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Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 132
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/2/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:07:33

A major American composer, with her own deeply American story to tell, is receiving recognition for a lifetime of work. Jeffrey Brown talks to newly-minted Kennedy Center honoree Tania León for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

Series Title: Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World
Episode Title: Culture Wars
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/21/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Experience the 1990s during the Clinton years and the unstoppable rise in popularity of Hip Hop, which becomes a force that is attacked by all sides of the political establishment.

Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
Episode Title: Misty Copeland
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2023 5:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Misty Copeland discusses becoming American Ballet Theatre's first Black principal dancer and the role her mentor, trailblazing Black ballerina Raven Wilkinson, played in her rise. Copeland weighs in on diversity in ballet, motherhood and her future.

Culture

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 138
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:35

Poet Charles Simic died Monday at 84. He was a prolific writer, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, and served as Poet Laureate of the United States. He often wrote, with both bite and humor, of the World War II era and his early years in Yugoslavia before coming to the U.S. as a teenager. In 2007, Simic discussed it in a conversation with the PBS NewsHour's Jeffrey Brown.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: King Arthur's Lost Kingdom
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Uncover new archaeological evidence at Tintagel that suggests the legend of King Arthur started in a prosperous and sophisticated trading village in 5th-century Britain following the departure of the Romans.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 195
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/30/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:56

After the U.S. invaded Iraq 20 years ago, Iraqi American playwright and actor Heather Raffo created and starred in an acclaimed play "Nine Parts of Desire" about the lives of Iraqi women. She's returned to the subject on film and through a distinctly American lens, setting a new version in Michigan. Jeffrey Brown went there to see the work for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Nature | The Alps
Episode Title: The High Life
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/4/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Enjoy the Alps in spring and summertime as newborn animals grow up to face the coming brutal winter.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Elephant and the Termite
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Witness the dramas of Africa's great wildlife meeting place -- the waterhole. From mighty elephants to tiny termites, an entire community of creatures call the waterhole their home.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 196
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/31/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:39

A tornado plowed into Little Rock, Arkansas, and nearby towns Friday afternoon with reports of heavy damage and many people injured. Video shows the tornado moving across neighborhoods, flipping cars and tearing away rooftops. It was all part of a massive storm front that affected at least 15 states from the Great Lakes to the Deep South.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 137
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/9/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:55

Contractor and U.S. Navy veteran Mark Frerichs was kidnapped and held hostage by Taliban forces for over two and a half years. He was released as part of a prisoner swap last September and is now adjusting to freedom and life back in America. Amna Nawaz went to Lombard, Illinois, where he's staying with family, to sit down with Frerichs for his first television interview since being freed.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 173
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/28/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:11

In the last three years, households eligible for food assistance received at least \$95 more per month as part of a pandemic-era increase to combat hunger. But Wednesday, those benefits will expire, meaning a smaller monthly food budget for nearly 30 million Americans. William Brangham visited a food bank in rural Virginia that's gearing up to meet the increased need this cut will likely trigger.

NOLA: FIYO 000703
Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: No Irish Need Apply
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of actor Jane Lynch and comedian Jim Gaffigan, revealing the Irish American experience through their families.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 140
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/12/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:16

When sports journalist Grant Wahl died of an aortic aneurysm while covering the World Cup in Qatar, a flood of misinformation took over social media, with anti-vaxxers and conspiracy theorists falsely claiming the COVID vaccine was to blame. Wahl's wife, Dr. Celine Gounder, is an infectious disease specialist. She joined Amna Nawaz to discuss the fight against this kind of disinformation.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Dr. Tony Fauci
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/21/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:10

Follow Dr. Fauci across fourteen months, showing a rarely seen side of this passionate scientist, husband, father and public servant.

Local News/ Local Interest

NOLA: MLJ 0001901
Series Title: Mountain Lake Journal
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/06/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: MLPBS
Format: Local News/Local Interest

HOCHUL INAUGURATION: New York Governor Kathy Hochul is making history as she is sworn in for her first full term in office, becoming the state's first female governor elected to office. With the election-season behind them, state lawmakers are returning to Albany for the start of 2023 legislative session. Over the next few weeks, Governor Kathy Hochul will lay out both her state budget, her fiscal agenda, and her policy priorities for the upcoming session, beginning with her State of the State Address that she'll deliver next Tuesday in Albany. In her Inauguration Address, Hochul touched on some of the priorities in the coming session for her administration, including the rise in crime, and a growing affordability crisis. Other priorities include empowering communities of color, protecting reproductive rights (which was one of the key issues of her re-election campaign) and fighting the effects of climate change.

WATCH STATE OF THE STATE: Watch Governor Kathy Hochul's State of the State Address this coming Tuesday, January 10th at 1pm on Mountain Lake PBS.

ASSEMBLYMAN BILLY JONES INTERVIEW: North Country Assemblyman Billy Jones, who represents the 115th Assembly District that covers Clinton, Franklin, and 5 towns in Essex Counties, joins us to talk about his priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session that got underway this week in Albany. Housing, childcare, extending the Gas Tax Holiday, and providing home heating assistance top the list for Assemblyman Jones in 2023.

FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES CAULDRON LIGHTING: A state-of-the-art LED cauldron has been unveiled for the 2023 FISU World University Winter Games that will kick-off this coming Thursday, January 12th, in Lake Placid. The carbon-free cauldron is part of the "Save Winter" campaign that is highlighting efforts to reduce the effects of climate change and promote sustainability initiatives in hopes of keeping the winter season for generations to come.

ADIRONDACK RAIL TRAIL OPENS: A portion of the new Adirondack rail trail, running between Lake Placid and Saranac Lake, has opened to winter traffic including snowmobiles, cross-country skiers, fat bikes, and snowshoers. The state broke ground on the rail trail in October, and the first phase of the 34-mile multi-use trail is scheduled to be completed by this fall at a cost of about 8-million dollars. Work on Phases 2 and 3 between Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake will finish up in 2025.

ADIRONDACK SCENIC RAILROAD: While work on the new multi-use rail trail is moving ahead so too have plans to use the rest of that rail corridor to once again bring passenger trains and tourists to the heart of the Adirondacks.

NOLA: MLJ 0001902
Series Title: Mountain Lake Journal
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 01/13/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: MLPBS
Format: Local News/Local Interest

STATE OF THE STATE: Governor Kathy Hochul outlined her agenda for the new year in her State of the State Address to lawmakers, saying she wants to make New York more affordable, more livable, and safer. The Governor wants to address inflation & the rising cost of living, the rise in crime, and investing in housing and mental health services.

GOP REACTION: Republicans, who blame bail reform for the rise in crime, say they're more than willing to talk about the Legislature making more changes to those laws, as well as expanding mental health services. We talked with Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay after Governor Hochul's State of the State Address.

9 DAYS A SOLDIER: A film studio based in Michigan wants to bring local schoolteacher Joy Demarse's book and the little-known story of how a group of schoolboys joined together to help General Alexander Macomb turn back the invasion by British forces during the Battle of Plattsburgh to the big screen. America Studios is in the early stages of shooting and producing a film about the boys. The studio hopes to begin filming the project this coming fall. It's planning to return in the spring to host another event to try to generate interest, and hopefully line up funders to help finance the movie. If production stays on track, America Studios says it hopes to release the film in 2024.

REMEMBERING RUSSELL BANKS: We remember award winning author Russell Banks, who in so many ways helped promote the arts and literature in the Adirondacks. Russell was also one of the original founders of the Lake Placid Film Forum. He died this past weekend at the age of 82. Our Paul Larson interviewed Russell in 2018 and again in 2021, and talked with him about his career. Paul also asked Russell about the adaptations of his works, and an opera he had written set in the Adirondacks.

GRAND MURAL: A small Adirondack town wraps up a twelve-year project, a grand mural made from thousands of tiles. Paul Larson takes us to North Creek, New York for this week's Spotlight segment.

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Format: Local News/Local Interest

MLK DAY: After going virtual the past couple of years during the COVID pandemic, the yearly commemoration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior drew a large crowd this week at the Newman Center on the SUNY Plattsburgh campus for a service and ceremony full of song, prayer, and celebration. From state and local political leaders came the challenge to follow Dr. King's message of unity, kindness, and public service.

DAY OF SERVICE: Many people used the holiday to take those words to heart and volunteer for a Day of Service. About a dozen volunteers came to the Trinity Church Soup Kitchen in Plattsburgh to give it a good cleaning. It's a cleaning the Soup Kitchen has gone without for the past couple of years, with COVID, and the pandemic putting Days of Service, like this, on hold.

FLOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: A ribbon-cutting ceremony held in Ausable Forks this past week celebrated the completion of two major projects to help the Town of Jay be better prepared to handle future disasters, including flooding, that will likely come from more extreme weather caused by climate change. The projects were made possible with the help of nearly \$2 million dollars from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. One is a new kitchen, and updated bathrooms and showers at the Jay Community Center, which, when needed in a crisis, will become the Town's emergency shelter. The other project helped restore a 12-miles section of the Ausable River.

Community leaders hope this project & others to come will help reduce the threat of flooding like the ice jams that backed up the Ausable just this past February. And now the Ausable River Association has gotten word it will be receiving \$2 million more, in federal money, to continue its work for a similar project restoring upper sections of the East Branch of the Ausable River in Keene.

STATE OF THE STATE REACTION: New York Governor Kathy Hochul delivered her State of the State Address to lawmakers last week, saying she wants to make New York more affordable, more livable and safer.

North Country State Senator Dan Stec joins us this week to talk about the Governor's proposals and agenda for the legislative session.

LOVE IN THE TIME OF FENTANYL: We're presenting a preview of a documentary coming to Mountain Lake PBS next month that looks at the novel approach taken by a city ravaged by the heroin crisis & overdose deaths. *Love in the time of Fentanyl* looks at how the city of Vancouver turned to a successful, but controversial way to help addicts. The documentary will be broadcast on Monday, February 13th at 10pm on Mountain Lake PBS, or you can also join us for a sneak preview screening coming up next week. We'll be showing *Love in the Time of Fentanyl* at the historic Strand Theatre in Plattsburgh on Wednesday, January 25th at 7pm, and it will be followed by a panel discussion that will talk about the overdose crisis here in our region, what treatment options are available, harm reduction practices, and misconceptions about people who use drugs.

NOLA: MLJ 0001904
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Airdate: 01/27/2023 8:00:00 PM
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Format: Local News/Local Interest

SNAP PAYMENTS ACCEPTED FOR ONLINE ORDERS: The closure of dozens of local grocery stores in recent years is increasing the number & size of food deserts across the Adirondacks and New York State where families, especially food stamp recipients, face challenges finding fresh, nutritious, locally grown food. Food hubs are trying to help, and Hub on the Hill, in Essex County, is the first food hub in the nation to accept SNAP payments, now, through their online grocery store. Producer Michael Hansen tells us how the move will help many of the people who need that food the most.

During the pandemic, the Hub on the Hill partnered with ADK Action to deliver thousands of Emergency Food Packages to families in need while also supporting local farmers across the region.

That project has now grown into farm fresh packages full of healthy, locally grown food being sold at the Hub on the Hill's farm store in Essex, and now even delivered right to the doorsteps of many of those families. SNAP recipients can now use their EBT card to buy those food packages right online.

ADIRONDACK FOUNDATION: Food Insecurity is a big issue in the Adirondacks and addressing it is one of the areas that the Adirondack Foundation focuses on. We sit down this week with President & CEO Cali Brooks, Matt Donahue, who is the Adirondack Foundation's Vice-President for Philanthropy, and Lori Bellingham, who is the Adirondack Foundation's Vice-President for Community Impact to talk about the Adirondack Foundation's 25-years as a Community Foundation that Identifies Needs & Opportunities Where Philanthropic Dollars Can Make a Positive Difference. The Adirondack Foundation is accepting applications through February 1st for its Generous Acts Grants. Generous Acts is backed by generous donors who care deeply about local communities and entrust Adirondack Foundation to address needs and identify opportunities where philanthropic dollars can make a positive difference. Since 2014, Generous Acts has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in grants to nonprofits, schools, and community-based organizations.

ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB WELCOME CENTER: A popular wintertime attraction has reopened this winter in the High Peaks of the Adirondacks. The Adirondack Mountain Club purchased the Cascade Cross Country Ski Center in Lake Placid from the Jubin family and reopened it as a year-round welcome center, offering 10 miles of skiing and snowshoeing on groomed trails with spectacular views of the High Peaks.

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Format: Local News/Local Interest

JACQUES PEPIN: We look back at some of our favorite stories for 2022, including our visit with Master Chef Jacques Pepin. He invited us to visit his Connecticut home to talk about his life, career, the amazing work his foundation is doing, and his 40-plus years of being a pioneer on public television.

MAKOMIS FIRE TOWER: A piece of Adirondack history gets a new home and purpose after spending nearly a half century in a backyard in the City of Plattsburgh.

For decades, neighbors on Macomb Street in Plattsburgh knew all about George Barber's project, the 40-foot fire tower that sat on its side in his backyard. George, who was a land surveyor, had dreams of reassembling the tower on a hill just north of Plattsburgh where visitors would be able to see across Lake Champlain to the mountains in Vermont and north across the border to see the skyline of Montreal.

George Barber passed, though, before his dream could become a reality. So, his family was quite pleasantly surprised, this past summer, when they were invited to the village of Speculator, in the Adirondacks, where their father's tower is once again standing tall, at a new home, and with a new purpose.

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW VERMONT EVENT: Another of our favorite stories of the past year was back in July 2022, when fans turned out the thousands hoping to be part of the new season of one of the most popular shows on television. The PBS series *Antiques Roadshow* came to Vermont and taped three episodes at Shelburne Museum. Producers say the episodes shot in Vermont will be broadcast during the show's new season coming up this spring, on Monday evenings, on April 24th 2023, and May 1st and May 8th 2023 at 8pm.

You may remember, about 3,000 people from all across the northeast, New England, and the Adirondacks attended the event this past July in the hopes of getting their most valuable items appraised by the show's team of

experts. The series of three episodes will be part of the show's 27th season. And if you'd like to watch our story on the taping of Antiques Roadshow at Shelburne Museum, you'll find it on our YouTube channel.

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Format: Local News/Local Interest

Love in the Time of Fentanyl Screening/Discussion:

Mountain Lake PBS is airing a week of special programs from February 13th- February 19th to examine New York State's addiction and overdose crisis. "Overdose Epidemic" will draw attention to this public health crisis and raise awareness of services available in our local communities for those impacted by addiction. The programming will touch on topics as wide-ranging as the science of addiction, reducing the stigma of addiction and recovery, addiction among veterans and young people, and what public health officials are doing to combat the crisis. Educating the public is essential to helping end stigma; ensure that people know how to access help; and to promoting the effectiveness of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services. The special programming will include a one-hour live broadcast "New York State Public Media Special Report: COVID-19 and the Overdose Epidemic" airing at 8pm on Friday, February 17th which will feature stories from across the state of New Yorkers in recovery, experts on addiction and the COVID-19 epidemic, government officials addressing the crisis, and local agencies providing services and support to those affected by the crisis. "Overdose Epidemic" brings together public media across the state to focus on a single issue across multiple platforms—broadcast television, radio, podcasts, online streaming, social media, live events, and more. The week of special programming will include a one-hour live broadcast "New York State Public Media Special Report: COVID-19 and the Overdose Epidemic" which will feature stories from across the state of New Yorkers in recovery, experts on addiction and the COVID-19 epidemic, government officials addressing the crisis, and local agencies providing services and support to those affected by the crisis. This broadcast is being produced by WXXI in Rochester and will be carried on all nine public television stations throughout the state. This special forum will air on Mountain Lake PBS on Friday, Feb 17 at 8 PM, with repeats throughout the weekend. Mountain Lake PBS will present the Independent Lens documentary Love in the Time of Fentanyl on Monday, February 13th at 10pm. As deaths in Vancouver, Canada reached an all-time high, the Overdose Prevention Society opened its doors—a renegade supervised drug consumption site that employs active and former drug users. Its staff and volunteers do whatever it takes to save lives and give hope to a marginalized community in this intimate documentary that looks beyond the stigma of people who use fentanyl and other drugs. Mountain Lake PBS held a screening of the documentary at the Strand Theatre in Plattsburgh: The screening was followed by a community discussion on the state of the overdose crisis in the North Country of New York and what steps are needed for treating this epidemic. In our discussion, we hear from experts about what the overdose and addiction crisis looks like here in our region, what impact the pandemic had on the crisis, what has changed in the last few years regarding local resources and treatment options, and what has been the impact of harm reduction programs like needle exchanges, Narcan, and fentanyl test kits. Our guests included: Chief Christopher J. Premo/Village of Malone Police Department Jared Croy/Program Director Champlain Valley Family Center Recovery Campus Zachary Randolph/Interim Chief Executive Officer St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Centers Rheannon Croy/Program Manager at Alliance for Positive Health Michael Carpenter/Founder MHAB Life Skills Campus & Recovery Center.

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Series Title: Mountain Lake Journal
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Format: Local News/Local Interest

Guest-hosted by arts producer Paul Larson, this special episode of Mountain Lake Journal tells a relatively unknown story of racial inequality in 1950s in the Adirondacks, and how memories of it resurfaced recently when a building at Seagle Music Colony (now Seagle Festival) in Schroon Lake, New York, faced demolition.

NOLA: MLJ 0001908
Series Title: Mountain Lake Journal
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 03/03/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: MLPBS
Format: Local News/Local Interest

Major cutbacks have decimated newspapers across the country. These are tough times for many community papers. What happened to create this, and what impact is it having on local journalism? As daily and weekly newspapers across the country downsize, cut back on editions, or even close altogether, who is going to step up to fill the void? To keep communities informed, hold their public officials accountable, and delve into critical issues impacting the community? In other words, who's going to do what newspaper journalists and editors have been doing for generations?

That is the question asked by Ken Tingley, the former editor of the Post-Star newspaper in Glens Falls, in his new book: *"The Last American Newspaper: An Institution in Peril, Through the Eyes of a Small-Town Editor."*

Ken Tingley's *The Last American Newspaper: An Institution in Peril, Through the Eyes of a Small-Town Editor* is available on Amazon from McFarland Books.

Ken Tingley's newsletter The Front Page.

Ken Tingley's upcoming events in St. Lawrence County and Plattsburgh Rotary Club in March.

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Tingley spent the last 21 years as editor of The Post-Star in Glens Falls, N.Y. where he carved out a national reputation for great journalism. Nine times his newspaper was named the top newspaper its size in upstate New York and in 2009 it won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.

ADMISSION IS FREE/ALL ARE WELCOME. PLATTSBURGH ROTARY CLUB: Ken Tingley of Glens Falls, author of "Last American Newspaper", has been confirmed to speak at the March 7th Plattsburgh Rotary Club meeting via Zoom. *The Last American Newspaper: An Institution in Peril, Through the Eyes of a Small-Town Editor*. This book reveals what is happening in small communities across the United States as their newspapers struggle to survive. It is a celebration not just of journalism, but of the inspirational people who do it and the news and events of small towns. Importantly, it asks the question: who will be the community watchdog of the future? This book memorializes the American newspaper through the story of the Post-Star of Glens Falls, NY. The author, a devoted veteran of the Post-Star, compiles a series of vignettes that depict the newspaper's coverage over the years. They provide a glimpse behind the newsroom curtain through the stories of investigative journalism done in small towns.

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Just in time for Oscar excitement, Women's History Month meets the Golden Age of Hollywood in Plattsburgh, New York, this week on Mountain Lake Journal. Paul Larson hosts this Spotlight Special: Jean Arthur's Birthplace Celebrates the Star. The award-winning program features the creation of the Jean Arthur mural near her birthplace, and her biographer discusses how the actress preferred to keep the details of her personal life very private.

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STATE OF THE CITY: Plattsburgh's Mayor delivers his "State of the City" message to community leaders at the yearly Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Forum and talks about the pressing need for new housing in the City of Plattsburgh. Chris Rosenquest also talks about the push to update the city's zoning regulations to try to help spur new housing development, plans to develop the Saranac River Trail and waterfront including a potential hotel, and he updates us on the investigation into the police department after an anonymous email made several accusations of alleged misconduct and inappropriate racially charged comments by leadership within the police department. WATCH EXTENDED INTERVIEW WITH MAYOR ROSENQUEST: The Mayor talks more in-depth about the email that's prompted an investigation into the police department, the demolition of the Crete Civic Center, two recreational marijuana retail shops that are looking to open in the city, and the resumption of the Amtrak Adirondack passenger rail line next month, after a 3-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic. EVENING OF HEALING: After a three-year break due to the COVID pandemic, the Clinton County Coalition to Prevent Suicide is once again hosting its annual community program that features speakers who talk about their experiences with suicide, the unexpected loss of loved ones, and personal trauma. They share their stories of how they found strength and hope to begin the long process of healing. Speakers this year will include Melissa Kuhns and her sister Amy Collin. Melissa, just within the past few years lost both her son and her daughter to suicide. Also, Kolby Keysor will talk about his motocross accident several years ago that left him paralyzed. "An Evening of Healing: Stories of Strength" will be held Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6pm, at the Newman Center, 90 Broad Street, near the SUNY Plattsburgh Campus. AMTRAK RESTORES SERVICE TO NORTH COUNTRY: Three years into the pandemic, Amtrak is finally restoring passenger rail service to the North Country & Montreal, beginning April 3rd. A LEGACY IN PAPER: Paul Larson's Spotlight looks at a documentary that celebrates the intricate works of a legendary Quebec artist, and TV icon.

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COVID ANNIVERSARY: As we mark the 3rd anniversary of the COVID pandemic, daily life in many ways has returned to normal. Most of the COVID mandates and restrictions have been lifted, although some do remain in effect. For example, only Canadians who are vaccinated can enter the United States through land border crossings. And many businesses, especially restaurants, have cut back on their hours due to the labor shortage that became a major issue during the pandemic. We discuss those issues with North Country Chamber of Commerce CEO Garry Douglas, and get an update on how the region's largest hospital is dealing with COVID three years after the outbreak in 2020. Dr. Keith Collins, an Infectious Disease Specialist with the UVM Health Network's CVPH Medical Center talks about push to continue to get people vaccinated, some of the lessons learned from the pandemic, and how prepared we are for the next health crisis. POETRY MACHINE: The Adirondack Center for Writing has come up with a really cool way to share poetry here in the Adirondack Region. They've taken an old gumball vending machine, and filled it with capsules that contain poetry from writers around the world. There's no need to worry about finding a quarter, the poems are all free. Our producer Michael Hansen has the story. The ACW's Poetry Machine has now moved from Chef Darrell's Mountain Diner in Blue Mountain Lake to Indian Lake's Community Theatre for the month of March and then will move on to Northville in April. 2023 REGIONAL SPELLING BEE: Sixth-Grader Leah Rini of Beekmantown Central School District was named the Grand Champion at the 22nd Regional Spelling Bee, an event held each year by Champlain Valley Educational Services. Rini competed this month against 40 other students from nine districts in Clinton and Essex Counties. They tackled tough words on the stage of Peru Central School District. The competitors had all previously won spelling bees in their respective schools, and represented the top spellers in grades four through eight. The Master of Ceremonies this year was our own Paul Larson, the Spotlight producer at Mountain Lake PBS. The other winners this year - Sixth-grader Mitchell Durocher from Northeastern Clinton was the first runner-up. From Peru, Charlotte Isecke won Grade

8 Champion, and Vincenzo Francesconi won Grade 7 Champion. Plattsburgh student Madeleine Riedell is the Grade 5 Champion. The Grade 4 Champion was awarded to Mason Peck from Boquet Valley.

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ROXHAM ROAD: During President Biden's visit to Ottawa this past week, the U.S. and Canada reached a deal on a new immigration policy closing a loophole that has allowed tens of thousands of asylum seekers to enter Quebec through an unofficial border crossing at the end of Roxham Road in Champlain, New York. Asylum seekers who now cross into Quebec there, face the likelihood are now being turned over to U.S. Immigration Agents and sent back to the United States. That concerns some community and political leaders in Northern New York who fear an influx of migrants, turned away at the border, might end up in communities in the North Country in need of assistance. We talk with New York State Assemblyman Billy Jones about that, and the on-going budget negotiations in Albany as the Legislature tries to meet its April 1st deadline to pass a new state budget. **WATCH PBS NEWSHOUR COVERAGE OF BIDEN VISIT TO OTTAWA:** The PBS NewsHour interviewed an advocacy groups in Montreal that assists asylum seekers. **CHANCELLOR JOHN KING VISITS SUNY PLATTSBURGH:** SUNY Chancellor John King came to the North Country this past week to SUNY Plattsburgh where he toured the campus and met with administrators, professors and students. He visited the college's new nursing skills lab, which is a simulation center that teaches students practical skills on high-tech mannequins before they start working at a hospital or in a health care facility. The lab opened in late January. A bill in the state Assembly that would allow lab work like this to account for 30% of the clinical hours required for nursing students. The Chancellor King says he supports the bill, and is optimistic about its chances to pass the Assembly. North Country Assemblyman Billy Jones, who joined the Chancellor on his tour, is a co-sponsor of the bill. John King also talked efforts to increase enrollment throughout the SUNY system which he says will be the key to improving SUNY's long-term financial health along with a commitment from the State Legislature to fund SUNY for years to come. **ROCKWELL KENT SYMPOSIUM:** Art and nature lovers have a very special opportunity to explore the wonders of Alaska this spring, through the eyes of 20th century artist Rockwell Kent. The painter, who spent much of his life at Asgaard, his farm in Au Sable Forks, New York, moved to a small island in Alaska for about seven months in 1918. The artwork and writings he produced during this period will be the subject of presentations, workshops and a short film screening, during an upcoming symposium at SUNY Plattsburgh. Kenai, Alaska resident Eric Downs felt so inspired by Kent's adventures in his state, he made them the subject of his short film, *A Dreamer's Search*. The first-time filmmaker's work has already been accepted into seven film festivals. Downs says the actual island where Kent lived helped shape the direction of his project. The filmmaker will participate in a question and answer session after the screening of his film. Another Alaskan resident, author and historian Doug Capra, will speak about Kent's Alaskan book of memoirs, *Wilderness*. Author and Illustrator Claudia McGhee will demonstrate the influence of Rockwell Kent's art and life in her own work. You may join the mini-symposium "Creative Catalyst, Exploring Rockwell Kent's Alaskan Adventure," April 6 and 7 at the Plattsburgh State Art Museum and Yokum Hall. Many of the events are also accessible online, and all of them are free to the public. The symposium also includes a guided tour of the current art exhibit: *Alaska Works*. **MARK & MORLEY:** A sure way to draw a crowd at the mall on a Saturday morning, just put a live owl outside the front door and watch the crowd grow. That's what author Mark Manske did at Bookburgh Books, bringing along his pet owl Morley, a Eurasian Eagle Owl. to entertain the crowd and help celebrate the release of his latest book, the fifth in his series of "Adventures with Stoney" novels that are based on his real-life experiences as a biology teacher and wildlife instructor. Charles Loscalzo, the owner of the bookstore, says after the COVID outbreak, it's nice to finally be able to host authors and events like this again. Mark's fifth book, titled "Gabboons Aloft," tells a story of the characters tracking hawk migrations in a hot air balloon. He has two more books in the series ready to go in the coming months. Mark also loves to talk about his work at Adirondack Raptors, capturing and banding wild birds, and educating the public about how important birds of prey are to the environment. Mark was a public school teacher for 27 years, and still teaches at Paul Smith's College.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: The U.S. and the Holocaust
Episode Title: The Homeless, The Tempest-Tossed (1942 -)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/20/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 02:00:58

A group of dedicated government officials fights red tape to support rescue operations. As the Allies liberate German camps, the public sees for the first time the sheer scale of the Holocaust and begins to reckon with its reverberations.

Series Title: Making Black America: Through the Grapevine
Episode Title: Episode 1
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Hour one explores how free Black people, in the North and South, built towns, established schools, held conventions - creating robust networks to address the political, economic, and social needs of the entire Black community.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 174
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/1/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:11:03

Across the country, at least 150 bills have been filed by Republican legislators targeting transgender Americans. Roughly 100 of those bills specifically restrict doctors and other providers from offering transition-related health care for minors. We hear from concerned parents whose children are most impacted and William Brangham discusses the bills with Erin Reed.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA: Beyond the Elements
Episode Title: Indestructible
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Scientists have created virtually indestructible versions of glass, rubber, and plastic. But are they too tough? As the environmental impact of the quest for durability becomes clear, scientists look for ways to maintain utility but minimize harm.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Star Chasers of Senegal
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A visionary astronomer in West Africa attempts a high-stakes observation of a distant asteroid vital to a NASA mission. From prehistoric ruins to Islamic skywatchers, explore the heritage and future of African astronomy.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Einstein's Quantum Riddle on NOVA
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/29/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Quantum entanglement is poised to revolutionize technology from networks to code breaking, but first we need to know it's real. Join physicists as they capture light from across the universe in a bid to prove Einstein's "spooky action at a distance."