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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Central Park Five; The
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 4/2/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

This new film from award-winning filmmaker Ken Burns tells the story of the five black and Latino teenagers from Harlem who were wrongly convicted of raping a white woman in New York City's Central Park in 1989. The film chronicles the Central Park jogger case, for the first time from the perspective of the five young men whose lives were upended by this miscarriage of justice.

Series Title: Amelia Earhart: American Experience
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/7/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, and the first to cross the North American continent alone. Her exploits as an aviator, her beauty and intelligence, her independence and charm made her a national heroine. In 1937, she set out to accomplish yet another first: to circle the earth along the equator on an east-west flight. Friends warned that her preparations were hurried, even careless. When her plane disappeared without a trace, the "First Lady of the Air" was instantly transformed into an American legend.

Series Title: Lavender Scare; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/18/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Narrated by Glenn Close and featuring the voices of Cynthia Nixon, Zachary Quinto, T. R. Knight and David Hyde Pierce, THE LAVENDER SCARE tells the little-known story of an unrelenting campaign by the federal government to identify and fire employees suspected of being homosexual. Produced and directed by Josh Howard and based on the award-winning book by David K. Johnson.

CULTURE

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/12/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:20

It has been nearly 20 years since the first mass school shooting in the U.S. -- the shocking tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, on April 20, 1999. As a “credible” threat closed Columbine and hundreds of other Denver schools Wednesday, John Ferrugia of Rocky Mountain PBS shares part of an upcoming documentary featuring survivors of the massacre in their own words.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Lost Viking Army
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/22/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Forty years ago, a sleepy village in the heart of England was the scene of a gruesome discovery when nearly 300 skeletons were unearthed in a mass grave. But no one has been able prove who they were, until now. Forensic archaeologist Cat Jarman believes these bones are the last remains of The Great Heathen Army, a legendary Viking fighting force that invaded England in the 9th Century and has been long lost to history. Armed with the latest scientific methods, Cat's team will uncover extraordinary human stories from the front line, including explosive evidence of women warriors; a lost king, reunited with his son in death; and a tale of human sacrifice. And using pioneering technology, they will hunt for the army's lost camp.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/7/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:27

A group of mothers whose children were murdered are taking their tragic stories to inmates imprisoned for committing violent crimes. The perspective shared by Mothers with a Message encourages prisoners, some of whom will never be released, to understand the painful consequences of violence -- and sometimes grants the grieving mothers new peace. Maya Trabulsi of San Diego’s KPBS reports.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Forest of the Lynx
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/3/2019 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Kalkalpen National Park in the Austrian Alps was abandoned and unmanaged by man for close to a quarter of a century. Now the forest's dramatic cycle of regeneration is bringing back pygmy owls, woodpeckers, colorful insects and even the lynx.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/3/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:06

A new UN report reveals the extent to which mankind is changing life on Earth. Written by an international panel of experts, it concludes that nearly a quarter of animal and plant groups are at risk of extinction, some within decades. William Brangham talks to one of the report's authors, the National University of Mexico's Patricia Balvanera, about what's driving the changes and how to stop them.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/4/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:33

In parts of America's Heartland, prolonged wet weather and historic flooding are disrupting spring planting for many farmers. Nearly three months after waters washed over parts of Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska, some fields remain submerged -- and President Trump's trade war with China isn't making conditions for struggling farmers any easier. Jack Williams from Nebraska's NET Television reports.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: All in the Family
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/9/2019 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Radio host Joe Madison receives startling family news, and series host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. learns his own DNA story. Also features the "Finding Your Roots: The Seedlings" STEM Camp, with science and history inspiring the next generation.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Reporting on the Reporters
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/7/2019 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. shows journalists Christiane Amanpour, Ann Curry and Lisa Ling that the stories within their own family trees are every bit as compelling as the news stories they have been covering for the world.

Health/Health Care

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: The Providers
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 4/8/2019 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Follow three "country doctors" in rural New Mexico -- the site of a physician shortage and an opioid epidemic -- who work at clinics that offer care for all, regardless of ability to pay.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/14/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:43

Affordable health care is a persistent concern for Americans and a topic of great political debate. Typically, generic prescription drugs offer a cheaper alternative to name brands, but a new multi-state lawsuit alleges that their manufacturers have been artificially raising prices. John Yang talks to William Tong, attorney general of Connecticut, whose office has been leading the investigation.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/19/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:20

Influenza is a shape-shifter virus that could spark a global pandemic. Researchers at the National Institutes of Health are working to deliver what is referred to as The Holy Grail in the fight: a universal flu vaccine that could protect against all strains of the virus. William Brangham concludes our pandemics series by learning what it will take to develop a universal vaccine.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Reconstruction: America After the Civil War
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 4/9/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Experience the aftermath of the Civil War -- a bewildering, exhilarating and terrifying time. For African Americans, despite their hard-won freedom, support for their social, economic and political gains did not last.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/1/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)

Segment Length: 00:06:18

Traditionally, movies and books about Native American life have focused on tragedy and defeat. Now, a new work of history and reporting urges readers to consider a more complex culture that is not only still living, but evolving. Jeffrey Brown sits down with David Treuer, author of "The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee."

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/25/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:01:57

Lesley Stahl is an Emmy-winning journalist who currently reports for the CBS News program "60 Minutes." During her long career, she has served as a White House correspondent and anchor of CBS' "Face the Nation." But she didn't have an easy start in the industry. For the NewsHour's "That Moment When," Stahl tells Steve Goldbloom what it was like to be the only woman in a 1970s Boston newsroom.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Secrets of Noah's Ark
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/17/2019 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

A 3,700-year-old inscribed clay tablet reveals a surprising new version of the Biblical flood story, complete with how-to instructions for assembling an ark. Following the directions, expert boat builders assemble and launch a massive reed boat.

Series Title: Breakthrough: The Ideas That Changed the World
Episode Title: The Robot
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/1/2019 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn how robots were first conceptualized in ancient Rome and see how their use has evolved over the centuries, from the calculator to the Roomba. Then, take a sneak peek at what future robots will be able to do.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/14/2019 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:12

The New York Times reported over the weekend on U.S. military attempts to infiltrate the Russian power grid. The effort represents the latest offensive in an increasingly digital conflict with Russia, whose 2016 election interference is well documented. John Yang talks to R.P. Eddy, a former National Security Council official and founder of an intelligence consulting firm, about this new frontier.

Education/Housing/Shelter/Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/5/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

On this week's episode of NewsNight – Nancy Alvarez and a panel of journalists discuss if teachers should be armed in the classroom. Also, soaring rent prices across Central Florida and the search for affordable housing. And finally, deputies say illegal ATV riders and motorcyclists are terrorizing drivers and law enforcement in Central Florida.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction/Transportation/Recreation/Leisure/Sports

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/12/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight discusses the legalization of smokable marijuana. Who benefits and what officials are doing to make sure it doesn't fall into the wrong hands. Plus, the never ending I-4 construction. The I-4 Ultimate project is expected to wrap up at the end of 2021, but that doesn't mean the end of the construction! And the Orlando Magic are in the playoffs. Is the city becoming a sports town?

Employment/Community Politics/Transportation

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/19/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight discusses alleged bullying among TSA workers at Orlando International Airport and how workplace bullying affects people in all industries. Plus, a memorial is coming to Orlando to remember the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Massacre. How does acknowledging the past affect race relations? Finally, Central Florida is becoming more bike-friendly, but are our roads safe for all these bicycles?

Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction/Education/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/26/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight discusses a bill that would let Floridians buy prescription drugs from Canada. Are there potential safety implications? Plus, Florida's teachers want lawmakers to increase funding for public schools. We'll examine why. Finally, stiffer penalties for texting while driving are once again making their way through the state Legislature. What are its chances of becoming law this time?

Community Politics, Government/Housing/Shelter/Economy

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/3/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight discusses key issues from the Florida Legislature's session. Lawmakers want felons to finish paying restitution before getting their voting rights back. Is it an unfair hurdle? Plus, Central Florida is one of the nation's worst places for affordable housing. Could the new budget change that? And, Visit Florida survives another year, but with budget cuts. What could that mean for tourism?

Immigration/Refugees/Drug Abuse/Addiction/Housing/Shelter

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/10/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight discusses the government's tougher stance on immigration. Could asking about citizenship on the census hurt Florida? Plus, after a major drug bust in Brevard County, is enough being done to fight the opioid epidemic? And, with the homeless population in Orlando decreasing, could other parts of Central Florida take lessons from the city's "housing first" policy to deal with homelessness?

Community Politics/Government/Health/Health Care/Science/Technology

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/17/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight discusses the rapid population growth in Central Florida. What are local leaders doing to get ready? Plus, with the recent Hepatitis A outbreak in our area and outbreaks of measles in other parts of the country, how important is it to get vaccinated? And, NASA is moving up the timetable for the next manned moon missions. How will that affect Central Florida?

National Politics/Government/Environment/Energy

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/24/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight discusses the Russian hacking of Florida's election systems in 2016. Could it lead to changes for 2020? Plus, some Osceola County residents are concerned over coal ash from a Puerto Rican power plant being dumped in St. Cloud. We'll look at the controversy. And, Orlando is collecting food waste to turn it into energy. Is this something other cities could start doing?

Environment/Nature/Natural Disaster

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 5/31/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight's panel of local meteorologists discusses the outlook for the 2019 hurricane season, including what Central Florida emergency managers are doing to get ready and what you need to do to stay safe. Plus, scientists say climate change could have a long-term impact on the destructive power of hurricanes in the coming years. Have meteorologists in Central Florida observed that trend as well?

Minorities/Civil Rights/Homosexuality

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 6/7/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight marks three years since the mass shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, including how the community is remembering the victims, the event's impact on the mental health of survivors, loved ones and first responders connected with the event and the lasting change the tragedy brought to Central Florida.

National Politics/Government/Education/Environment

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 6/14/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight's panel discusses the importance of Central Florida in the 2020 presidential race, the ongoing dispute in Brevard County over teacher pay and whether other local school districts could face similar issues and the potential impacts of a federal study of ocean acidity and its effects on the Indian River Lagoon.

Community Politics/Government/Science/Technology/Envrionment/Nature

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 6/21/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Host Nancy Alvarez along with Emilee Speck of WKMG, Steve Hudak of the Orlando Sentinel and Brendan O'Connor of Bungalower.com discuss President Trump's impact on Central Florida. Plus, NASA says it will allow private citizens to visit the ISS -- for a price and, what can people do to keep themselves safe while co-existing with the bear population that's popping up in some neighborhoods?

Community Politics

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 6/28/2019 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight panelists discuss multiple aspects of the gun issue in Florida, from the possible success of a renewed push for federal funding of research into gun violence, Central Florida school districts pushing back against armed teachers in classrooms, the growing voter support for universal background checks and a proposed 2020 ballot measure aimed at banning assault weapons in Florida.