

**WNET-CD  
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT  
4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2019**

## CULTURE

### METROFOCUS

**Airdate/Time:** 10/29/19, 5pm; 12/24/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: A trip to Washington Heights' United Palace for a dialogue about bridging the divide between religion and tradition. Queens is known as the birthplace of religious freedom in America. A talk about why, and shows which neighborhood is the most diverse in the nation. Is it possible for us to put down our phones, disconnect, and actually be fulfilled? Explores spirituality in the digital age. A look at the documentary "Sacred" which follows a global journey of spirituality, faith and the human experience.

### METROFOCUS

**Airdate/Time:** 12/13/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: After *Newsday's* revealing investigation into housing discrimination on Long Island, one of the region's leading civil rights advocates, Elaine Gross, founder and president of Erase Racism, has accused the federal government of gutting necessary protections for fair housing. A talk about the details. Amid concerns that underfunding could lead to another undercount of minority New Yorkers, non-profit organizations across New York City are taking action to make sure that everyone is counted. A Talk to the woman leading the charge. Maddie Orton reported on doctors at NYU Langone Health who are testing cutting-edge research to treat eye disease.

### METROFOCUS

**Airdate/Time:** 12/19/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: A look at some of New York City's most spectacular places to unravel the stories behind their underappreciated charm. From the New York State Pavilion, that was the shining star of the 1964 World's Fair, to the hidden burial ground of Hart Island, a look inside these remarkable yet little-known places.

### METROFOCUS SPECIAL EDITION

**Airdate/Time:** 12/20/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: It's been 25 years since the release of *Schindler's List*, Steven Spielberg's epic account of one man's efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust. However, anti-Semitism is on the rise in New York and around the world. Tonight, a conversation about the extent, the causes and the possible cure for the resurgence of anti-Semitism today.

## **ECONOMY**

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS**

**Airdate/Time:** 10/23/19, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: The ongoing clash over caps — should New Jersey set a limit on corporate tax breaks? The New Jersey Business and Industry Association hosts a discussion about automation and its impact on the workforce. Gov. Phil Murphy is honored for his role in addressing the state's housing crisis, but experts agree that more needs to be done. Plus, Newark Airport's Terminal One gets topped off. The Port Authority sees light at the end of the tunnel.

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS**

**Airdate/Time:** 12/4/19, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: New Jersey businesses predict a recession within the next couple of years and say the hammer will fall hardest on workers. The state Attorney General launches his "Excellence in Policing" initiative, focusing on professionalism, accountability and transparency. Plus, game on. On Schiano's first day, he lays out his plans to put the Scarlet Knights back on the map. Legislative leadership heard directly from the formerly incarcerated Wednesday about what they can do to keep them from returning to jail.

### **METROFOCUS**

**Airdate/Time:** 12/5/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: New York City's empty storefronts have doubled in the last ten years. Is the demise of the mom and pop shops a full-blown crisis or a sign of the times? A veteran hoping to adopt a child has made allegations that she faced bias from adoption agencies. She'll share the story of her struggle to build a family and shed light on how she overcame the obstacles. A talk with a former gang member who's now helping to bring an end to the violence plaguing Long Island.

## **EDUCATION**

### **METROFOCUS**

**Airdate/Time:** 10/18/19, 5pm; 12/26/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: Singer and activist Annie Lennox believes in the power of education and its potential to change the world. Now, the diva wants to provide education for five million girls in the next five years. Carlos Santana provided a part of the soundtrack to turbulent times of the late 60s. His music is a reflection of America's counter-culture and will join us to share his memories of the Vietnam War and a country in turmoil. Legendary musician Herb Alpert will take us inside his career and his work fostering education in the arts.

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS**

**Airdate/Time:** 10/21/19, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: Another Rutgers athletic program hit with charges of abuse and the athletic department's leadership is accused of doing nothing about it. Young people are taking up vaping at greater numbers and at younger ages. Hospitals sound the alarm. Another study shows that despite its ongoing renaissance, Newark remains a tale of two cities. The challenge? How do you transfer some of that new wealth to Newark residents. County clerks' offices are already reporting an unusually high number of requests for vote-by-mail ballots. Will that make the difference in this year's turnout?

### **METROFOCUS**

**Airdate/Time:** 12/3/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: At a time when American students from economically deprived schools are often ill-prepared for the global and digital economy, the film "Without a Net: The Digital Divide in America," explores how technology can provide opportunities for learning and leveling the playing field. Director of the Census for New York City Julie Menin will tell us how the city plans to ensure that each resident of the five boroughs is accounted for, and why that accurate count should matter to you. The lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree is a New York City and world-wide symbol of Christmas. Ahead of NBC's annual broadcast of the tree lightening tomorrow night, we will be treated to a special history lesson from Al Roker.

## **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**

### **METROFOCUS SPECIAL EDITION: SANDY: SEVEN YEARS LATER**

**Airdate/Time:** 10/24/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: Are we ready for the next superstorm? With winds gusting at over 80 miles per hour, Superstorm Sandy hit New York hard, shocking our entire region. Tonight, an examination of the reality of the storm and where it has left us seven years after.

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS**

**Airdate/Time:** 10/29/19, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: It's the anniversary of Sandy and Gov. Phil Murphy was in Hoboken to sign an executive order aimed at making New Jersey a global leader in the fight against climate change. Is New Jersey ready for the next Superstorm? Or any storm for that matter? Images of Superstorm Sandy turned into art with the hope of providing healing. Plus, planning to vote-by-mail in Tuesday's election? Today's the last day to apply for a mail-in ballot at the county clerk's office. And, the NCAA votes to soon allow college athletes to cash in on their fame.

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS**

**Airdate/Time:** 11/19/19, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: Gov. Murphy, with an assist from Al Gore, signs an executive order essentially doubling the state's target for wind energy. As the opioid crisis reaches deadly new heights, experts say now is the time to change our approach — and every one of us has a role to play. When it comes to legalizing marijuana, traffic enforcement worries a lot of people, but now there's a new detection tool, which will be shown. And, one Rutgers-Camden student's mission to understand the challenges of homelessness in a way textbooks can't teach.

### **METROFOCUS**

**Airdate/Time:** 12/10/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: From climate change to homelessness, a reflection on the global wave of activism that inspired the nation.

## **GOVERNMENT & POLITICS**

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS**

**Airdate/Time:** 10/9/19, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: As he wraps up his latest swing through Iowa, we talk to Sen. Cory Booker about the impeachment probe and debate prep. The numbers are in for PARCC testing and other testing in Camden City Schools. What do the numbers say and what does the superintendent say? Plus, we'll look at the barriers to Hispanic-owned businesses and show you who's breaking them down. And, the Feds are investigating a major heart transplant program accused of mistreating a patient to misrepresent its success rate.

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS**

**Airdate/Time:** 11/6/19, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: On the morning after the Murphy midterm, the governor looks for silver linings. Tenants who withhold rent and then go to court to try to get toxic lead removed from their apartments often find a legal system that's stacked against them. After an expensive and heated campaign, Jersey City residents vote "yes" to regulate short-term rentals. Plus, a grand old museum gets a new name.

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### **METROFOCUS**

**Airdate/Time:** 12/4/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: The drama at the center of New Jersey's political feud between Governor Phil Murphy and Senate President Steve Sweeney. Pulitzer Prize-winning presidential historian Jon Meacham makes sense of the country's current political climate by taking a look at our past. New York City high school students recently staged a walk out "strike for integration" and say they'll continue to do until they get it. "Teens Take Charge" alumnus and Program Director, Dulce Marquez

and the program's adviser, Taylor McGraw joins.

### **NJTV NEWS WITH MARY ALICE WILLIAMS**

**Airdate/Time:** 12/18/19, 5:30pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: Speaker Nancy Pelosi making the case, declaring "we have no choice but to impeach the president," as one New Jersey congressman is poised to make history of his own. In Van Drew country, the political class is still trying to understand the congressman's expected party switch. Gov. Phil Murphy signs two so-called second chance agenda bills into law. One to expunge records and another one to restore voting rights to 83,000 New Jerseyans on parole and probation. Pristine Liberty State Park's once again a battleground between developers who want to turn Caven Point into a three-hole golf course addition and park advocates who want it to stay like this.

## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

### **METROFOCUS**

**Airdate/Time:** 10/25/19, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This episode featured the following: A view of the system from behind the bench. An introduction to the jurist known as "The Judge of Abuse." Less kids are being placed into foster homes than ever before, yet New York's system still ranks among the worst in the country. Find out why. One of New York City's homeless high school students is Harvard bound. What's her secret? The details are discussed. A tour pre-historic New York, where remnants of the ice age can still be seen today!

### **METROFOCUS SPECIAL EDITION: CHASING THE DREAM**

**Airdate/Time:** 12/2/2019, 5pm

**Length:** 30-minutes

**Description:** This series of five short films explores the daily hustle of New Yorkers who support themselves and their families in jobs that are often overlooked. As part of public television's *Chasing the Dream* initiative on poverty and opportunity in America, a look at the stories of a dog walker, a street cart vendor, an on-demand driver, a courier, and a subway performer, to explore if the American Dream is achievable for them.

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