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Community Politics, Government

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, a look ahead to the 2024 Florida legislative session as lawmakers prepare to tackle issues from energy independence to background checks for gun purchases. Plus, the panel discusses calls for the formal removal of Florida GOP Chair Christian Ziegler, and Governor DeSantis's prospects in the upcoming Iowa caucuses.

Urban Development/Infrastructure

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/12/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, new changes could be coming to Florida's condo market as lawmakers prepare to discuss legislation which builds on reforms already passed since the Surfside collapse in 2021. The panel also discusses moves to clear up confusion over the voting rights of former felons in the state.

Health/Health Care

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/19/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves a Florida program allowing the state to import certain prescription medicines from Canada to help reduce costs for consumers. But Canada says the move could negatively impact its own supply of pharmaceuticals. Plus, lawmakers debate ways to add capacity to Florida's health care industry whilst ruling out Medicaid expansion in the state.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NewsNight

Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/26/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, an in-depth look at the latest developments in the space industry and how they affect our region. The panel discusses the latest Axiom crew launch to the International Space Station, and NASA's decision to delay its Artemis moon shot. Plus, what Central Florida scientists hope to learn from samples gathered on the asteroid Bennu.

Community Politics, Government

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, as Black History Month gets underway, the panel takes an in-depth look at proposals for the development of the Hungerford land in Eatonville after a deal to sell the site for housing fell through last year. Plus, Florida lawmakers debate proposed legislation that would prevent local governments from removing historical monuments and memorials such as Confederate statues.

Legal Issues

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/9/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, the Florida Supreme Court hears arguments over whether a constitutional amendment protecting abortion rights in the state should appear on the ballot in November. Plus, a federal judge throws out Disney's lawsuit accusing Governor DeSantis and others of violating its free speech rights.

Community Politics/Housing

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/16/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, Florida could require local governments in the state to ban homeless people from sleeping in public places. It comes after the Orlando City Council last month voted to make it illegal for people to block or obstruct sidewalks. Plus, could Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings' idea

for a penny sales tax to pay for transportation needs go back before voters in November?

Community Politics/Education

Series Title: NewsNight

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 2/23/2024 8:30:00 PM

Service: WUCF

Format: News (Public Affairs)

Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, an effort to rein in frivolous challenges to books in public school libraries is endorsed by Governor DeSantis. Lawmakers are debating legislation to limit the ability of those who do not have a child in the school district to object to classroom reading materials.

Education

Series Title: NewsNight

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 3/1/2024 8:30:00 PM

Service: WUCF

Format: News (Public Affairs)

Segment Length: 00:26:46

The week on NewsNight, can policy makers and schools find ways to reduce Florida's teacher shortage? Plus, a look at a move to exempt more public sector workers from a Florida law banning the automatic deduction of union dues. And the panel discusses the challenges schools face in funding critical maintenance projects.

Community Politics/Technology

Series Title: NewsNight

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 3/15/2024 8:30:00 PM

Service: WUCF

Format: News (Public Affairs)

Segment Length: 00:26:46

The week on NewsNight, lawmakers pass an updated bill cracking down on the access children have to social media in Florida. However, legal challenges are likely, and confusion surrounds exactly which sites could be exempt. Plus, Florida health officials hail their response to a measles outbreak in our state while other parts of the country experience rising cases.

Urban Development/Infrastructure

Series Title: NewsNight

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 3/22/2024 8:30:00 PM

Service: WUCF

Format: News (Public Affairs)

Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, a look at a number of major public space development projects in downtown Orlando. The panel discusses the city's approval of

several land purchases to create a new Lake Eola Gateway park and potential affordable housing units. Plus, could Brevard County be on track to get a Brightline rail station?

Natural Disasters/Legal Issues

Series Title: NewsNight

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 3/29/2024 8:30:00 PM

Service: WUCF

Format: News (Public Affairs)

Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, as Florida evacuates U.S. citizens from Haiti, a look at the security situation in the Caribbean country and concerns over potential impacts for our state. Plus, court documents show law enforcement officials are investigating an Orlando City Commissioner over accusations of elder exploitation.

Government/National Politics

Series Title: Global Perspectives

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 2/18/2024 9:30:00 AM

Service: WUCF

Format: Public Affairs

Segment Length: 00:28:24

Mark Deets is a social and cultural historian of modern Africa, with a research focus on the Senegambian region of West Africa in the 19th and 20th centuries. His research emerges from his diplomatic experience in Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, and Cape Verde, working to bring about lasting peace in Senegal's Casamance region.

Government/National Politics

Series Title: Global Perspectives

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 3/17/2024 9:30:00 AM

Service: WUCF

Format: Public Affairs

Segment Length: 00:27:19

Dr. Yara M. Asi is an Assistant Professor at the University of Central Florida in the School of Global Health Management and Informatics. Her research agenda focuses on global health, human rights, and development in fragile populations. She has also worked with Médecins Sans Frontières, Amnesty International USA, and the Palestinian American Research Center on policy and outreach issues.

Government/National Politics

Series Title: Global Perspectives

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 3/24/2024 9:30:00 AM

Service: WUCF

Format: Public Affairs

Segment Length: 00:27:55

Dr. Amine Bensaid is a university professor of computer science; he was appointed by His Majesty King Mohamed VI in November 2019 as president of Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI) and in Nov. 2022 as a member of Morocco's Higher Council for Education, Training, and Scientific Research. As a computer scientist, his research and publications have been in the Artificial Intelligence areas.

Education

Series Title: Florida Frontiers
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/28/2024 11:00:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Informational/Historical
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Memories of Palatka. By the mid-1800s, the historic town of Palatka was a transportation hub for steamboat traffic. In the early 20th century, it became a battleground against the Ku Klux Klan. In 1933, Ravine Gardens State Park became a WPA project.

Employment

Series Title: A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/6/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This episode features The Delaware Valley Friends School, which uses hands-on learning to help teach math to students with dyscalculia; Experts offer strategies for helping children with dyscalculia succeed at math; We introduce "Difference Maker" Giselle Mota, a workforce futurist for whom a past discovery ignited her accomplished present.

Employment

Series Title: A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This episode features Shefa School, which uses helps dyslexic students read by leaning on the science; Experts delve into the science of reading and implications for neurodivergent readers; We introduce "Difference Maker" Alix Generous, for whom the misdiagnosis of her learning differences is a plumb line for a multifaceted career.

Employment

Series Title: A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/16/2024 6:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This episode features an autistic Massachusetts teen whose parents are working to keep ahead of the loneliness curve; Experts share strategies to help parents help kids who learn differently conquer loneliness; We introduce "Difference Maker" Samantha Hiew, whose late diagnosis drives her passion to help others get the early help they need to thrive.

Arts

Series Title: Live from Studio A
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/11/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents 80s Mixtape Mayhem! Recorded inside the studios of WUCF FM 89.9 jazz and more with WUCF FM Director Kayonne Riley.

Arts

Series Title: Live from Studio A
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents UCF Gospel & Cultural Choir! Recorded inside the studios of WUCF FM 89.9 jazz and more with WUCF FM Director Kayonne Riley.

Arts

Series Title: Live from Studio A
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents Anderson University Jazz Fusion Ensemble! Recorded inside the studios of WUCF FM 89.9 jazz and more with WUCF FM Director Kayonne Riley.

Arts

Series Title: Melrose in the Mix
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:50

Central Florida art rock band The LadyBits perform and record on the Melrose Center stage. The three piece group features singer-songwriter Renee Arozqueta on guitar and vocals, Mike Adkins on bass and Kevin Meehan on drums. The band talk about the origin of their name, how they formed, their songwriting process and more during a studio interview.

Arts

Series Title: Melrose in the Mix
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:50

Georgia-based Hip Hop artist ShaMel performs and records on the Melrose Center Stage. Originally from Inwood, New York, ShaMel debuts material from his upcoming project and sits for a studio interview. He talks about childhood memories, when his father was a member of 1980s rap group Kings of Pressure, discusses his songwriting style, and more.

Arts

Series Title: Melrose in the Mix
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/21/2024 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:50

Orlando-based band The Chotchkies perform and record on the Melrose Center Stage. Led by lyricist and singer Jeannine Gage, with Michael Rizzo on guitar, Thuan Nguyen on bass, and Tyler Land on drums, the band also sit for an interview in the audio studio to discuss how they formed, their songwriting style, the mix of influences that help define their sound, and more.

Arts

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: HOPPER: An American Love Story
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/2/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS

Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Discover the secrets behind Edward Hopper's most iconic and enigmatic works. Meet the man behind the brush, and see how his marriage to fellow artist Josephine Nivison Hopper shaped his art and career.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and Roll
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/5/2024 3:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Experience the meteoric rise and enduring legacy of Little Richard. This portrait of the "King and Queen of Rock and Roll" explores his far-reaching influence as well as his advocacy for the rights of Black artists in the music industry.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 175
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/1/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:00

This week, Beyoncé continued her reign at the top of the country charts. Last week she became the first Black woman to hit number one with her banjo-infused bop "Texas Hold 'Em." The song has brought a new audience to the genre and reminded music fans of country music's deep African and African American roots. Amna Nawaz has a closer look for our arts and culture series.

Culture

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 131
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/1/2024 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:37

Spray-painted words and pictures, usually clandestine and often illegal, are getting erased by a group of New Englanders who have tagged themselves the anti-graffiti vigilantes. But the method they employ against the perpetrators is an art in itself. Pamela Watts of Rhode Island PBS Weekly reports for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Easter Island Origins
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The giant stone heads of Easter Island have inspired theories for centuries. Now, new research reveals intriguing evidence of the origins and inspirations of the ancient Rapanui people who created the iconic monoliths.

Series Title: Dante: Inferno to Paradise
Episode Title: Part Two: Resurrection
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/19/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Experience Dante's life in exile and the last two parts of The Divine Comedy shortly before his passing in 1321. With interweaving scenes drawn from Purgatory and Paradise, explore the fate of Dante's masterpiece from his death to today.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Serengeti Rules
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel back in time, from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools, with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Flyways
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:10

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Species travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic regions and back again, flying up to nine days non-stop without food or water. But their populations are crashing. Follow a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Arctic Sinkholes
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/13/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Scientists investigate colossal explosions in Siberia and other evidence that rapidly melting soil in the Arctic is releasing vast amounts of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. What are the implications for our climate future?

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Fathers and Sons
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/16/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. meets actors LeVar Burton and Wes Studi—two men who grew up without their fathers. With few clues to guide him, Gates introduces them to ancestors they've never known—revealing connections to key moments in history.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Far and Away
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the extraordinarily diverse roots of journalist Sunny Hostin and actor Jesse Williams—telling long-lost stories of African and European ancestry that compel his guests to rethink their own identities.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Secret Lives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2024 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA to help comedians Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash solve deep family mysteries.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Van Gogh's Ear
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

The night when Vincent van Gogh cut his own ear defines his turbulent life and art. Generations have theorized about what really happened on December 23, 1888, in the French town of Arles, but no one has been clear on the details—until now.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Woman in the Iron Coffin
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/14/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow a team of forensic experts as they investigate the preserved remains of a young African American woman from 19th century New York and reveal the little-known story of early America's free black communities.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Cancer Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:51:49

Three heroes and their dramatic journeys in the fight against cervical cancer.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/8/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the issue of reparations in the U.S. with a focus on historical injustices, systemic inequities, and critical dialogue. Through narratives, inquiries, and insights, the film aims to inspire understanding of the scope and rationale

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: How It Feels To Be Free
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

Series Title: Rising Against Asian Hate: One Day in March
Episode Title:
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/19/2024 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format:
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Following the aftermath of the March 2021 mass shootings at three spas in Atlanta, this film chronicles how the Asian American community came together to fight back against hate and explores the struggles and triumphs of AAPI communities.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Nero's Sunken City
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2024 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: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Graveyard of the Giant Beasts
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2024 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

A mining operation in Cerrejon, Northern Colombia, opened a window onto a previously unknown period of the earth's history – and a world teeming with giant creatures emerged. The biggest of them all was Titanoboa, a 43-foot snake, the largest that ever lived. No other creature could match Titanoboa in its size and strength, or so it was thought.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Polar Extremes
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/20/2024 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:52:46

Join renowned paleontologist Kirk Johnson on an epic adventure through time at the polar extremes of our planet. Following a trail of strange fossils found in all the wrong places-beech trees in Antarctica, hippo-like mammals in the Arctic-Johnson uncovers the bizarre history of the poles, from miles-high ice sheets to warm polar forests teeming with life. What caused such dramatic changes at the ends of the Earth? And what controls the dial on Earth's thermostat? Today, the Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else in the world, and Antarctica has locked in its ice enough water to raise sea level by a

terrifying 200 feet. The way that the poles respond to a warming climate is one of the greatest wildcards in predicting our climate future. Johnson uses Earth's history, written in stone, as a cipher to decode what is going on at our polar extremes today, and what the future may hold.