MetroFocus Episode Descriptions

Episodes #1001 - #1005

MetroFocus #1001

WLIW  Monday 10/19 at 5 p.m.
NJTV  Monday 10/19 at 5:30 p.m.
THIRTEEN  Monday 10/19 at 6 p.m.

Short Description:
On the next edition of “MetroFocus” we feature Rep. Peter King, GMA’s Amy Robach and Little Anthony’s “My MetroFocus.”

Long Description:
On our first daily show, we discuss the safety of our country and specifically, the metropolitan region with one of the most powerful members of Congress, Rep. Peter King (R-NY) of Long Island. We sit down with “Good Morning America” anchor Amy Robach two years after an on-air mammogram led to her breast cancer diagnosis. And in the premiere of our series titled “My MetroFocus,” Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and R&B legend Little Anthony takes us back to the moment he first heard himself on the radio singing “Tears On My Pillow.”

MetroFocus #1002

WLIW  Tuesday 10/20 at 5 p.m.
NJTV  Tuesday 10/20 at 5:30 p.m.
THIRTEEN  Tuesday 10/20 at 6 p.m.

Short Description:
On the next edition of “MetroFocus” we feature Former NJ Gov. McGreevey, Film & TV in NYC, History of Broadway and NY’s “Secret” Island.
Long Description:
In the first of a two-part interview, Former New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey talks about prison reform and the challenges inmates face upon their release. Cynthia Lopez of the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment joins us in her last interview as commissioner to discuss the economic impact of the film and TV industry here. MetroFocus host Jenna Flanagan hears from urban history blogger Michelle Young about her new book that traces the lesser-known past of Broadway Street through vintage photographs. And we’ll walk you through the colorful history of an uninhabited New York island that you may have never even noticed.

MetroFocus #1003:

WLIW       Wednesday 10/21 at 5 p.m.
NJTV       Wednesday 10/21 at 5:30 p.m.
THIRTEEN   Wednesday 10/21 at 6 p.m.

Short Description:

Long Description:
In the second of a two-part interview, Former New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey talks about gay rights, the Supreme Court’s decision on same-sex marriage and coming to accept himself as a "gay American." Then, MSNBC’s Joy-Ann Reid will break down the breakdown of American racial politics, which she explores in her book “Fracture: Barack Obama, the Clintons, and the Racial Divide.” Fred Kaufman, executive producer of the Emmy Award-winning PBS program “Nature,” shares a sneak peek of the new two-part series, "Pets: Wild At Heart," which uses special cameras and spy technology to bring viewers an unprecedented look at our furry and feathered friends.

MetroFocus #1004:

WLIW       Thursday 10/22 at 5 p.m.
NJTV       Thursday 10/22 at 5:30 p.m.
THIRTEEN   Thursday 10/22 at 6 p.m.

Short Description:
On the next edition of “MetroFocus” we feature Horse Carriage Debat and Bernard Kerik On “From Jailer to Jailed”

Long Description:
Horse carriages have been a tradition in Central Park but some say the practice is cruel. We travel to a Manhattan horse stable and sit down with animal rights activist Jane Velez-Mitchell to discuss the issue with advocates from both sides of the debate. And in an in-depth conversation with “MetroFocus” host Jack Ford, former New York City Police and Corrections Commissioner Bernard Kerik discusses the rising tensions over the city’s police force and his mission to reform our criminal justice system after his experiences on both sides of the prison bars.
MetroFocus #1005:

WLIW                  Friday 10/23 at 5 p.m.
NJTV                      Friday 10/23 at 5:30 p.m.
THIRTEEN            Friday 10/23 at 6 p.m.

Short Description:
On the next edition of “MetroFocus” NY’s Underdogs Are Going to the Series, Biden Won't Run for President, Neil deGrasse Tyson and Remembering James Brown at the Apollo.

Long Description:
For the first time in 15 years, the New York Mets have clinched the National League pennant and are heading to the World Series. "MetroFocus” highlights the star players and sorts out what’s next for New York’s new all-stars. After months of speculation, Vice President Joe Biden says "no" to a run for the White House. A Democratic insider lays out the fallout for the party and what this means for candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. We get a sneak peek at season two of “StarTalk” from host Neil deGrasse Tyson as he tries to make science fun for everyone. And Rolling Stone contributing editor Anthony DeCurtis tells us about the 1962 recording of “James Brown Live at the Apollo” and the role the album played in music history.

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