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Community Politics/Government

Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/6/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

As the Florida House Speaker-designate spells out his vision for limited government, the panel discusses the future balance of power in Tallahassee amid the Governor's presidential bid. Plus, as the issue of felon voting rights heats up around the country ahead of the 2024 election, NewsNight looks at the fight between Florida's rights restoration advocates and state leaders.

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Florida's Jewish Community responds to the outbreak of war in the Middle East as state leaders propose more restrictions on Iranian businesses, and Orange County commissioners vote to approve nearly \$800 million in Tourist Development Tax funding despite revenue concerns. We'll discuss the winners & losers, and the debate as to whether the state should allow more diverse uses for bed tax revenues.

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This week on NewsNight, the debate over oil and gas drilling off the Florida coast enters the Republican presidential primary campaign. The panel discusses the state's position on fracking and efforts to implement a permanent federal ban in waters around Florida. Plus, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service considers restoring endangered status for manatees.

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Orlando's City Council votes unanimously to spend \$2 million to purchase the Pulse nightclub site. The panel discusses the Mayor's hope of turning it into a permanent memorial to the 49 victims of the 2016 shooting. Plus, Florida lawmakers will meet early next month for a special session to tighten state restrictions on Iran amid bipartisan support for Israel in Tallahassee.

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Airdate: 11/3/2023 8:30:00 PM
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This week on NewsNight, the Florida Board of Governors is set to take up a proposed rule implementing Florida's law that restricts diversity and social activism programs on public university campuses.

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Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/10/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, a look at several ballot initiatives that could go before Florida voters on issues ranging from abortion rights to recreational marijuana. Plus, Florida lawmakers are set to consider a bill that would loosen the state's child labor laws. The panel looks at what changes are proposed and the arguments on either side of the debate.

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Airdate: 11/17/2023 8:30:00 PM
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Segment Length: 00:26:46

Mayor Jerry Demings says he's considering another push for a penny sales tax to fund transportation projects in Central Florida. Plus, Orange County commissioners debate the spending of bed-tax dollars for Visit Orlando as the county lobbies for the expanded use of tourism revenues.

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A discussion of the highs and lows in Central Florida's arts community in 2023, including the ongoing fall out of the Basquiat exhibit at the Orlando Museum of Art, record county arts funding, a new name for the Orlando Rep, and 50 years of the Orlando Ballet.

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Airdate: 12/8/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, as the Florida Supreme Court considers its position on abortion access in the state, the procedure looks set to play a pivotal role in the 2024 election. And a trial is set to begin next month over Florida's restrictions on gender-affirming care. Plus, a look at the commercial moonshot targeted for a Christmas Eve launch from the Space Coast.

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Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This week on NewsNight, an in-depth update on efforts to get Central Florida's growing population moving. Steve Mort sits down for conversations with planners and decision-makers on how best to develop future road, rail and bus networks as demands on our region's infrastructure increase. Plus, a look at why Florida cities rank so poorly for pedestrian safety.

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Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/22/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight closes out the year with a look back at the top stories of 2023. From redistricting to immigration policy to community debates on the futures of Eatonville and Pine Hills, NewsNight presents some of the most engaging conversations from the program over the last twelve months.

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Series Title: NewsNight
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/29/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: News (Public Affairs)
Segment Length: 00:26:46

NewsNight closes out the year with a look back at the top stories of 2023. From reforms to the homeowners insurance market to the passage of permitless carry in Florida to efforts to develop affordable housing, NewsNight presents some of the most engaging conversations from the program over the last twelve months. Plus, a look at the future of space exploration.

Government/National Politics

Series Title: Global Perspectives
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/1/2023 9:30:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Public Affairs
Segment Length: 00:27:40

Dr. Gönül Tol is the founding director of the Middle East Institute's Turkey program and a senior fellow with the Black Sea Program. She has written extensively on Turkey-U.S. relations, Turkish domestic politics, foreign policy and the Kurdish issue. She is also a frequent media commentator.

Government/National Politics

Series Title: Global Perspectives

Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/12/2023 9:30:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Public Affairs
Segment Length: 00:28:50

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ben Hodges, former Commanding General of US Army Europe (2014-2017), currently serves as NATO Senior Mentor for Logistics. Consults for several companies on Europe, NATO, and the European Union, and is co-author of the book, Future War and the Defence of Europe, published by Oxford University Press. He is a regular media presence on CNN, MSNBC, Fox, BBC, ZDF, and other media.

Education

Series Title: Florida Frontiers
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/29/2023 11:00:00 AM
Service: WUCF
Format: Informational/Historical
Segment Length: 00:26:46

The Edison and Ford Winter Estates. Inventor Thomas Edison first came to Florida in 1885, where he built a winter residence and laboratory. In 1916, automobile maker Henry Ford moved next door.

Employment

Series Title: A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/7/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This episode of "A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity" explores how praise boosts outcomes for neurodivergent kids. We meet Central Florida parents who motivate their daughters with praise, our expert panel offers helpful tips, and we reveal our latest "Difference Maker," PJ Manney, a dyslexic scriptwriter and sci-fi novelist who has forged a thriving entertainment career.

Employment

Series Title: A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This episode of “A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity” explores how parents support kids who learn differently with homework. We meet a mom who is making homework less of a headache for her sons with ADHD. Our expert panel offers relevant tips on homework support. And our latest “Difference Maker,” Anthony Schmidt, shares his unique journey as a teen car trick photographer.

Employment

Series Title: A World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/16/2023 6:00:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:26:46

This episode features New Community School and Beacon College, which offer competitive sports for neurodivergent students. Experts offer strategies to help kids who learn differently succeed in sports. We profile dyslexic “Difference Maker” Gary Payton II, who uses his NBA platform to make success a slam dunk for kids with dyslexia.

Arts

Series Title: Live from Studio A
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/12/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents LP & The Vinyl! 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: 12/14/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents the first part of our 2023 Holiday Special! 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: 12/21/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:26:46

Live From Studio A presents the second part of our 2023 Holiday Special!
Recorded inside the studios of WUCF FM 89.9 jazz and more with WUCF FM
Director Kayonne Riley.

Arts

Series Title: A Classic Christmas: Joyful Sounds with the Bach Festival Choir
and Orchestra
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/22/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: WUCF
Format: Musical Performance
Segment Length: 00:56:46

"A Classic Christmas" is a beloved Central Florida tradition. The Bach
Festival Choir and Orchestra will be joined by the Bach Festival Children's
Choirs for this joyous celebration. This year's program features custom
arrangements of holiday classics created specifically for the Bach Festival
Choir and Orchestra.

Arts

Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo
Episode Title: A Star Is Born
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/3/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:00

Dangerous politics and turbulent love shock Frida's world, while love and trauma shape her final years.
Diego and she divorce, then remarry. As her body fails her, her painting thrives.

Series Title: Icon: Music Through the Lens
Episode Title: On the Cover

Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2023 03:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover the uncensored and never-heard-before stories behind the amazing photographs that graced the front pages of music magazines and played a pivotal role in elevating music photography to iconic status.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 112
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/5/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:01

The Roots are one of hip-hop's most important and influential groups and lead lyricist and emcee Tariq Trotter, better known by his stage name Black Thought, has established himself among the leading rappers. The Grammy-winner tells his own story in, "The Upcycled Self: A Memoir on the Art of Becoming Who We Are." Jeffrey Brown spoke with Trotter for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Culture

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Sunken Basilica
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/11/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:55:15

2014, Turkey. A normal survey flight over Lake Iznik unexpectedly reveals the sunken remains a 4th century basilica. The discovery prompts scientists to probe the elusive history and geology behind the demise of the church that was built in ancient Nicaea -- now known as Iznik. When was the basilica destroyed? How did the basilica get swallowed up by Lake Iznik? And what happened to its community? Spanning the globe, this investigation follows a world-renowned team in this underwater excavation. Thanks to exclusive access to the site, including critical aerial and underwater cinematography, and spectacular CGI, we time travel through the centuries, back to the Roman and Byzantine time, and at the foundation of Christianity itself.

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Decoding Hieroglyphics
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/8/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

How ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics were first translated 200 years ago and the archaeological work being done in Egypt to understand one of the most important scribes.

Series Title: Lucy Worsley's 12 Days of Tudor Christmas
Episode Title:
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/20/2023 5:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Join Lucy Worsley on a 12-day extravaganza as she discovers that much of what we enjoy in contemporary Christmas — from carols to turkey, gift-giving to mistletoe and mulled wine — has surprising Tudor origins, rooted in devotion and charity.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Utah: Choose Your Path
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

From paragliding over the Great Salt Lake to canyon climbing to discovering the science behind nature's healing powers, Baratunde journeys west to find out what modern day pilgrims are seeking in Utah's outdoor spaces.

Series Title: Spy in the Ocean, A Nature Miniseries
Episode Title: Deep Feelings
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Spy creatures explore animal emotions and the deep feelings we share. With surfing dolphins, kissing manatees and sensitive cuttlefish, witness the emotional rollercoaster of life in the sea.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Penguins: Meet the Family
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/27/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A unique celebration of one of Earth's most iconic and beloved birds, featuring all 18 species of penguins for the first time, from New Zealand, Cape Town, the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica. Witness the perils penguins face for survival, from rock climbing to extreme temperatures to predators. Meet the penguins that seem out of place, making their living in dense forests, desert islands and even city streets. Watch how these creatures parent and form lifelong bonds. Discover how scientists identified 37 new colonies of Emperor penguins in Antarctica without even traveling to the continent. Experience penguins' heart-warming family dynamics, like chicks bonding with their fathers, alongside astonishing adaptations and

behaviors unique to these aquatic birds.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Family: Lost and Found
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/3/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates uses DNA detective work to solve family mysteries for actor Joe Manganiello and football star Tony Gonzalez—uncovering close relatives whose names they've never heard and compelling each man to rethink his own identity.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Mexican Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/14/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and guests Mario Lopez and Melissa Villaseñor look at the Mexican American experience as seen through the lens of two families.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Country Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/19/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the remarkably diverse backgrounds of country music icons Clint Black and Rosanne Cash.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 87
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/31/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:08

A new federal civil rights lawsuit is raising concerns about the treatment of pregnant detainees at an Alabama jail and the potential harm to their unborn children whom the law claims to protect. Stephanie Sy reports.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: The Battle to Beat Malaria
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/15/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Are scientists on the verge of a breakthrough in the fight against malaria, one of humanity's oldest and most devastating plagues? Follow researchers as they develop and test a promising new vaccine on a quest to save millions of lives.

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: How to Have an American Baby
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 12/17/2023 03:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

Voyage into the shadow economy catering to Chinese tourists traveling to the U.S. to give birth for citizenship. Through a series of intimate vignettes, this story depicts the fortunes and tragedies that befall the ordinary

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Native America
Episode Title: New Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/24/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native innovators lead a revolution in music, building, and space exploration. From the surface of Mars to the New York City hip hop scene to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Native traditions are transforming life on Earth and other worlds.

Series Title: Native America
Episode Title: Women Rule
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/7/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Native women are leading, innovating, and inspiring in the arts, politics, and protecting the planet. NATIVE AMERICA explores the diverse ways they carry forward deep traditions to better their communities, their lands, and the world.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 129
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/28/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:15

Andrés González is a conductor, musician, and advocate for youth music education. He was trained from a young age through El Sistema, a renowned music program in Venezuela, before moving to the United States. He is a mentor at Play on Philly, providing access to music education to low-income and minority students. González shares his Brief But Spectacular take on how music empowers communities.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Early Earth was a hellscape of molten lava and barren rock, bombarded by meteors, with no atmosphere at all. How did our familiar blue sky - the thin, life-giving band of gasses protecting our planet - come to be?

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Inside China's Tech Boom
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/8/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:52:04

In just a few decades, China has transformed into a science and technology superpower. See inside leading Chinese tech companies and labs to discover how they innovate, what drives their rise, and what it means for the future of the global economy.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: The Next Pompeii
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover Campi Flegrei, a lesser-known volcano in the shadow of Vesuvius. If it erupts, millions of lives could be at risk. Meet the scientists exploring its geography and developing a warning system to prevent Naples from becoming the next Pompeii.