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Walkaround Grover prepared young kids for school this July through an event put on by Early ON, a school readiness project.

KLRN Spotlights

It's Good To Be Back

Welcome back to another year of learning with KLRN—The Learning Place. We are excited to bring you a solid line-up of educational programming this year, including programs from NOVA, Nature, Reading Rainbow, Cyberchase, Maya & Miguel and more. In addition to our on-air programming, we encourage you to look for exciting changes in our online video services through our [KLRN Connect](#) program.

You will find that KLRN offers a wide variety of resources to help you with your classroom instruction. Our on-air programs often contain web components for extended learning, including lesson plans, blackline masters, maps and interactive games. Likewise, you can find an extensive collection of lesson plans on our [PBS TeacherSource](#) website and at our [Teacher's](#) webpage. Our professional development opportunities, which will be offered throughout the 2006-2007 school year, will be kicked off with our eighth annual [Institute for Connecting Teachers and Technology](#) (ICTT) on September 23.

These are just some of the many resources and opportunities KLRN will bring to your classroom this year. We look forward to serving you and wish you luck in the coming days as you begin your planning.

Sincerely,
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KLRN Announces its Eighth Annual Technology Conference for Teachers

ICTT KLRN is proud to present the 2006 Institute for Connecting Teachers and Technology Conference on Saturday, September 23, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of Texas at San Antonio's downtown campus. This year's theme, "Rockin' with Technology," will explore the importance of integrating cutting-edge technology and instructional video into the classroom curriculum. For more information and to register online, visit the [website](#).

Interested in presenting at ICTT? Click [here](#) to download our session proposal form.

Resources

Website Explores Teen Self Image



Temple University has just launched a new website that encourages young middle school and early high school aged girls to reflect on some of the messages the media offers that can affect self image. The website, called [My Pop Studio](#), engages teen girls to step into the role of a media producer through several interactive activities, including designing your own pop star, re-editing reality TV footage, and designing a teen magazine layout. In addition, the site includes a teacher section with several lesson plans that promote critical thinking and reflection.

See what local youths have to say about body image by watching the [video shorts](#) *Sick* and *Acceptance Wanted*, both recently created by local high school students for KLRN's Fresh Cut 2006 documentary.

Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman Makes His Online Debut



The TV program that showcases real kids, real challenges, real science, and an unreal animated host – a dog named Ruff Ruffman - has recently launched its [website](#), which features interactive and educational games for kids. Check out the [Link-O-Vision game](#) to test your knowledge of animal anatomy, behaviors and habitat or look at the [teacher's section](#) for activities and additional resources to extend the teachings of this fun, off-beat educational program. *Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman* aires weekdays at 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on KLRN, channel 9.

"The percentage of teachers who strongly agree that video and television programming *directly* increases student achievement continues to trend significantly higher."

-2006 Grunwald Survey Results

PBS TeacherLine of Texas


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Click here to learn more about our online professional development courses for Texas Teachers!



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Tune in During August to See These Programs

In an attempt to better serve you, please take a moment to answer an important question about how you receive KLRN by [clicking here](#). Thank you!

KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY: HOW TO COPE WITH ADHD

Monday, August 14 at 12:30 p.m.

How do you tell the difference between an ordinary rambunctious kid and one who has ADHD? This program will tell you how ADHD is diagnosed, clear up some of the myths, explain the treatments that are available, and give you tips on how you can help ADHD children.

WIDE ANGLE: 1-800-INDIA


Tuesday, August 15 at 9 p.m.

Over the past decade, India has emerged as the leader in the global market for white-collar "outsourcing" jobs. 1-800-INDIA explores the experience of young Indian men and women who have been recruited into these new jobs requiring 80-hour work weeks and a westernized mindset. The film reveals the human and cultural impact of a sweeping global trend, exploring its effect on Indian family life, on the evolving landscape of Indian cities and towns, and on the aspirations and daily lives of young Indians, especially

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALS: CIVIL WAR GOLD


Monday, August 21 at 10 p.m.

The S.S. Republic was a double side-paddle steamship sunk by a hurricane en route from New York to New Orleans after the Civil War. On board were 30 crew and 20 passengers, and some special cargo: nearly \$400,000 in gold and silver coin. National Geographic follows a band of adventurers as they search for the treasure that could have helped prevent the New Orleans economy from grinding to halt during the currency-starved Reconstruction period.

AMERICAN MASTERS: ARTHUR MILLER, ELIA KAZAN AND THE BLACKLIST


Wednesday, August 23 at 9 p.m.

Through stock footage, film clips of Kazan's work, readings of Miller's plays, never-before-seen photographs, interviews with scholars and those who were blacklisted, as well as excerpts from Miller and Kazan's memoirs, the documentary offers a thorough examination of a disturbing time in American history: the origin of the blacklist, the key agents of the Red Scare and the damage done not only to those subpoenaed, but to America as a nation.

women, entering the work force.

KLRN Recommends
P.O.V. : THE HOBART SHAKESPEAREANS

Tuesday, August 15 at 10 p.m.



Teacher Rafe Esquith has a point of view - a very strong one - about educating children of

immigrants. Teaching in Los Angeles at one of the nation's largest inner-city grade schools, Hobart Elementary, Esquith leads his class of fifth graders through an uncompromising curriculum of English, mathematics, geography and literature. Despite language barriers and poverty, these "Hobart Shakespeareans" move on to attend outstanding colleges, motivated by a teacher honored with a National Medal of Arts.

CYBERCHASE: AND THEY COUNTED HAPPILY EVER AFTER


Wednesday, August 16 at 5 p.m.

Join in the mystery with this fun, math-based cartoon for kids ages 8 to 11. The companion [website](#) furthers the learning with its [For](#)

[Parents and Teachers](#) section featuring lesson plans and activities. The Big Idea: With numbers and a system, you have the power to keep track of anything and everything on earth. Topic: Number Sense

GED CONNECTION: DECIMALS

Saturday, August 19 at 7:30 a.m.

This program addresses what decimals mean and how they are used. The GED Connection series is designed to assist those preparing to take the GED exam.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS LIVE

Thursday, August 24 at 9 p.m.

In this documentary, viewers travel to six wildlife refuges. The program provides a historical overview of the refuge system (545 in the U.S.).

KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY: GET YOUR KIDS TO EAT RIGHT!

Friday, August 25 at 12:30 p.m.

It's the big question every parent faces: how do you get your kids to eat right when you're not around to supervise them!? Is there really a way to get them to like and choose healthy food, so they'll do it even when you're not there? The answer is YES - you absolutely can do it!

WILD CHRONICLES


Sunday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.

In Angola, blowing up landmines to clear an elephant traffic jam. Dive deep into the watery world of a killer whale. In Cameroon, going up a mountain made of sheer volcanic rock. Wild bear cubs in Russia find an unlikely stepfather. Boyd Matson hosts.

GREAT PERFORMANCES: JEWELS FROM THE PARIS OPERA BALLET


Monday, August 28 at 10 p.m.

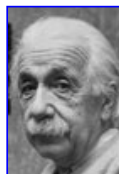
Master choreographer George Balanchine created many gems, but only one Jewels. The 1967 work, set to music by Faure, Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky, remains a

THE MEXICAN AMERICANS

Saturday, August 19 at 10:30 p.m.

Across 2,000 miles of border and hundreds of years of history, the Mexican-American story has been woven like a vibrant serape of timeless traditions and cultural connections. Actor Ricardo

Montalban, comedian Paul Rodriguez, singers Vikki Carr and Tish Hinojosa, U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, director Luis Valdez (La Bamba), activist Dolores Huerta, artists, politicians, journalists, community leaders and others from a broad spectrum of cultural experience share their personal stories in an exploration of Mexican culture north of the border.

AMERICAN MASTERS: A. EINSTEIN: HOW I SEE THE WORLD

Monday, August 21 at 1 a.m.

Expelled from high school, unable to find a teaching job and stuck working at a government patent office, Albert Einstein nonetheless went on to become one of the greatest scientific thinkers of all time. He ended up using his free time at the Swiss Patent Office to develop his groundbreaking theories on the nature of time and space. Although his early theories paved the way for the atomic bomb, Einstein later became a peace activist, saying, "I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones." By the time he died in 1955, he was considered not only the most important scientist of his time, but the smartest man alive.

PATH TO NUCLEAR FISSION: THE STORY

Monday, August 21 at 2 a.m.

This is the intriguing story of the lives and times of

multifaceted showcase for virtuoso dancing, as demonstrated in the current production at the Paris Opera Ballet.

NOVA: MARS DEAD OR ALIVE

Tuesday, August 29 at 8 p.m.

This show features a gripping behind-the-scenes glimpse of the design, testing, and launch of the January 2004 Mars mission. The engineers face a tense deadline as Mars approaches its closest rendezvous with Earth; they're stretched to the limit as parachutes rip, bolts fail and airbags pop -- everything that can go wrong does. Watch them apply all their ingenuity to overcome the technical hitches. Then join NOVA's exploration of the latest clues in the ultimate quest for signs of life on the mysterious red planet.

P.O.V.: WAGING A LIVING

Tuesday, August 29 at 9 p.m.

The term "working poor" should be an oxymoron, but more than 30 million Americans -- one in four workers - are stuck in jobs that do not pay the basics for a decent life. This program chronicles the day-to-day battles of four low-wage earners fighting to lift their families out of poverty. This observational documentary captures the dreams, frustrations and accomplishments of a diverse group of people who struggle to live from paycheck to paycheck.

[The Newshour Extra](#) Connection: "Young People Taking on More Debt"

Lise Meitner and Otto Hahn, two remarkable scientists whose extraordinary collaboration culminated in the discovery of nuclear fission in 1938, turning Einstein's "theory" into atomic science. Meitner and Hahn revolutionized the history of science and the role of women in physics and chemistry; their tale parallels the social changes and turbulent history of their times, involving the war against memory, Nazi intimidation, forced exile, betrayal and a Nobel Prize in chemistry that to this day distorts science history.

Visit our complete [online programming guide for current listings](#).

Some programs may be available to purchase at www.shoppbs.org, or for video taping and copyright information, click [here](#).

Talk To Us

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