The dawn of the atomic age
We all need feedback.

We can get so caught up in our day-to-day activities that we miss opportunities to check in on how well we’re actually delivering the goods. All of us at Illinois Public Media appreciate your opinions on the job we’re doing, and we hope you’ll always reach out to let us know.

Another helpful input is getting together with other public media stations at the PBS annual meeting to learn from one another, compare notes and get unique insight both from our peers and from the top minds at PBS, including CEO Paula Kerger. From rapidly evolving technology and delivery systems to changes or reductions in funding sources and discovering new operational efficiencies, there’s a lot of keep up with.

The annual meeting’s session with general managers of PBS stations across the country shared best practices at the national level and at individual stations. It confirmed that Illinois Public Media is right in step with and, in some cases, ahead of other stations with our progress in increasing content; serving our communities; finding ways to share content on every platform with an emphasis on digital delivery; increasing partnerships; examining ways to be more diversified in content and development sources and delivery; and being open to collaborations.

In the coming months, I’ll be sharing more about how our strategic planning process is helping refine and clarify our goals and actions in these areas. It’s shaping up to be a vital map for our future. Thank you so much for your ongoing support—we’re glad you’re with us on the journey!

Moss Bresnahan, President and CEO
Twitter: @MossIILMedia
Then, following The Bomb, at 9 pm on July 28, is the first of the two-part Uranium: Twisting the Dragon’s Tail, a look at the Earth’s most controversial substance. Part science and part history, the story of uranium is brought to life by host Dr. Derek Muller (right), a physicist and creator of the popular YouTube channel, Veritasium. Muller explores mineshafts, arid deserts and an abandoned city resulting from the world’s worst nuclear accident to touch on the cultural, scientific and natural significance of uranium and its many uses—from weaponry to medicine. The second part of the program airs at 9 pm Wednesday, July 29.

With this month’s 70th anniversary of the Trinity Test—the first explosion of an atomic bomb—new thought-provoking documentaries share the history of nuclear weapons and offer an in-depth look at the chemical element used in those armaments.

Using state-of-the-art techniques to turn recently declassified images into vivid footage, The Bomb (7 pm Tuesday, July 28) tells a powerful story of the most destructive invention in human history. From the earliest testing stages to its use as the ultimate chess piece in global politics, the program explores how America developed the bomb, how it changed the world and how it continues to loom large in our lives. The documentary includes interviews with historians, along with the men and woman who helped build the weapon piece by piece. Former high-ranking government officials reveal how the bomb was viewed inside government circles, while others share their memories of seeing the mushroom clouds of the first atomic tests.

Looking at the history and science of nuclear weapons

Albert Einstein and Robert Oppenheimer

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Mannie Jackson rose from humble beginnings living in a boxcar to become the first African-American captain of the University of Illinois basketball team, a member and later owner of the Harlem Globetrotters, and a senior executive at Honeywell.

**Mannie Jackson: From Boxcar to Boardrooms**, by U of I documentary film producers Alison Davis Wood and Tim Hartin, airs on WILL-TV at 5:30 pm Sunday, July 5. It tells the story of Jackson’s youth in southern Illinois in the 1940s and ’50s, when he dreamed of being more than a star athlete. He wasn’t willing to accept the limitations placed on him by a society steeped in prejudice. As a senior executive at Honeywell, he was one of the first African-Americans to serve on multiple Fortune 500 company boards of directors. When he purchased the Harlem Globetrotters in 1992, he rescued them from bankruptcy and ensured their role in African-American history would not be forgotten.

Three other documentaries by Wood and Hartin air on subsequent Sundays:

- John Bardeen (credit: University of Illinois Library Archives)
- Julie and Nathan Gunn (Courtesy of Nathan Gunn)

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▲ Mannie Jackson, left, with U of I teammate Governor Vaughn. (credit: University of Illinois Library Archives)

▲ Nick Holonyak (credit: University of Illinois)
By Bob Culkeen
Interim Chief Operations Officer

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Honoring a life

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting honored the late Donald P. Mullally, a former general manager of WILL, with a proclamation of appreciation for his career-long contributions to public media. At left, Illinois Public Media President and CEO Moss Bresnahan presented the document to Carolyn Mullally. Below: Tiffany Jolley, the first Mullally intern and now on the WILL News staff, with Mrs. Mullally.

Then on July 26, Illinois Innovators profiles four current and former U of I professors: opera star Nathan Gunn and his wife/accompanist Julie Gunn; Rajmohan Gandhi, the biographer and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi; and Thomas Cureton Jr., known as the father of physical fitness.

WILL Radio gets new automation system

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weekdays

6 am
NPR Morning Edition
with Renee Montagne, Steve Inskeep and David Greene

9 am
Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo
Join Vic for music and companionship and make each morning a classic morning!

Noon
Afternoon Classics
Jeff Esworthy, Julie Amacher, Lynn Warfel and Mindy Ratner keep you company throughout the afternoon. Garrison Keillor’s The Writer's Almanac is at 1:01. NPR News Headlines at 3:01.

5 pm
NPR All Things Considered
with Robert Siegel, Melissa Block and Audie Cornish

7 pm
The Evening Concert
Great performances from the great concert venues. Also on Sundays from 7-9 pm. Listings are subject to change.

Monday:
The 2014 Salzburg Festival
(new: this month only)
7/6 Mozarteum Orchestra Salzburg
Ivor Bolton, conductor
Kristian Bezuidenhout, piano
Mozart: Piano Concerto in G, K 453
7/13 Vienna Philharmonic
Riccardo Muti, conductor
Schubert: Symphony No. 4 in C minor, D 417
Bruckner: Symphony No. 6 in A
7/20 Mozarteum Orchestra Salzburg
Adam Fischer, conductor
Salzburg Bach Choir
Mozart: A Little Masonic Cantata, K 623
Mozart: Symphony No. 36 in C, K 425
7/27 Vienna Philharmonic
Gustavo Dudamel, conductor
Strauss: Also sprach Zarathustra, Op. 30

Tuesday:
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
7/7 Slatkin Conducts Gershwin
Leonard Slatkin, conductor
Barber: Overture to the School for Scandal
Gershwin: An American in Paris
7/14 Metzemaker Conducts Tchaikovsky
Ingo Metzmacher, conductor
Tchaikovsky: Excerpts from The Nutcracker
Stravinsky: Petrushka (1911 version)
7/21 Osma Vänskä Conducts Brahms
Renault Capuçon, violin;
Gautier Capuçon, cello
Brahms: Concerto for Violin and Cello
Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68
7/28 Vasily Petrenko Conducts Rachmaninoff
Paul Lewis, piano
Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor)
Rachmaninoff: Symphonic Dances

Wednesday:
San Francisco Symphony
7/1 Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, conductor
Alisa Weilerstein, cello
Haydn: Cello Concerto No. 1 in C major
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

7/8 Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor
Julia Fischer, violin
Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No. 1
Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique
7/15 Herbert Blomstedt, conductor
Carey Bell, clarinet;
Nielsen: Clarinet Concerto
Schubert: Symphony in C major, D. 944
7/22 Herbert Blomstedt, conductor
Garrick Ohlsson, piano
Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 21 in C major
Bruckner: Symphony No. 4 in E-flat major
7/29 James Conlon, conductor
Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano
Mark Inouye, trumpet
Shostakovich: Piano Concerto No. 1 in C minor

Thursday:
The New York Philharmonic This Week
7/2 Bramwell Tovey, conductor
Sousa: The Liberty Bell
Kessler: Armed Forces Medley
7/9 Bramwell Tovey, conductor
Kirill Gerstein, piano
Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 2
Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture
7/16 Bramwell Tovey, conductor
Marc Nuccio, clarinet
Copland: Clarinet Concerto
Grofé: Grand Canyon Suite
7/23 Bramwell Tovey, conductor;
Copland: Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo
Tovey: The Lincoln Tunnel Cabaret
7/30 Bramwell Tovey, conductor;
Joyce Yang, piano
Shostakovich: Festive Overture
Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 1

Friday:
Prairie Performances
Concerts are subject to availability.
To be announced.

9 pm
Night Music
Gillian Martin, Bob Christiansen, Ward Jacobson, Scott Blankenship or John Zech keep you company through the night and into the morning. NPR News Headlines at 9:01.
saturdays

7 am
NPR Weekend Edition
with Scott Simon

9 am
Classics By Request
Submit requests to John Frayne at classreq@illinois.edu
or 217-300-4319.
Garrison Keillor’s The Writer’s Almanac at 9:01.
NPR News Headlines at 10:01.

11 am
Classics of the Phonograph
John Frayne’s weekly exploration of memorable recordings from the 20th century.
7/4 Serge Koussevitzky and Howard Hanson: Great Supporters of American Music
7/11 The Deutsche Grammophone Archiv Label and the Baroque Revival
7/18 Eric Leinsdorf: A Forgotten Conductor?
7/25 Famous Piano Concerto Recordings of the 1930s

Noon
Afternoon at the Opera
The Lyric Opera of Chicago series ends and the Los Angeles Opera series begins.
7/4 PORGY AND BESS (Gershwin). Ward Stare, cond, with Eric Owens (Porgy), Adina Aaron (Bess), Eric Greene (Crow), Jermaine Smith (Sportin’ Life), and the Lyric Opera Ensemble.
7/11 TOSCA (Puccini). Dmitri Jurowski, cond, with Tatiana Serjan (Tosca), Brian Jagde (Mario), Evgeny Nikitin (Scarpia), and the Lyric Opera Ensemble.
7/18 LA TRAVIATA (Verdi). James Conlon, cond, with Nino Machaidze (Violetta), Arturo Chacon-Cruz (Alfredo), Placido Domingo (Giorgio Germont), and the LA Opera Ensemble.
7/25 DIDO AND AENEAS (Purcell). Steven Sloane, cond, with Paula Murrihy (Dido), Liam Bonner (Aeneas), Katerinya Kasper (Belinda). BLUEBEARD’S CASTLE (Bartok). Steven Sloane, cond, with Robert Hayward (Bluebeard), Claudia Mahnke (Judith), and the LA Opera Ensemble.

4 pm
NPR All Things Considered

5 pm
A Prairie Home Companion
Garrison Keillor and friends present music, skits, and the latest news from Lake Wobegon. [Also Sundays at 2 pm]

7 pm
The Midnight Special
Rich Warren presents folk music and farce, show tunes and satire, traditional and contemporary with gentle irreverence and candid observation.

9 pm
Classics All Night
Bob Christiansen and Scott Blankenship keep you company Saturday night and into Sunday morning. NPR News Headlines at 10:01.

sundays

7 am
NPR Weekend Edition
with Rachel Martin

9 am
Sunday Baroque
With host Suzanne Bona
Garrison Keillor’s The Writer’s Almanac at 9:01.

1 pm
The Record Shelf

2 pm
A Prairie Home Companion

4 pm
NPR All Things Considered

5 pm
Classical Music
Mindy Ratner and Valerie Kahler are your hosts.

7-8 pm
The Evening Concert
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center
7/5 Piano, Four Hands
Mozart: Andante and Five Variations, K. 501
Gilles Vonsattel, Andre-Michel Schub, piano
7/12 Brandenburgs & More
Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 and No. 4
Pedja Muzijevic, harpsichord
7/19 American Spirit
Beach: Quintet in F-sharp minor
Chencher String Quartet
7/26 Hungarian Flair
Dohnányi: Quintet No. 1 in C minor for Piano, Two Violins, Viola, and Cello, Op. 1
Juho Pohjonen, piano

8-9 pm
The Evening Concert
Spoleto Chamber Music Series (new season)
7/5 Telemann: Concerto for Oboe in E Minor
James Austin Smith, oboe
Mozart: Kegelstatt Trio, K. 498
Todd Palmer, clarinet
7/12 Mendelssohn: Piano Trio in D Minor
Inon Barnatan, piano
Biber: Harmonia Artificiosa-Ariosa:
Partita No. 3
Pedja Muzijevic, harpsichord
7/19 Sarasate: “Nouvelle Fantaisie sur Faust”
Livia Sohn, violin
Schubert: Piano Quintet in A Major, D. 667,
“The Trout”
Inon Barnatan, piano
7/26 Vaughan-Williams: Piano Quintet in C Minor
Inon Barnatan, piano
Macmillan: “From Galway”
Todd Palmer, clarinet

10 pm
Harmonia
Angela Mariani presents Baroque and early music. NPR News Headlines at 10:01.

11 pm
The Romantic Hours
Music, poetry and romance with Mona Golabek.

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Classical Music
weekdays
6-9 am  
Classical Music

9 am-noon  
Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo

Join Vic for music and companionship and make each morning a classic morning!

Noon-overnight  
Classical Music; Fridays 7-9, Prairie Performances  (see listings page 4)

Saturdays
7-9 am  
Classical Music

9-11 am  
Classics by Request

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11 am-Noon  
Classics of the Phonograph

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Noon-overnight  
Classical Music

Sundays
all day  
Classical Music

The sounds of independence
As the perfect backdrop for your celebration, WILL-FM is airing A Capitol Fourth from 7-9 pm on Saturday, July 4. It will replace The Midnight Special that evening. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the live broadcast from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Hosted by NPR’s Korva Coleman, the event features performances from some of America’s best known celebrities and musical artists. The show is capped off with a rousing rendition of Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture complete with live cannon fire provided by the United States Army Presidential Salute Battery, an audience favorite and now A Capitol Fourth tradition.

New Capitol Steps special
Continuing their longstanding tradition of Politics Takes a Holiday specials, The Capitol Steps will present the Independence Day edition at 10 am Friday, July 3, on WILL-AM.
Monday - Friday

5:00  BBC Overnight Continued
6:00  Commodity Week
6:30  Mid-American Gardener
7:00  NPR Weekend Edition
9:00  Car Talk

See below
10:00  Wait Wait ... Don’t Tell Me

Fresh Air
11:00  Ask Me Another

Here & Now hosted by Jason Croft
Noon  This American Life

Science Friday (F)
1:00  The Moth Radio Hour
1:30  All Songs Considered

The Closing Market Report
2:00  Radiolab

BBC Business Daily/Commodity Week (F)
2:30

The World
3:00  TED Radio Hour

All Things Considered
4:00  All Things Considered
5:00  Big Picture Science
6:00  Commonwealth Club

Fresh Air
7:00  Living on Earth

See below (repeat of 10 am program)
8:00  Latino USA

BBC World Service
9:00  Alternative Radio
10:00  Bookworm
10:30  New Letters on the Air
11:00  Left, Right & Center
11:30-6 am  BBC World Service

Saturday

5:00  BBC World Service
6:00  Inside Europe

Sunday

5:00  NPR Weekend Edition
9:00  Car Talk

See below
10:00  Says You

Fresh Air
11:00  Car Talk

Here & Now hosted by Jason Croft
Noon  Wait, Wait... Don’t Tell Me

Science Friday (F)
1:00  All Songs Considered
1:30  State Week in Review

The Closing Market Report
2:00  Reveal (7/12)

BBC Business Daily/Commodity Week (F)
2:30

The World
3:00  On the Media

All Things Considered
4:00  All Things Considered
5:00  The People’s Pharmacy
6:00  Travel with Rick Steves

Fresh Air
7:00  To the Best of Our Knowledge

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8:00  Latino USA

BBC World Service
9:00  New Dimensions
10:00  Le Show
10:30  New Letters on the Air
11:00  Left, Right & Center
11:30-6 am  BBC World Service

10 am weekdays lineup

Monday: On the Media (repeat of previous Sunday)
Tuesday: The Moth Radio Hour
Wednesday: Big Picture Science (repeat of previous Saturday)
Thursday: The TED Radio Hour (repeat of previous Saturday)
Friday: Capitol Steps: Politics Takes a Holiday (7/3)

Agriculture

Todd Gleason, host, Closing Market Report & Commodity Week


Illinois Public Media News

Scott Cameron, news and public affairs director

The news from Illinois Public Media’s award-winning staff of reporters—Jeff Bossert, Tiffany Jolley, Jim Meadows, Hannah Meisel and Brian Moline—can be heard during Morning Edition, Here & Now and All Things Considered.

Weather

Monday-Friday

Saturday and Sunday
Occasional updates
Arts and Crafts—5-6 am; 11 am-noon
Sun and Wed: Knitting Daily; Beauty of Oil Painting/ Frank Clark Simply Painting Around the World (begins 7/8)
Mon and Fri: Quilting Daily; Beauty of Oil Painting/ Frank Clark Simply Painting Around the World (begins 7/8)
Tue and Thu: Knit and Crochet Now; Best of the Joy of Painting
Cooking—6-8 am; noon-2 pm
Sun and Wed: Pati’s Mexican’s Table; Primal Grill; Barbecue University; Moveable Feast
Mon and Fri:  Great American Seafood Cook Off; Caprial and John’s Kitchen/Heathly Indian Flavors with Alamelu (begins 7/24); Ciao Italia/Martin Yan’s Vietnam (begins 7/6); Taste the Islands with Chef Irie
Tue and Thur: Chef John Besh’s New Orleans; P. Allen Smith’s Garden Home; Beads, Baubles and Jewels
Tuesdays
7:00 America Reframed
8:30 Calling My Children (7/7); Education of Harvey Gantt (7/14); Visa Dream (7/21); America by the Numbers with Maria Hinojosa (7/28)
11:00 America Reframed
Wednesdays
7:00 POV (7/15, 7/29)
7:30 Frontline (7/1, 7/22)
8:00 Frontline (7/17, 7/29)
11:00 POV (7/19, 7/22); Losing Lambert: A Journey Through Survival & Hope (7/8); So Right, So Smart (7/15); World On Trial (7/29)
11:30 POV (7/8)
Thursday
7:00 First Peoples (7/2); NOVA (7/9, 7/23); To Catch a Comet (7/16); Uranium: Twisting the Dragon’s Tail (7/30)
8:00 Secrets of the Dead (7/2); Naturally Obsessed: The Making of a Scientist (7/9); Divine Discontent: Charles Proteus Steinmetz (7/16); Fixed: The Science/Fiction of Human Enhancement (7/23); NOVA (7/30)
11:00 First Peoples (7/2, 7/9); NOVA (7/16, 7/23); Uranium: Twisting the Dragon’s Tail (7/30)
Tue and Thu: Rudy Maxa’s World; Equitrekking/ Mineral Explorers (begins 7/30)
Gardening/Home Improvement—9-11; 3:30-5:30 pm
Mon and Fri: This Old House; Rough Cut—Woodworking with Tommy Mac; P. Allen Smith’s Garden Home; Beads, Baubles and Jewels
Sun: Ask This Old House; American Woodshop; Garden Smart; Katie Brown Workshop
Weekend Marathons—5-11 am; 5-11 pm Saturday; 11 am-5 pm Sunday
July 4/5: Great Steak
Prepare the perfect steak.
July 11/12: Taste of India
Tour and taste with Create’s experts.
July 18/19: Brunch Time
Recipes and how to serve brunch right.
July 25/26: Beauty and the Beach
The best locations around the globe.
See the full Create schedule at will.illinois.edu/tv/schedule

See the full World schedule at will.illinois.edu/tv/schedule
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**1:00 pm Sewing**
- M: Fons & Porter’s Love of Quilting
- Tu: Sewing with Nancy
- W: Knitting Daily
- Th: Knit & Crochet Now/Quilting Arts (begins 7/30)
- F: It's Sew Easy

**1:30 pm Painting and How To**
- M: Beauty of Oil Painting
- Tu: Paint This with Jerry Yarnell
- W: Wyland's Art Studio
- Th: Garden Smart
- F: Painting and Travel/Painting with Paulson (begins 7/17)
In *Blackout*, *American Experience* looks back at the 1977 New York City power outage that affected 7 million people. The event led to both horrifying lawlessness and acts of selflessness and generosity. The program airs at 8 pm Tuesday, July 14.

*Driving Miss Daisy* tells the story of the unlikely and evolving friendship of a well-to-do Jewish matron and her African-American chauffeur during the tumultuous years of the Civil Rights era in the Deep South. *Great Performances* captured a production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning stage play starring Angela Lansbury as Daisy Werthan, and James Earl Jones as Hoke Colburn. It airs at 8 pm Friday, July 17.

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the most complex natural ecosystems on earth—home to a stunning array of animals, from microscopic plankton to 100-ton whales. From the coral cays of the outer reef to the Islands of the Torres Strait, the reef’s human residents work to find that critical balance between our needs and those of an ever-diminishing natural world. The three-part *Life on the Reef* (7 pm Wednesdays, July 22, 29 and Aug. 5) presents a fresh look at Australia’s greatest natural icon through the eyes of those who live, work and play in this natural wonderland.

The night the lights went out

Photo: Courtesy of Bolivar Arellano

Driving a friendship

Photo: Courtesy of Broadway Near You
Operation Wild, a three-part series that airs at 7 pm Wednesdays starting July 1, features veterinarian teams around the world as they undertake groundbreaking operations to try to save animals’ lives. Through dramatic stories of ingenuity, invention and dedication, find out how pioneering human medicine is transforming animal health care in some of the most remote places on earth.

Having lost custody of their children, two parents fight to win back the trust of the courts and reunite their families. Acknowledging their past parenting mistakes, both contend with a complex bureaucracy to prove they deserve a second chance in POV: Tough Love at 9 pm Monday, July 6.

The world’s best young pianists try to make a name for themselves at a high-stakes piano competition that’s as much a test of character as a musical proving ground. Virtuosity—The Cliburn tells their stories at 8 pm Friday, July 31.
### Friday Night Public Affairs

7:00 Washington Week  
7:30 Charlie Rose: The Week

### BritCom Saturday Night

8:00 As Time Goes By  
8:30 Vicar of Dibley  
9:00 Moone Boy  
9:30 Spy  
10:00 Doctor Who

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<td>First Peoples</td>
<td>(TV-PG) Asia. Part 3 of 5. New insight on the ancient human journey from Africa to Asia, supported by DNA evidence found four years ago. Repeated 1 am Thursday; 2:30 am Friday; and midnight Saturday.</td>
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<td>First Peoples</td>
<td>(TV-PG) Australia. Part 4 of 5. The story of how homo sapiens survived their earliest days on a new continent. Repeated 2 am Thursday; 3:30 am Friday; and 1 am Sunday.</td>
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<td>Doc Martin</td>
<td>(TV-PG) Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner? Martin and Louisa host a disastrous dinner party, the new nanny walks out, and Morwenna advertises for a lodger. Repeated 6 pm Sunday.</td>
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<td>Father Brown</td>
<td>The Owl of Minerva. A fugitive takes sanctuary in St. Mary’s; Father Brown realizes that the man in the confessional is Inspector Sullivan—and he’s wanted for murder. Repeated 4 pm Sunday.</td>
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<td>Great Performances</td>
<td>(TV-G) Star Spangled Spectacular: Bicentennial of Our National Anthem. A celebration of the anthem’s 200th anniversary, featuring performances by Kristin Chenoweth, Smokey Robinson, Train, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and many others.</td>
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<td>A Capitol Fourth</td>
<td>(TV-G) Celebrate the country’s 239th birthday with an all-star musical extravaganza and the greatest display of fireworks anywhere in the nation, live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Repeated 8:30 pm; 2 am Sunday; and 2 am and 3:30 am Monday.</td>
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<td>Last Tango In Halifax</td>
<td>(TV-14) Season 3. Part 2 of 6. Alan finally lets Celia into his secret about Gary, but is saddened when Celia punishes Caroline on her wedding day for his mistake. Repeated 2 am Tuesday.</td>
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<td>8:00</td>
<td>Poldark On Masterpiece</td>
<td>(TV-PG) Part 3 of 7. Poldark’s battle with the local gentry deepens. He faces one turning point with Elizabeth and another with Demelza. Repeated midnight; and 3 am Tuesday.</td>
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<td>9:00</td>
<td>The Crimson Field</td>
<td>(TV-PG) Part 3 of 6. Thomas wrestles with a growing attraction to Kitty; a terrified patient faces court martial; and Sister Joan reveals a dark secret to one of her patients. Repeated 1 am Monday; and 4 am Tuesday.</td>
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<td>(TV-PG) A.J. Croce/Poor Old Shine/Robbie Fulks/The Wood Brothers.</td>
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<td>Antiques Roadshow</td>
<td>(TV-G) Vintage Tulsa. Discover how appraisal values have changed from 15 years ago. Highlights include a Navajo chief’s blanket, a Connecticut secretary and chair, and a 1924 Charles Russell watercolor. Repeated 1 am Tuesday; and 7 pm Saturday.</td>
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<td>Antiques Roadshow</td>
<td>(TV-G) Vintage Des Moines. Fifteen years later, look at updated values, including for a Rambling Mickey Mouse toy; Charles Lindbergh memorabilia; and a Samuel McIntire medallion. Repeated midnight Tuesday.</td>
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<td>American Experience</td>
<td>(TV-PG) (DVS) The Abolitionists. Part 1 of 3. The cause takes shape as individuals—including Frederick Douglass and Harriet Beecher Stowe—put their shared beliefs about slavery into action. Repeated midnight; 3 am Thursday; and 2:30 am Saturday.</td>
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reveals his radical plan to raise an army, attack plantations and free the slaves; Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes Uncle Tom’s Cabin in 1852. Repeated 1 am Wednesday; and 4 am Thursday.

9:00 Frontline
Hunting the Nightmare Bacteria. An investigation into the alarming rise of untreatable, antibiotic resistant infections.

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose

8 Wednesday
7:00 Operation Wild (TV-PG)

8:00 First Peoples (TV-PG)
Europe. Part 5 of 5. A look at the interbreeding of homo sapiens and Neanderthals after their meeting in prehistoric Europe. Repeated 1 am Thursday; 3 am Friday; 1 am Sunday; and 3:30 am Monday.

9:00 NOVA (TV-PG)
Why Sharks Attack. NOVA teams up with leading shark experts in Australia and the United States to discover the science behind the great white’s hunting instincts. Repeated 2 am Thursday; 4 am Friday; and midnight Sunday.

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose

9 Thursday
7:00 Mid-American Gardener (TV-G)
Repeated 11 am Saturday.

7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G)
Repairing Structural Problems/Wiring a New Ceiling Fixture.

8:00 Doc Martin (TV-PG)
The Tameness of a Wolf. Ruth is invited on Radio Portwenn and attracts an unwanted mystery admirer; Doc and Louisa find a replacement nanny. Repeated 6 pm Sunday.

9:00 Father Brown (TV-PG)
The Man in the Shadows. Father Brown finds himself embroiled with MI5, which puts Lady Felicia in a compromising position. To protect secrets in her own past, will she betray her friend?

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose

10 Friday
7:00 Friday Night Public Affairs
See page 12.

8:00 American Masters

9:30 Illinois Pioneers
U of I School of Music professor Ollie Watts Davis
10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose

11 Saturday
7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
Vintage Tulsa. Repeated from 7 pm Monday.

8:00 Britcom Saturday Night
See page 12.

11:00 Front and Center (TV-G)
John Hiatt.

12 Sunday
7:00 Last Tango In Halifax (TV-14)
Season 3. Part 3 of 6. Celia builds bridges with Alan and accepts Gary into her life, despite her initial reservations. Although relations with Caroline are still fraught, Celia stands by her when she receives some devastating news. Repeated 2 am Tuesday.

8:00 Poldark On Masterpiece (TV-PG)
Part 4 of 7. The community awaits news of the fish harvest; Poldark’s copper mine struggles; Demelza must get used to a new way of life. Repeated midnight Monday; and 3 am Tuesday.

9:00 The Crimson Field (TV-PG)
Part 4 of 6. The arrival of soldiers from her hometown lifts Joan’s spirits, but she finds herself in trouble. Meanwhile, the return of an old patient causes ripples, calling everyone’s loyalties into question. Repeated 1 am Monday; and 4 am Tuesday.

10:00 Globe Trekker (TV-PG)
Vietnam.

11:00 Music City Roots: Live from the Loveless Café (TV-PG)
Belfast-Nashville Songwriters Festival.

13 Monday
7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
Vintage Las Vegas. Look back at memorable items appraised in 2000, including a collection of magic memorabilia; a Shearer chest of drawers; and an album of John Thomson photos. Repeated 1 am Tuesday; and 7 pm Saturday.

8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
Antique Providence. Fifteen years later, check values of objects including a Maurice Brazil Prendergast color monotype; a Cartier ruby and diamond compact; and an Edward Farmer jade and gold box. Repeated midnight; and 4 am Wednesday.

9:00 POV (TV-PG)
Web Junkie. Follow the military-style rehabilitation of three Chinese teenagers, obsessive gamers who prefer the virtual world to the real one. Repeated 3 am Wednesday; and 2 am Sunday.

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose

14 Tuesday
7:00 American Experience (TV-PG) (DVS)
The Abdolitionists. Part 3 of 3. Southern states secede, war breaks out and the conflict drags on before Lincoln emancipates the slaves and the 13th Amendment is ratified two years later. Repeated midnight; and 2 am Thursday.
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8:00 American Experience (TV-PG) (DVS) Blackout. See article page 10. Repeated 1 am Wednesday; 3 am Thursday; and 3 am Sunday.

9:00 Frontline Escaping ISIS. The gripping, first-hand accounts of women held as sex slaves who escaped the brutal reign of ISIS.

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine

11:00 Charlie Rose

15 Wednesday

7:00 Operation Wild (TV-PG) Part 3 of 3. See article page 11. Repeated midnight; and 3 am Friday.

8:00 NOVA (TV-G) Chasing Pluto. See article page 16. Repeated 1 am Thursday; 4 am Friday; and midnight Sunday.

9:00 To Catch A Comet (TV-G) A look at the complexities and challenges of the European Space Agency’s spacecraft as it chased down and landed on a comet in 2014. Repeated 4 am Thursday; 3 am Saturday; and 4 am Monday.

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine

10:30 Newsline

11:00 Charlie Rose

16 Thursday

7:00 Mid-American Gardener (TV-G) Repeated 11 am Saturday.

7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G) Installing a Grill Gas Line/Hanging a Mirror on Masonry.

8:00 Doc Martin (TV-PG) Nobody Likes Me. Martin is coerced into taking James to playgroup, while Ruth is having problems with her new neighbor. Repeated 6 pm Sunday.

9:00 Father Brown (TV-PG) The Curse of Amenhotep. After Sir Raleigh’s new bride insists on seeing his Egyptian mummy, her dead body is found in a locked room.

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine

10:30 Newsline

11:00 Charlie Rose

18 Saturday

7:00 Antiques Roadshow Vintage Las Vegas. Repeated from 7 pm Monday.

8:00 Britcom Saturday Night See page 12.

11:00 Front and Center (TV-G) CMA Songwriters Series with Dierks Bentley.

19 Sunday

7:00 Last Tango In Halifax (TV-14) Season 3. Part 4 of 6. Caroline is overwhelmed at the prospect of looking after baby, Flora, until a stranger walks into her life. Repeated 2 am Tuesday.

8:00 Poldark On Masterpiece (TV-PG) Part 5 of 7. Poldark and Demelza start a family; the miners riot; Francis takes desperate measures to recoup his losses. Repeated midnight; and 3 am Tuesday.

9:00 The Crimson Field (TV-PG) Part 5 of 6. Grace is threatened by an aggressively rude and war-scarred commander, while Joan waits anxiously for news from her fiance. Repeated 1 am Monday; and 4 am Tuesday.

10:00 Globe Trekker (TV-PG) South Atlantic.

11:00 Music City Roots: Live from the Loveless Café (TV-PG) Leftover Salmon/Daniel Romano/Sturgill Simpson/Johnson Scales Fourchestra.

20 Monday

7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Vintage Madison. Discover how the value of items has changed in 15 years; highlights include an 1875 Norwegian Hardanger fiddle; Winsor McCay comic art and an Eanger Irving Couse oil. Repeated 1 am Tuesday; and 7 pm Saturday.

8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Vintage Tampa. Value updates on items from the 2000 program, including a fork from the Hindenburg; a costume jewelry hat from around 1950; and a Louis Comfort Tiffany lamp. Repeated midnight.

9:00 POV (TV-PG) Return to Homs. Witness the transformation of 19-year-old Basset Saroot from star goalkeeper for the Syrian national soccer team to peaceful advocate to armed insurgent. Repeated 3:30 am Wednesday; and 2 am Sunday.

10:30 Newsline

11:00 Charlie Rose

21 Tuesday

7:00 Humanity from Space (TV-PG) See article page 16. Repeated midnight; and 3 am Thursday.

9:00 Frontline Drug Lord: The Legend of Shorty. Two filmmakers set out to interview El Chapo Guzmán, leader of one of the biggest drug cartels.

10:30 Newsline

11:00 Charlie Rose
22 Wednesday
7:00 Life on the Reef (TV-PG)
Part 1 of 3. See article page 10. Repeated midnight; 3 am Friday; 3 am Saturday; and 4 am Monday.
8:00 NOVA (TV-PG)
Why Planes Vanish. Get the inside story of the search for Flight MH370 and meet the global players who have spent months searching for the lost plane. Repeated 1 am Thursday.
9:00 NOVA (TV-PG)
Sunken Ship Rescue. Follow the operation to secure, raise and salvage the Costa Concordia cruise ship that ran aground and capsized off the coast of Italy in January 2012. Repeated 2 am Thursday; 4 am Friday; and midnight Sunday.
10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose

23 Thursday
7:00 Mid-American Gardener (TV-G)
Repeated 11 am Saturday.
7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G)
Setting Up A Beehive/Adding Lighting Without New Wiring.
8:00 Doc Martin (TV-PG)
The Practice Around the Corner. Mrs. Tishell returns to the village; Martin tries to determine what is wrong with beachcomber Lorna; Al and Morwenna each have an internet dating disaster, and romance is blossoming for Bert. Repeated 6 pm Sunday.
9:00 Father Brown (TV-PG)
The Invisible Man. When a clown from a visiting circus is murdered, Father Brown must determine who the killer is and why a parishioner has agreed to marry the sinister wizard Welkin.
10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose

24 Friday
7:00 Friday Night Public Affairs
See page 12.
8:00 Great Performances (TV-G)
Dudamel Conducts a John Williams Celebration with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is the featured performer of Williams’ most noted compositions. Repeated 1 am Saturday; and 2 am Monday.
9:30 Vicious (TV-14)
Freddie and Stuart shop for a new coat for Freddie for his fan club event; Ash seeks advice to win back his ex-girlfriend. Repeated 2:30 am Saturday; 3:30 am Monday; and 2:30 am Friday.
10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose

25 Saturday
7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
Vintage Madison. Repeated from 7 pm Monday.
8:00 Britcom Saturday Night
See page 12.
11:00 Front and Center (TV-G)
Joe Satriani.

26 Sunday
7:00 Last Tango In Halifax (TV-14)
Season 3. Part 5 of 6. Caroline is relieved to find that Greg is a natural with Flora and a positive influence on Lawrence; Alan begins to distance himself from Gary. Repeated 2 am Tuesday.
8:00 Poldark On Masterpiece (TV-PG)
Part 6 of 7. A mysterious smuggling company challenges the local copper barons; Poldark confronts the same cardsharp who swindled Francis. Repeated midnight; and 3 am Tuesday.
9:00 The Crimson Field (TV-PG)
Part 6 of 6. As Joan faces a possible lifetime in prison, Kitty’s wrecked with guilt; as the war machine grinds on, faith, hope and love are put to the test. Repeated 1 am Monday; and 4 am Tuesday.
10:00 Globe Trekker (TV-G)
Myanmar.
11:00 Music City Roots: Live from the Loveless Café (TV-PG)
Bobby Rush and the North Mississippi All-Stars.

27 Monday
7:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
Vintage Charleston. Revisit appraisals from 2000, including Newcomb College vases; Fred Meyer photographs; and a Leon Julien Deschamps bronze. Repeated 1 am Tuesday; and 7 pm Saturday.
8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G)
Vintage Columbus. Highlights include updates on a trio of Albert Cheurat art deco clocks; a Roy Rogers play set; and a historical collection that includes a Thomas Jefferson letter. Repeated midnight; and 4 am Wednesday.
9:00 POV (TV-PG)
Tea Time. Learn how the monthly ritual of gathering for tea and pastries has sustained five Chilean women through 60 years of personal and societal change. Repeated 3 am Wednesday.
10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose

28 Tuesday
7:00 The Bomb (TV-PG)
See article page 1. Repeated midnight; and 3 am Thursday.
9:00 Uranium: Twisting The Dragon’s Tail (TV-PG)
Part 1 of 2. See article page 1. Repeated 2 am Wednesday.
10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 Newsline
11:00 Charlie Rose
29 Wednesday

7:00 Life on the Reef (TV-PG)  
Part 2 of 3. See article page 10. Repeated midnight; and 3 am Friday.

8:00 NOVA (TV-PG)  
Nuclear Meltdown Disaster. A look at the minute-by-minute story of the Fukushima nuclear crisis and its ongoing aftermath, told by the brave workers who stayed behind as an earthquake and tsunami crippled the plant. Repeated 1 am Thursday; and 4 am Friday.

9:00 Uranium: Twisting The Dragon’s Tail (TV-PG)  
Part 2 of 2. See article page 1. Repeated 2 am Thursday.

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine

10:30 Newsline

11:00 Charlie Rose

30 Thursday

7:00 Mid-American Gardener (TV-G)  
Repeated 11 am Saturday.

7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G)  
Honey Harvesting/New Electrical Outlets.

8:00 Doc Martin (TV-PG)  
Hazardous Exposure. Martin’s mother returns to Portwenn; Penhale spreads pandemonium throughout the village; Bert has a question for Jennifer. Repeated 6 pm Sunday.

9:00 Father Brown (TV-PG)  
The Sign of the Broken Sword. A murder at the local army barracks using a legendary broken sword leads Father Brown to investigate another death at Dunkirk some 13 years ago.

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine

10:30 Newsline

11:00 Charlie Rose

31 Friday

7:00 Friday Night Public Affairs  
See page 12.

8:00 Virtuosity—The Cliburn (TV-G)  
See article page 11. Repeated 1 am Saturday.

9:30 Vicious (TV-14)  
Freddie suggests that Ash pursue acting; Violet seeks advice from Freddie and Stuart about her Hungarian boyfriend. Repeated 2:30 am Saturday.

10:00 Last of the Summer Wine

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11:00 Charlie Rose

Revealing secrets about the solar system

The New Horizons spacecraft is scheduled to take detailed images of Pluto on July 14, hoping to offer a first-ever look at a realm of icy bodies lurking beyond Neptune—relics of the earliest days of the solar system’s formation. If all goes well, NOVA will share the images in a new special, Chasing Pluto, at 8 pm Wednesday, July 15.

What a view!

From the perspective of space, trace humankind’s journey from hunter-gatherer to dominant global species. With mind-boggling data and computer-generated images, Humanity from Space shows how we’ve transformed our planet and produced a world of extraordinary complexity. The program airs at 7 pm Tuesday, July 21.
Jerry Morefield, an on-air radio personality in Champaign-Urbana for more than 25 years, is now working to keep program transitions seamless for WILL Radio and TV. In his new role, Jerry handles a variety of responsibilities in the Traffic department, including reconciling Federal Communications Commission logs each day, and scheduling promotion and information pieces that run between programs. He’s working with Lillie Buck Duncanson, assistant director for content and continuity, and broadcast traffic specialist Dennis Campbell.

He’s already a public media fan, citing The Moth Radio Hour (1 pm Saturdays, WILL-AM) as one of his favorite shows.

“It can be funny and thought-provoking at the same time,” he said. “For PBS programs, I love anything with history, and regularly enjoy Masterpiece, Independent Lens, NOVA and Nature.”

Jerry credits his time in commercial radio with getting him involved as a volunteer with a number of non-profits in the area, including the Champaign County Freedom Celebration. He was a 20-year committee member and served as the celebration’s evening show host.

In addition, he was active as a master of ceremonies for events for the Greater Champaign County AMBUCS. Funds raised from the events helped build a fully accessible park in Urbana that features state-of-the-art playground equipment and a baseball/softball diamond used by the Tom Jones Challenger League for kids with disabilities.
As a follow-up to the story we featured in the February *Patterns* issue, we checked in with Champaign County home Head Start providers who received iPads and training from Illinois Public Media to learn how the PBS learning games benefitted their children. Here’s what three of the six providers had to say about the resources, made possible through a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting-PBS Ready To Learn (RTL) initiative.

**Melissa Hall: Hall’s Little Hands, St. Joseph**

“We have a couple of children receiving speech services for speech delays. We can use the iPad to motivate them to speak so they can interact with the games. It reinforces the power of words for all the children, not just those in early intervention. Our communication issues have decreased quite a bit.”

“The iPad is a good teaching tool for basic social skills, to teach children how to encourage each other or how to congratulate each other, too. The kids are very drawn to the iPad. They’re very engaged in the games. And having a visual or character doing a silly dance keeps their attention. They’re like fireflies to light.”

**Juanita Rogers: A Child’s Compass, Urbana**

“I’ve got various ages, like most home day care services. It’s really hard to find activities to entice the children and keep their attention. The iPad has helped the kids learn to be patient, wait their turn, and to focus their attention.”

“I am going to have some of these children for four or five years. If I do the same lessons each year, the lessons are going to get stale. I’m always looking for a fresh approach. The iPad helps me bring in different resources to help them learn. I didn’t know anything about using a tablet before this project, so receiving the iPad and the training helped me bring a little bit of technology into my childcare program.”

**Denise Jones-Torres: Watch Me Learn, Savoy** (pictured above)

“I was concerned at first because some of the kids were grabby and they didn’t have a lot of patience with waiting for their turn with the iPad. The apps helped me teach them how to be patient, how to take turns, how to slow down, how to listen. It’s been a complete turnaround. Now they listen and they take turns.”

“With the iPad, they get to play games with Elmo and other PBS KIDS characters. They think they are playing games, but they’re learning. That’s the beauty of the iPad.”

“Since I wasn’t familiar with the iPad, the training was great. I learned that you could lock a screen or put a timer on it.
Getting to know your local *Morning Edition* host

After a month on the job, Brian Moline is now accustomed to rising early to share the morning with WILL Radio listeners. We asked him to share some information about himself, and here’s what he had to say.

**What have you learned from being part of the C-U area media community for 15 years?** I’ve been able to learn from some of the best media professionals in our community. It would be impossible to name everyone, but working with news veterans like Dave Shaul, Carol Vorel and Ed Kelly has given me great insight into what it takes to produce quality stories and newscasts. At the same time, I’ve been able to observe from afar the in-depth news and information that WILL and NPR are able to share with their listeners each day. My goal is to combine the best of both of those worlds for listeners of *Morning Edition* on WILL.

**What are the specific topics or issues that really speak to you?** Education is a very important part of my life in many ways. I’m married to a wonderful K-5 music teacher, so I hear daily about the opportunities and challenges teachers experience in the classroom. Also, although I’ve been out of school for more than 15 years, I still consider myself a student. I try to learn something new every day and hope to learn along with our listeners when sharing stories with them.

The arts, and music specifically, have also had a huge impact on me. I’ve played the trombone since I was 10, though not as frequently these days as I once did. I enjoy a wide variety of music from classical to jazz, rock to bluegrass, and many genres in between. I still share a bond with many people with whom I’ve created music over the years, though we have little else in common. I feel like the arts can be a common bond to build bridges between people who otherwise would never connect.

**What are your “can’t-miss” NPR and PBS programs?** I’m a longtime listener of both *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*. I learn something new every time I listen. As someone who enjoys word games, I’ve also enjoyed *Says You* for many years. Like all of the show’s fans, I was deeply saddened at the passing of host and creator Richard Sher, but I am hopeful that *Says You* will continue as Richard wished. As for PBS, I can’t pass up any documentary that Ken Burns creates. My wife and I are also devoted *Downton Abbey* fans, and I try to catch as many *Frontline* programs as time allows.

**What do you enjoy beyond your work life?** I am an avid reader. My favorite fiction authors are James Lee Burke, Michael Connelly and Lee Child, and I never miss a novel by any of them. I also enjoy reading non-fiction books about history and politics.

I’m an active member of the Second Wind Running Club in Champaign-Urbana and have run eight half marathons over the past six years. I also enjoy playing softball and am currently playing on a couple of teams through the Champaign Park District.

My wife Karinsa and I are active members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, where I direct the adult choir.

**You’re active on social media. What do you like best about that form of communication?** Social media is direct, and it’s immediate. If listeners have strong feelings about something they’ve heard on the air, they can react to it in seconds. It also gives hosts the opportunity to interact with listeners and help build a relationship that keeps that listener coming back for more each day.
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