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The Crusades

In theory, the Crusades was a pious effort by noble, armor-clad knights to recapture the Holy Land from the Saracens (Muslims). In reality, the Crusaders were a bigoted, blood-thirsty rabble, hungry to steal the Muslims' land. Eventually, the Muslims unified into a powerful force and drove out the Christians, who so tainted the term "Crusader" that it is a rallying cry for Muslims to this day. By Bill Plachy. Feb. 14 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #218



Populist Andrew Jackson



Andrew Jackson, our Nation's seventh President, hero of the Battle of New Orleans and co-founder of the Democratic Party fought Indians, barely survived a duel, and as President, stood firm against South Carolina's threat to secede. Blaine Davies explores the fascinating life of our first Populist President, with some comparisons to President Trump. Feb. 27 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #223

FDR, Depression & WWII

Often rated by scholars as one of the three greatest presidents, Franklin Delano Roosevelt won four presidential elections, guided the country out of the Great Depression with a variety of innovative social and economic programs, and engineered our entry into World War II and the victory of Allied Forces. FDR is portrayed by Historian Peter Small. Feb. 28 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #224



PETER SMALL AS FDR



How FBI Fights Crime

From White Collar to Terrorism

Special Agent John Roberts will explain how the FBI's force of 35,000 special agents, intelligence analysts, and scientists investigate threats to citizens, businesses, and the government in the U.S. and in foreign countries. Special agents are assigned to offices in 56 U.S. cities and more than 350 small communities through the country. Feb. 21 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #221

A FITNESS CENTER FOR THE MIND



C.S. Lewis famously penned an exchange of letters between a senior member of Satan's bureaucracy and his inexperienced nephew, who was charged with tempting an Englishman to abandon the teachings

THE ScrewTape LETTERS



C. S. Lewis

of God. The letters are perhaps the most engaging and humorous accounts of temptation -- and triumph over it

-- ever written. This is the second of four lectures on C.S. Lewis. By Don Goeller. Feb. 20 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #220



Mysteries of the Olmecs



Many regard the Olmec Civilization as the "Mother" civilization in Mesoamerica, the formative civilization from which succeeding civilizations drew cultural attributes. Among the Olmec mysteries are their origins and their art. The numerous colossal heads clearly exhibit African features, their jade figurines depict East Asian phenotypes, and other art clearly depicts Europeans. By Henry George. Feb. 26 (Tue) 10 a.m. #222

The Art of Camille Pissarro

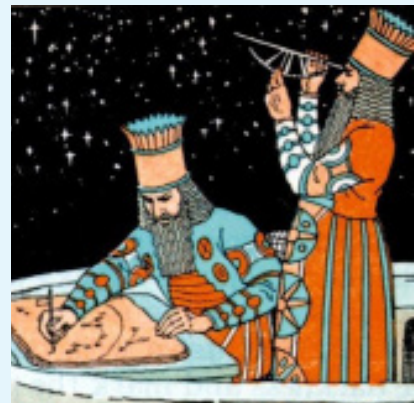


Camille Pissarro was seen as the patriarch of the Impressionist movement. For his landscapes, he perceived light as inseparable from the things it illuminates. Painting with delicate or bold strokes of fluid light, he felt he could reach beyond the sense of sight, into the realm of emotion. Charlotte Gragg continues her series on the Impressionist School. Feb. 12 (Tue) 10 a.m. #216

Astronomy from Copernicus to Galileo to Hubble



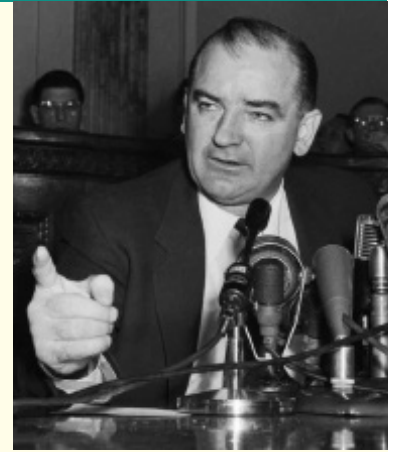
Man has searched the night skies since the dawn of history trying to explain the distant moving dots of light. This lecture explains the milestones of discovery of the universe and the contributions of Pythagoras, Copernicus, Galileo, Hubble and others to the science of astronomy. By Historian Mark Carlson. Feb. 7 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #215



Film: Sen. Joe McCarthy vs. Edward R. Murrow



Sen. Joseph McCarthy shocked the nation in 1950 when he announced there were 250 Communists working at the State Department. McCarthy's charges were vicious and largely unsubstantiated but were televised daily at congressional hearings. The senator was confronted by Edward R. Murrow, one of America's most respected journalists, and his factual reporting helped turn the tide against McCarthy, who was censured by the Senate and died in disgrace. By Film Critic Ralph Delauro. Feb. 6 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #214



The Rise of Civilization



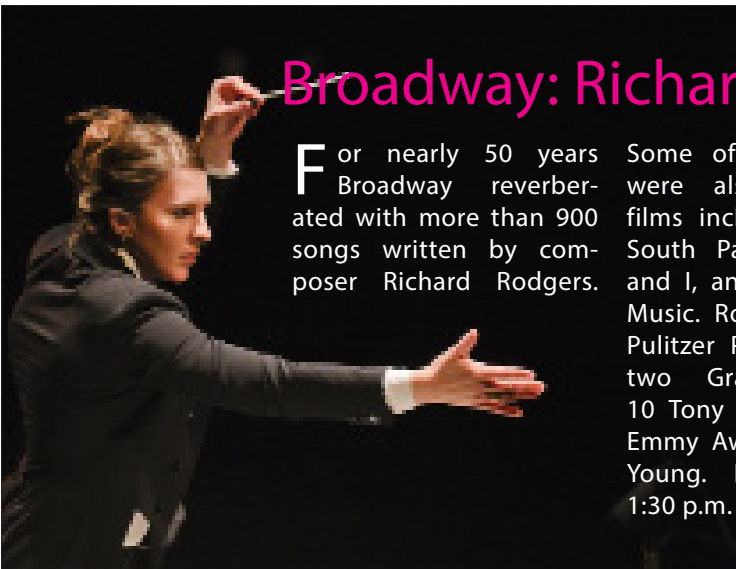
The Rise of Civilization in Mesoamerica and the Valley of Mexico will cover the civilization of the region from the transition of foraging for food to farming in the Tehuacan Valley to the development of complex and state-level societies. The cultures described will include Xochicalco, and Teotihuacan, Toltecs, and Aztecs in the Valley of Mexico. By Anthropologist Henry George. Feb. 19 (Tue) 10 a.m. #219

Global Politics of Natural Gas



Natural gas is increasingly traded internationally through pipelines and in liquid form, with the U.S. becoming a major player. The U.S. Secretary of Energy has said that our country is not just exporting energy "we are exporting freedom." David Edick, Jr., the former president of the San Diego World Affairs Council, will detail the growth of the liquefied natural gas trade and the politics that complicate it. Feb. 5 (Tue) 10 a.m. #213

Broadway: Richard Rodgers & More



For nearly 50 years Broadway reverberated with more than 900 songs written by composer Richard Rodgers.

Some of his hit shows were also made into films including *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, and *The Sound of Music*. Rodgers won two Pulitzer Prizes, an Oscar, two Grammy Awards, 10 Tony Awards, and an Emmy Award. By Vincent Young. Feb. 13 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #217





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CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY

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Tue	2/26	222	Mysteries of the Olmecs	Henry George, M.S.
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