

WWOR-TV, MY 9

**ISSUES of CONCERN** 

and

SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMING REPORT



## THIRD QUARTER

2023

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES REPORT

#### WWOR-TV

# **JULY 1st through SEPTEMBER 30th, 2023**

WWOR-TV deals with and is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled public affairs and other programming, reports of news events, specials and public service announcements are included within the station's regular programming service.

The most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, is set forth in the following pages.

Signature: 10/4/23

Lew Leone, SVP & General Manager



# ISSUES LIST THIRD QUARTER 2023

Community
Economy
Education
Health Care
Homeland Security
Government/Politics
Children/Youth
Minority Issues
Crime/Law Enforcement
Religion
Substance Abuse
Taxes
Transportation

# **EMERGENCY CRAWLS**

WWOR Crawls (RMT, RWT, WX, CAE, etc)

Date: Time (ET): Crawl Type:

07/04/2023 08:47:03 RWT

07/13/2023 20:37:33 RWT

07/17/2023 12:47:07 RWT

07/18/2023 10:54:51 RMT

07/24/2023 15:58:38 RWT

07/31/2023 23:45:59 RWT

08/11/2023 01:55:18 RWT

08/15/2023 01:00:28 RMT

08/17/2023 10:15:51 RWT

08/21/2023 23:17:11 RWT

08/29/2023 01:20:22 RWT

09/09/2023 01:27:03 RWT

09/12/2023 01:37:04 RWT

09/19/2023 11:07:14 RMT

09/27/2023 02:59:14 RWT

RWT (Required Weekly Test) RMT (Required Monthly Test)

# **LIVE SPORTS**

The following live sports events aired on WWOR-TV in the 3rd quarter of 2023:

MLB Game between the NY Mets and Philadelphia Phillies aired on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 pm to 10:18 pm.

# **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING**

MAIN STREAM

MONDAY / 8:00 AM TEEN KIDS NEWS

TUESDAY / 8:00 AM XPLORATION: DIY SCI

WEDNESDAY / 8:00 AM XPLORATION: SCI Q

WEDNESDAY / 8:00 AM XPLORATION: SUPER ANIMALS

THURSDAY / 8:00 AM ANIMAL RESCUE

FRIDAY / 8:00 AM SCIENCE NOW

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D3 STREAM SATURDAY

10:00 AM HIDDEN HEROES

SUNDAY

10:00 AM MARTY STOUFFER'S WILD AMERICA

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D4 STREAM SUNDAY

6:00 AM E COMPANY TEENS

6:30 AM SCIENCE MAX

7:00 AM WALKING WILD

7:30 AM DRAGONFLY TV SPORTS

8:00 AM FAMILY STYLE

8:30 AM NOW EAT THIS!

# **SPECIAL PROGRAMMING**

#### GOOD DOG TV

GOOD DOG TV brings you the latest dog news from the American Kennel Club. The American Kennel Club is the first and last word on dog shows, current events, and everything in the world of dog. The special aired on Saturdays beginning July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm.

#### THE WARRIOR CLASS

"The Warrior Class" is a documentary series that shared the stories of the brothers and sisters who have served our great Nation and returned home to become successful business and civic leaders. These veterans are sharing their stories for the first time. The special aired on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

#### SUMMER LIMITED SERIES: NAME THAT TUNE

WWOR/My 9 aired a Summer Limited Series, "NAME THAT TUNE" for 4 weeks beginning Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 pm.

## **DEAR NEW YORK 2023**

"Dear New York" is a special that showcased the depth and breadth of The John A. Reisenbach Foundation's bond with New York and how that bond is deepening every day, presented through unique New York stories that will inspire all of us. The special aired on Monday, September 4th at 6:30 pm.

#### 2023 TUNNEL TO TOWERS 5K RUN & WALK SPECIAL

This one-hour special highlighted the 2023 Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk that took place on Sunday, September 24th in New York City in honor of the fallen heroes of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, and organized by the Tunnel To Towers Foundation in the memory of fallen firefighter Stephen Siller. The special aired on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

# **NEW JERSEY NOW**

This public affairs show focuses on political topics directly affecting New Jersey residents and viewers. The following are some of the topics discussed on the public affairs program "New Jersey Now" during the 3rd quarter.

#### 7/2/2023

The state budget compromise! Governor Murphy and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin strike a deal on the senior property tax plan to avoid a state shutdown and pass the state budget. Plus, a proposal to change the state's Open Public Records Act, better known as OPRA. The panel, including Republican Strategist Jeanette Hoffman, Democratic Strategist Brendan Gill, Brent Johnson - Reporter for NJ Advance Media's Statehouse Bureau, and Peter Woolley - Founding Director of the School of Public and Global Affairs at Fairleigh Dickinson University weigh in. And, with the summer travel season now in full swing, there are a number of exciting destinations you can visit right here in the Garden State! ArtPride New Jersey presents the "Jersey Arts Road Trip," a free guide highlighting 10 great towns for either a day trip or an overnight stay. Adam Perle, President and CEO of ArtPride New Jersey gives us a preview.

### 7/9/2023

Inspirational youth in the Garden State! The Boys and Girls Clubs in New Jersey's Youth of the Year, an annual honor that the organization presents to a young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence, and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle. We hear from this year's Youth of the Year, Genesis Parfait of the Boys and Girls Club of Newark, as well as Susan Haspel, State Director of Boys and Girls Clubs in New Jersey. Also, Alivia Revan from Plainfield was only 8-years-old when she sustained third-degree burns on her face, arms. After an intensive recover where she underwent three skin graft surgeries and had to learn to regain mobility in her right arm and walk again, she is now focused on sharing her experience to warn others of fire dangers, as well as inspire others with her courageous story! Alivia, along with burn surgeon Dr. Christina Lee of the Burn Center at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston who treated Alivia, discuss. And, student filmmaker Jose Santos of the Donald M. Payne Sr. School of Technology on his win of the grand prize at the 2023 Montclair Film Emerging Filmmaker Competition, as well as Montclair Film Education Director Sue Hollenberg and Education Program Manager Ryan Moore talk about the unique program.

#### 7/16/2023

Post-budget Murphy! The Governor makes the rounds throughout the Garden State after signing the record \$54 billion state budget and following through on promises made including saving New Jersey's first offshore wind farm from financial uncertainty. Plus, Rutgers University increases tuition and fees by 6% in the next academic year despite an infusion of cash from the state in the recently passed budget! The panel including Democratic Assemblymember Shavonda Sumter, Republican Strategist Jeanette Hoffman, Daniel Han, Reporter for Politico, and Dan Cassino, Executive Director of the Fairleigh Dickinson University Poll discuss. And, Halsey Festival, Newark's popular annual celebration to promote small businesses in Newark. Ashley Mays, Chief of Place and Real Estate at Newark Alliance, gives us a preview.

#### 7/23/2023

Celebrating America's pastime here in the Garden State – baseball! The legendary Yogi Berra was the son of Italian immigrants who not only earned his way into Major League Baseball but became an 18time all-star and won 10 World Series Championships as a player with the New York Yankees, more than any other player in MLB history. The Yoqi Berra Museum and Learning Center in Little Falls, NJ reflects the values that Yogi lived by. Executive Director Eve Schaenen talks about the exhibits to been seen and experienced at the museum. Plus. an iconic piece of baseball history is brought back to life. Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson was once a spot where Negro League legends like Larry Doby and Josh Gibson played. Thanks to a major restoration project, the long-shuttered stadium has reopened. One of the individuals responsible for bringing Hinchliffe Stadium back to life is Baye Adofo-Wilson, CEO of BAW Development who talks about overseeing the development project and what it will mean for youth in the community. And, Assemblymember Shavonda Sumter, who represents and lives in the city of Paterson, discusses how the revitalization of Hinchliffe Stadium and the surrounding Great Falls area will have a positive impact on the community.

#### 7/30/2023

With the summer travel season now in full swing, there are a number of exciting destinations you can visit right here in the Garden State! ArtPride New Jersey presents the "Jersey Arts Road Trip," a free guide highlighting 10 great towns for either a day trip or an overnight stay. Adam Perle, President and CEO of ArtPride New Jersey gives us a preview. Also, Halsey Festival, Newark's popular annual celebration to promote small businesses in Newark. Ashley Mays, Chief of Place and Real Estate at Newark Alliance, gives us a preview. And, commemorating Juneteenth, the federal holiday observing the emancipation of African American slaves. A children's book is educating a whole new generation on its history. Alliah L. Agostini, author of "The Juneteenth Story: Celebrating The End Of Slavery In The United States" talks about the importance of educating today's youth on the subject.

## 8/6/2023

Remembering the legacy of a true trailblazer! The Garden State lost a true leader - Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver! She made history as the first black woman to be the Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly and only the second black woman to ever lead a State Legislative Chamber in the U.S. As Lieutenant Governor, she was the first black woman in the Garden State to hold statewide office. To say she broke barriers and shattered multiple glass ceilings is an understatement! Passionate! Fearless! Inspiring! Just some of the words that personify her commitment to public service and the state of New Jersey! New Jersey Democratic State Committee Chairman Leroy J. Jones, Jr. talks about his friendship with the late Lieutenant Governor. Also, the panel including Assemblymember Shavonda Sumter, State Senator Holly Schepisi, Dan Cassino, Executive Director of the Fairleigh Dickinson University Poll, and Terrence McDonald, Editor of New Jersey Monitor reflect on what she meant to the New Jersey Politics. And, a very special tribute to the Lieutenant Governor on her role in history.

#### 8/13/2023

Celebrating teens in the Garden State who are making a difference! In Newark, students of the high performing public charter school Great Oaks Legacy High School partnered with the Newark art and apparel brand Nork Project for a unique workshop this past spring in an effort to create a stronger sense of community within their classrooms and beyond. Jared Taillefer, Executive Director of the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School and student Nathan Duguid tell us how they did it. And, with the ongoing migrant crisis taking place here in the tri-state and across the country, a group of teen volunteers from Tenafly's Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church had the rare chance to learn about the issue firsthand during a weeklong service trip to organized by the parish. Teens Ashleigh Mora, Raphella Bamonte, William and Ondrej Reiser, Haedyn Brigati and Hadyn Ty share their experiences. And Elliot Guerra, Church Director of Mission Development for Our Lady of Mount Carmel, talks about how the trip had changed them all.

# 8/20/2023

Newark Restaurant Week is back! Emily Manz of Invest Newark tells us about the annual event where food lovers can experience some of the best eateries in Newark! Also, Halsey Festival, Newark's popular annual celebration to promote small businesses in Newark. Ashley Mays, Chief of Place and Real Estate at Newark Alliance, gives us a preview. And, Denise and Leo Sawadogo, Owners of Montclair Brewery, talk about regulations on state breweries and how Governor Murphy has yet to sign a bill passed by the State Legislature to lift the restrictions.

#### 8/27/2023

The tragic Paterson Police-involved shooting death of Najee Seabrooks has been felt in communities throughout the state. But it has also raised awareness of the non-profit organization Mr. Seabrooks worked for, the Paterson Healing Collective, the first hospital-based violence intervention program in Passaic County to provide support and intervention for survivors of violence. Dr. Liza Chowdhury is the Executive Director and tells us about the impact it has had on the organization and the community. Plus, in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the mental health crisis among today's youth has seen an unprecedented surge. As a result, the New Jersey Department Of Children And Families has unveiled the NJ 4 S plan, New Jersey Statewide Student Support Services. Preferred Behavioral Health Group CEO Dr. Tara Chalakani talks about the program. And, Julie Kinner, Vice President of Operations for the non-profit Table To Table, talks about how they are making a difference.

#### 9/3/2023

Making a positive change in the community! It is the mantra of the cherished Russ Berrie Making A Difference Award! This past May, a number of unsung heroes from around New Jersey were honored at the 27th anniversary award ceremony at Ramapo College of New Jersey for their passion and unstoppable commitment to serve the most vulnerable. Three of the honorees talk about their efforts to make a change. Tia Ryans, Founder of F.O.R.T.E. House NJ in Newark, Pamela Johnson, Founder of the Anti-Violence Coalition of Hudson County in Jersey City, and Melissa Walker, President and Founder of Jazz House Kids in Montclair, as well as Meredith Lee, Program Director of the Russ Berrie Making A Difference Award.

#### 9/10/2023

The migrant situation here in the tri-state has put our Democratic leaders somewhat at odds with the Biden administration as Governor Murphy opposes an idea by the federal government to house migrants at the Atlantic City Airport. With dissention among Democrats over how to handle the issue, could this impact the state elections this November! The panel including Republican Strategist Jeanette Hoffman, Democratic Strategist Brendan Gill, Dan Cassino, Executive Director of the Fairleigh Dickinson University Poll, and Terrence McDonald, Editor of the New Jersey Monitor discuss. Also, NJ Transit engineers vote to strike. The effect it could have on mass transit if it happens, and, a special tribute to those we lost on September 11th and in the years since due to 9/11-related illnesses.

#### 9/17/2023

The New Jersey Redevelopment Authority has introduced Small Business 101 Wellness Check aimed at measuring the growth and success of small businesses throughout the Garden State. Leslie A. Anderson, President and CEO of the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority talks about the program. Also, Laura Arriaza, Community Outreach and Engagement Manager for Northeast New Jersey Legal Service, talks about the free legal services available to residents affected by damage from Hurricane Ida 2 years ago. And, a favorite tradition returns to Newark, the 2023 Newark Porchfest in historic Forest Hill. Musical, visual and spoken word artists use neighborhood porches, stoops, and lawns to showcase their talents taking place on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jackie Jay, President of the Forest Hill Community Association, Events Committee Member Derek Walls and Singer Crystal Gaynor give us a preview.

#### 9/24/2023

A look at the federal corruption indictment of New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez, as well as the D.O.J. investigation and report on two New Jersey Veterans Homes that were negligent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, news of the week including Governor Murphy Chief Of Staff George Helmy leaving the administration, and the appointment of Secretary Of State Tahesha Way as New Jersey's Lieutenant Governor in the wake of the passing of the Honorable Sheila Oliver. The panel including Republican Strategist Jeanette Hoffman, Democratic Strategist Brendan Gill, Dan Cassino, Executive Director of the Fairleigh Dickinson University Poll, and Scott Fallon, Staff Writer for NorthJersey.com discuss. And, Eric DeGesero, Executive Vice President of the Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey, and Doug O'Malley, Director of Environment New Jersey debate Governor Murphy Energy Master Plan and if it could lead to a banning of gas stoves for residents in New Jersey.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

911 Day Of Service

Ad Council Feeding America End Hunger Campaign

Ad Council Adopt Up Kids

Ad Council American Lung Association

Ad Council Pivotal Ventures Middle School Mental Health

American Red Cross Sickle Cell Awareness

American Red Cross Blood Donation Awareness

**Autism Speaks** 

Bring Change To Mind - Mental Health

Community Food Bank Of NJ

Concussion Awareness - Check Your Melon

Food Bank For New York City

Global Lyme Alliance

Harlem Week

I Will Graduate NYC 5 Borough Education Tour

Junior Achievement of NJ

New Jersey Hall Of Fame

NYSBA - Governors Traffic Safety Committee

NYSBA - Army National Guard

Partnership For A Drug Free NJ

Partnership To End Addiction

**Special Olympics** 

Stand Up 2 Cancer

The Arc Of New Jersey - Developmental Disabilities