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National Politics/Government

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/2/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, we'll look at the reaction in Central Florida to Governor DeSantis's announcement that the state is moving into Phase 3 of reopening. We'll also discuss the governor's controversial proposed legislation that could impose harsh penalties on some protestors. Plus the latest on the presidential race in Florida as Donald Trump prepares to rally in Sanford.

National Politics/Government/Health

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/9/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:27:26

This week on NewsNight, a look how the presidential campaign may change now in Florida following Donald Trump's positive test for COVID-19, and what it might mean for the next debate scheduled to take place in Miami. And with the president's age putting him in a high risk category for coronavirus, we'll look at why COVID-19 continues to be a key issue for Florida's seniors this election.

Economy/Employment/National Politics

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/16/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, we'll discuss the economy, job losses and coronavirus with Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings. We'll also take a look at the constitutional amendments on the ballot in Florida this election, including changes to primary elections and a minimum wage. Plus, as the election nears, we'll examine the issues important to Central Florida's Asian American voters.

National Politics/Government/Media

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/23/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, as early voting gets underway, we'll look at the latest developments in the 2020 election in Central Florida. We'll also discuss election security and how officials are working to prevent interference at the polls. Plus we'll look at how local news organizations are covering the election as the nation's focus once again turns to the Sunshine State.

National Politics/Government/Employment/Health

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/30/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:27:10

This week on NewsNight, we'll continue the discussion of the upcoming election and what it means locally, including a deep dive into the perspective of Cuban American voters in Florida. We'll also look at the dilemma some families are facing about going back to work as COVID-19 cases begin climbing again, and what the pandemic might mean for the election in Central Florida.

National Politics/Government/Community Politics/Government

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/06/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:27:39

This week on NewsNight, the fallout from the election here in central Florida as voters set a course for the next four years. We'll discuss the key national, state and local results in our region, take a closer look at the winners and losers, and break down what it means going forward. Plus, we'll take a look at the rest of the developments in our community.

Health/National Politics/Government/Crime

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/13/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, as Florida reports its largest daily increase in coronavirus cases since August, we'll look at how the state is prepared for the winter amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The panel will also discuss the latest developments in the 2020 election. Plus, efforts to tackle an increase in gang violence in Central Florida.

National Politics/Government/Health/Science

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/20/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, all the latest on the election and the coronavirus pandemic. Plus, NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine will reportedly step down when President-Elect Biden takes office. We'll discuss what the presidential transition will mean for the agency and the Space Coast? And the panel will look at the next steps for crewed missions from the Kennedy Space Center.

Minorities/Civil Rights/Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement/Health

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/27/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:47

As protestors in Cocoa Beach call for justice for two black teenagers fatally shot by a deputy, we'll discuss a tumultuous year in policing in Central Florida. NewsNight hosts an in-depth discussion with Orlando Police Chief Orlando Rolón to discuss the Black Lives Matter movement, law enforcement during a deadly pandemic, and an escalation in gang violence in our community.

Education/Health/Community Politics/Government/Transportation

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/04/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Governor DeSantis says schools must remain open for the spring semester, describing earlier closures as "probably the biggest public health blunder in modern American history," And as coronavirus cases continue to climb in Florida, the Governor promises no more lockdowns. We'll discuss the state's response to the latest pandemic surge. Plus, Brightline announces a future station at Disney.

Economy/Employment/Health/National Politics/Government/Business/Industry

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/11/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Another stimulus package from Washington might provide some relief to Central Florida's unemployed, but what else can the state do to ease the economic plight of those laid off during the pandemic? The panel will also discuss President-Elect Biden's plans for Cuba and what they might mean for our state. Plus, Orange County announces its plans to fine local businesses violating COVID guidelines.

Health/Health Care/Drug Abuse/Addiction/Health Care/Environment

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/18/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

As vaccinations begin in hospitals and long-term care facilities in Central Florida, we'll discuss the latest developments in the pandemic. The panel will also look at the impact of the pandemic on opioid abuse in Central Florida, and efforts to tackle the mounting mental health crisis. Plus, the next steps for Everglades restoration and what it means for our region.

Health/Health Care/Science

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/25/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight takes a look back at the coronavirus pandemic's impact on our community in 2020. Central Florida epidemiologist Mackenzie Weise discusses the key developments in the spread of COVID-19 that has cost the lives of thousands of Floridians and infected more than a million people in our state.

National Politics/Government

Series Title: Global Perspectives
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/15/2020 9:30:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Interview
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Andrew Card, discusses his career as the second longest tenured White House Chief of Staff, and what it was like working for President George W. Bush, President George H.W. Bush, and President Ronald Reagan. Card is currently the Chairman of the National Endowment for Democracy, a non-profit organization dedicated to the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world.

National Politics/Government

Series Title: Global Perspectives
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/22/2020 9:30:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Interview
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Dr. Milan Vaishnav discusses politics and policy in India and the voting behaviors of the Indian American population. Vaishnav is a senior fellow and director of the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

National Politics/Government

Series Title: Global Perspectives
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/20/2020 9:30:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Interview
Segment Length: 00:26:16

Political Consultant Peter Rouse discusses the challenges facing the next presidential administration in uniting a divided congress and citizenry. Rouse served as an interim Chief of Staff for President Obama.

Culture/Business/Industry

Series Title: Global Perspectives
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/27/2020 9:30:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Interview
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Mark Shimmin and Tim Cullen of the Small Countries Financial Management Centre discuss how despite geographical or cultural differences, the challenges faced by smaller nations have striking similarities.

Arts

Series Title: Live from Studio A
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/08/2020 08:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents Brazilian artist and vocalist Daniela Soledade. Daniela performs a Bossa Nova infused set, along with guitarist and producer Nate Najar, inside the studios of WUCF FM 89.9 jazz and more with WUCF FM morning host Marc Taylor.

Arts

Series Title: Live from Studio A
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/12/2020 08:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents The Best Of, a compilation of performances from various artists recorded inside the studios of WUCF FM 89.9 jazz and more with WUCF FM morning host Marc Taylor.

Arts

Series Title: Live from Studio A
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/17/2020 08:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents a very special holiday edition. Artists Champion Fulton, Laila Biali and Ella & The Bossa Beat perform holiday classics inside the studios of WUCF FM 89.9 jazz and more with WUCF FM morning host Marc Taylor.

History/Education/Recreation/Leisure

Series Title: Central Florida Roadtrip
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/01/2020 08:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Segment Length: 00:26:46

As we live through history right now, host Dr. Phil Hoffman and producer Buddy Pittman take a look at our trip to Daytona Beach - The World's Most Famous Beach. They'll share stories, memories, and behind-the-scenes moments.

History/Education/Recreation/Leisure

Series Title: Central Florida Roadtrip
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/01/2020 08:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Segment Length: 00:25:26

As we live through history right now, host Dr. Phil Hoffman and producer Buddy Pittman take a look at our trip to Sanford – Historic Waterfront Gateway City. They'll share stories, memories, and behind-the-scenes moments.

History/Education/Recreation/Leisure

Series Title: Central Florida Roadtrip
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/08/2020 08:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Segment Length: 00:26:46

As we live through history right now, host Dr. Phil Hoffman and producer Buddy Pittman take a look at our trip to Winter Park. They'll share stories, memories, and behind-the-scenes moments.

History/Education/Recreation/Leisure

Series Title: Central Florida Roadtrip
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/15/2020 08:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Segment Length: 00:26:46

As we live through history right now, host Dr. Phil Hoffman and producer Buddy Pittman take a look at our trip to Tavares – America's Seaplane City. They'll share stories, memories, and behind-the-scenes moments.

History/Education/Recreation/Leisure

Series Title: Central Florida Roadtrip
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/22/2020 08:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Segment Length: 00:26:46

As we live through history right now, host Dr. Phil Hoffman and producer Buddy Pittman take a look at our trip to Oviedo. They'll share stories, memories, and behind-the-scenes moments.

Education/Youth

Series Title: Orange County Public Schools Pre-K through 2nd Grade
Length: 20 - 30 minutes (Varies)
Airdate: 10/01/2020 - PRESENT
Service: WUCF
Format: Youth Education
Segment Length: Varies

In partnership with WUCF and in response to COVID-19, Orange County Public Schools delivers virtual Math and ELA lessons for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade.

American History

Series Title: Presidents in Florida (Pledge Special)
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/10/2020 08:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Documentary/Pledge Special
Segment Length: 01:26:45

The State of Florida has had a far reaching effect on the Presidency dating all the way back to George Washington. Presidents in Florida is a look at how our State has touched the presidency and how the presidency has touched Florida. Presidents in Florida looks to uncover the little known stories that have created a long-standing bond between Florida and the White House.

American History/Biography

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/2/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:16

As the coronavirus pandemic drags on into the fall, we remember the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have passed away from the virus. Here are a few of their stories.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Abandoning the Titanic
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Join a team of investigators as they search for the identity of the captain of a "mystery ship" that turned away from the "unsinkable" Titanic in its darkest hour, abandoning thousands of lives to the icy waters and their deaths.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 115
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/8/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:51

The first man to break the sound barrier, Chuck Yeager died on Monday in California at the age of 97. John Yang has the story.

Culture

Series Title: Generation Nation: A PBS American Portrait Story
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/26/2020 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:30:00

Explore how people in different age groups see themselves and their place in the America. Through self-shot video, they share common experiences that bind age groups together and generational differences that put them at odds with one another.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/9/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:28

Alex Trebek was known to millions the world over for hosting the TV game show "Jeopardy!" Diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer, he continued taping programs until recently, with the final episode of "Jeopardy!" due to air on Christmas. The Canadian-born Trebek was beloved for his dignity and demeanor through 37 years and more than 8,000 episodes of the show. Jeffrey Brown has our remembrance.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/2/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:48

Many Americans will carefully weigh the risks when deciding whether to gather together or travel for the holidays amid a global pandemic. Maria Konnikova, poker player and author of "The Biggest Bluff," shares her humble opinion on how to balance luck and skill.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Hawaii: Islands of Wonder
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/1/2020 3:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

The 3-part ISLANDS OF WONDER series takes viewers on a journey to the most exotic, mysterious and remote islands on Planet Earth: Madagascar, Borneo and Hawaii. These isolated and iconic tropical islands are home to remarkable wildlife and human castaways found nowhere else on earth. The fragile islands also serve as a vital gauge for the planet's health.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Hagia Sophia - Istanbul's Ancient Mystery
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/18/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Istanbul's magnificent Hagia Sophia has survived on one of the world's most active seismic faults, which has inflicted a dozen devastating earthquakes since Hagia Sophia was built in 537 AD. As Istanbul braces for the next big quake, a team of architects and engineers is investigating Hagia Sophia's seismic secrets. NOVA follows the team's discoveries as they examine the building's unique structure and other ingenious design strategies that have insured the dome's survival. The engineers build a massive eight-ton model of the building's core structure, place it on a motorized shake table and hit it with a series of simulated quakes.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 122
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/17/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:22

President-elect Biden has said that tackling climate change, the environment and green energy are top priorities for his administration. And so far, his team appears to be a mix of some familiar faces and some not-so-familiar faces. John Yang spoke with Amy Harder, an energy and climate reporter for Axios, to learn more.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: DNA Mysteries
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/20/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA detective work to solve mysteries in the family trees of actor Téa Leoni, and radio host Joe Madison, introducing each of them to parents and grandparents whose names they've never heard before.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Flight
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/17/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets actors Scarlett Johansson and Lupita Nyong'o and chef Lidia Bastianich, whose families crisscrossed the globe to escape oppression and find opportunity, leaving them with questions about those who stayed behind.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/1/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:33

The pandemic has accelerated a change in housing in the U.S. that began well before the spread of COVID-19. Millennials, adults between the ages of 24 and 39, continue to move back home with their parents in significant numbers. For some it's by choice, but for many it's a necessity. Special correspondent Catherine Rampell, who is a columnist for The Washington Post, has the story.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:20

President Trump returned to the White House Monday evening, after spending just under three days at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for coronavirus treatment. How will his medical care continue outside the hospital, and what does his illness mean for White House staff and Trump's reelection campaign? Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:09

Several U.S. public health leaders warned this weekend that the coronavirus is spreading unchecked throughout the country -- and likely to become significantly worse in the coming days and weeks. Unlike in the spring and summer, virus cases are rising in 49 of 50 states. William Brangham looks at the urgency of the situation with Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of Brown University's School of Public Health.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/4/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:16

Women in the U.S. are more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than anywhere else in the developed world, according to the Commonwealth Fund. Native American women face some of the highest rates of death, and in Arizona, those disparities are even more profound. From the Cronkite School of Journalism, Jennifer Alvarez reports on an effort to fight maternal mortality among Native Americans.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/7/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:48

Totaling some 6.8 million people, American Indians and Native Alaskans could play a key role in the upcoming election, especially in Western swing states like Arizona and Nevada. But there are some obstacles in Native communities that make their residents less likely to vote. Stephanie Sy talks to attorney Jacqueline De Leon of the Native American Rights Fund about efforts to change that.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/23/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:01

President-elect Joseph Biden on Monday announced the nominations for his national security team, including the first Latino to head the Department of Homeland Security and the first woman to lead the intelligence community. Wendy Sherman, the former undersecretary of state for political affairs during the Obama administration, joins Nick Schiffrin to discuss.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 112
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/6/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:32

More than 1 million Uighurs, an ethnic-Muslim minority in China, are being detained in hundreds of Chinese detention facilities and camps, where there are reports of widespread torture and detentions that have evolved into forced labor. The Department of Homeland Security is now banning products thought to be made in China by forced Uighur labor. Nick Schiffrin reports.

Science/Technology

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/20/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:34

The Justice Department is suing Google for allegedly leveraging its market power to block competition illegally. In the most significant challenge to a big tech company in decades, prosecutors say Google pays phone manufacturers to make its search engine users' default, among other charges. Amna Nawaz talks to Dipayan Ghosh of the Harvard Kennedy School's Digital Platforms & Democracy Project.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Nero's Sunken City
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/11/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Baiae... An escape for ancient Rome's powerful elite, the Las Vegas of its day. Now, archaeologists are mapping underwater ruins and piecing together what life was like in this playground for the rich.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 123
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/18/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:25

The U.S. cybersecurity team is still trying to determine exactly who is responsible for a major cyberattack in the U.S., with many signs pointing to the Russian government. Microsoft, which has built the systems for a majority of computers in the U.S., said they too have found malicious software on its systems. William Brangham spoke with Brad Smith, president of Microsoft, to learn more.