

New Friday Night News Series Begin May 7 on NET Television

LINCOLN, Neb. (April 21, 2010) -- NET Television's Friday evening news and current events lineup changes beginning May 7, when two new series begin on NET1 and NET-HD.

"Need to Know," airing at 7:30 p.m. CT, is a cross-media news and public affairs magazine from PBS that culls stories from the best of the week's online reporting, culminating in a one-hour on-air broadcast every Friday night. The program will feature documentary-style reports, short features, studio-based interviews and more. "Need to Know" will cover five primary news beats: the economy, the environment and energy, health, national security and culture. Alison Stewart and Jon Meacham co-anchor. "Need to Know" repeats each week on NET2 Sundays at 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. CT.

Following "Need to Know" on NET1 and NET-HD at 8:30 p.m. CT is "BBC Newsnight," a weekly round-up of news and current affairs including interviews with global opinion-makers and documentary features from all over the world. Presenters include Jeremy Paxman, Kirsty Wark, Gavin Esler and Emily Maitlis. Thought-provoking and informative, "BBC Newsnight" offers in-depth analysis of complex global issues, drawing from the BBC's global news-gathering resource of 2,000 journalists and 70 international bureaus.

The PBS series previously seen in these timeslots, "NOW on PBS" and "Bill Moyers Journal," are ending production.

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