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National Politics/Government

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/7/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

A look at how a U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down redrawn Congressional district lines in Alabama and Louisiana might impact future elections in Florida amid court challenges to the state's 2022 redistricting maps. Plus, the panel discusses new protections in Florida for human trafficking survivors.

Community Politics, Government

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/14/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, a look at the governor's decision to veto a bill that would have modernized the way Florida buys state vehicles to encourage the purchase of electric cars and trucks. And the panel discusses uncertainty in the LGBTQ community amid an ongoing court fight over a law opponents say targets drag shows but that supporters say is aimed at protecting children.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/21/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

It's 54 years since NASA first put humans on the Moon. Now the space agency is preparing a crew to head back to the lunar surface. Former astronaut Winston Scott discusses his path from a segregated elementary school in Miami to flying aboard the shuttle, how NASA has changed over the intervening

decades, his experiences in orbit, and efforts to diversify America's astronaut corps.

Environment/Nature

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/28/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight looks at several important environmental issues in Florida including the stubborn problem of blue-green algae blooms which continue to plague waterways despite the state's efforts to address the foul-smelling phenomenon. Plus a report on a rise in the number of locally-acquired malaria cases in Florida and how officials are responding.

Education/Minorities

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/4/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

An analysis of the Florida Board of Education's revised Black history curriculum. The new standards include instruction that slavery benefited African Americans because it taught them useful skills. But critics, including Vice President Kamala Harris, say it amounts to "whitewashing" history. NewsNight gathers reaction, and the panel discusses the political fall-out.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/11/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

A look at sweeping changes to the way Florida handles undocumented immigrants throughout the state including criminal penalties, expanded employment checks, and unprecedented use of state assets. NewsNight talks to the people most affected, supporters of the new legislation, and reporters covering the issue.

Community Politics/Government

Series Title: NewsNight

Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 8/18/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

State Attorney Bain lays out his first 100 days gameplan which includes eliminating diversion programs but what does that mean for first time offenders? also Brevard County Commissioners cut their cultural grant program funding leaving in total about 25 arts and cultural organizations looking for new funding, and back to school brings new uncertainties about what can be taught in classrooms.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Meteorologists say warm water in the Gulf of Mexico is fueling storm threats as the Atlantic hurricane season reaches its peak. A look at the impacts of Idalia less than a year after Hurricane Ian devastated parts of the state. Plus, should Orange County spend hundreds of millions of dollars of tourism development tax revenues on improvements to the Convention Center and Camping World Stadium?

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/8/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

A look at the threat of violent extremism in Florida following the killing of three Black people by a White gunman in a recent shooting in Jacksonville that the Justice Department is investigating as a racially motivated hate crime. Plus, voting rights groups looking to reinstate a Black-access congressional district in North Florida take their case to court.

Women/Health Care

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/15/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF

Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, the Florida Supreme Court takes up a challenge to a 15-week abortion ban in a case that will decide the future of access to the procedure in the state. And the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season sparks a renewed political debate over the role of climate change in the severity and frequency of storms that hit Florida.

Community Politics/Health Care/Minorities

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/22/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight looks at the DeSantis administration's decision to advise against new Covid vaccinations for people under 65. Plus, transgender students react to the Florida State Board of Education's new rules implementing a recent law that requires staff and students in K-12 and higher education institutions to use bathrooms matching their sex assigned at birth.

Transportation

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/29/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

As Brightline begins services between Orlando International Airport and Miami, NewsNight takes an in-depth look at the future of intercity passenger rail in Florida and the United States. Plus, Disney says it will nearly double its capital expenditure on its parks over the next 10 years as the company's CEO pledges to "quiet the noise" in its clash with Governor Ron DeSantis.

Government/National Politics

Series Title: Global Perspectives
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/17/2023 9:30:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Public Affairs
Segment Length: 00:28:30

Dr. Thomas L. Crisman has investigated the ecology, management, restoration and conservation of freshwater wetlands, lakes and rivers in the subtropics and tropics for more than 44 years. Conducted long term research programs in Florida, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and the Balkans. He has written 96 refereed publications, two books and presented in nearly 300 scientific events.

Government/National Politics

Series Title: Global Perspectives
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/24/2023 9:30:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Public Affairs
Segment Length: 00:28:00

Dr. Wayne H. Bowen is an author of six books on Spain and three on the Middle East, with a focus on political and religious history. Bowen's latest, "The History of Saudi Arabia," traces the Arabian Peninsula from ancient times to the modern era.

Arts

Series Title: Live from Studio A
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/14/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents Saturn Quartet! Recorded inside the studios of WUCF FM 89.9 jazz and more with WUCF FM Director Kayonne Riley.

Education

Series Title: Florida Road Trip
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/6/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Informational/Historical
Segment Length: 00:26:46

On this edition of Florida Road Trip, we're taking a journey through the history of Miami. We make a pit stop in a neighborhood revitalized through street art, we visit Calle Ocho and stop to check-out the oldest performing arts group in Florida.

Education

Series Title: Florida Road Trip
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Airdate: 7/13/2023 8:00:00 PM

Service: WUCF
Format: Informational/Historical
Segment Length: 00:26:46

On this edition of Florida Road Trip, we're taking a journey through the history of Miami Beach. Our stops will include a spot once called the "World's Largest Jigsaw Puzzle", an area with the most concentration of Art Deco in the world, and a museum filled with Jewish history in Florida.

Education

Series Title: Florida Frontiers
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 08/27/2023 11:00:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Informational/Historical
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture in Florida. The largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright's work in one place is at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, and his only private residence built in Florida is Spring House in Tallahassee.

Employment

Series Title: A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This episode features the Palumbo family of New York, who from early on have had proactive conversations with their autistic and neurotypical sons. Experts offer tips and tools to guide and adapt conversations as the child grows about living with learning differences. Meet "Difference Maker" Lucas Boyce, who shares his journey from neurodivergent preemie to White House advisor.

Employment

Series Title: A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 9/2/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This episode of "A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity" visits a Texas school for neurodivergent students that stresses early intervention. Our expert panel explores the value of early intervention. And you'll meet

our latest “Difference Maker,” Dr. Jason Arday, once mute and autistic, now Cambridge’s youngest Black professor.

Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 5
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/7/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:08

What is poetry and what does it offer us? Carl Phillips has some answers. He's known for the beauty of his language, his depth of exploration and is a recent winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Jeffrey Brown went to St. Louis to speak with Phillips for our arts and culture series, CANVAS

Series Title: Southern Storytellers
Episode Title: Episode 3
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/1/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Some of the South’s most influential creators take us to the places that feed their imaginations: author Jesmyn Ward, screenwriter Michael Waldron, poet Natasha Trethewey, and songwriters Justin Moore, Tarriona “Tank” Ball and Thao Nguyen.

Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo
Episode Title: The Making and Breaking
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/19/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:55:48

Explore the early life of Frida Kahlo as she discovers her genius for painting following a tragic, life-changing accident, leading her to encounter world-famous muralist Diego Rivera who she later marries, twice

Culture

Series Title: Great American Recipe; The
Episode Title: Episode 3
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Feel the love as the cooks prepare their favorite comfort food and a dish inspired by a loved one. The cooks pour their hearts and souls into recipes ranging from bacon-wrapped meatloaf and cornbread to crab cakes, elk stew and chicken curry.

Series Title: Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein
Episode Title: The Golden Gate Bridge
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/1/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The Golden Gate Bridge is an engineering marvel that symbolizes America's can-do spirit. Explore if America can continue to execute bold and ambitious infrastructure projects in the 21st century.

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Bulls and Saints
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/24/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:34

After 20 years of living in the United States, an undocumented family decides to return home. Little do they know it will be the most difficult journey of their lives and reawaken an intense desire for a place to belong. Set between the rodeo arenas of North Carolina and the spellbinding Mexican town they yearn

for, Bulls and Saints is a love story about reverse migration, rebellion, and redemption.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Human Footprint
Episode Title: Strangers in Paradise
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Invasive species are reshaping the world's ecosystems, but who's really to blame? Shane wrestles a python, hunts Hawaiian pigs, and gets sucker-punched by a carp to answer the question: in the Age of Humans, how does our species decide what belongs?

Series Title: Human Footprint
Episode Title: The Urban Jungle
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/2/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

"In "The Urban Jungle," Shane explores the modern city: an ecosystem built by, for us. He encounters three species thriving in the city, reckons with our complex urban history, and envisions a new and wilder urban future.

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Suwannee: Wild River
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/6/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:52:33

The Suwannee is one of the last wild rivers in America, and its watershed creates woods and wetlands, marshes, and cave systems. From its headwaters in the Okefenokee Swamp, Baratunde journeys

downstream, meeting colorful denizens of the Suwannee. From jet skiers to herpetologists, manatees to snapping turtles, he learns how this unique environment inspires a whole range of passions.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: The Boleyns: A Scandalous Family
Episode Title: Ambition
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/12/2023 3:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore Thomas Boleyn's determination to elevate the family name. His expectations and ambitions for his three children will take them into the heart of the Tudor court

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: DNA Mysteries
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/22/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

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: Secret Lives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2023 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: POV
Episode Title: Eat Your Catfish
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/30/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Paralyzed by late-stage ALS, Kathryn clings to a mordant wit as she yearns to witness her daughter's wedding. Shot from her fixed point of view, watch a family grappling with the daily demands of disability and in-home caretaking.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 24
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/3/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:01

Signs point to a COVID-19 summer surge for the fourth consecutive year. Overall, infections remain much lower compared to the past, but cases began increasing last month and between 300 and 400 Americans are dying each week. John Yang discussed the growing concerns with epidemiologist Dr. Katelyn Jetelina.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 45
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/1/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:34

A ban on gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth went into effect in Texas, making it the most populous state to date with such a ban. The law revokes the medical licenses of any doctor who provides minors with gender-affirming medical care like puberty blockers, hormone treatments or surgeries. Laura Barrón-López reports on families grappling with the potential consequences

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: A Story of Bones
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/9/2023 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

After discovering an unmarked burial ground of an estimated 9,000 formerly enslaved Africans on St. Helena, Annina van Neel and preservationist Peggy King Jorde fight for their proper memorialization, exposing the UK's colonial past and present.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Fatal Flood
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/22/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the spring of 1927, after weeks of incessant rains, the Mississippi River went on a rampage from Cairo, Illinois to New Orleans, inundating hundreds of towns, killing as many as a thousand people and leaving a million homeless. In Greenville, Mississippi, efforts to contain the river pitted the majority black population against an aristocratic plantation family, the Percys -- and the Percys against themselves. A story of greed, power and race during one of America's greatest natural disasters

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools

Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/12/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:46:26

Explore what happened when the small Mississippi town of Leland integrated its public schools in 1970. Told through the remembrances of students, teachers and parents, the film shows how the town – and America – were transformed.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Octopus: Making Contact
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow an Alaskan professor as he raises and studies a pet octopus in his home, making remarkable discoveries about its extraordinary intelligence, personality and skills. Octopuses are able to recognize faces and interact with other individuals.

Series Title: NOVA | The Planets
Episode Title: Ice Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/2/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the far reaches of the solar system, Uranus and Neptune dazzle with unexpected rings, supersonic winds and dozens of moons. And NASA's New Horizons gets a stunning up-close view of Pluto before venturing deep into the Kuiper Belt.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Rebuilding Notre Dame

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/13/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In April 2019, the world watched as a devastating fire almost destroyed Paris's iconic Notre Dame Cathedral. Go behind the scenes with a team of engineers, masons, and timber workers tackling the daunting challenges of restoring the historic landmark.