

NJTV
ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
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AGING

Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide

Airdate/Time: 10/17/20, 12pm; 10/18/20, 6am & 5pm; 10/19/20, 3am; 11/8/20, 2:30pm & 10pm; 11/15/20, 6pm; 11/21/20, 11:30am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Suze Orman, personal finance expert, provides essential advice on planning for and thriving in retirement. With empathy, straight talk and humor, Suze provides information about key steps for anyone trying to achieve their "ultimate retirement."

Retire Safe & Secure with Ed Slott

Airdate/Time: 10/4/20, 4pm; 11/1/20, 5pm; 11/22/20, 12:30pm; 12/9/20, 4pm

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Ed Slott discusses how to protect your savings and explains the new tax codes as he combines a vast in-depth knowledge of retirement tax rules with his legendary humor.

Agng Backwards 3 with Miranda Esmonde-White

Airdate/Time: 10/4/20, 11pm; 11/17/20, 9:30am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Former ballerina Miranda Esmonde-White uses groundbreaking science to develop a practical six-point plan anyone can use to keep their minds sharp and their bodies active using gentle daily movement. The plan is intended to help individuals to remain mobile, health and pain-free, as they age.

ARTS & CULTURE

Witness Theater

Airdate/Time: 10/1/20, 8pm; 10/3/20, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Aron is 88 years old, Eazek is 94 and Claudine is 89. Over seventy years ago, although they lost their entire families, they survived the holocaust and resettled in New York City. Now they are sharing their stories in a unique program led by a drama therapist with high-school students in Brooklyn. The hope is that this sharing will sensitize the students and give some closure to the adult survivors after all these years. The Witness Theater workshop they participate in culminates in the performance of a play based on Survivor stories.

State of the Arts #3901

Airdate/Time: 11/14/20, 7:30pm; 11/16/20, 5:30am; 11/18/20, 8:30pm; 11/19/20, 11:30pm; 11/20/20, 2:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: State of the Arts presents three photographers and their compelling, highly original works about places that hold deep meanings for them: Todd R. Darling on the past and present of Paterson, New Jersey; LaToya Ruby Frazier on her hometown of Braddock, Pennsylvania; and Helen M. Stummer on a neighborhood in Newark, New Jersey in the 1980s.

Orchestraing Change

Airdate/Time: 11/19/20, 8pm; 11/21/20, 2am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: ORCHESTRATING CHANGE tells the inspiring story of the Me 2 Orchestra, the only classical music organization in the world created by and for people with mental illness. One concert at a time, across New England, the orchestra is combating stigmas about mental illness, dispelling stereotypes and demonstrating what people with mental illness can accomplish while working together.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Scarface Zone

Airdate/Time: 10/15/20, 8pm; 10/17/20, 2am

Length: 30-minutes

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Latino Vote: Dispatches from the Battleground

Airdate/Time: 10/29/20, 8pm; 10/31/20, 2am; 11/2/20, 4:30pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Get an inside look at the high-stakes effort to get out the Latino vote in this year's election. Political candidates are focused on maximizing turnout and support from Latinos, poised to be the largest non-white voting bloc.

POV #3301 “And She Could Be Next Part 1: Building the Movement”

Airdate/Time: 10/1/20, 9pm; 10/3/20, 3am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: “And She Could Be Next” tells the story of a defiant movement of women of color, transforming politics from the ground up by fighting for a truly reflective democracy.

POV #3302 “And She Could Be Next Part 2: Claiming Power”

Airdate/Time: 10/8/20, 9:30pm; 10/10/20, 3:30am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: Part 2 of “And She Could Be Next” continues to tell the story of a defiant movement of women of color, transforming politics from the ground up by fighting for a truly reflective democracy.

American Cities Rebuilding

Airdate/Time: 11/11/20, 8pm; 11/13/20, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: National, state and local expert panelists from a virtual public television conference examine the issues like education, infrastructure and healthcare that will determine how cities can emerge as resilient and thriving ecosystems in the wake of COVID-19 and social justice concerns.

ENVIRONMENT

Scarifice Zone

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Nature #3801 “Pandas: Born to be Wild”

Airdate/Time: 11/2/20, 8pm; 11/4/20, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Unlock the mysteries of wild pandas whose counterparts in captivity are known for their gentle image. Journey through the steep Qinling Mountains with filmmakers, scientists and rangers to witness pandas' startling courtship and aggression behaviors.

Nova #4716 “Can We Cool the Planet”

Airdate/Time: 11/9/20, 9pm; 11/11/20, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: As global temperatures rise, scientists are exploring geoengineering solutions, from planting trees to sucking carbon out of the air to physically blocking out sunlight. This program asks and explores if it would work and what the risks of engineering Earth's climate might be.

Nature #3806 “Santa’s Wild Home”

Airdate/Time: 12/14/20, 8pm; 12/16/20, 2am; 12/19/20, 2:30pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Get an intimate look into life in Lapland, fabled land of Santa Claus and actual home of tenacious wildlife such as reindeer, wolverines, Brown bears and more.

HEALTH

Inheritance

Airdate/Time: 10/26/20, 9pm; 10/28/20, 3am

Length: 120-minutes

Description: Meet three women who are genetically predisposed to breast cancer. Follow Alejandra, Liliith and Bonnie as they undergo life-altering medical procedures in the hope of reducing their risk -- and saving their lives.

Nova #4704 “Mysteries of Sleep”

Airdate/Time: 12/7/20, 9:30pm; 12/9/20, 3:30am; 12/13/20, 4pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Like virtually every other animal, humans need sleep to survive. But why? Scientists peer into the brain to see what happens while we snooze and understand the powerful role that sleep - or lack of it - plays in memory, trauma and emotion regulation.

NJ Spotlight News with Briana Vannozzi

Airdate/Time: 12/23/20, 6pm, 7:30 pm & 11pm; 12/24/20, 6:30am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This episode reported on the following: The number of new positive cases continues to trend upward with 4,919 cases reported Wednesday. A total of 445,128 have tested positive in the Garden State. It was the second straight day of triple-digit fatalities with 103. There are now 18,466 total confirmed and probable fatalities. Hospitalization numbers are again on the rise with 3,841 patients, and the highest number of patients in the ICU since May.

HERITAGE

Arabia with Levison Wood #101

Airdate/Time: 12/10/20, 8pm; 12/12/20, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In ARABIA WITH LEVISON WOOD, the military-trained writer and photographer embarks on a rarely ventured route through the challenging environments and remote corners of a little-understood land - Arabia. In the process, he immerses himself in the region's cultures, revealing unique and powerful insights.

Earth's Sacred Wonders #101

Airdate/Time: 12/21/20, 9pm; 12/23/20, 3am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Meet a Muslim paramedic who helps fasting worshipers during Ramadan in Jerusalem. A Cambodian man risks his life to save his ancestral spirits from the jungle. A Buddhist warrior monk in China faces a test that will change his life forever.

Sacred

Airdate/Time: 12/24/20, 9pm; 12/26/20, 3am; 12/29/20, 4pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: A look at how the world's people turn to ritual and prayer to navigate the milestones and crises of life.

LAW & POLITICS

NJ Decides 2020: 2nd Congressional Debate

Airdate/Time: 10/8/20, 8pm; 10/10/20, 2am

Length: 90-minutes

Description: U.S. Rep. Jeff Van Drew and challenger Amy Kennedy, the major party candidates in New Jersey's 2nd Congressional District, are set to discuss the issues during a debate co-sponsored by NJTV and the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University. Kennedy, a Democrat, is trying to unseat Van Drew, the Republican incumbent, in this South Jersey race that has drawn national attention because of Van Drew's high-profile switch from

longtime Democrat to the GOP after he was one of only a handful of Democrats to oppose the impeachment of President Donald Trump.

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NJ Decides: Election Night Coverage

Airdate/Time: 11/3/20, 9pm

Length: 3-hours

Description: Broadcasting live from the studio at the Montclair State University School of Communication and Media, NJ Spotlight News Anchors Briana Vannozzi and Michael Hill led election night coverage, joined by Chief Political Correspondent Michael Aron, Editor at Large Colleen O’Dea, a team of field reporters and political analysts. Together they provide the latest results and insight on the races and ballot questions in play for New Jersey as well as updates on the Presidential contest.

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VETS

American Medevac

Airdate/Time: 11/12/20, 8pm; 11/14/20, 2am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: American Medevac is an eyewitness report about courage, selflessness, pain and recovery. The hour-long documentary had its beginnings during the Vietnam War when

correspondent Morton Dean and cameraman Greg Cooke, then on assignment for CBS News, flew on a harrowing medevac mission to rescue three wounded infantrymen from an enemy infested rice paddy. Dean says he knew at the time he'd witnessed something profound; an American ideal in action. Why? "When the call came in from the battlefield, the medevac crew responded immediately. No one asked who the wounded were, what color they were, what political party they favored, what religion they might have followed. All that mattered was an American needed help." Dean long wondered what had become of the medevac crew and the bloodied men who were airlifted to safety on that January day in 1971. Had they survived the Vietnam War? Had they perished in subsequent wars and if not, then what kind of lives were they leading? Had the demons of wartime, including post-traumatic stress, followed them home? Now we know. The pilot and co-pilot had never 'met' any of the wounded they rescued. Now, more than 40 years later, they have. One by one, across the American landscape, Dean brought them together. And once again, Cooke was behind the camera. The result is, as you might expect, extraordinary. America has never seen this kind story. Their story. Raw. Surreal. From the heart. American Medevac reaches out beyond the Vietnam experience and speaks to those who have learned about war in the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan and who are now experiencing what post war life for a combat vet - and their families - is all about.

Silent Soldier and the Portrait

Airdate/Time: 11/12/20, 10pm; 11/14/20, 4am

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Shot primarily in England and France, THE SILENT SOLDIER AND THE PORTRAIT documents the story of one of the last living survivors of a major World War II military tragedy, and two secrets that he kept for decades. On Christmas Eve 1944, John Suter Waller was a 19-year-old soldier on his way to join in the Battle of the Bulge. A German U-boat sunk his troop's ship, the USS Leopoldville, killing more than 800 U.S. military personnel as it plunged into the icy waters of the English Channel. Fearing the effect of the news on morale back home, the military instructed the survivors not to discuss it. John Waller kept that secret faithfully for more than 75 years. John Waller's other secret involved a French portrait "purloined" from a ruined estate during the war. The moving stories of the Leopoldville and the portrait, discovered during a move, set both father and daughter on a journey to retrace the young soldier's footsteps as he headed to war so long ago.

All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914

Airdate/Time: 12/3/20, 8pm; 12/5/20, 2am

Length: 90- minutes

Description: The Western Front. Christmas. 1914. Out of the violence comes a silence, then a song. A German soldier steps into No Man's Land Singing "Stille Nacht." Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music and peace. This award-winning docu-musical theatre production recreates an astounding moment in history when Allied and German soldiers laid down their arms to celebrate the holiday together by trading carols, sharing food and drink, playing soccer and burying the dead. This remarkable story is told through the words of the great WWI poets, official war documents, diary entries and letters written by more than thirty WWI soldiers. The historic documents are woven together with iconic WWI songs and European Christmas carols to create a profound retelling of this extraordinary moment in history.
