Flint-Goodridge Hospital in New Orleans has long been the premier hospital for Blacks in the nation. On February 6 at 5 p.m. “Folks” will examine the current status of Flint-Goodridge and its place in Louisiana's Black history as LPB begins a special line-up of programs to celebrate Black History Month.

During the Reconstruction Period until the turn of the century, New Orleans was a mecca for black education. A medical school, law school, nursing school, teachers colleges and preparatory academies thrived for many years and drew nearly freed slaves from all over the South. For economic reasons, these institutions were forced to merge or close, leaving only Sarah Goodridge Nursing School and Flint Medical College. These schools merged to from Flint-Goodridge Hospital which is the only black private hospital in the state.

LPB will continue its celebration of Black History Month with outstanding programs throughout the month including: “Tony Brown’s Journal,” Sundays at 5:30 p.m. features a four-part series on “The Black Eagles,” and all-black WW II military unit, beginning 2/6; “Todd Duncan: A Mighty Voice,” 2/8 at 9:30 p.m. profiles the career of the original Porgy in “Porgy and Bess;” “Voices Of Our People: In Celebration of Black Poetry,” 2/15 at 9 p.m.; “Frederick Douglass – Slave And Statesman,” 2/16 at 8 p.m.; “Fundi: The Story Of Ella Baker,” a tribute to the civil rights activist, 2/22 at 9 p.m.; “With All Deliberate Speed,” 3/2 at 7 p.m. is an Education Special produced by LPB on the history of desegregation in Louisiana.

“Folks” will focus on the following topics during the month of February: 2/13 – Blacks in Education; 2/20 – The Black Press; 2/27 – The Black College Athlete. The weekly broadcast of Folks is repeated on Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

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