

WLIW21
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
January 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017

ARTS

WLIW Arts Beat #304

Airdate/Time: January 5, 2017, 5:30pm & 7:30pm; January 8, 2017, 9:30am; January 19, 2017 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: On this episode of WLIW Arts Beat, meet an artist who combines her passion for archeology and clay sculptures; and rock icon Art Alexakis, who is working to inspire the next generation of musicians. Get a look into the work of one painter who focuses on nature and its relationship with the modern, technological era and we wander into an artist studio where stunning glass work is created.

WLIW Arts Beat #305

Airdate/Time: February 2, 2017, 5:30pm & 7:30pm; February 16, 2017 5:30pm & 7:30pm; February 19, 2017, 9:30am;

Length: 30-minutes

Description: On this episode of WLIW Arts Beat, a Houston artist shows off his collection of monumental American president busts and a dance company in Miami gets kids involved in urban funk. Go to Denver to look in on a sculptor who has used light as her medium for half a century and to Minneapolis to hear how a surrealist painter's work is inspired by the symbolic qualities of religious icons.

WLIW Arts Beat #306

Airdate/Time: March 2, 2017, 5:30pm & 7:30pm; February 16, 2017 5:30pm & 7:30pm; March 30, 2017 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: On this episode of WLIW Arts Beat, visit a Long Island museum that houses a vintage guitar collection, follow a photographer as she captures underwater models, get an insider's look at a ballerina's life on stage and off, and feel the heat of the intense art of glass blowing.

Treasures of New York #135 "Drama League"

Airdate/Time: March 23, 2017, 8pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Treasures of New York looks at the history and cultural influence of The Drama League, one of the nation's greatest champions of the theater and performing arts. Meet Board of Directors Member Norm Lewis and National Advisory Council Member Judith Light, go behind the scenes of the star-studded awards luncheon, and hear from Diane Paulus and other directors whose careers were launched by the League's Directors Project. The film also observes 2016 Directing Fellows as they get a class in "red carpet" from Judith Light.

BUSINESS

Playing by the Rules, Ethics at Work #102

Airdate/Time: January 18, 2017, 8pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: The name “Enron” remains synonymous with corporate greed. In late 2001, Enron went bankrupt after using a series of accounting schemes to exaggerate its bottom line. Few at Enron admit they knew what was going on, yet that scheming didn’t happen overnight. This episode explores the rise and fall of Enron, and the story of one Enron employee brave enough to take her concerns straight to the top.

Long Island Business Report #701

Airdate/Time: March 8, 2017, 7:30pm; March 10, 2017, 5:30pm.

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Northwell Health is both the largest integrated health system and the largest private employer in New York State, with over 60,000 employees. Michael Dowling, President & CEO of Northwell Health, provides an update on Long Island’s healthcare industry and discusses what changes are in store with the new administration.

Long Island Business Report #702

Airdate/Time: March 15, 2017, 7:30pm; March 17, 2017, 5:30pm.

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Over 616 million people fly in and out of NYC area airports every year. Long Island’s own airport—MacArthur—is in the town of Islip in Suffolk County. After a decade of decline in usage, MacArthur is undergoing construction and improvements that aim to increase its use. Angie Carpenter, Supervisor of the Town of Islip and Shelley LaRose-Arken, Commissioner of Long Island MacArthur airport discuss.

Long Island Business Report #703

Airdate/Time: March 22, 2017, 7:30pm; March 24, 2017, 5:30pm; March 26, 2017, 10am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: In January 2017, Long Island Power Authority approved the nation’s largest offshore wind farm, to be located between the island’s eastern tip and Martha’s Vineyard. What economic benefits does renewable energy bring and how will the wind farm affect business and consumers on Long Island? Adrienne Esposito of Citizens Campaign for the Environment and Clint Plummer of DeepWater Wind discuss.

Long Island Business Report #704

Airdate/Time: March 29, 2017, 7:30pm; March 31, 2017, 5:30pm;

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Long Island's immigrant population has grown rapidly and today, more than half a million of residents are immigrants. How is the economy impacted and how are immigrants dealing with the constant threat of deportation? David Kallick, Dir. of the Immigration Research Initiative at the Fiscal Policy Institute and Walter Barrientos, activist and lead organizer at Make the Road, discuss immigration.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Colorblind: Rethinking Race

Airdate/Time: January 19, 2017, 10pm; January 26, 2017, 1am.

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Colorblind: ReThinking Race talks with scholars, advocates, politicians and organizers about the present-day impact of 400 years of legalized segregation. This documentary weaves together key issues in education, wealth, health and criminal justice to paint a picture of how unconscious bias and failed policies preserve inequities for African Americans and ultimately put the entire nation at risk.

Connect NY #201 “Being Poor: The Cycle of Injustice”

Airdate/Time: February 2, 2017, 2pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: This episode explores the story of Jamir, a teen with no former record who has recently been arrested several times for what he calls “walking while black”. Spend a day with Jamir and his family, and the employer who helped him get back on track when the justice system failed him. Includes follow up with a conversation with those most familiar with this issue to shed light on the challenges and potential solutions to this issue crucial to minorities living in urban poverty.

Evening with Eric Holder

Airdate/Time: February 8, 2017, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: An Evening With Eric Holder is a one-on-one interview with former U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. whose career that has been committed to service and racial justice. Join Washington Post blogger and MSNBC contributor, Jonathan Capehart, as he engages in conversation with the third longest-serving Attorney General in U.S. history and the first African American to hold that office.

Against All Odds: The Fight For a Black Middle Class

Airdate/Time: March 26, 2017, 9pm; March 31, 2017m 1am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Acclaimed journalist Bob Herbert explores the often heroic efforts of black families to pursue the American dream in the face of unrelenting barriers. In AGAINST ALL ODDS, Herbert

looks back at the uphill struggle facing black families freed from slavery over a century and a half ago and emerging from life as uneducated sharecroppers in the South. He traces the barriers to employment and housing designed to keep black people "in their place" both in southern states and in northern states as African Americans migrated throughout the country in search of opportunity and a better life. Shocking footage from Chicago in the 1950s and 60s shows how black families trying to escape overcrowded ghettos faced riots if they moved to a white block or a white suburb. Beryl Satter—an author whose father, a white lawyer, fought against discrimination in Chicago—tells Herbert, "This whole history of white rioting and white violence has been historically buried. When people think of violence and riots in the street, they always think of the 1960s when black people rioted, but when white people rioted, it doesn't even have a name." Yet through it all, Herbert reports, black Americans have shown time and again in the face of cruelty, systematic discrimination and injustice a tremendous resilience and determination to get their fair share of the American dream. Herbert says, "There are no barriers that can't be overcome. When dreams remain unrealized, it simply means the fight goes on."

Talk – Race in America

Airdate/Time: February 27, 2017, 9pm; March 2, 2017, 3am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: In the wake of recent tragic and fatal events between men of color and law enforcement, learn how black and Hispanic families counsel their kids to stay safe if they are stopped by the police.

EDUCATION

MetroFocus #2051

Airdate/Time: January 6, 2017, 5pm, 7pm & 11pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Beth Akers from the Manhattan Institute stops by to discuss Governor Cuomo's recently announced proposal to offer free college tuition for students. She will discuss why she feels it would fail.

Roadtrip Nation: Beyond The Dream

Airdate/Time: February 4, 2017, 1pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: ROADTRIP NATION: BEYOND THE DREAM follows three 20-something immigrants - Alexis, Rachel and Pratishta - who were each brought to the U.S. at a young age by their parents. They all have temporary relief from deportation, but not legal status. An immigration policy called DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) has allowed them to live and work in the U.S. for a two-year period. But without long-term protections, Rachel, Alexis and Pratishta have a much graver question to ponder: "Will I be able to stay in this country?" Determined to clarify their futures despite their murky status, they set out in the series' green RV, for an unforgettable journey where they explore the country, have an adventure like no

other, and ask people who've been in their shoes the questions they've always wondered.

PBS Newshour #11758

Airdate/Time: February 7, 2017, 6pm

Segment Length: 8:36

Description: How Betsy DeVos could reshape national education policy: The Senate confirmed Betsy DeVos as education secretary Tuesday, but not without significant political division and an outpouring of public opposition. Audie Cornish talks with Lisa Desjardins about the confirmation battle that DeVos faced, then discusses what her confirmation means for policymakers and schools with Emma Brown of The Washington Post.

MetroFocus #2059

Airdate/Time: February 8, 2017, 5pm, 7pm & 11pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Amy Zimmer, DNAInfo reporter, stops by to discuss newly-confirmed U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, and how her appointment will affect your children, grandchildren and the entire NY metro region.

ENVIRONMENT

Nature #3406 “Snowbound: Animals of Winter”

Airdate/Time: January 12, 2017, 9pm; January 17, 2017, 2pm; January 19, 2017, 12am.

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Travel across the snow globe with wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan to meet animal survivors of winter, from the penguins of Antarctica to the Arctic fox and the bison of Yellowstone. Snow looks magical, but it's a harsh reality to these animals.

Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries #101 “Love”

Airdate/Time: February 2, 2017, 9pm; February 7, 2017, 2pm; February 9, 2017, 12am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Spy Creatures explore the rarely seen emotions of animals, revealing whether they are as strong and complex as our own. Join the spycams as they are accepted into a wild dog pack, witness elephant love, and are mourned by a troop of monkeys!

Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries #102 “Intelligence”

Airdate/Time: February 9, 2017, 9pm; February 14, 2017, 2pm; February 16, 2017, 12am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Spy Creatures infiltrate the world of animal intelligence, ingenuity, and creativity. Watch our spies disguised as animals observe a gray squirrel stealing Spy Nut, a sea otter cracking open a meal, and an orangutan washing with soap!

Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries #103 “Friendship”

Airdate/Time: February 16, 2017, 9pm; February 21, 2017, 2pm; February 23, 2017, 12am
Length: 60-minutes

Description: Spy Creatures and their new wild friends rely on each other to look out for predators. A Spy Meerkat babysits meerkat pups while a Spy Cobra pretends to attack the mob. Spy Crocs witness a convenient partnership between real crocodiles and birds.

Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries #104 “Bad Behavior”

Airdate/Time: February 23, 2017, 9pm; February 28, 2017, 2pm; March 2, 2017, 12am
Length: 60-minutes

Description: Spy Creatures infiltrate the underground world of animal mischief, crime and retribution. Spy Monkey is caught between crossfires as real monkeys fight over beach bar alcohol. Spy Egret is also a waterhole victim when elephants throw mud everywhere!

Saving Jamaica Bay

Airdate/Time: February 26, 2017, 9pm; March 3, 2017, 1am;
Length: 60-minutes

Description: Saving Jamaica Bay tells the story of how one community fought government inaction and overcame Hurricane Sandy to clean up and restore the largest open space in New York City, which had become a dumping ground for garbage, sewage and bullet-riddled mobsters. Narrated by Academy-Award winning actress Susan Sarandon, Saving Jamaica Bay underscores the importance of citizen action and the role of urban nature in protecting our cities from the effects of climate change.

Spy in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries #105 “Meet the Spies”

Airdate/Time: March 2, 2017, 9pm; March 7, 2017, 2pm; March 9, 2017, 12am
Length: 60-minutes

Description: This "making of" episode takes viewers through the evolution of Spy Creatures from the original BoulderCam to the PenguinCams that inspired the "spycams" in this series. Marvel and laugh at unexpected and funny moments from the Spy Creatures' POV.

Long Island Business Report #703

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HEALTH

Bell Ringer: The Invisible Brain Injury

Airdate/Time: January 25, 2017, 2pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: BELL RINGER: THE INVISIBLE BRAIN INJURY dives into the complexities of the injured brain, examining what occurs in the brain during a concussion, how researchers are studying physical impact and neurological injuries, and the safe protocols for returning to play. Through eye-opening interviews with former professional players, including women's soccer legend and two-time World Cup Champion Michelle Akers and three-time Super Bowl Champion Monte Coleman (both of whom suffered multiple concussions during their careers), as well as medical experts and renowned researchers, the documentary examines the short-term effects and long-term risks of concussions, raises awareness of the issue, and discusses the best ways to prevent them altogether. BELL RINGER: THE INVISIBLE BRAIN INJURY dives into the complexities of the injured brain, examining what occurs in the brain during a concussion, how researchers are studying physical impact and neurological injuries, and the safe protocols for returning to play. Through eye-opening interviews with former professional players, including women's soccer legend and two-time World Cup Champion Michelle Akers and three-time Super Bowl Champion Monte Coleman (both of whom suffered multiple concussions during their careers), as well as medical experts and renowned researchers, the documentary examines the short-term effects and long-term risks of concussions, raises awareness of the issue, and discusses the best ways to prevent them altogether.

Black Women in Medicine

Airdate/Time: February 9, 2017, 2pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: BLACK WOMEN IN MEDICINE honors black female doctors around the country who work diligently in all facets of medicine. Through first-hand accounts from a cross-selection of black female pioneers in medicine and healthcare-including Dr. Claudia Thomas, the first black woman orthopedic surgeon and Dr. Jocelyn Elders, the first black woman to hold the position of United States Surgeon General-the program details the challenges these women have experienced and continue to face today in their drive to practice medicine. The documentary brings the inspiring stories of these trailblazing women within reach of those who most need to hear them, especially the next generation of medical professionals. By combining historical context with a look at the current generation coming up through the ranks, BLACK WOMEN IN MEDICINE chronicles stories of excellence and perseverance that engage, encourage and motivate, planting seeds of aspiration in the minds of future doctors.

Engery Weight Loss Solution with Neal Barnard, MD

Airdate/Time: March 5, 2017, 2pm; March 9, 2017, 8pm; March 10, 2017, 4:30am; March 11, 2017, 9:30am; March 15, 2017, 3am; March 16, 2017, 3:30pm

Length: 90-min.

Description: Discover the secrets for boosting energy and losing weight from one of the nation's leading health advocates. Harness the power of specific foods that give youthful energy and vibrant life into our 60s, 70s and 80s - and even beyond.

Long Island Business Report #701

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Connect NY #203 "Being Poor: Dope, but no Hope"

Airdate/Time: March 30, 2017, 2pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: This episode focuses on those with drug addictions and continuous illegal drug usage and how their situations often spiral into poverty and homelessness. While much of New York State, and much of the nation has been dealing with an opioid crisis, young people in the Southern Tier face the additional burden of a stagnant economy. Many attribute the staggering rise in opioid addiction and deaths to a lack of hope about their future.

HERITAGE

African American Museum

Airdate/Time: January 8, 2017, 3:30pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: It was an emotional affair as the Smithsonian's African American Museum of History and Culture finally opened to the public on September 24, 2016. President Obama gave a lengthy heart-felt speech praising the long fought for and long awaited space that has been 100 years in the making. Countless celebrities including Oprah, Will Smith, and Angela Basset christened the building with inspirational words. Patti Labelle and Stevie Wonder came to mesmerize the crowd with beautiful performances. The film's host, former WNBC-TV Anchor and Correspondent Carol Jenkins, also speaks to several key players who were instrumental in taking the museum from conception to reality. Early in the film, viewers will hear from Lonnie Bunch, the founding director of the museum. He talks about the racism he faced as a child, which led him to pursue a career as a historian. Bunch tells Jenkins that it is his hope that the African American Museum of History and Culture becomes a place that sparks conversation about racism in America and is a catalyst for healing and reconciliation. This special also pays special attention to one of the most fascinating details of the museum: the actual building itself. Dr. Mabel Wilson, Professor of

Architecture and African American Studies at Columbia University and one of few black women who is tenured in the field of architecture, sits down with Jenkins to discuss her authorized book on the museum titled *Begin With The Past*. She explains the important details of the building's facade—a "beautiful bronze colored, three tiered lantern." According to Wilson, it's meant to invoke the craft of cast iron railings and gates that black craftspeople, both freed and enslaved, created in many parts of the south. The building's three-tiered design, fashioned by renowned British Ghanaian Architect David Adjaye, was modeled after wooden sculptures found in Yoruba shrines in Nigeria. This film also touches on the placement of the museum on the National Mall. This is symbolic to the African American experience throughout our history - from early slave auctions in the area, the March On Washington For Jobs and Freedom in 1963, the Million Man March in 1995, and the inauguration of the first African American president in 2009. The film also takes you inside the museum to see precious items like Michael Jackson's performance wear, James Baldwin's passport, and collectibles from several other contemporary artists including Whitney Houston and *En Vogue*. Overall, this special captures the details, ingenuity, and the history surrounding the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. Viewers will learn more about what went into creating the space that some are calling a gift to the country and a dream come true.

Rick Steves Special #108 "Luther and the Reformation"

Airdate/Time: January 14, 2017, 9am

Length: 60-min.

Description: In 1510, a young monk from Germany named Martin Luther walked 700 miles to Rome on a pilgrimage. He returned home disillusioned, and in 1517, raised 95 difficult theological questions at the university where he taught - and kicked off what became the Protestant Reformation. By questioning corrupt Catholic Church practices, Luther unleashed a torrent of public frustration and undercut the power of the Church. In RICK STEVES SPECIAL: LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION, travel expert Rick Steves sheds light on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by visiting key sites (including Erfurt, Wittenberg and Rome), and explores the complicated political world of 16th-century Europe, from indulgences to iconoclasts, and from the printing press to the Counter-Reformation. It's a story of power, rebellion and faith that precipitated change in Europe and Christianity forever, and contributed to the birth of our modern world.

1916 The Irish Rebellion #101 "Awakening"

Airdate/Time: March 24, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-min.

Description: This episode traces events in Ireland and abroad leading to the preparations for the Rising. The themes and events covered include the rise of cultural nationalism, the re-emergence of the separatist physical force tradition, the contested traditions of nationalism and unionism, the rise of organized labor, the role of women, the role of Irish America and the influence of the diaspora and international political movements.

African Americans: Many Rivers To Cross #101 "The Black Atlantic (1500-1800)"

Airdate/Time: January 29, 2017, 9pm; February 3, 2017, 1am

Length: 60-min.

Description: The Black Atlantic explores the truly global experiences that created the African American people. Beginning a full century before the first documented '20-

and-odd' slaves arrived at Jamestown, Virginia, the episode portrays the earliest Africans, both slave and free, who arrived on these shores. But the Trans-Atlantic slave trade would soon become a vast empire connecting three continents. Through stories of individuals caught in its web, like a ten-year-old girl named Priscilla who was transported from Sierra Leone to South Carolina in the mid-18th century, we trace the emergence of plantation slavery in the American South. The late 18th century saw a global explosion of freedom movements, and *The Black Atlantic* examines what that Era of Revolutions—American, French and Haitian—would mean for African Americans, and for slavery in America.

African Americans: Many Rivers To Cross #102 “The Age of Slavery (1800-1860)”

Airdate/Time: January 29, 2017, 10pm; February 3, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-min.

Description: *The Age of Slavery* illustrates how black lives changed dramatically in the aftermath of the American Revolution. For free black people in places like Philadelphia, these years were a time of tremendous opportunity. But for most African Americans, this era represented a new nadir. King Cotton fueled the rapid expansion of slavery into new territories, and a Second Middle Passage forcibly relocated African Americans from the Upper South into the Deep South. Yet as slavery intensified, so did resistance. From individual acts to mass rebellions, African Americans demonstrated their determination to undermine and ultimately eradicate slavery in every state in the nation. Courageous individuals, such as Harriet Tubman, Richard Allen and Frederick Douglass, played a crucial role in forcing the issue of slavery to the forefront of national politics, helping to create the momentum that would eventually bring the country to war.

African Americans: Many Rivers To Cross #103 “Into The Fire (1861-1896)”

Airdate/Time: February 12, 2017, 9pm; February 17, 2017, 1am

Length: 60-min.

Description: *Into the Fire* examines the most tumultuous and consequential period in African American history: the Civil War and the end of slavery, and Reconstruction's thrilling but tragically brief "moment in the sun." From the beginning, African Americans were agents of their own liberation, forcing the Union to confront the issue of slavery by fleeing the plantations and taking up arms to serve with honor in the United States Colored Troops. After Emancipation, African Americans sought to realize the promise of freedom—rebuilding families shattered by slavery; demanding economic, political and civil rights; even winning elected office. Just a few years later, however, an intransigent South mounted a swift and vicious campaign of terror to restore white supremacy and roll back African American rights. Yet the achievements of Reconstruction would remain very much alive in the collective memory of the African American community.

African Americans: Many Rivers To Cross #104 “Making a Way Out of No Way (1897-1940)”

Airdate/Time: February 12, 2017, 10pm; February 17, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-min.

Description: *Something from Nothing* portrays the Jim Crow era, when African Americans struggled to build their own worlds within the harsh, narrow confines of segregation. At the turn of the 20th century, a steady stream of African Americans left the South, fleeing the threat of racial violence, and searching for better opportunities in the North and the West. Leaders like Ida B. Wells, W.E.B. Du Bois, Booker T. Washington and Marcus Garvey organized, offering vastly

different strategies to further black empowerment and equality. Yet successful black institutions and individuals were always at risk. At the same time, the ascendance of black arts and culture showed that a community with a strong identity and sense of pride was taking hold in spite of Jim Crow. "The Harlem Renaissance" would not only redefine how America saw African Americans, but how African Americans saw themselves.

African Americans: Many Rivers To Cross #105 "Rise (1940-1968)"

Airdate/Time: February 19, 2017, 9pm; February 24, 2017, 1am

Length: 60-min.

Description: Rise! examines the long road to civil rights, when the deep contradictions in American society finally became unsustainable. Beginning in World War II, African Americans who helped fight fascism abroad came home to face the same old racial violence. But this time, mass media—from print to radio and TV-broadcast that injustice to the world, planting seeds of resistance. And the success of black entrepreneurs and entertainers fueled African American hopes and dreams. In December 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man on a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama, heralding the dawn of a new movement of quiet resistance, with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as its public face. Before long, masses of African Americans practiced this nonviolent approach at great personal risk to integrate public schools, lunch counters and more. As the civil rights movement scored one historic victory after another, non-violence was still all too often met with violence—until finally, enough was enough. By 1968, Dr. King, the apostle of non-violence, would be assassinated, unleashing a new call for "Black Power" across the country.

African Americans: Many Rivers To Cross #106 "A More Perfect Union (1968-2013)"

Airdate/Time: February 19, 2017, 10pm; February 24, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-min.

Description: After 1968, African Americans set out to build a bright new future on the foundation of the civil rights movement's victories, but a growing class disparity threatened to split the black community in two. As hundreds of African Americans won political office across the country and the black middle class made unprecedented progress, larger economic and political forces isolated the black urban poor in the inner cities, vulnerable to new social ills and an epidemic of incarceration. Yet African Americans of all backgrounds came together to support Illinois Senator Barack Obama in his historic campaign for the presidency of the United States. When he won in 2008, many hoped that America had finally transcended race and racism. By the time of his second victory, it was clear that many issues, including true racial equality, remain to be resolved. Now we ask: How will African Americans help redefine the United States in the years to come?

LOCAL POLITICS & CONCERNS

MetroFocus #2051

Airdate/Time: January 6, 2017, 5pm, 7pm & 11pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Beth Akers from the Manhattan Institute stops by to discuss Governor Cuomo's recently announced proposal to offer free college tuition for students. She will discuss why she feels it would fail.

New York State of the State Address 2017

Airdate/Time: January 9, 2017, 11:14am

Length: 38-minutes

Description: Governor Cuomo delivered his first regional State of the State address in New York City where he unveiled his Middle Class Recovery Act, a series of policies and programs aimed at addressing the economic anxieties of New York's working and middle classes; while also fiercely committing to deliver on the New York Promise by continuing to fight for our state's progressive values.

MetroFocus #2052

Airdate/Time: January 9, 2017, 5pm, 7pm & 11pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Jimmy Vielkind, reporter for *Politico*, stops by to discuss Governor Cuomo's "State of the State" tour, consisting of six separate State of the State speeches he is making over the next three days. The episode includes details on what he said in Manhattan during the first speech.

New York State of the State Address 2017

Airdate/Time: January 10, 2017, 1:14pm

Length: 51-minutes

Description: Governor Andrew M. Cuomo delivered his 2017 regional State of the State address at Farmingdale State College.

Forgiveness: Steven McDonald, NYPD

Airdate/Time: January 15, 2017, 7:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: 1/2 hour broadcast documentary on NYPD detective Steven McDonald who was shot and paralyzed 27 years ago.

Governor Mario Cuomo: Poetry and Prose

Airdate/Time: January 15, 2017, 11pm; January 20, 2017, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Experience the memorable twelve years Mario Cuomo spent as New York's 52nd Governor including his initial run for this office in 1982 against Ed Koch, his lauded 1984 keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention, his flirtations with running for president that earned him the nickname 'Hamlet on the Hudson,' and his final political race versus George Pataki.

MetroFocus #2078

Airdate/Time: February 16, 2017, 5pm, 7pm & 11pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Michael Wildes, former mayor of Englewood, NJ and former federal prosecutor, stops by to discuss a judge's ruling that there is probable cause to charge Governor Chris Christie with official misconduct for his role over the Bridgegate scandal.

NATIONAL POLITICS & CONCERNS

White House: Inside Story

Airdate/Time: January 15, 2017, 9pm; January 20, 2017, 1am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Gain access to America's most iconic residence-symbol of national history and icon of democracy. From the Oval Office to the family dining room, through crises and world wars, the 200-year story of the White House is the story of America itself.

MetroFocus #2059

Airdate/Time: January 19, 2017, 5pm, 7pm & 11pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Carolyn Maloney, New York Democratic Congresswoman, and John Faso, New York Republican Congressman, stop by to discuss the mood inside Capitol Hill, the day before Donald Trump's inauguration.

Beyond Borders: Undocumented Mexican Americans

Airdate/Time: January 26, 2017, 2pm; February 26, 2017, 10pm; March 3, 2017, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: BEYOND BORDERS: Undocumented Mexican-Americans examines US policy decisions that triggered the rise of undocumented immigration in a deeply moving documentary program that explores the under-reported lives of Mexicans living and raising families in the United States. The film carefully explains the history of the relationship between the two countries - Mexico and America - some of which may be unfamiliar to viewers. In telling the stories of several undocumented Mexican-Americans, BEYOND BORDERS reveals the reasons why millions of Mexican workers have settled in the US over the past four decades instead of returning home. It also illuminates the remarkable networks that connect the film's characters with the families they left behind, and the very real human impact of the anti-immigration backlash now sweeping the country.

MetroFocus #2065

Airdate/Time: January 30, 2017, 5pm, 7pm & 11pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Explores the ongoing protests against President Trump's travel bans. Steven Choi, the executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition, and one of the men who inspired the demonstrations, stops by to discuss the backlash to the president's refugee ban.

MetroFocus #2068

Airdate/Time: February 2, 2017, 5pm, 7pm & 11pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Explores the current state and future of journalism in a time of Donald Trump's presidency. The participants of the media roundtable will be: Amy Goodman, host & executive producer of *Democracy Now!*; Ken Kurson, chief editor of *New York Observer*, and Betsy West, documentary filmmaker and professor of Columbia Journalism School.

WOMEN'S HISTORY & ISSUES

Evening with Gwen Ifill

Airdate/Time: February 15, 2017, 4am

Length: 60-min.

Description: An Evening With Gwen Ifill is a one-on-one interview of Gwen Ifill, one of the most prolific journalists of our time. Taped in the historic Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress' Thomas Jefferson Building, and hosted by Gwen's friend and fellow journalist Michele Norris, An Evening With Gwen Ifill turns the tables on the long-time host, giving an insider's perspective into Gwen's childhood and development as a print and television correspondent.

Raising Ms. President

Airdate/Time: January 20, 2017, 4aqm

Length: 60-min.

Description: Women make up more than half of the American population and workforce. Yet, the United States only ranks 97th out of 190 countries when it comes to the number of women in elected office. According to research conducted by Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women & Politics Institute, and Richard Fox, political science department chair at Loyola Marymount University, women are less likely than men to run for office, and often consider themselves under-qualified to serve, despite their success in business and education. In the documentary RAISING MS. PRESIDENT, filmmaker Kiley Lane explores why more women don't run for office. Through interviews with elected officials, scholars, high school students and leaders of two non-profits dedicated to raising the next generation of female leaders, the program investigates where political ambition begins and why society should encourage more women to lead. Interviewees include Anne Moses, founder of IGNITE; Senator Lisa Murkowski, Republican of Alaska; Tiffany Dufu, former president of the White House Project; Melissa Deckman, professor of public affairs at Washington College; Susannah W. Shakow, founder of Running Start; Emiliana Simon-Thomas, cognitive, affective and behavioral neuroscientist at UC Berkeley; and Amanda Adkins, GOP state chair, Kansas; among others.

Uncommon Grace: The Life of Flannery O'Connor

Airdate/Time: March 23, 2017, 2pm

Length: 60-min.

Description: Despite her premature death at age 39, Flannery O'Connor left behind one of the most haunting and strikingly original bodies of work in 20th Century literature. With the rural South as her backdrop, she brought to life a string of eccentric characters torn between their worldly ambitions and the need for a more enduring truth. This film traces the people and events that shaped her remarkable career, as well as the important role that Catholicism played in her writing. Featuring expert commentary and rare photographs, Uncommon Grace will give you a new appreciation for this highly celebrated, yet often misunderstood, storyteller.

Penny: Champion of the Marginalized

Airdate/Time: March 26, 2017, 11:30am; March 28, 2017, 10:35pm

Length: 30-min.

Description: PENNY is a multi-dimensional portrait of Penny Cooper, a celebrated criminal defense attorney, art collector, supporter of female artists, and protector of the underdog. Cooper's life brims with stories mirroring the profound changes in our country from the 1940s to the present. In this revealing documentary, Cooper proves herself quite the raconteur with seemingly unlimited anecdotes. Her stories are engaging; sometimes funny, and sometimes distressing. The film is a collection of these moments as told by Cooper and the people who have been impacted by her dynamic spirit. The talented lawyer and art enthusiast offers a unique perspective on important social narratives such as criminal justice, the artists and collectors who generate today's global contemporary art market, gender equality, and more. Through it all, she has found herself at the center of dramatic social progress for women. A role model and pioneer, Cooper perhaps owes much of her success in transcending the glass ceiling to her unwavering resilience, fortitude and infamous humility.

Perfect 36: When Women Won The Vote

Airdate/Time: March 23, 2017, 8:30pm; March 26, 2017, 9am; March 28, 2017, 12:30am; March 29, 2017, 4:30am

Length: 30-min.

Description: PERFECT 36: WHEN WOMEN WON THE VOTE chronicles the dramatic vote to ratify this amendment, and the years of debate about women's suffrage that preceded it. On July 17, 1920, Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, arrived to spend a few days in Nashville. She was traveling on the heels of Tennessee Governor A.H. Roberts' announcement of a special session of the state legislature, called at the urging of President Woodrow Wilson. One more state needed to ratify the proposed amendment, and that duty rested solely on the shoulders of Tennessee. Catt's few days dragged into weeks at her headquarters in the Hermitage Hotel, where pro- and anti- suffragists continued to clash in what came to be known as the "War of the Roses." Those in favor sported yellow roses, while those against wore red. On the sweltering day of August 18, 1920, the House convened. After two consecutive 48-48 outcomes to table the resolution, it was put to a vote. The votes were coming in neck and neck. At the last minute, 24-year-old freshman representative Harry Burn recalled a letter from his mother received that morning, urging him to, "be a good boy" and grant women the right to

vote. In spite of wearing a red rose, Burn swung his vote, making Tennessee the deciding 36th state to enable passage of the 19th Amendment, and thereby granting women the Constitutional right to vote.
