a new direction.

18 Thursday

8pm Local, USA

Public Enemies, Private Friends

On December 30, 1994, a man entered two abortion clinics in Brookline, MA. By day's end, two women were dead, five wounded, and a community was left mourning. Thus began a clandestine dialogue between leaders of the pro-choice and pro-life movements and the beginning of the most unlikely friendship.

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19 Friday

8pm Dante

Part One: The Inferno

Dive into the dramatic details of Dante's early years and his decision to begin *The Divine Comedy* in 1306. Join Dante and the great Roman poet Virgil as they delve into the depths of the underworld and encounter Lucifer himself.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm Bloomberg Wall Street Week

12am Earth's Sacred Wonders

Visions of the Divine

Follow a young Yazidi woman as she searches for salvation in Iraq. Meet an orthodox Christian who must deliver a holy flame into the hands of his bishop in Jerusalem. In Nepal, a Buddhist painter battles the elements to honor Buddha's birthday.

20 Saturday

8pm American Masters

The Disappearance of Miss Scott

Learn about jazz virtuoso and screen superstar Hazel Scott, the first Black American to have their own television show. An early civil rights pioneer, Scott faced down the Red Scare at the risk of losing her career and was a champion for equality.

9:30pm Christmas In New England

From the coast of Maine to the hills of the Berkshires, New England is a uniquely magical place to celebrate the holidays. Join host Lindsay Paris as she visits eight regional destinations to take a look at the traditions and events that make Christmas in New England so special.

10pm French Village

He Is Caught Who Thinks to Catch

Marie brings Vincent to the barn to retrieve his radio equipment so that he can send an urgent message to London. Directed by Patrice Martineau, 2012.

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21 Sunday

8pm Nature

Santa's Wild Home

Get an intimate look into life in Lapland, fabled land of Santa Claus and actual home of tenacious wildlife such as reindeer, wolverines, Brown bears and more.

9pm Finding Your Roots

Forgotten Journeys

Henry Louis, Jr. helps John Leguizamo and Lena Waithe retrace the paths of their ancestors, uncovering crucial pieces of their own identities that were lost on the journey to America.

10pm The American Revolution

The Soul of All America

After Valley Forge and Monmouth, the French-American alliance changes the war and moves it to other theaters. Navies battle off England and in the Caribbean, while armies advance in Indian Country and the South. The British take Charleston.

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22 Monday

8pm Repairing The World: Stories from the Tree of Life

Repairing the World documents Pittsburgh's powerful community response to hate in the aftermath of the



assault on three congregations at the Tree of Life synagogue. On October 27, 2018, eleven people were killed and six wounded in the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history. Against the backdrop of a tumultuous period in the country, a traumatized community works to heal as they experience the impact and dangers of antisemitism, racism, hate speech, and gun violence. Through the voices of survivors, family members, diverse Pittsburgh residents and leaders, the film shows the powerful display of unity in a moment of crisis, the resilience of a vibrant city, and a community working together to understand what it means to be "stronger than hate."

9:30pm Stories from the Stage

Holiday Spirit

Top storytellers share stories that conjure the holiday spirit. David Dean Bottrell discovers his passion after stealing the school play's spotlight. Andrea Kamen's bright menorah cuts through darkness of antisemitism. Joe Charnitski tries to break a nightmare-before-Christmas bad luck streak.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am The Secret Song

An immersive documentary illuminating the triumphant power of music as a tight-knit school community must find

new ways to connect, learn and perform during one unforgettable and historic school year in San Francisco.

23 Tuesday

9pm Your Health: A Sacred Matter

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am Nova

Polar Extremes

Following a trail of fossils found in all the wrong places - beech trees in Antarctica, redwoods and hippo-like mammals in the Arctic -- uncover the bizarre history of the poles, from miles-thick ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life.

24 Wednesday

8pm Ancient Roads from Christ to Constantine

The Great Missionary

Meet the man whose transformation is one of the most compelling in history, the Apostle Paul. Journey with Jonathan Phillips as he re-traces Paul's bold quest to bring the Christian message to Asia and Europe, a quest which would see him imprisoned, beaten and on the brink of death.

9pm Ancient Roads from Christ to Constantine

Age of the Apostles

Travel with Jonathan Phillips on Paul's third and final missionary journey as the Apostolic Age comes to an end. Witness how the remaining apostles, except for John, are martyred for their

unwavering beliefs. In Rome, Paul and the Apostle Peter will both meet their fate at the hands of one of the cruelest tyrants in history.

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Birth of a Faith

The series begins in Bethlehem and travels throughout the Holy Land. With the Gospels as a guide, host Jonathan Phillips traces the life of Jesus from his birth, ministry, passion, and resurrection.

25 Thursday

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Pagans and the Cult of Martyrs

Host Jonathan Phillips treks to North Africa to tell the story of Perpetua, a young Christian martyr, whose extraordinary story still resonates today. Phillips visits places where Christians faced unimaginable violence because of their beliefs, where the Roman Empire threatened everything that Christians stood for with their pagan temples, emperor cult and vicious tortures.

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Constantine

In the final episode, host Jonathan Phillips explains how Rome exerted its fullest effort to eradicate Christianity. The faith grew stronger as the



empires and emperors weakened. It would be the conversion of one man - Constantine the Great - that would fully transform the fortunes of the Christian faith.

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26 Friday

8pm Dante

Part Two: Resurrection

Experience Dante's life in exile and the last two parts of The Divine Comedy shortly before his passing in 1321. With interweaving scenes drawn from Purgatory and Paradise, explore the fate of Dante's masterpiece from his death to today.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm Bloomberg Wall Street Week

12am Sultan and the Saint

Explore how St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt risked it all to end the

Crusades. A simple Christian friar and a mighty Muslim leader met on a bloody battlefield 800 years ago. What happened next changed world history.

27 Saturday

8pm Wes Bound: The

Genius of Wes Montgomery

WES BOUND: THE GENIUS OF WES MONTGOMERY is an hour-long documentary tracing the life and career of legendary jazz guitarist Wes Montgomery. Told intimately through his son Robert's own journey of discovery, the program explores Wes' early years in Indiana, his rise to fame with the Lionel Hampton Big Band, his notable solo career, and his tragic death at age 45. The film features numerous rarely-seen performances, as well as interviews with music historians from across the country and guitar luminaries such as Pat Metheny and Slash.

9pm We Knew What We Had: The Greatest Jazz Story Never Told

WE KNEW WHAT WE HAD: THE GREATEST JAZZ STORY NEVER TOLD chronicles the unrecognized history of jazz in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The hour-long documentary features the talents of international jazz legends George Benson, Ahmad Jamal, Stanley Turrentine, Billy Eckstine, Kenny Clarke, Art Blakey, Billy Strayhorn and Mary Lou

Williams-all Pittsburghers. Using archival footage and photos, it also sheds light on the social conditions and historical events that conspired to make Pittsburgh one of the world's leading contributors to the legacy of jazz music.

10pm French Village

Stolen Kisses

Suzanne's reappearance puts Marcel in a very bad spot with his group leader, who discovers he lied about executing her.

11pm Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer

MYSTERIES OF THE JESUS PRAYER focuses on the ancient and obscure Christian prayer first recited by the Apostles more than 2,000 years ago in the Egyptian desert. Originally passed down verbally from one generation to the next, monks eventually transcribed the sacred words into instruction manuals originally intended only for those dedicated to a life of isolation. During the film, the Very Rev. Dr. John McGuckin and Dr. Norris J. Chumley travel to the caves, monasteries and convents where the faithful still chant this ancient meditation.

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28 Sunday

8:45pm Finding Your Roots

Fighters

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. sits down with Terry Crews and Tony Danza, both guests who overcame adversity, to discover they aren't the first in their families to beat the odds through sheer force of will.

9:45pm The American Revolution

The Most Sacred Thing

British General Cornwallis struggles to pacify the southern states. Supported by the French, Washington wins the decisive victory at Yorktown. With independence secured, Americans aspire for a more perfect union.

11:55pm Nature

Canada: Surviving The Wild North

Journey from Canada's high arctic to boreal forest and discover how polar bears, coastal wolves, lynx and more survive in the North. Timing and seizing opportunity can mean the difference between life and death in this wild and

rugged outpost.

29 Monday

8pm A Bridge to Life

A BRIDGE TO LIFE is a moving portrait of an organization that for years has been working to change and save the lives of men dealing with life-threatening addiction issues. The men involved receive intensive job-training skills along with psychological and spiritual mentoring to give them a chance to return to society as successful community and family members. Interwoven throughout the film is the inspiring story of Pastor William Washington, the resilient founder and executive director of the Bridge Ministry, and his triumph over trauma, homelessness, and addiction. A former homeless teenager on the streets of Charlottesville, Virginia, dealing and using drugs, Washington's life took a positive turn when a compassionate judge provided him with an opportunity for rehabilitation instead of a long-term prison sentence. Motivated by this life-altering experience, he committed himself to aiding others on the same path. His organization emerged as a beacon of hope for many, offering a more compassionate alternative to incarceration in addressing the nation's critical drug addiction crisis. A BRIDGE

TO LIFE is an exploration of resilience, community, giving back, and triumph over hardship.

9:30pm Stories from the Stage

Transformation

We often believe that our circumstances are permanent, when in fact, this is not the case. If only we dare, change can happen. Jason Prokowiew discovers his voice and sees himself in a new light; Jackie Davis embarks on a daring career change that leads to joy; and Judah Leblang changes his name and learns to trust his inner voice. Three storytellers, three interpretations of TRANSFORMATION, hosted by Wes Hazard.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am Cultural Expressions: Kwanzaa

Honoring the heritage, unity, culture, and rich contributions of African Americans, Kwanzaa is more than just a celebration; it's a way of life. CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS: KWANZAA is an hour-long documentary that explores the seven principles that are the foundation of Kwanzaa by sharing seven real-life stories of impact. These stories reveal how each principle plays a role in the Black community, enhanced by cultural elements of dance, storytelling, music, and spoken word.



30 Tuesday

8pm A Town Called Victoria

The Suspect

With the arson trial near, the suspect's family argues his innocence. Meanwhile, facets of Victoria reveal the ingredients that might have turned him to hate.

9pm A Town Called Victoria

The Trial

The prosecution presents shocking evidence. As the trial concludes, the engaged citizens of Victoria seek a way to build a more inclusive community.

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12am A Town Called

Victoria

The Fire

A south Texas town is thrown into the national spotlight when a local mosque is burned to the ground in 2017. After the media moves on, the community is left to reflect on its complex history with racism.

31 Wednesday

8pm American Masters

Starring Dick Van Dyke

Celebrate the life and career of legendary actor Dick Van Dyke on his 100th birthday. Known for films like *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Mary Poppins*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, TV show *Diagnosis Murder* and his classic CBS sitcom, *Van Dyke* has delighted audiences on screen and stage for eight decades. Featuring never-before-seen footage, photos

and home movies that detail Van Dyke's extraordinary showbiz legacy.

10pm PBS News Hour

11pm DW The Day

11:30pm BBC News

12am Meredith Willson:

America's Music Man

He performed under Sousa & Toscanini. He scored films for the likes of Chaplin & wrote popular songs performed by Sinatra & The Beatles. And when the River City boys band marched on Broadway, Meredith Willson caught the whole world's ear.