



**NEXSTAR MEDIA'S CABLE NETWORK, WGN AMERICA, TO REBRAND AS
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ON WEEKNIGHTS BEGINNING MARCH 1**

NewsNation to Add Two New Hour-Long News Programs Monday Through Friday

***"Early Edition" and "The Donlon Report" to Join "Banfield" in
WGN America's Expanding Evening News Line-up***

CHICAGO, IL and IRVING, TX (January 25, 2021) – [WGN America, Nexstar Media Group, Inc.'s](#) wholly-owned cable network currently reaching 75 million U.S. television households, today announced that it will rebrand as *NewsNation* and expand its news programming to five hours on weeknights beginning March 1, with the launch of two new hour-long shows: "*NewsNation Early Edition*" at 6 p.m. ET, and "*The Donlon Report*," anchored by Joe Donlon at 7 p.m. ET.

The new newscasts will join "*Banfield*," hosted by award-winning veteran journalist Ashleigh Banfield, as new additions to the network's news line-up. *Banfield*, an hour-long news and talk show announced earlier this month, will air weeknights at 10 p.m. ET, and also will launch on March 1.

Following the expansion, *NewsNation*, the country's only live national newscast in prime-time, will be re-named "*NewsNationPrime*." It will air from 8 - 10 p.m. ET and be anchored by veteran journalists Marni Hughes and Rob Nelson, who have been with the newscast since its launch last Fall.

"Rebranding WGN America as *NewsNation* underscores the network's clearly defined mission of delivering fact-based and unbiased news, while making it easier for viewers to find this new informative source for news," said Sean Compton, Nexstar Inc.'s Networks Division President. "At the same time, expanding our news programming to five hours Monday through Friday will extend the network's reach and the depth of its news content across more weeknight time periods, delivering viewers more national news and regional stories from across the U.S., as well as coverage of the day's most important issues."

NewsNation Early Edition will air weeknights from 6 - 7 p.m. ET, with Nichole Berlie shifting from her role as *NewsNation* weekend anchor to hosting the new show. Prior to joining *NewsNation* at its launch last September, Ms. Berlie served as a general assignment reporter and co-anchor of the weekend newscast at WCVB-TV (ABC) in Boston.

“I’m excited to be a part of the *NewsNation* team and thrilled to be part of *Early Edition*,” said Ms. Berlie. “Our mission of delivering fact-based, unbiased news is resonating with viewers, and I’m looking forward to building on *NewsNation*’s solid start with this expansion.”

The Donlon Report will air weeknights from 7 - 8 p.m. ET and will feature a mix of news and interviews with today’s newsmakers. The show will be hosted by Joe Donlon, a 30-year news veteran and a member of the *NewsNation* weeknight anchor team since its launch, who will assume his new role March 1. Prior to joining *NewsNation*, Mr. Donlon served as co-anchor of WGN-TV’s 9 p.m. news in Chicago. His reporting has taken him to Kuwait, just days after the end of Operation Desert Storm, and he has interviewed Presidents Trump and Obama, and covered political conventions, impeachments, and the Olympics.

“*The Donlon Report* will give viewers an in-depth look at the news events of the day with the help of our correspondents across the country and interviews with experts who can add insight and perspective,” said Mr. Donlon. “We’ll dive into the biggest stories in news, sports, entertainment and culture while staying true to *NewsNation*’s mission of delivering objective journalism.”

Beginning March 1, the *NewsNation* primetime lineup will be as follows:

6 - 7 p.m. ET	<i>NewsNation Early Edition with Nichole Berlie</i>
7 - 8 p.m. ET	<i>The Donlon Report</i>
8 - 10 p.m. ET	<i>NewsNationPrime</i>
10 - 11 p.m. ET	<i>Banfield</i>

As a complement to the on-air newscast, the [NewsNationNow app](#) and [NewsNationNow.com](#) provide U.S. and international news 24/7.

Earlier this month, the network expanded its reach to an additional 8.5 million U.S. television households following recently completed distribution agreements with streaming, cable, and satellite providers.

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TV, and WGN Radio in Chicago. Nexstar also owns a 31.3% ownership stake in TV Food Network, a top tier cable asset. For more information please visit www.nexstar.tv.

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