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9pm Local, USA
Tariq’s Cube
Tariq’s cube charts the rocky terrain of boyhood in America through the eyes of Tariq, a Muslim American boy figuring out his place in the world through a series of Rubik’s cube competitions. We learn Tariq’s path to adulthood is full of ups and downs, with success and tragedy alike firmly challenging him to figure out who he is and what he wants to do. Add to that the backdrop of a country struggling to figure out how to understand its Muslim neighbors.

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Holiday Horror
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10pm PBS NewsHour

11pm Nightly Business Report

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12am 3 Steps to Pain-Free Living
Eliminate the root cause of many painful conditions with this easy to follow plan from neuromuscular therapist, yoga instructor and pain specialist Lee Albert, who teaches five simple exercises to correct muscle imbalance.

3 Tuesday

8pm America ReFramed
Circle Up
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Hear from Dr. Fuhrman about the crisis of obesity and chronic disease plaguing America. Get his revolutionary health plan - which is not about will power but about knowledge and a healthy, effective, and scientifically proven plan for shedding weight quickly and reclaiming the vitality and good health.

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11:30pm Dw The Day
12am Ken Burns: Country Music
Join host Kathy Mattea to learn more about the making of the epic documentary series devoted to the history of this truly American art form. Features interviews with Rosanne Cash, along with Ken Burns and other members of the filmmaking team.

5 Thursday
9pm Aging Backwards 3 with Miranda Esmonde-White
Did you know that you actually have a choice in how you age, and whether you remain mobile, healthy and pain-free throughout your life? In the pledge special AGING BACKWARDS 3, former ballerina Miranda Esmonde-White uses groundbreaking science to develop a practical six-point plan anyone can use to keep their minds sharp and their bodies active using gentle daily movement.

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12am Nature
Equus: Story of the Horse: Origins
The relationship between man and his noble steed is almost as old as civilization itself. Ever since the mysterious beginning of our extraordinary partnership, horses helped shape the human world. At the speed of a horse, our ancestors conquered distances and built empires. Together, humans and horses flourished side by side. What makes us so perfect for each other?

9 Monday
8pm Chaplains
Part 2
CHAPLAINS continues with a profile of the chaplains team traveling with NASCAR, the tradition of chaplains who serve in the US Senate and House of Representatives, a Rabbi-chaplain working in a Hollywood retirement home, and the newest Muslim chaplain who joined the Detroit Police Department.

9pm Local, USA
Secret Lives of Muslims
American Muslims are a diverse group of individuals with fascinating careers, unexpected talents and inspiring accomplishments but nearly two decades after the Sept. 11 attacks, American Muslims still face an uphill battle among their fellow citizens. The current political climate has led to a saturation of negative images that have made Muslims the target of suspicion and hostility. Emmy Award winning director, Joshua Seftel uses humor and empathy to subvert stereotypes and reveal the truth about Muslims in America with first-person profiles of Muslim Americans across entertainment, sports, politics and more.

9:30pm Stories from the Stage
Holidays: Cheers, Tears and Fears
It takes a lot of emotions to make a holiday - and not just the happy, life-affirming ones. Tonight's tellers show how to roll with the seasonal punches and come up positive. Joe Charnitski tries to break a nightmare-before-Christmas bad luck streak. Jamie Brickhouse connects with his polar opposite older brother through an amazing, unexpected gift. And Cora Waring learns a lesson about courage through an unlikely teacher: golden sneakers. Hosted by Wes Hazard.

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to everyone - religious or not. It is a profession dating back to the fourth century yet is as contemporary as any today. Episode # 1 profiles Chaplain Paul Hurley, a Catholic priest and Senior Chaplain in Afghanistan, Tyson Foods, the poultry company with more than 100 chaplains on staff, and a Buddhist woman chaplain working in a men’s maximum security prison.

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Defying Gravity
Explore the basic principles of flight to see how animals become airborne in the first place. From leapers to gliders and those that effortlessly fly for hours, each creature has special techniques. But all must overcome a powerful force - gravity.

9pm Frontline
The Pension Gamble
How state governments and Wall Street led America's public pensions into a $4-trillion hole. Correspondent Martin Smith investigates the consequences for teachers, police, firefighters, and other public servants and who will be held accountable?

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Bigger Than T. rex
Almost a century ago, paleontologists found the first tantalizing hints of a monster even bigger than Tyrannosaurus Rex, perhaps the largest predator ever to walk the Earth: spectacular fossil bones from a dinosaur dubbed Spinosaurus. But the fossils were completely destroyed during a World War II Allied bombing raid, leaving only drawings, lots of questions, and a mystery: What was Spinosaurus? Now, the discovery of new bones in a Moroccan cliff face is reopening the investigation into this epic beast. What did it feed on and how? Why did it grow so big? We follow the paleontologists who are reconstructing this terrifying carnivore piece by piece, revealing a 53-foot-long behemoth with a huge dorsal sail, enormous, scimitar-like claws, and massive superjaws, tapered toward the front like a crocodile, hosting an army of teeth. It is a painstaking puzzle, and it is missing many of its pieces. NOVA follows researchers on the hunt for more fossils, tracing ancient history along with the very modern drama of how the bones of the Spinosaurus were discovered, seized, bombed, stolen and smuggled across international borders. Bringing together experts in paleontology, geology, climatology and paleobotany, this NOVA/National Geographic special brings to life the lost world over which Spinosaurus reigned more than 65 million years ago.

13 Friday
8:30pm Same God
A few years ago Dr. Larycia Hawkins, a black female professor at a prominent Christian college, wore a hijab in solidarity with Muslim women and said that Christians and Muslims worship the “same God.” The global firestorm that followed exposed the rifts among evangelicals over race, Islam, religious and academic freedom...and Donald Trump.

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12am Independent Lens
The Judge
Take a rare glimpse into Shari’a law (Islamic law), an often misunderstood legal framework for Muslims, told through the eyes of the first woman judge to be appointed to the Middle East’s religious courts.

14 Saturday
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Raising The Dinosaur Giant
Witness the work of paleontologists
families at home to support, the men must decide: Is the job worth the risk?

9pm Reel South
Gimme A Faith
Thousands of Chinese students arrive in the United States each year, often confronting loneliness and culture-clash upon arrival. Arriving in North Carolina to study filmmaking, Hao Zhang is surprised to find a unique community of Chinese students, connected by a newly discovered evangelical Christianity that is often at stark odds with their communist roots in China.

10pm Doc World
Armed with Faith
In the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province of northwest Pakistan, the KPK Bomb Disposal Unit is single handedly trying to stop the region from falling into the hands of terrorists from Afghanistan and surrounding tribal lands. With little special equipment, working with “faith and passion alone,” the men of this unit defuse a majority of terrorist-planted bombs in the country. Armed with Faith follows three men of the K.P.K. unit who put their lives at risk for the people of their country. The film follows two bomb technicians and their commander as they defend their homeland. Abdur Rahim struggles to support his family with the low wages he receives. Inayatullah "Tiger" Khan never stops working, even after a nearly-fatal diffusion goes wrong. Their commander, Shafqat Malik, spends each day making life-or-death decisions. With

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Attla
Discover the inspiring true story of Alaska Native dogsled champion George Attla, who, with one good leg and fierce determination, rose to international fame. His racing prowess and ability to identify and train exceptional dogs made him a legend.

9pm Frontline
Weinstein
How the Hollywood mogul allegedly sexually harassed and abused dozens of women over four decades. With allegations going back to Weinstein’s early years, the film investigates the elaborate ways he and those around him tried to silence his accusers.

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12am Nova
Inside Animal Minds: Who’s The Smartest?
What would it be like to go inside the mind of an animal? We have all gazed into a creature’s eyes and wondered: what is it thinking about? What does it really know? Now, the revolutionary science of animal cognition is revealing hard evidence about how animals understand the world around them, uncovering their remarkable problem-solving abilities and exploring the complexity of their powers of communication and even their emotions. In this mini-series, NOVA explores these breakthroughs through three iconic creatures: dogs, birds and dolphins. We’ll travel into the spectacularly nuanced noses of dogs and wolves, and ask whether their reliance on different senses has shaped their evolution. We’ll see through the eyes of a starling in flight and test the tool-using skills of the smartest of birds, the crow. We’ll listen in as scientists track dolphins in the Caribbean and elephants on the African savannah,
trying to unlock the secrets of animal communication. As we discover how researchers are pushing the animal mind to its limits, we'll uncover surprising similarities to -- and differences from -- the human mind. What makes an animal smart? Many scientists believe the secret lies in relationships. Throughout the animal kingdom, some of the cleverest creatures - including humans - seem to be those who live in complex social groups, like dolphins, elephants and apes. Could the skills required to keep track of friend and foe make animals smarter? To find out, NOVA goes inside the social lives of some of the smartest animals on the planet.

20 Friday
8pm Ornament of the World
Filmed in Cordoba, Granada, Seville and Toledo, this is the story of a remarkable 800-year period when Muslims, Christians and Jews in medieval Spain forged a common cultural identity that often transcended their religious differences.

10pm PBS NewsHour

11pm Nightly Business Report

11:30pm Dw The Day
12am Let There Be Light

Narrated by John Lisanti, LET THERE BE LIGHT follows the grand masters of stained glass art, artist Rowan LeCompte and craftsman Dieter Goldkuhle, as they create their last great series of windows for Washington National Cathedral. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Rowan began making stained glass windows at the age of 14 and designed his first window for Washington National Cathedral (the sixth largest cathedral in the world, with more than 200 stained glass windows), at the age of 16. He spent almost 70 years studying, drawing and creating architectural stained glass and mosaics for a multitude of locations, including: Episcopal Cathedrals in Maryland and Wyoming, the chapels of Trinity College and Princeton University, and the New York State Capitol in Albany. At the age of 81, Rowan was commissioned to produce what would be his last series of windows for the monumental building. The project was initially intended to take one year and be ready for the 2007 centennial celebration of the cathedral's founding. Rowan would design and paint this enormous window while Dieter, his long-time collaborator, would select and cut the glass and do the leading and installation. The documentary chronicles the fascinating creative process but also captures how age begins to take its toll on Rowan. The window falls behind dramatically schedule and the centennial deadline is missed. Artistic differences and the slow pace of work causes a tension to develop between artist and craftsman, and Dieter must eventually leave the project because of other commitments. Six years in the making, LET THERE BE LIGHT is told with stunningly beautiful imagery as it documents Rowan's life-long passion, imagination and creativity in using glass and light. Later, in a surprise reversal, an official Cathedral panel questions installing the new windows at all.

21 Saturday
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An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story tells Niebuhr's story through photographs, recordings, and interviews with his former students, his daughter, and eminent public figures including New York Times writer David Brooks, Civil Rights icon Andrew Young, Susannah Heschel and others. It also includes academic experts who discuss his life and influence. The stories and insights that emerge are critical to preserving and portraying Niebuhr's seminal role in American life. Perhaps the clearest indication of the scope of his appeal is the popularity of his Serenity Prayer, most prominently used by Alcoholics Anonymous.

10pm Doc World The Departure
After a youth full of drinking and night clubs, Ittetsu Nemoto was in a near fatal motorcycle accident. Hospitalized for three months, he realized how precious life was and became a Zen Buddhist monk. Now, in a temple nestled between rice fields and forested hills in rural Japan, his life's work is to save people from committing suicide. "What makes life worth living?" he asks. This question fuels his unconventional approach to suicide prevention. Retreats, pilgrimages, meditation, and collaborative art projects help patients realize what they'd be leaving behind. While Nemoto helps others rediscover their will to live, he must also practice what he preaches. His work begins to take a toll on his family and health, and Nemoto must learn to draw the line between his patients and his own life.

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Using never-before-seen pre-war archival footage and first-person testimonies, TREZOROS: THE LOST JEWS OF KASTORIA chronicles the Jewish life and culture of Kastoria, a picturesque lakeside village in the mountains of Northwestern Greece, near the Albania border. Here, Jews and Greek Orthodox Christians lived together in harmony for more than two millennia until World War II, when this long and rich history would be wiped out in the blink of an eye. TREZOROS (the Ladino/Judeo/Spanish term of endearment meaning “treasures”) takes us from the joyful innocence of the pre-war years through the heartbreaking struggles of the Holocaust, to a unique place in time and history of a Greek Jewish culture lost forever.

**9:30pm Stories from the Stage**
**Holidays: The Good, The Bad**
If there's any truth about holidays, it's that they're a mixed bag. For every perfect moment, there's a disaster - or maybe a few. Tonight's tellers share their stories of holidays good and bad. Melanee Addison tests her adulthood through the ultimate challenge: the Thanksgiving turkey. John Smith-Horn shows that when it comes to being Santa, it's all about the grownups. And Andrea Kamens proves that lighting a menorah may be trickier than you think. Hosted by Wes Hazard.

**10pm PBS NewsHour**
**11pm Nightly Business Report**
**11:30pm Dw The Day**
**12am Mark Twain's Journey to Jerusalem: Dreamland**
MARK TWAIN'S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM: DREAMLAND retraces Mark Twain's footsteps as a cub reporter on a bold adventure sailing around the Mediterranean and throughout Europe in 1867, with Jerusalem and the Holy Land as his ultimate destination. Narrated by Martin Sheen, the documentary reveals Twain's deep rooted and complex relationship with religion. Having regularly attended church services as a child with his devoutly Christian mother, and thoroughly educated on Christianity and the Bible, his childhood imaginings of the Holy Land are confronted with a vastly different reality; the monuments, cities, and landscapes aren't as grand as the Scriptures led him to believe. He also finds himself disillusioned by the poverty and squalor he witnesses beneath the "splendor" of European culture. The film chronicles Mark Twain's exploits on his landmark journey and establishes Twain as the voice of America - funny, sarcastic, and powerfully opinionated.

**24 Tuesday**
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9pm Frontline
Poor Kids
View an intimate portrait of the ongoing economic crisis told through kids growing up in the Midwest. The film revisits three families hit hard by the recession, exploring what poverty means to children and to the country.

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Narrated by Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Amy Grant, CRISIS OF FAITH examines how slavery and biblical interpretations on its morality divided religious denominations and ultimately, the nation, in the Civil War era. Most Southerners deemed slavery integral to their way of life, and the Bible seemingly reinforced this belief. Christian figures in both the Old Testament and the New Testament never object to, nor do they condemn, the practice. Abolitionists, meanwhile, viewed slavery as an evil inconsistent with values of Christianity. In interviews, prominent religious scholars and historians discuss the evolution of arguments over slavery - from the rhetoric of freedom and equality stoked by the American Revolution; to the divisions of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches into northern and southern factions; to the dividing of the nation and the eruption of Civil War.

12:30am Independent Lens
Supergirl
Meet Naomi, a seemingly ordinary Orthodox Jewish preteen from New Jersey whose extraordinary talent - breaking world powerlifting records - turns her into an international phenomenon in this unique coming-of-age story.

26 Thursday
8pm Supernature - Wild Flyers Crowded Skies
The sky is a crowded world where mammals, birds and insects hunt, escape, mate, defend territory, sleep and even die on the wing. Survival up there depends not just on beating gravity or mastering flight, but also out-flying the competition.

9pm Impossible Builds
The Floating House
Follow the build to make living beneath the waves into a reality as a team in Dubai attempts to construct a floating house combining the best of land and marine design. Will they achieve the impossible?

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Examine legends about the origins and meaning of the aurora, the colorful glow that often brightens the night sky in Earth's polar regions. Investigate the myths of Finland's Saami, Alaska's Inuit, Canada's Native Americans and New Zealand's Maori.

27 Friday
8pm Your Health: A Sacred Matter
YOUR HEALTH: A SACRED MATTER explores how religion, spirituality and health care interrelate. The program weaves together compelling individual stories from doctors, patients, nurses, chaplains and caregivers who speak to the benefits of incorporating a patient’s spirituality as part of a whole-patient/whole-person model of care. The two-hour documentary examines how the medical profession is not only looking to the origins of medicine in order to move forward, by re-integrating religiously based tenets into the healing process, but also responding to contemporary research findings that support earlier accepted wisdom. The film's interviewees provide a representative sampling of the leading medical schools, teaching hospitals and research centers across the nation recognized for their work in this field. YOUR HEALTH: A SACRED MATTER also follows a variety of people in the field who are learning to integrate the whole-person model of care. In 2016, it won the International Award of Excellence in the category of "Documentary Feature" at the International Film Festival for Spirituality - Religion - Visionary in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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12am Lucy Worsley's 12 Days of Tudor Christmas
Join Lucy Worsley on a 12-day extravaganza as she discovers that much of what we enjoy in contemporary Christmas - from carols to turkey, gift-giving to mistletoe and mulled wine - has surprising Tudor origins, rooted in
devotion and charity.

**28 Saturday**

**8pm Buddha**
This program explores the life of the Buddha. Two and a half millennia ago, a new religion was born in northern India, generated from the ideas of a single man, the Buddha, a mysterious Indian sage who famously gained enlightenment while he sat under a large, shapely fig tree. The Buddha never claimed to be God or his emissary on earth. He said only that he was a human being who, in a world of unavoidable pain and suffering, had found a kind of serenity that others could find, too.

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**29 Sunday**

**8pm Nature**
*Dolphins: Spy in the Pod, Part 1*
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**30 Monday**

**8pm Stories from the Stage**
*Kitchen Confessions*
For some people, cooking is a refuge. For others, it’s a nightmare. Theresa Okokon hosts.

**8:30pm Stories from the Stage**
*Mealtime*
Food lives at the place where connection, community - and sometimes courage - meet. Amanda gets a glimpse of what her classmates eat on their birthdays and makes sure she gets a bite; Mark earns his wings as an apple pie baker; and Kwasi learns to make his childhood favorite food and connects to his Ghanaian culture. Three storytellers, three interpretations of MEALTIME, hosted by Theresa Okokon.

**9pm Stories from the Stage**
*Sugar & Spice*
Food is so central to life that we almost take it for granted. But it also shapes us in ways beyond the gastronomic. Gastor goes above and beyond to satisfy his wife's sweet cravings; Claire travels the world to hunt exotic spices and heal
her broken heart; and Juan conjures a memorable meal...despite challenges. Three storytellers, three interpretations of SUGAR & SPICE, hosted by Theresa Okokon.

**9:30pm Stories from the Stage**

**Food for Thought**

Day by day, meal by meal, food becomes a part of who we are. Jo Radner's mother astonishes her family by baking a pie for dinner; Gauri Gupta rises above a low point to discover new opportunities through baking; and after the death of his father, David Filipov goes to Afghanistan where a simple Pop-Tart takes on a whole new meaning. Three storytellers, three interpretations of FOOD FOR THOUGHT, hosted by Theresa Okokon.

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In honor of the season, tales of joy and disaster under the summer sun. Caroline Chapin becomes a Pilgrim at Plimoth Plantation and finds herself more curious about the lives of its tourists than they are about hers; Colin Ryan battles his fear of sharks with scuba diving lessons, learning that every minute you face your fears is one minute you're less afraid; and as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador, Theresa Okokon breaks the rules to go on a wild white water rafting adventure. Three storytellers, three interpretations of SOUNDS LIKE SUMMER, hosted by Theresa Okokon.

**31 Tuesday**

**8pm America ReFramed**

*The Invisible Patients*

Through the story of Jessica Macleod, Ph.D., a dedicated nurse practitioner in Evansville, Indiana, and her four homebound and marginalized patients, THE INVISIBLE PATIENTS sheds light on some of the most urgent healthcare issues facing our nation today: from the living conditions of the elderly poor and end-of-life care, to the soaring costs of hospitalization, complexity of insurance and overprescription of opioids. It challenges us to wrestle with not just healthcare policy, but as importantly, asks how to care for all persons with dignity and respect.