Ancient Computer

Wednesday, April 3, at 9 PM

Repeats Friday, April 5, at 2 AM and Sunday, April 7, at 5 PM

An unpromising lump of metal found in a 2,000-year-old shipwreck turns out to be an extraordinary treasure: the world’s first computer. Nova follows the ingenious detective work that painstakingly discovered the truth about the ancient Greek device: It was an astonishingly sophisticated astronomical calculator and eclipse predictor, unrivaled until the era of modern science and believed to be from the workshop of Archimedes.

Australia’s First 4 Billion Years

Wednesdays, April 10 through May 1, at 9 PM

Repeats Fridays, April 12 through May 3, at 2 AM and Sundays, April 14 through May 5, at 5 PM

Hidden in the red hills of Australia are clues to the mysteries of Earth’s birth, how life arose and how it transformed the planet into the world we now live in.

Experts unveil the earliest forms of life: an odd assortment of bacterial slime. Life such as this would flood the atmosphere with oxygen and spark the biological revolution that conquered the planet. Travel with Nova and host Richard Smith to meet the cast in the first scenes of the great drama of life on earth.
Orchestra of Exiles

Sunday, April 14, at 10 PM

On the brink of World War II and the rise of Nazi occupation, one man’s remarkable four-year odyssey helped rescue Europe’s premier Jewish musicians and their families from persecution, while preserving the musical heritage of Europe.

Orchestra of Exiles tells the dramatic story of celebrated Polish violinist Bronislaw Huberman (1882-1947) who — with courage, resourcefulness and an entourage of allies including Arturo Toscanini and Albert Einstein — bravely stood up to racial intolerance, ultimately saving almost 1,000 Jews from 1933–1936 while forming the Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

Frontline, Never Forget to Lie

Tuesday, April 30, at 10 PM

Repeats Wednesday, May 1, at 2 AM

Over the course of his 50-year career, filmmaker Marian Marzynski has occasionally turned his cameras on himself and his story of surviving the Holocaust, which claimed the life of his father and millions of other European Jews.

In his latest film, Marzynski returns to Poland and the Jewish ghettos of his childhood. But this time, he is not alone. In Never Forget to Lie, Marzynski chronicles the poignant, painful recollections of other child survivors.

The film rescues haunting pieces of the past while exploring the conflicting feelings about national, cultural and religious identity that mark many survivors.

Energy at the Movies: 70 Years of Energy on the Big Screen

Monday, April 22, at 10 PM

From the gushing geysers of “Giant” to the plutonium-powered time machines of “Back to the Future,” Hollywood has entertained us with unforgettable, often iconic images of energy. Using film clips as a historical road map, this film is an entertaining lecture by energy expert Michael E. Webber about the ways movies influence how we think about energy, and in turn, how we influence energy policy.

Generations: Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Tuesday, April 23, at 10 PM

Enjoy Western Reserve Public Media’s documentary about Ohio’s only national park. It showcases the park’s 33,000 acres with archival video footage, recent interviews, oral histories and memorabilia provided by park visitors.

The Dust Bowl

Tuesdays, April 23 & 30, at 8 PM

Repeats Wednesdays, April 24 and May 1, at 3 AM

Survey the causes of the worst man-made ecological disaster in American history, when the frenzied wheat boom of the “Great Plow-Up,” followed by a decade-long drought during the 1930s, nearly swept away the breadbasket of the nation.

Wildflowers: Seeds of History

Wednesday, April 24, at 10 PM

Why do we always see picturesque cattle among bluebonnets? Where did Indian blanket get its name? Go beyond the pretty faces to learn about wildflowers’ symbiosis to a healthy economy, ecological security and more.
History Circle
Community Calendar

Year of the Railroad — Kent Historical Society Thursday, April 4, at 7 PM Christ Episcopal Church, 118 S. Mantua St., Kent. Special illustrated presentation by noted historian and author H. Roger Grant. For more information, call 330-678-2712 or email khs@kentohiohistory.org.

Tracing Your House’s History — Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center Saturday, April 6, at 11:30 AM Spiegel Grove, Fremont. Give voice to the walls of your home. Cost is $10/adult, $5/student. Registration is required. Call 419-332-2081, ext. 231, or email bhill@rbhayes.org.

Billy Yank: Life of a Soldier — Historic Zoar Village Saturday, April 6, at 1 PM Zoar School House, 221 E. 4th St., Zoar. Presenter is Mark Holbrook of the Ohio Historical Society. For more information, call 1-800-262-6195 or visit http://historiczoarvillage.com.

Antiques Appraisal Day With Wes Cowan — Western Reserve Historical Society History Center Saturday, April 20, 11 AM to 3 PM 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland. Wes Cowan and Diane Wachs of Cowan’s Auctions will evaluate books, photographs, paintings, political ephemera, etc. Cost is $15 for first item; $10 for second item. For details, call 216-721-5722 or visit www.wrhs.org.

A Visit With Antoinette Brown Blackwell — Oberlin Heritage Center Wednesday, April 24, at 7:15 PM 73½ S. Professor St., Oberlin. Costumed reenactor Beth Marshall portrays the first woman in the United States to be ordained a minister of a recognized denomination. For more information, call 440-774-1700 or visit www.oberlinheritage.org.

Overnight Schedule

Alone in the Wilderness I & II
Wednesday, April 10, at 3 AM
Richard Proenneke found a place in Alaska and built a cabin to call home. These two programs provide a fascinating account of his day-to-day explorations and activities.

American Masters, John Muir in the New World
Wednesday, April 17, at 2 AM

Nearly a century after his death, John Muir is remembered and revered as the father of the environmental movement and the founder of the Sierra Club.

Fort Peck Dam
Wednesday, April 17, at 4 AM

Built in 1934, this dam stands today as an icon of the “big dam” era, but our need for water places increasing structural demand on this piece of history.

Seeking the Greatest Good
Tuesday, April 23, at 3 AM

Although born of wealth and privilege, Gifford Pinchot (1865-1946) dedicated his life to advocacy for the sustainable management of natural resources — ideas that still resonate today.

Shattered Sky: The Battle for Energy, Economy, and Environment

Shattered Sky — The Battle for Energy, Economy, and Environment
Monday, April 29, at 9 PM
Also airs on Fusion on Monday, April 22, at 10 PM

Thirty years ago, scientists reported a hole in the ozone layer the size of North America. The culprit was CFCs, the gas in hairspray, refrigerant and air conditioning. Eerily reminiscent of today’s complex debate on energy and climate change, this documentary tells the story of how America led the world to solve the biggest environmental crisis ever seen.

Niagara Falls
Thursday, April 25, at 10 PM

The awesome Niagara Falls was the nation’s first great symbol, an emblem of a vast, untamed continent of limitless resources. The fate of its beauty and bounty is the focus of this film.
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History Detectives
Tuesday, April 2, at 8 PM

Nova, Ancient Computer
Wednesday, April 3, at 9 PM
Friday, April 5, at 2 AM

Great Romances of the 20th Century
Fridays at 6 PM (ends 4/12)
Sundays at 6:30 PM (ends 4/14)

Britain’s Royal Weddings
Saturday, April 6, at 6 PM

Ash and Smoke: The Holocaust in Salonika
Monday, April 1, at 10 PM

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Art Through Time
Tuesday, April 2, at 10:30 PM

Finding Your Roots
Thursdays, April 4-11, at 7 PM

Life Is a Banquet: The Rosalind Russell Story
Thursday, April 4, at 9 PM
Tuesday, April 9, at 10 PM
Sunday, April 14, at 4 PM

Clinton: American Experience
Saturdays, April 6-13, at 8 PM

Britain’s Royal Weddings
Saturdays, April 6-13, at 10 PM
Sundays, April 7-14, at 5 PM

Sister Wendy at the Norton Simon Museum
Sunday, April 7, at 4 PM

Pioneers of Television
Thursdays at 7 PM (begins 4/18)

Royal Memories: Prince Charles’ Tribute to the Queen
Saturday, April 20, at 3 PM & 10 PM
Sunday, April 28, at 4 PM

Flagler’s Train: The Florida Keys Over-Sea Railroad
Saturday, April 20, at 6 PM

Jimmy Carter: American Experience
Saturday, April 20, at 8 PM

She-Wolves: England’s Early Queens
Sundays at 8 PM (begins 4/21)

Shattered Sky: The Battle for Energy, Economy, and Environment
Monday, April 29, at 10 PM

The Queen’s Palaces
Friday, April 26, at 7 PM
Sunday, April 28, at 5 PM & 10 PM

The War
Saturdays at 8 PM (begins 4/27)

No Going Back: Women and the War
Saturday, April 27, at 2:30 PM & 10:30 PM

The 1962 World’s Fair
Monday, April 29, at 8 PM