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NJ Today #194

Airdate: Friday, January 13, 2012, 6:00pm

Segment Length: 8-minutes

This segment provided two garden state business notes relating to companies that preform diagnostic lab tests. First, the segment reported on the signing by Bio-reference laboratories of Elmwood park of an 18-million dollar contract to offer services to Corizon Incorporated. Corizon is the leading provider of correctional facility health care, serving about 400-thousand inmates in 300 correctional institutions around the country. Second, the segment reported on Madison-based Quest Diagnostic being accused of gender discrimination by two female employees in a 100-million dollar federal lawsuit. The two allege company officials foster an "old boys club" atmosphere which denies women equal opportunities in the company. Officials at quest said they have not seen the law suit yet, but stand by their reputation as an equal opportunity employer. Quest serves about half of the doctors and hospitals in the US.

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Airdate: Sunday, January 22, 2012, 8:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This panel of powerful female leaders examined the challenges of being a woman "in a man's world," the difference between male and female leadership techniques, and the demands of balancing work and family life.

Guests included: Linda Bowden, New Jersey Regional President of PNC Bank; Nancy H. Blattner, President of Caldwell College; Christine Amalfe, Director of Gibbins PC; and Marjorie Perry, President and CEO of MZM Construction Management.

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Moyers & Company #101: On Winner-Take-All Politics

Airdate: Thursday, January 19, 2012, 8pm
Length: 60-minutes

Description: The premiere episode of Moyers & Company, Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson -- "the Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson of political science" -- delved into Winner-Take-All Politics, their book on "How Washington Made the Rich Richer -- And Turned Its Back on the Middle Class." Moyers stated: "Their account is the best account I've seen of how politicians rewrote the rules to create a winner-take-all economy that favors the 1% over everyone else, putting our once and future middle class in peril." The show included testimony of middle class Americans at a Senate hearing about the impact of hard times on families, as well as an essay on how Occupy Wall Street reflects a widespread belief that politics no longer works for ordinary people.

Moyers & Company #102: David Stockman on Crony Capitalism

Airdate: Thursday, January 26, 2012, 8pm
Length: 60-minutes

Description: Moyers & Company continued its multi-episode focus on the intersection of money and politics, as it explored the tight connection between Wall Street and the White House with David Stockman, former budget director for President Reagan. Currently a businessman Stockman spoke candidly with Bill Moyers about how money dominates politics, distorting free markets and endangering democracy. "As a result," Stockman said, "we have neither capitalism nor democracy. We have crony capitalism." Also on the show, Moyers talked with Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter and columnist Gretchen Morgenson on how money and political clout enable industries to escape regulation and enrich executives at the top. Morgenson warned of Wall Street's culpability in the widening income gap back in 2007 on Bill Moyers Journal.

Moyers & Company #103:

Airdate: Thursday, February 2, 2012, 8pm
Length: 60-minutes

Description: This episode focused on the collusion between government and corporate finance as exemplified by the Citicorp-Travelers merger, which -- due to the removal of Glass-Steagall -- enabled the formation of the financial behemoth known as Citigroup -- and how when the economic meltdown hit, the bank cut more than 50,000 jobs, and more than \$45 billion of tax dollars were spent save it. John Reed, former CEO and Chairman of Citigroup, discussed how

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he regrets his role in the affair, and said lifting the Glass Steagall protections was a mistake. Mr. Reed noted - "It wasn't that there was one or two or institutions that...got carried away and did stupid things. It was, we all did... And then the whole system came down."

EDUCATION

NJ Today #202:

Airdate: Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6:00pm

Segment Length: 5-minutes

Description: This segment reported on New Jersey receiving a failing grade when it comes to training and evaluating teachers. The national council on teacher quality gave the garden state a D+ and ranked it 36th nationally. In response, Governor Christie has proposed overhauling teacher tenure and linking salaries to student performance. It was reported that such a proposal could improve New Jersey's grade but others defended NJ's current system saying it produces some of the best students in the country.

Classroom Close-up #1211

Airdate: Sunday, January 29, 2012, 7:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: The episode reported on Cape May County Special Services School District embracing Outdoor Experiential Education for students with moderate to severe special needs; students at Warren Hills Middle School completing a citizenship project by organizing a community-wide litter clean-up; ninth graders learning about the important contributions of Latinos; and introduced viewers to the students and staff at Piscataway Regional Day School.

NJ Today #208:

Airdate: Thursday, February 2, 2012, 6:00pm

Segment Length: 5-minutes

Description: This segment examined whether budget cuts are hurting education in the garden state, reporting that the latest standardized tests do not indicate that is the case. Per the segment, scores for students in grades 3 thru 8 and the high school proficiency exam for 11th graders were either flat or up slightly in almost every grade and almost every subject for the 2010-2011 school year, which is when the Christie administration cut almost a billion dollars in state aid to schools. But, the Acting Education Commissioner Chris Cerf indicated that the state needs to do more to erase the performance gap between wealthy and poor students

Classroom Close-up #1212

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Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode reported on educators continuing to explore the role of technology in the classroom, with teachers sharing Web 2.0 tools with their colleagues in High Tech Hall; and state and national education experts examining strategies and opinions surrounding the state of public education in New Jersey today. Also, this episode reported on veterans being honored at a school ceremony; and students in a peer leadership program organizing a food drive.

Classroom Close-up #1213

Airdate: Sunday, February 12, 2012, 7:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode focused on a stage drama produced by students which aims at building awareness of the role students can play in the prevention of bullying; a high school architecture program using sustainable concepts and real-world projects; elementary students celebrating Puerto Rican culture; and middle school students learning lessons of compassion from Rachel's Challenge.

Classroom Close-up #1214

Airdate: Sunday, February 19, 2012, 7:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode covered Stay Gold is a student project designed to raise awareness about modern day slavery; Dare 2 Be Fit is a weekly program that teaches students about fitness and nutrition; a Junior Achievement program introduces personal financial planning and careers; Cinnaminson High School's Advanced TV Production class presents a lip dub version of "Working for the Weekend" that involved the entire school.

Classroom Close-up #1215

Airdate: Sunday, February 26, 2012, 7:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode reported on students learning how to contribute to preserving the history of the Holocaust through an extracurricular writing project, and a visit to the Holocaust Resource Center of Kean University to meet Holocaust survivor Clara Kramer; the 2012 New Jersey Teacher of the Year Jeanne M. DelColle working with her students on an after-school project to transcribe civil war letters from a local 17-year-old Civil War soldier; Humanities Teacher of the Year Ellen Cahill introducing her kindergarten students to the value of philosophical discussion; Paterson educators finding ways to overcome budget cuts by partnering with William Paterson University to teach music, archeology, art, world languages and social action - using Skype, these learning opportunities are shared with colleagues across America and around the world.

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ENVIRONMENTAL

To the Contrary #1901

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Description: This episode provided a historical look at the connection between population stabilization and the environmental movement and how political correctness within the environmental movement began to take precedence over the campaign to stabilize U.S. population. Also, examined was the connection between the women's movement and the movement to stabilize U.S. population growth.

NHK World Special: Fallout: The Last Days of Litate Village

Airdate: Tuesday, January 3, 2012, 10:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: The residents of Litate Village in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan led a quiet agricultural life surrounded by mountains until the tsunami and earthquake on March 11, 2011 resulted in life-altering accident at the nuclear power plant 40 kilometers away. With their village located inside the government-designated planned evacuation area, the residents were forced to decide between abandoning their homes and livelihood, or staying. This program recorded the struggles Litate villagers faced as their village's very existence was threatened.

Nova #3901 "Deadliest Volcanoes"

Airdate: Monday, January 9, 2012, 9:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Millions of people around the world live in the shadow of active volcanoes. Under constant threat of massive volcanic eruptions, their homes and their lives are daily at risk from these sleeping giants. From Japan's Mount Fuji to the "Sleeping Giant" submerged beneath Naples to the Yellowstone "supervolcano" in the United States, this episode exposed viewers to scientists from around the world who are at work on these sites, attempting to discover how likely these volcanoes are to erupt, when eruptions might happen and how deadly they could prove to be.

Nova #3801 "Deadliest Earthquakes"

Airdate: Monday, January 9, 2012, 10:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In 2010, epic earthquakes all over the planet delivered one of the worst annual death tolls ever recorded. The deadliest strike was in Haiti, where a quake just southwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince, killed more than 200,000, reducing homes, hospitals, schools, and the

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presidential palace to rubble. In exclusive coverage, a NOVA camera crew followed a team of US geologists as they entered Haiti in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy.

Haiti: Where the Money Go?

Airdate: Monday, February 13, 2012, 10:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In a disaster the size of Haiti's January 2010 earthquake, it might seem like only the big NGOs and government agencies could handle it. But 10 months after, with millions of Haitians left without some of the most basic necessities, the smaller players were doing some of the best work. Filmmaker Michele Mitchell and the Film@11 team spoke to members of small NGOs and independent businessmen who were on the ground in November helping Haitians protect themselves against Hurricane Tomas and the cholera outbreak.

Nova #3810 "Japan's Killer Quake"

Airdate: Monday, March 5, 2012, 9:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In its worst crisis since World War II, Japan faced disaster on an epic scale: a rising death toll in the tens of thousands, massive destruction of homes and businesses, shortages of water and power, and the specter of nuclear reactor meltdowns. The March 11th earthquake was the world's fourth largest earthquake since record keeping began in 1900 and the worst ever to shake Japan. The seismic shock wave released over 4,000 times the energy of the largest nuclear test ever conducted; it shifted the earth's axis by 6 inches and shortened the day by a few millionths of a second. The tsunami slammed Japan's coast with 30 feet-high waves that traveled 6 miles inland, obliterating entire towns in a matter of minutes. JAPAN'S KILLER QUAKE combined authoritative on-the-spot reporting, personal stories of tragedy and survival, compelling eyewitness videos, explanatory graphics and exclusive helicopter footage for a unique look at the science behind the catastrophe.

Nova #3604: Extreme Ice

Airdate: Monday, March 26, 2012, 9:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

In collaboration with National Geographic, NOVA followed the exploits of acclaimed photojournalist James Balog and a scientific team as they deployed time-lapse cameras in risky, remote locations in the Arctic, Alaska, and the Alps. Grappling with blizzards, fickle technology, and climbs up craggy precipices, the team had to anchor cameras capable of withstanding sub-zero temperatures and winds up to 170 mph. The goal of Balog's team's perilous expedition: to create a unique photo archive of melting glaciers that could provide a key to understanding their runaway behavior and their potential to drive rising sea levels. Some models now project a one-meter sea level rise over the next century, which could displace millions of people everywhere from Florida to Bangladesh and require trillions of dollars in new coastal infrastructure investments. But, these models don't reflect recent findings that glaciers in Greenland and Antarctica are melting at an ever-faster rate.

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HEALTH

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Length: 30-minutes

Description: When the Affordable Care Act takes full effect in New Jersey, there will be 600,000 new people eligible for healthcare in the state. But amidst a serious shortage of primary care physicians, who will care for this newly insured population? The panel in this episode examined the causes of this shortage, and what can be done to strengthen primary care in New Jersey.

Nova #3908: Separating Twins

Airdate: Monday, February 13, 2012 9:00pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program recounted the incredible story of Trishna and Krishna, twin girls born joined at the head. Abandoned shortly after birth at an orphanage in Bangladesh, they had little chance of survival, until they were saved and taken to Australia by an aid worker. After two years battling for life, the twins were ready for a series of delicate operations, which will prepare them for the ultimate challenge: a marathon separation surgery that will allow them to live truly separate lives. Surgeons knew there was no guarantee of survival for either of the girls -- but without surgery there was no hope at all. With exclusive access, NOVA's cameras were with Trishna and Krishna and their caregivers throughout their journey.

Caucus: New Jersey #2384

Airdate: Saturday, February 18, 2012, 12:00pm

Sunday, February 19, 2012, 8:30am & 11:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This half-hour episode examined ways to take care of your bones and joints, new surgical interventions, and ways to manage patient expectations following joint surgery. Guests included: Scott Schoifet, MD, Med Dir., Virtua Joint Replacement Institute, Andrea Johnson Davis, DPT, Clinical Dir., Star Physical Therapy, Michael Balabon, Who had Both Knees Replaced, and Elliot D. Rosenstein, MD, Dir., Institute for Rheumatic & Autoimmune Diseases, Overlook Medical Center.

NJ Today #226:

Airdate: Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 6:00pm

Segment Length: 8-minutes

This segment reported on State Controller Matt Boxer findings that towns of New Jersey could save 100-million dollars a year by buying into the state health plan. The controller conducted an

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audit of 4-towns, and found most local governments are not looking for the best deal when it comes to insuring public employees. Boxer said they really could reduce costs by cutting out insurance brokers and going with the state plan. This segment also reported on State Health Commissioner Mary O'Dowd's approval of the reopening of Packack Valley Hospital in Westwood. Per the segment, Hackensack University hospital will operate the place in a joint venture with a Texas investment group, creating the first for profit hospital in Bergen County – a move which was vigorously opposed by Englewood and Valley Hospitals and both have threatened new legal challenges.

Healthbeat with Sara Lee Kessler

Airdate: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 10:30pm

Length: 30-minute

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HERITAGE

Alexander Clark: Lost in History

Airdate: Thursday, February 16, 2012, 10:00pm

Length: 30-minute

Description: Lost in History presented the story of a prominent 19th Century African-American from Iowa, Alexander Clark, who organized African-Americans to fight during the Civil War and later brought an historic lawsuit that forced the desegregation of Iowa's public schools.

Searching for Buxton

Airdate: Thursday, February 16, 2012, 10:30pm

Length: 30-minute

Description: In this program, a young African-American went searching for his family history in a long-disappeared Iowa coal mining town and discovered that his relatives may have fared better a century ago than he does today.

Finding Your Roots #101 & 102

Airdate: Thursday, March 29, 2012, 9:00 & 10:00pm

Length: Two 60-minute episodes

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Description: The series combined history and science in a fascinating exploration of race, family, and identity in today's America. Each hour featured a different pair of celebrity guests, who are bound together by an intimate, sometimes hidden link, whether it be as old friends, through long-lost relatives, or even through a common ancestral past.

POLITICS

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe #2043:

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Length: 30-minutes

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Charlie Rose

Airdate: Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 12:00am

Segment Length: 24:14

Description: This episode provided a preview of the upcoming New Hampshire Republican presidential primary with Al Hunt of Bloomberg News; Judd Gregg, the former governor of New Hampshire; Matthew Dowd of ABC News and Bloomberg News; and Norah O'Donnell, chief White House correspondent for CBS News.

NJTV Special Report State of the State 2012

Airdate: Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 3:00pm

Length: 90-minute

Description: Governor Chris Christie delivered his State of the State address in the Assembly chamber at the Statehouse, where he announced plans to cut income taxes and restore earned income tax credits, among other proposals.

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe #2046

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New Jersey Budget Address

Airdate: Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 2:00pm

Length: 90-minute

Description: Gov. Chris Christie proposed a \$32.15 billion budget today that relies on robust revenue growth to deliver about \$2 billion in increased spending in several areas, including higher education and aid to local schools.

Christie: On The Line

Airdate: Thursday, March 1, 2012, 8:00pm

Length: 60-minute

Description: In the third edition of Christie: On the Line, Governor Chris Christie responded to viewer questions on a range of issues including education, health care, the economy and business in New Jersey. The On the Line series is unique as it is the only live television call-in program in which Governor Christie participates.

New Jersey Coverage of Supreme Court Confirmation

Airdate: Thursday, March 22, 2012, 11:00am

Length: 6-hours

Description: NJTV provided complete coverage of the hearings, with Chief Political Correspondent Michael Aron reporting throughout the day from the Statehouse. The two nominees represented potential "firsts" for New Jersey's current Supreme Court. If confirmed, Bruce A. Harris would become New Jersey's first openly gay justice, and Phillip H. Kwon would become its first Asian representative and the first justice born outside the United States. But, subsequent to this coverage, Mr. Kwon was rejected for a seat on the New Jersey Supreme Court by a partisan 7-6 vote by the State Senate Judiciary Committee. The Senate Judiciary Committee has not yet scheduled a hearing for Mr. Harris.

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Julia Robinson and Hilbert's Tenth Problem

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Description: Narrated by actress Danica McKellar (The Wonder Years), JULIA ROBINSON AND HILBERT'S TENTH PROBLEM presented the inspiring life story of the pioneering American mathematician Julia Robinson (1919-1985) and charted her major contribution to solving one of the 20th century's most vexing mathematical questions - Hilbert's Tenth. The documentary was pieced together by a wide array of archival footage, stills and recordings, recollections from other mathematicians - including the three others responsible for solving H10 - and warm reminiscences by her sister/biographer, Constance Reid.

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