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FEBRUARY 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

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DISCOVER PEORIA

YOUR FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR FROM DISCOVER PEORIA. FIND A FULL LIST AT [PEORIA.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.peoria.org/events)



Contemporary Art Center
1st Friday Studio Tour
Feb 1



Crafty Hour
Crafted DIY Studio & Bar
Every Wednesday in February



Five Points Washington
Hope and Home 250
Feb 7



Peoria Riverfront Museum
Free Admission Day
Feb 8



Peoria Rivermen Hockey
Peoria Civic Center
Feb 20, 27, and 28



Artful Journey
Painting Without a Brush
Feb 20



Holiday Inn Grand Prairie
Fostering Love Gala
Feb 21



Zeek's Comic and Games
Hobby Night
Every Thursday in February



Peoria Historical Society
Pettengill-Morrison House guided tour
Every Thursday in February



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America's first Black female millionaire once called Peoria home. In this issue, you can read Annie Malone's story and learn where you can watch WTVP's compelling documentary about the visionary and philanthropist.

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JENN GORDON
President and CEO

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

ANNIE MALONE'S LEGACY OF LOVE AND GENEROSITY

Annie Malone is credited as one of the first African American millionaires. Her story is incredible. I encourage you to take time this month to stream one of my all-time favorite **WTVP** productions, *My Journey with Annie Malone: James Agbara Bryson*.

This woman was not just an entrepreneurial genius; she made it her business to change lives. She invested in her community to create lasting change. She poured into her employees in ways that would have a generational impact on their families. As someone herself who was one generation removed from slavery and orphaned at a young age, I don't think anyone would have thought less of Annie had she not pursued the path of philanthropy amid her business success. But Annie was all about others. She was most interested in investing in people, lifting her community and making the world a better place.

And speaking of extraordinary giving, I would like to personally thank you for your generosity to **WTVP** through the *We Believe in WTVP Campaign*. **Thanks to you, we met our goal (in record time) of raising \$1 million to fill the gap left by the exodus of federal funding!** Because of you, the station is here today, continuing to inspire and connect central Illinois with quality content that educates, informs and entertains.

And what does that mean for our community? It means that parents and children will continue to have access to free, life-changing, early childhood educational programs that develop literacy, math and cognitive skills. It means that young people can enjoy the very best in arts, culture, history and nature programming free of "influencers" and advertisements. It means that people of all ages will have access to locally driven content that doesn't distract and disrupt, but instead connects you to your community, helps you learn new things, stay informed and grow to be your best self. You've invested in **WTVP**, and that means you've invested in our community. I think Annie Malone would approve.

From all of us here at the station, thank you!



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LOCAL TIES FOR A GLOBAL TYCOON

Based on WTVP's Documentary
My Journey with Annie Malone:
James Agbara Bryson

Born in 1869 in Metropolis, Illinois, Annie Turnbo was the second youngest of eleven children. Her parents were former slaves from Kentucky and both died while she was quite young.

Annie moved to Peoria to live with her married sister, Ada. She attended Peoria High School but was unable to finish due to health issues. But Ada's mother-in-law, Sarah Moody, took Annie under her wing, fostering her interest in chemistry and teaching her how to use herbs to alleviate common ailments resulting from hair straightening.

Since cornrows were associated with slavery, women used all kinds of greasy, heavy products to smooth out their locks. This led to serious scalp and hair problems. Annie and her sisters were determined to create a safer, healthier product. Eventually, they landed on the formula and began helping others in their community grow their hair back.

No one knows for sure how Annie and her younger sister Laura came up with the name Poro for their company. It might be a combination of their new last names from short-lived marriages. Or it could have derived from a West African word for spiritual and physical growth. Either way, it was the start of something big.

In 1902, Annie and Laura moved to the all-Black neighborhood of Lovejoy, now called Brooklyn, right across the river from St. Louis. This strategic location put them in proximity to the fourth largest population of African Americans in the nation. It also set them up to market their products at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.

Annie married Aaron Malone in 1914 and continued to build her business. By 1917, she began construction on a new headquarters and manufacturing facility that took up a whole city block. Poro Corner was magnificent—four stories tall and over 100 rooms, including meeting rooms, a dormitory, an ice cream parlor, a bakery, an auditorium and a rooftop garden. The building was a hub of culture and community, providing a think tank for Black leaders and a venue for cultural, political and religious events.

The building was also home to the first African American college dedicated to cosmetology in the country. Students not only learned how to build a viable beauty career but also vital life skills. They were encouraged to create savings accounts and were incentivized to buy homes and invest in their communities. It was said that Poro-trained women earned ten times more than a domestic worker or laborer in the 1920s.

Poro College employed nearly 200 people in St. Louis. Through its school and franchise businesses—at least 32 other locations around the country—the college created jobs for almost 75,000 women in North and South America, Africa and the Philippines.

By the 1920s, Annie had become a multi-millionaire and used her newfound wealth as a means of generosity to her family and community. She put her nephews through college and law school. She donated to hospitals, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the YMCA. In 1919, she funded an orphanage that continues today as the Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center. When Annie was asked about

her donations, she said, "This is not my money. This is God's money."

Annie's business thrived until 1927 when a series of setbacks whittled it down. Her husband Aaron filed for divorce, demanding half of the company. They settled out of court with Annie maintaining sole ownership but the legal battle was draining. Not long after moving the business to Chicago, the Great Depression struck, severely cutting into Poro sales. A fire destroyed one of Annie's buildings. And competing products ate into Poro's market share. The business kept going but was greatly reduced.

In the midst of it all, Annie stayed connected with her family in Peoria. Her nephews, now lawyers, did what they could to help the business. Annie often visited the home she once shared with her sister, bringing students and colleagues to enjoy their hospitality.

In May 1957, Annie suffered a fatal stroke. The company she founded continued into the 1990s, but the lives touched by her generosity and vision continue to add up even today. A street in St. Louis still bears her name and the nonprofit she founded hosts a parade each May in her honor.

You can learn more of Annie's story and see incredible, archival photos of her business and products in WTVP's compelling documentary.

**Watch it on-demand
at wtpv.tv/annie.**



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Celebrating **BLACK** **HISTORY** **MONTH**

GABRIEL'S DAUGHTER: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CLARA BROWN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 8 PM

African American pioneer, Clara Brown's true-life story is told through the lens of an American opera, "Gabriel's Daughter." Clara became a successful entrepreneur and helped populate the African American Colorado community while searching for her only remaining daughter who was sold away from her at auction.

RAISE YOUR HEAD UP: FREEDOM COLONIES IN AMERICA

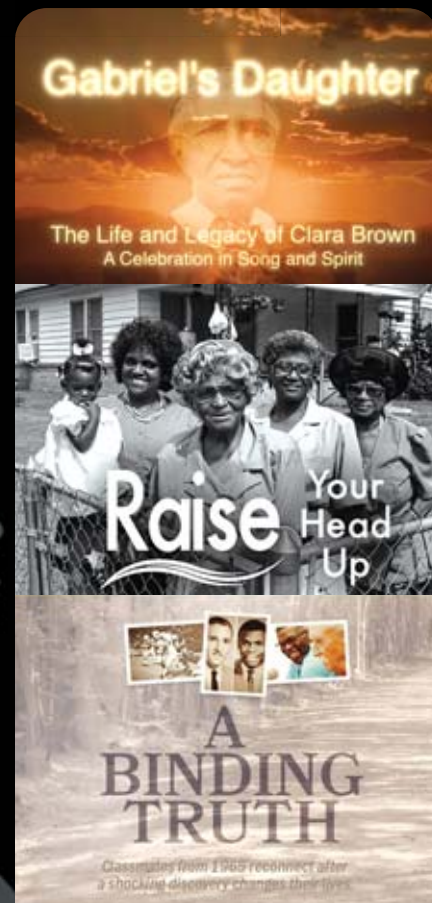
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 8 PM

After the Civil War, four million formerly enslaved people were set free, but most had no place to go. Wanting autonomy over their lives, many formed Freedom Colonies, living far away from the racism of Jim Crow. This program follows four of these communities struggling to keep their legacies alive.

A BINDING TRUTH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 11 PM

Two high school classmates from 1965—Jimmie, a Black football star, and De, a white student who respected him from afar—reunite 50 years later after a discovery linking their families changes their lives forever. This personal yet profoundly American story reveals the legacy of slavery, the complexities of race and privilege and the power of truth in their journey toward healing.



33 BLACK FROG: AN AMERICAN STORY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 8 PM

33 BLACK FROG: AN AMERICAN STORY is a powerful documentary about Chief Petty Officer Eddie L. Ferguson, one of the first African American Navy Frogmen. Battling racism and adversity, Ferguson's journey is one of courage, perseverance and a legacy that paved the way for generations.



AMERICAN MASTERS SUN RA: DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 8 PM

A kaleidoscopic portrait of the visionary jazz musician, composer, and poet known as Sun Ra and the musical, historical and philosophical currents that shaped him.



ECHOES OF PRAISE: GOSPEL MUSIC IN NY'S CAPITAL REGION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 9:30 PM

ECHOES OF PRAISE: GOSPEL MUSIC IN NY'S CAPITAL REGION is a half-hour documentary that highlights the tradition and legacy of gospel music. Through interviews and performances, the program celebrates gospel's spiritual and artistic expression as a source for community and inspiration. The program takes viewers inside some of the hallowed congregations in New York's capital region, offering insight into a musical form that moves people from Sunday morning to Saturday night.



BIGGER THAN AFRICA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 8 PM

When the slave ships docked in North America, Brazil and the Caribbean, hundreds of cultures, traditions and religions landed with the Africans on board. Against all odds, the Yoruba culture of West Africa transcended slavery beyond imagination and remains alive in the New World to this day.



INDEPENDENT LENS THE INQUISITOR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 9 PM

A look at the life of Barbara Jordan, the Texas congresswoman whose powerful words and moral clarity changed U.S. politics. From Nixon's impeachment hearings to civil rights battles, Jordan compelled the nation to ask hard questions and face the answers, all while dealing with struggles of her own in private.



BLACK AND JEWISH AMERICA

AN INTERWOVEN
HISTORY

HOSTED BY EMMY®-WINNING
HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

LET MY PEOPLE GO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 8 PM

Episode one explores the intersecting and diverging fates of the Black and Jewish communities up to the 1920s. Trials of exile, faith, migration and solidarity shape their joint story.

STRANGE FRUIT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 8 PM

Episode two explores how Black and Jewish communities collaborated in music, film and fighting fascism from the 1920s to 1950s; navigating divides while shaping culture and confronting injustice.

THE GRAND ALLIANCE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 8 PM

Episode three traces the 1960s "Grand Alliance" as Black and Jewish communities fought for civil rights, highlighting activism, collaboration and the tensions that tested their solidarity.

CROSSROADS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 9 PM

Episode four examines the shifting Black and Jewish relationship from the 1970s onward, exploring political gains, global tensions, rising hate, and the enduring lessons of solidarity.

BLACK AND JEWISH AMERICA: AN INTERWOVEN HISTORY is a four-part series tracing the rich, complex relationship between Black and Jewish Americans—defined by solidarity and strained by division. Drawn together by racism and antisemitism, they forged civic and cultural bonds, especially during the civil rights era. The series explores both the challenges and enduring promise of that alliance.



NEW
EPISODE

WTVP ECOWATCH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 5:30 PM

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Embark on an eco-friendly adventure with Mark Welp as he brings you the latest, most captivating environmental stories right from the heart of Illinois. *EcoWatch* is a quarterly environmental special that is your ticket to explore the initiatives, innovations and incredible individuals dedicated to making the Land of Lincoln a better place for mankind and animals. This episode we look at new controversial data center projects in central Illinois and the environmental concerns. Learn how a new statewide clean energy bill could impact how much you pay for your energy. We take you to the state's first community solar project built on public school property. Plus, we examine the facts and myths surrounding the impact of solar farms on our land.



wtvp.tv/ecowatch

ALL THAT AND MORE WHEN ECOWATCH DEBUTS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST AT 5:30PM.

For more info go to wtvp.org



VIBE 309
WITH BLAKE WIRTH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 8:30 PM

Vibe 309 welcomes entrepreneur and trusted real estate agent Michy Maloof for a conversation about blazing her own trail, personal growth and building a life with intention. The episode also features a Vibe Check at Sculpt Mode Fitness, where host Blake Wirth is humbly reminded that he isn't in quite as great of shape as he thought.



wtvp.tv/vibe

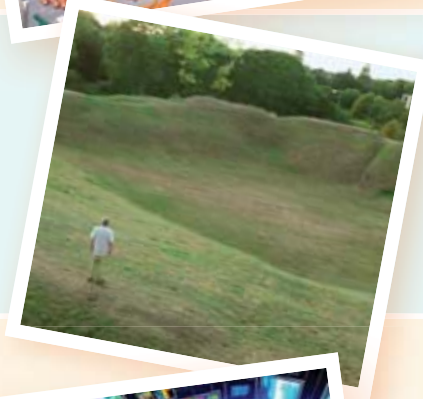
FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



SHELTER ME: THE CANCER PIONEERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 9 PM

This film is about groundbreaking clinical trials for dogs with cancer which is leading to new treatments for people, featuring leading scientists at the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health and universities across the country. The field is called comparative oncology and dogs are leading the way for new immunotherapies.



SECRETS OF THE DEAD THE QUEST FOR CAMELOT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 9 PM

Professor Mark Horton seeks to prove Arthurian legends have roots in actual British history and locations, utilizing unseen primary sources and reconsideration of archaeological sites.



AI: UNPACKING THE BLACK BOX

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 10 PM

A groundbreaking, eight-part series that explores the future of humanity in the age of emerging Artificial Intelligence. Hosted by technical futurist John McElligott, this show features interviews with experts from around the globe, discussing how AI will impact everything from jobs and education to faith and the pursuit of AI-driven immortality. Each episode utilizes AI to create visuals that illustrate the themes, progressively showcasing the advancements of Artificial Intelligence throughout the series.



AUSTIN CITY LIMITS LEON THOMAS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 10:30 PM

Leon Thomas takes the ACL stage riding a wave of acclaim, with his smash hit "Mutt" landing in the Top 10 of Billboard's Hot 100 just days after dropping the brand-new EP *PHOLKS*. Billboard raves, "*PHOLKS* deepens and expands the now-signature blend of funk, soul and classic rock that Thomas honed across *MUTT*."



INDEPENDENT LENS THE LIBRARIANS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 9 PM

When lawmakers seek to review a list of books, librarians find themselves on the frontlines of a national battle. Across the U.S., librarians face the impact of uniting against library collection standards that include restrictions on race-related and LGBTQIA+ content. Drawing on historical context, *THE LIBRARIANS* explores the broader implications for education and public life.

IMPOSSIBLE TOWN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 9 PM

When her father dies suddenly, Dr. Ayne Amjad takes up his mission to help a small West Virginia town exposed to cancer-causing chemicals. Driven by his call to “help others” at all costs, Ayne launches an audacious plan to relocate the community. But as pressure mounts and new information comes to light, she must decide how far she’s willing to go to aid the town’s fight for justice.

HI-VIS: TEN YEARS OF PUBLIC ART

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 9:30 PM

HI-VIS: TEN YEARS OF PUBLIC ART traces the past ten years of projects completed by AKG, an art museum in Buffalo, New York. The Public Art Initiative was born in 2013. Since then, in more than 60 murals, installations, residencies and works of sculpture, the museum has sought to empower artists and inspire viewers.

EXILE: LIVE IN CONCERT

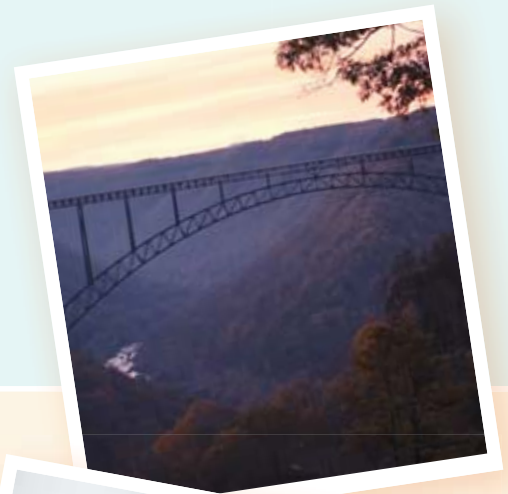
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 11:30 PM

This live concert film, recorded at the historic Renfro Valley Entertainment Center in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, celebrates the 60th anniversary of one of the longest-running American bands, Exile. It features many of the band's biggest hits, including “Kiss You All Over” and more.

GREAT PERFORMANCES MOVIES FOR GROWNUPS WITH AARP THE MAGAZINE 2026

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 6 PM

Honor the best films and performances of 2025 that resonate with older viewers in a star-studded celebration hosted by Alan Cumming. Adam Sandler receives the Career Achievement Award.





THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 8:30 PM

BRINGING YOU FRESH STORIES EVERY MONTH, THE FEBRUARY EPISODE WILL FEATURE:

ILLINOIS AMISH HERITAGE CENTER: Arthur, Illinois is a center of Amish life and culture, and the Amish Heritage Center tells the story of the community through historic homes, artifacts and preserved materials. Visitors gain a deeper understanding of Amish history and traditions through exhibits and firsthand accounts that offer an authentic look at their way of life.

NITSCH THEATRE ARTS: This community theater is a place where all kids have the chance to perform on stage, no matter their experience. But it's more than just acting. Through a variety of programs, the theater encourages every child to explore their creativity, build confidence and dream big. It's a space where imagination and talent are nurtured and every child can find a place to shine.

BROTHERTON MUSEUM: One man's passion became reality! After buying an old school, Roger Brotherton brought his car to the location, and a spark of inspiration came to life. He created a charming, retro, mini city like no other.

**Don't miss these compelling, local stories on *You Gotta See This!*,
airing on Thursday, February 19, at 8:30 p.m.**



finding your roots

with HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

**NEW
SEASON**

LOVE & BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 7 PM

WESTWARD BOUND

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 7 PM

FAMILY HARMONIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7 PM

ARTISTIC ROOTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 7 PM

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**NEW
SEASON**

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

GEORGIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM, HOUR 1

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 7 PM

GEORGIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM, HOUR 2

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7 PM

COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS, HOUR 1

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7 PM

COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS, HOUR 2

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 7 PM



WEDNESDAY Wonders

NATURE

NEW SERIES: PARENTHOOD

Filmed over three years on six continents and in 23 countries, this five-part series, narrated by Sir David Attenborough, tells the stories of astonishing animal behaviors shaped by the environments they inhabit. Each habitat has its own unique challenges, but as the world changes rapidly around them, some parents have to adapt to a world shaped by humans. The stakes couldn't be higher — success for all parents ensures the future of life on our planet.

▶ GRASSLANDS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7 PM

Animal parents must balance risk and reward to raise their young in grasslands. In Zambezi, wild dogs must focus the energy of their unruly teenagers for survival, and in India, an expecting langur learns parenting skills by babysitting.

▶ FRESHWATER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7 PM

Animal parents must overcome freshwater's constant changes. A frog dad scales giant Amazonian trees with tadpoles on his back, while an elephant mom must choose between the safety of her baby and the quest for water and food.

▶ OCEANS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7 PM

Ocean parents must master dedication and intelligence to raise their young. In Australia, an orca mother teaches her young how to hunt blue whales, while in Indonesia, a Banggai cardinalfish protects his young inside his mouth.

▶ JUNGLES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 7 PM

See how jungle animal parents raise children by mastering their environment. An orangutan spends eight years teaching her baby the ways of jungle living, and a crab becomes the ultimate chemist to create the perfect home for her crablets.

▶ THE GREATEST ADVENTURE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 7 PM

Parenthood is the ultimate journey, full of danger. Lionesses teach their cubs how to survive by showing them how to tackle giant buffalo. Burrowing owls provide an underground nest for their chicks and mimic a rattlesnake's sound to protect them.

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NOVA

COMING THIS MONTH:
Dogs that talk, mammals that
rule and nature unleashed!



CAN DOGS TALK?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 8 PM

Can dogs understand what we say — and talk back? Witness amazing moments from a major experiment, as thousands of dogs use speech buttons. Pet owners are convinced, but are our furry friends really communicating their thoughts and desires with us?

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MAMMAL ORIGINS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 8 PM

The surprising story of mammal evolution begins long before the age of dinosaurs. Witness how some of our earliest ancestors survived global catastrophes, defying extinction and evolving into the vast array of mammals we know today — including us.

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STONE AGE TEMPLE MYSTERY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 8 PM

Surprising evidence at the world's oldest temple overturns our understanding of human history. The latest excavations at the 12,000 year-old Göbekli Tepe in Turkey are making archaeologists rethink the roots of civilization.

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Big Sisters.
HEART OF ILLINOIS



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For anyone thinking about becoming a Big Sister or Big Brother, just remember — "it's worth a shot."

- Little Brother Jakobi

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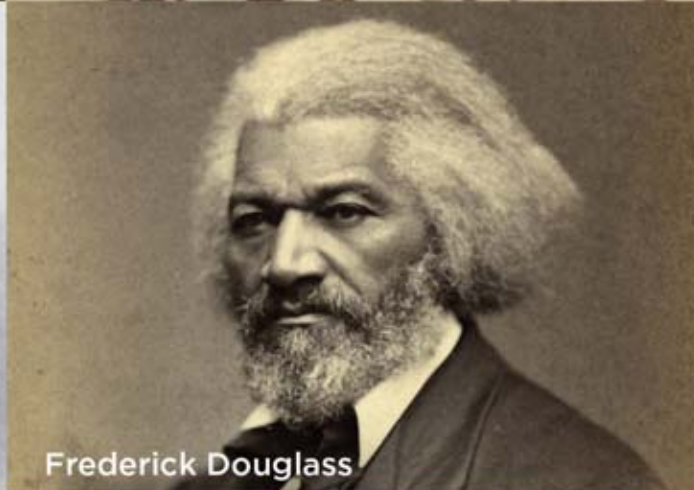
George Washington



Harriet Tubman



Susan B. Anthony



Frederick Douglass

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 5:30 PM

FRONTLINE

FRONTLINE
CONTAMINATE: THE CARPET INDUSTRY'S
TOXIC LEGACY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 9 PM



AT ISSUE
WITH MARK WELP
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 8 PM



VIBE 309
WITH BLAKE WIRTH
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 8:30 PM

1 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails
Backpacking The Grand Canyon - Part 1
- 3:30 PM Relish
The Secret Sauce:
Afghan Chutney and Mexican Guiso
- 4:00 PM You Gotta See This!
Ballet, Drummer, ROE and Communication Junction
- 4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
Episode 3
- 5:30 PM WTVP EcoWatch
- 6:00 PM Classical Tahoe
- 7:00 PM Miss Scarlet
On Masterpiece
Bad Blood
- 8:00 PM All Creatures Great and Small
On Masterpiece
Jenny Wren
- 9:00 PM Bookish
Deadly Nitrate: Part 2
- 10:00 PM Seaside Hotel
Buy, Sell, and Rosita
- 11:00 PM RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service
Accountability

2 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Georgia State Railroad Museum, Hour 2
- 8:00 PM Gabriel's Daughter:
The Life and Legacy of Clara Brown
- 9:00 PM Shelter Me:
The Cancer Pioneers
- 10:30 PM Closer to Truth's Eastern Traditions and the Big Questions
Eastern Traditions: What Is The Human Person?
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

3 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Love & Basketball
- 8:00 PM Black and Jewish America:
An Interwoven History
Let My People Go
- 9:00 PM Frontline
Contaminated:
The Carpet Industry's Toxic Legacy
- 10:00 PM Healthy Minds with Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein
New Psychiatric Medications, Part 2
- 10:30 PM Travel Detective
Hidden Gems of Texas Hill Country
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The Quest for Camelot
- 10:00 PM AI: Unpacking The Black Box
Origins of Artificial Intelligence
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

5 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Needham I Reduce, Reside, Recycle
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
3-Way Switch, Split Rail Fence
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
- 9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Coming Together
- 10:00 PM Ridley
Hospitality, Part 2
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

6 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
- 8:00 PM The American Revolution
The Soul of All America
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
The Amazing City of Austin
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

7 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Poland's Warsaw and Gdansk
- 6:30 PM Travels with Darley
Accessible North Alabama
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
The Vacation Show
- 8:00 PM My Music with
Rhiannon Giddens
Joy Clark
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 12, Episode 5
- 10:00 PM State & Water
Tyjon Charlie from The Unemployed Architects Part
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Leon Thomas
- 11:30 PM Music California

8 SUNDAY

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Fixes
- 9:00 PM Bookish
Such Devoted Sisters: Part 1
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Small Changes
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The Baltimore Experience
- 11:30 PM The Golden Year:
Howard Women's Basketball

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FRONTLINE

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CRISIS IN VENEZUELA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 9 PM



DOCS ON CALL
HEART HEALTH
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 8:30 PM

Life in Virginia's APPALACHIA

LIFE IN VIRGINIA'S APPALACHIA
NEW SHOW!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5:30 PM



A SHOT OF AG
WITH ROB SHARKEY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 8:30 PM

11 WEDNESDAY

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12 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Needham | Getting Our
Ducts in a Row
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Toys and Color, Air Switch
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Contortions
- 10:00 PM Ridley
Swansong, Part 1
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

13 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
Layla Slater
- 8:00 PM The American Revolution
The Most Sacred Thing
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

14 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Italy's Highlights
- 6:30 PM Travels with Darley
The Women of
New Orleans
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Love Songs

- 8:00 PM My Music with
Rhiannon Giddens
My Music Lately
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 12, Episode 6
- 10:00 PM State & Water
Kevin Hart and the Vibe
Tribe - Part 1
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Wynonna
- 11:30 PM Music California

15 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails
Backpacking Rwanda
- 3:30 PM Relish
Somali Sambusa and
Nepali Momo
- 4:00 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
Episode 5
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM Classical Tahoe
- 7:00 PM Miss Scarlet
On Masterpiece
The Line of Duty
- 8:00 PM All Creatures Great
and Small
On Masterpiece
Our Hearts Are Full
- 9:00 PM Bookish
Such Devoted Sisters:
Part 2
- 10:00 PM Seaside Hotel
If You Want The Rainbow
- 11:00 PM A Binding Truth

16 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Coastal Maine Botanical
Gardens, Hour 1
- 8:00 PM 33 Black Frog:
An American Story
- 9:00 PM Impossible Town

- 10:30 PM Closer to Truth's Eastern
Traditions and the
Big Questions,
What are Ultimate
Existence and Essence?
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

17 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Family Harmonies
- 8:00 PM Black and Jewish America:
An Interwoven History
The Grand Alliance
- 9:00 PM Black and Jewish America:
An Interwoven History
Crossroads
- 10:00 PM Healthy Minds with
Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein
Motivated Behavior:
Training Your Brain
- 10:30 PM Burt Wolf:
Travels & Traditions
The History and Future
of Farming
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

18 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature
Parenthood: Oceans
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Building the Eiffel Tower
- 9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead
Mozart's Sister
- 10:00 PM AI: Unpacking The
Black Box
Religion and AI
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

19 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Grass Seed Facility,
Porch Swing
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM You Gotta See This!
- 9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Subterfuges

- 10:00 PM Ridley
Swansong, Part 2
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

20 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
- 8:00 PM American Masters
Sun Ra: Do The
Impossible
- 9:30 PM Hi-Vis: Ten Years of
Public Art
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
Toledo & Cleveland
Revealed
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

21 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Burgundy: A Gourmet
Barge Cruise
- 6:30 PM Travels with Darley
Myrtle Beach
Homecoming
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
The Southern Show
- 8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
Ruby Waters
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 12, Episode 7
- 10:00 PM State & Water
Ex Bombers - Part 1
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Jon Batiste
- 11:30 PM Exile: Live In Concert



**BURT WOLF: TRAVELS & TRADITIONS
NEW SEASON!**
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 10:30 PM



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BROTHERTON MUSEUM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 8:30 PM



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WITH CHRISTINE ZAK-EDMONDS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 7:30 PM



STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS
A PBS NEWS SPECIAL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 8 PM

22 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails
Backpacking Helena,
Montana
- 3:30 PM Relish
King Cake and Bundt Cake
- 4:00 PM You Gotta See This!
- 4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
Episode 6
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM Great Performances
Movies for Grownups
with AARP 2026
- 8:00 PM All Creatures Great
and Small
On Masterpiece
Comfort and Joy
- 9:30 PM Echoes of Praise:
Gospel Music In NY's
Capital Region
- 10:00 PM Seaside Hotel
To Come Home
- 11:00 PM Allergic to Failure: The
Robert Covington Story

23 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Coastal Maine Botanical
Gardens, Hour 2
- 8:00 PM Bigger Than Africa
- 9:00 PM Independent Lens
The Inquisitor
- 10:30 PM Closer to Truth's Eastern
Traditions and the
Big Questions
Eastern Traditions: What
Is Our Ultimate Future?
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

24 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Artistic Roots
- 8:00 PM 2026 State of the Union
Address
A PBS News Special

- 10:00 PM Healthy Minds with
Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein
Borderline Personality
Disorder
- 10:30 PM Burt Wolf:
Travels & Traditions
Blueprint to Business
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

25 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature
Parenthood: Jungles
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Stone Age Temple
Mystery
- 9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead
Hannibal in the Alps
- 10:00 PM AI: Unpacking The
Black Box
Art, Creativity and AI
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

26 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM United States Senate,
Illinois Primary Candidate
Forums
- 9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Farewells
- 10:00 PM Ridley
The Numbered Days,
Part 1
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

27 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
Becky Schotthofer
- 8:00 PM Great Performances
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
Cincinnati's "King of
Records" & The Musical
Colem

- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

28 SATURDAY

- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
This Colorful World
- 8:00 PM Barry Manilow:
Live By Request
- 9:30 PM Elton John - The Million
Dollar Piano
- 11:00 PM Disco: Soundtrack
of a Revolution
Rock The Boat

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DAYTIME schedule

FEBRUARY 1 - 28

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5:00	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Yoga In Practice
5:30	Odd Squad ¹				
6:00	Wild Kratts ¹				
6:30	Weather Hunters				
7:00	Lyla In The Loop				
7:30	Carl The Collector				
8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood				
8:30	Phoebe & Jay				
9:00	Sesame Street				
9:30	Work It Out Wombats!				
10:00	Donkey Hodie				
10:30	Rosie's Rules				
11:00	Elinor Wonders Why				
11:30	Sara's Weeknight Meals	Pocket Sketching With Kath Macaulay	Garden SMART	My Greek Table	Fit 2 Stitch
12:00	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Antiques Roadshow	Finding Your Roots	NOVA	Documentaries
12:30	Cycle Around Japan Highlights				
1:00	Behind The Wings	PBS Arts Talk	Lawrence Welk Show	Epic Trails	Lucky Chow
1:30	MotorWeek	Medical Frontiers		Painting and Travel with Roger & Sarah Bansemer	The Best of The Joy of Painting
2:00	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics				
2:30	Odd Squad ¹				
3:00	Molly Of Denali ¹				
3:30	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum				
4:00	Menghayati!/Into The Outdoors/SciGirls/Curious Crew/Woodsongs Kids/Biz Kid\$				
4:30	Arthur				
5:00	WTVP BUSINESS BLOCK – DW News				
5:30	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack	A Shot of Ag	MotorWeek	Start Up	Life In Virginia's Appalachia
6:00	PBS NewsHour				

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WEEKEND schedule

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
5:30	Arthur	Arthur
6:00	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
6:30	Weather Hunters	Weather Hunters
7:00	Lyla In The Loop	Lyla In The Loop
7:30	Carl The Collector	Carl The Collector
8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
8:30	Phoebe & Jay	Phoebe & Jay
9:00	Curious Traveler ¹	Sesame Street
9:30	Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting ¹	Albie's Elevator
10:00	Quilting Arts ¹	Wimee's Words
10:30	Garden SMART ¹	Wordsville
11:00	America's Heartland ¹	Curious Crew

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	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11:30	Family Plot: Gardening in the Mid-South ¹	Woodsongs Kids
12:00	America's Test Kitchen ¹	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack
12:30	This Old House ¹	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
1:00	Ask This Old House ¹	Market to Market
1:30	American Woodshop ¹	CapitolView
2:00	Woodsmith Shop ¹	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
2:30	Home Giagnosis ¹	People Of The North
3:00	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street TV ¹	See WTVP-HD Daily Listings for Schedule
3:30	Dining with the Chef ¹	
4:00	Louisiana Coastal Cooking ¹	
4:30	Pati's Mexican Table ¹	
5:00	PBS NewsHour Weekend ¹	
5:30	MotorWeek/Weekend Discovery ¹	

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BRIAN COLLINS IMMERSSES HIMSELF IN *THE VIETNAM WAR*

Brian Collins, **WTVP's** new Corporate Support Manager, is still relatively new to Midwest winters. After living all over the world and, most recently, North Carolina, Brian invested in a thick winter coat and found a fascinating show on **WTVP Passport** to carry him through the long, cold, Illinois winter: an epic, 18-hour long documentary, *The Vietnam War*.

The series, produced by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, is described as "visceral and immersive." The ten episodes explore "the human dimensions of the war through revelatory testimony of nearly 80 witnesses from all sides—Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as combatants and civilians from North and South Vietnam."

Brian chose the program, not just for its length, but also because he's a history buff. "I'm big into American history, specifically military history. And the Vietnam War has always fascinated me because there's so many differing views on it. So anytime I can collect data on anything Vietnam, I like to."

He's only a few hours into the program and can already tell "it's very thorough!" Even with Brian's previous research, he's learning things through the documentary that he didn't know before, like Vietnam's colonization by the French and previous fights for independence.

Brian also appreciates how Burns and Novick present first-hand accounts and different perspectives. "So far, I think it's very unbiased. It gives both points of view on controversial issues." He does warn, however, that it can be graphic in places. "It doesn't sugarcoat the conditions. It's very realistic."

Just a few episodes in, Brian is enjoying the program and would recommend it to "anyone who's into American history and military history. Veterans in general I think would be interested." And there are plenty of long winter nights ahead to finish the saga.



If you're looking for a thought-provoking winter binge, point your phone camera at the **QR code** and follow the link. All ten episodes are available with **WTVP Passport**, a benefit of membership. To get **Passport** access, become a member by visiting wtvp.tv/join.



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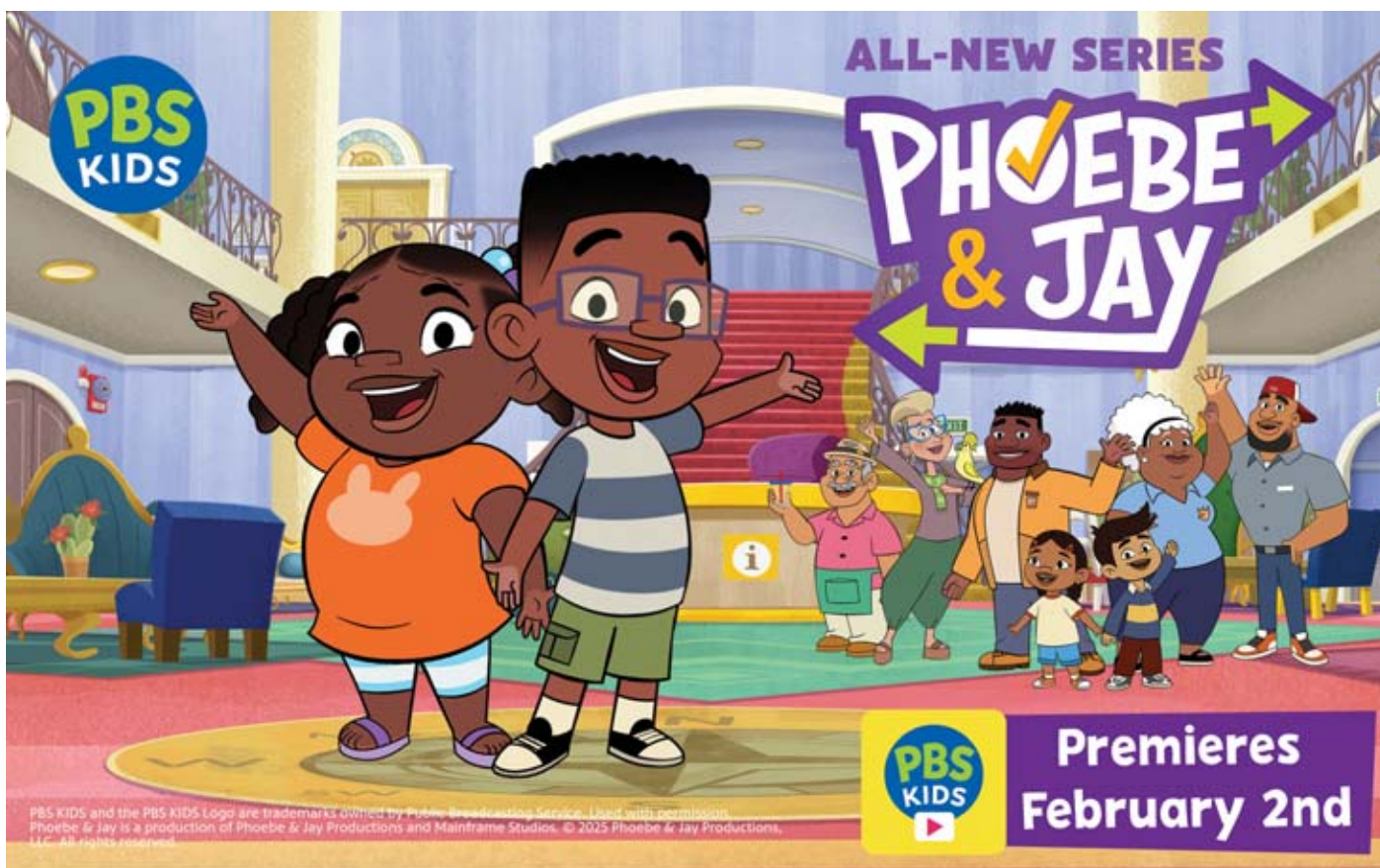
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The new season kicks off in 1971 as several of the ladies embrace Women's Lib and burn their bras outside Nonnatus House. Over the year, the team handles challenging cases including premature birth, placenta previa, kidney cancer, tuberculosis, and slavery. With cast including Jenny Agutter, Judy Parfitt, Helen George, Laura Main, Stephen McGann, Cliff Parisi, Linda Bassett, and Georgie Glen. **Watch episodes 30 days ahead of their broadcast release with Passport.**



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INSIDE THE CIAA: THE BALTIMORE EXPERIENCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 11 PM

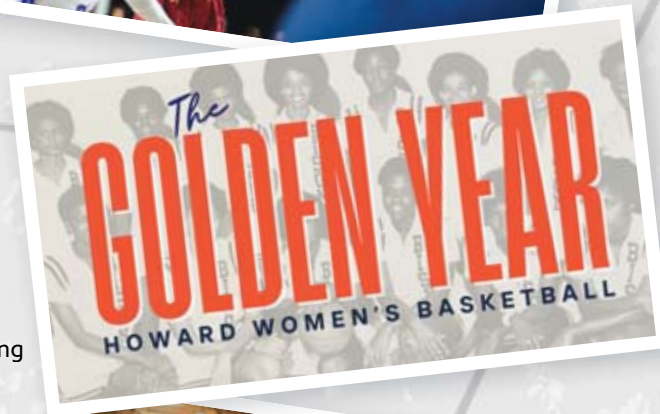
A half-hour special examining the history of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Tournament, the nation's oldest and most profitable post-season basketball tournament featuring Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the cultural, financial and revitalizing impacts in 2023 following its relocation to the City of Baltimore.



THE GOLDEN YEAR: HOWARD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 11:30 PM

In 1974, Howard University forms its first Women's Basketball team, creating new opportunities for women in sports and building a winning program. Fifty years later, players and coaches reflect on their legacy and the overall growth of women's sports while highlighting the continued struggle for equity in athletics.

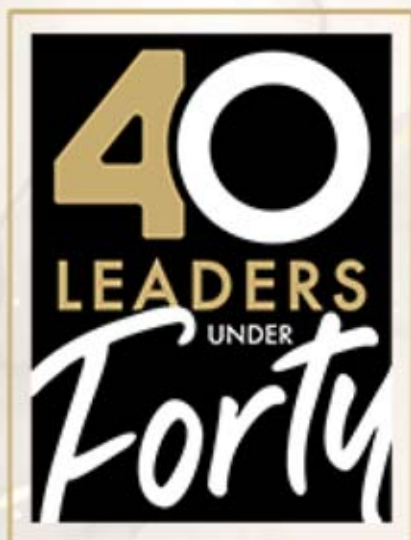


ALLERGIC TO FAILURE: THE ROBERT COVINGTON STORY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 11 PM

The powerful story of former NBA player Robert Covington, who, rooted in grit, faith and self-belief, defied the odds by transitioning from HBCU student to a decade-long career in the highest level of professional basketball. Finding his footing at Tennessee State University, he discovered not just his basketball potential but embraced the excellence and rich legacy of HBCUs.





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Time: 6-9 PM

Location: Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, IL



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OLYMPIC PRIDE, AMERICAN PREJUDICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 9 PM

OLYMPIC PRIDE, AMERICAN PREJUDICE explores the collective experiences of 18 African-American Olympians who defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to win hearts and medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Set against the strained and turbulent atmosphere of a racially divided America, which was torn between boycotting Hitler's Olympics or participating in the Third Reich's grandest affair, the film follows 16 men and two women before, during and after their heroic turn of events at the Summer Olympic Games in Berlin. They represented a country that considered them second-class citizens and competed in a country that rolled out the red carpet for them despite an undercurrent of Aryan superiority and anti-Semitism.



MAJOR TAYLOR: CHAMPION OF THE RACE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 7 PM

"In a word, I was a pioneer, and therefore had to blaze my own trail. " - Marshall "Major" Taylor. He earned nicknames that often equated to the most powerful forces in heaven and earth: The Cyclone. The Whirlwind. The Comet. He earned the respect of civil rights pioneer Booker T. Washington and shook the hand of President Theodore Roosevelt, who sought out the great champion to congratulate him. Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor was the world's first Black sports superstar. Reporters simply called him "The Fastest Man in the World." MAJOR TAYLOR: CHAMPION OF THE RACE retraces the life and legacy of an American civil rights pioneer who set more than 20 world records in speed cycling during the heart of Jim Crow America. By the time he was in his early 20s, Major Taylor had claimed victory in the world cycling championship, the American cycling crown, and had set dozens of world speed cycling records all while having to endure withering racial pressures.



NEVER DROP THE BALL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10 PM

NEVER DROP THE BALL takes audiences on an extraordinary journey to show how Black baseball players built a brand of baseball out of segregation into a worldwide pastime. Their unwavering love for the game led them to form leagues of their own. These Leagues showcased incredible teams like the Miami Giants, later known as the Indianapolis Clowns. Their talent captivated audiences with their dynamic playstyle and teamwork in the United States and internationally. Despite the challenges of the Jim Crow era, Black players' dedication to baseball and their barnstorming tours left an enduring mark on the sport's history.



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CELEBRATING BLACK CREATORS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Kick off the celebration of Black History Month with destinations, stories and recipes that honor the contributions of Black creators from across the diaspora and how they bring cultural traditions to life.

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CHEERS TO OUR VIEWS: A TOAST TO YOU!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

This Valentine's Day, we're raising our glasses to you! Spend the weekend on a globetrotting adventure with *Fresh Glass* and *Wine First* to discover wines and bites fit for any celebration.

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DREAMING OF EUROPE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Winter Olympics have shined a spotlight on Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, but we're not stopping there! Join Kathy McCabe for a deeper look at locations throughout Italy (and a few other European destinations) and start planning a European getaway.

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TABLE FOR ALL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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