



The Briefing for October 21, 2023

The last Briefing was October 16– 2023

How's your weather – <https://weather.com/>

Tomorrow's a birthday – I wonder for whom?

10-22-1950

College Football link-

College Football Schedule - Week 8 Regular Season, 2023 - ESPN

Big Games Today

Penn State vs Ohio State

Tennessee at Alabama

Michigan at Michigan State

Duke at FSU

Clemson at Miami

Georgia and Florida have byes.

Legislature to Convene Special Session – Week of November 6

Florida lawmakers will hold a special session in November on a series of issues, including providing additional assistance to people after Hurricane Idalia. Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, and House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, issued a proclamation late Friday afternoon for the special session, which is scheduled from Nov. 6 through Nov. 9. The following items are included in the call:

- Provide tax relief and other financial assistance related to damages resulting from Hurricane Idalia.
- Expand and fund recovery and resiliency efforts related to natural disasters, including, but not limited to, assisting agriculture and aquaculture producers and extending local government assistance.
- Provide a mechanism to increase the number of students served under the Family Empowerment Scholarship for students with disabilities.
- Express support for the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign, independent nation, with the right to defend itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and terrorism; condemn the unprovoked and barbaric attacks by terrorist regimes, including Hamas, against Israel, its citizens, and Americans; and demand the immediate end to any financial support, whether directly or indirectly, to the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, or other entities that publicly support these attacks.

- Expand the designation criteria for scrutinized companies having business operations in the Islamic Republic of Iran to include additional industry sectors.
- Limit the circumstances under which the State Board of Administration may no longer list scrutinized companies having business operations in the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Provide financial assistance for security infrastructure to entities located in this state which are at high risk for violent attacks or hate crimes.

Delegation Hearings Continue

The coming weeks will be busy with legislative delegation meetings. The 2024 session will start Jan. 9. The meetings invite local elected officials, businesspeople and members of the public to meet with county delegation members.

Here's next weeks schedule for delegation hearings in small counties:

- Monday – Columbia, Taylor, Union, Jefferson, Baker, and Madison
- Tuesday - Santa Rosa
- Wednesday – Gilchrist and Nassau
- Thursday – Hernando and Sumter

Hearings Schedule for the following week:

- Monday – Dixie, Citrus, Lafayette, and Okaloosa
- Wednesday – Hardee, and Bradford
- Thursday – Monroe

Legislators Recognized

This week, county commissioners of the Small County Coalition came to Tallahassee to participate in a variety of activities.

- Throughout the week, the commissioners met with House and Senate members who had been selected to receive Legislative Appreciation Awards for their support in the 2023 Legislative Session. Commissioners participating were – Chris Tuten, Ronnie Moore, Susan Adams, Larry Harvey, Tray Hawkins, Russell Melendy, Chris Dougherty, Danny Glidewell, Darrell Smith, along with Commissioners from Charlottee, Okeechobee, and Hardee counties.



- Congratulations to the Legislators recognized –
 - Senators Kathleen Passidomo, Ben Albritton, Jennifer Bradley, Doug Broxson, Erin Grall, Debbie Mayfield, Bobby Powell, Tina Polsky, Darryl Rouson, and, Corey Simon.
 - *House Members - Paul Renner, Shane Abbott, Chuck Brannan, Chuck Clemons, Michael Grant, Tom Leek, Bobby Payne, Lauren Melo, Jim Mooney, Jason Shoaf, Allison Tant, and, Kaylee Tuck.*

- On Tuesday, the Senate Republicans held a ceremony officially inducting Senator Ben Albritton as the Senate President designee for 2025 and 2026. His term of President will begin after Senator Passidomo's term ends in late 2024.

Important Legislative Links

Draft Legislative Programs

[Small School District Council Consortium - 2024 Legislative Priorities - Draft - August 2023 .docx](#)

[The Small County Coalition - 2024 Legislative Program - October 2023 .docx](#)

Local Funding Request Forms for Senate and House
Senate 24-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form
2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form [PDF]
2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Requests
Prior Years Local Funding Initiative Requests

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)
[Link to the Florida House of Representatives](#)
[The Florida Channel](#)

House Local Funding Documents

Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.
[House Appropriations Project Request Form FY 2024-25](#)
[Appropriations Project Request Form Guidance - FY 2024-25](#)
[Attestation Form - FY 2024-25](#)
Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.
[Frequently Asked Questions and Materials: House Appropriations Projects](#)
[House Prior Year FY 2023-24 Requests](#)

ON THE DOCKET FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

- TRUST FUNDS ON AGENDA - Monday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will address issues related to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, the State School Trust Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the general revenue fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MOODY SPEAKS AT CHAMBER EVENT - Monday, 9:30 a.m. Attorney General Ashley Moody and Sen. Colleen Burton, R-Lakeland, are slated to be among the numerous speakers on the first day of the Florida Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and "Future of Florida Forum." Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, 1 Grand Cypress Blvd, Orlando.
- FAIR BOARD - Monday, 10:30 a.m. The Florida State Fair Authority board is scheduled to meet. Florida State Fairgrounds, Bob Thomas Equestrian Pavilion, Tampa.

- RETIREMENT SYSTEM - Monday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption Conference will discuss issues related to the Florida Retirement System. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- JEFFERSON DELEGATION - Monday, 2 p.m. The Jefferson County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, 435 Walnut St., Monticello.
- CAMPUS SPEECH - Monday, 2 p.m. Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker will hold a hearing on a request for a preliminary injunction against a state law that opponents contend violates speech rights on college campuses. Plaintiffs include the group NCF Freedom, Inc. and New College of Florida professors and students. Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.
- BAKER COUNTY DELEGATION - Monday, 3 p.m. The Baker County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Macclenny City Hall, 118 East Macclenny Ave., Macclenny.
- MADISON DELEGATION - Monday, 5 p.m. The Madison County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Madison County Commission boardroom, 229 S.W. Pinckney St., Madison.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

- YAWORSKY SPEAKS AT CHAMBER EVENT - Tuesday, 8 a.m. Insurance Commissioner Michael Yaworsky and Rep. Mike Giallombardo, R-Cape Coral, are expected to be among the numerous speakers during the second day of the Florida Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and "Future of Florida Forum." Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, 1 Grand Cypress Blvd, Orlando.
- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- MOSQUITO CONTROL - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control will meet. Citrus County Mosquito Control District, 968 North Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.
- PATRONIS SPEAKS AT TIGER BAY - Tuesday, noon. State Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis will speak to the Capital Tiger Bay Club. Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- KINZINGER SPEAKS IN PALM BEACH - Tuesday, noon. Former U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., will speak to the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.
- BROWARD DELEGATION - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. The Broward County legislative delegation will hold a workshop with the Broward County Commission, followed by a 2:30 p.m. workshop with the Broward League of Cities. Broward Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale.
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. Broward College, North Campus, 1000 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek.
- 'CAT FUND' - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-872-242-7651. Code: 924613214

- VOLUSIA DELEGATION - Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Volusia County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. DeLand City Hall, 120 South Florida Ave., DeLand.
- SANTA ROSA DELEGATION - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The Santa Rosa County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. 6464 Gulf Breeze Blvd., Gulf Breeze.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

- DRUG POLICY PANEL - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council, which makes recommendations about a state drug-control strategy, will meet. Florida Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee.
- STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - Wednesday, 9 a.m. Gov. Ron DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody and Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis will meet in their role as the Board of Trustees of the State Board of Administration. DeSantis and the Cabinet members will participate by phone. Public access in the Cabinet meeting room at the Capitol.
- CITRUS ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. Florida Department of Citrus, 605 E. Main St., Bartow.
- HURRICANE LOSS PANEL - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology will meet. Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-415-655-0052. Code: 166495316
- TOURISM OVERSIGHT DISTRICT - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Central Florida Tourism Oversight District Board of Supervisors will meet. District administration building, 1900 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 686974885
- GILCHRIST DELEGATION - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Gilchrist County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Location; Gilchrist County Commission, 210 South Main St., Trenton.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center, 4115 North Lois Ave., Tampa.
- ALACHUA DELEGATION - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Alachua County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Santa Fe College, Joseph W. Fordyce Building, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Gainesville.
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road; Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89583869811?pwd=Zu6bbEofh7guB93ALHhRgr7DS1RTJD.1>. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656. Code: 89583869811
- NASSAU DELEGATION - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The Nassau County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Nassau County Commission chamber, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee.
- BREVARD DELEGATION - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The Brevard County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Canaveral Port Authority, Port Maritime Center, 445 Challenger Road, Cape Canaveral.

- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. College of Central Florida Vintage Farm, 4020 S.E. Third Ave., Ocala.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

- COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind will meet. Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 2225 North Lois Ave., Tampa.
- HERNANDO DELEGATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Hernando County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Hernando County Government Center, 20 North Main St., Brooksville.
- SARASOTA DELEGATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Sarasota County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Sarasota County Commission chamber, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.
- MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Museum of Black History Task Force will meet. R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3147074291914638168>
- MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach.
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED - Thursday, 9:45 a.m. The 4th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a circuit judge position. The 4th Judicial Circuit is made up of Duval, Clay and Nassau counties. Candidates scheduled to be interviewed are Jordan Beard, Marquita Green, David Wainer, Nancy Cleaveland, Joshua Beard, Melissa Merritt, Matthew Lufrano, L.E. Hutton, Geraldine Hartin and Megan Kelley. Duval County Courthouse, Room 7139, 501 West Adams St., Jacksonville.
- APALACHEE COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council will meet. Information at <https://www.arpc.org/board-packages>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release regular weekly opinions.
- PINELLAS DELEGATION - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Pinellas County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, 9200 113th St. North, Seminole.
- SUMTER DELEGATION - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Sumter County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Sumter County Government Building, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood.
- CHILDREN'S ISSUES ON AGENDA - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet will meet. Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Don Genung Training and Resource Center, 3180 Enterprise Road East, Safety Harbor.
- GREGORY RAISES MONEY - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. A fundraising event is scheduled for Rep. Tommy Gregory, R-Lakewood Ranch. Grove, 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch.
- ESCAMBIA DELEGATION - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Escambia County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Pensacola State College, Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio. 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- WALTZ SPEAKS IN PALM BEACH - Thursday, 6 p.m. U.S. Rep. Mike Waltz, R-Fla., will speak to the Palm Beach Republican Club. The Colony Hotel Pavilion, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach.

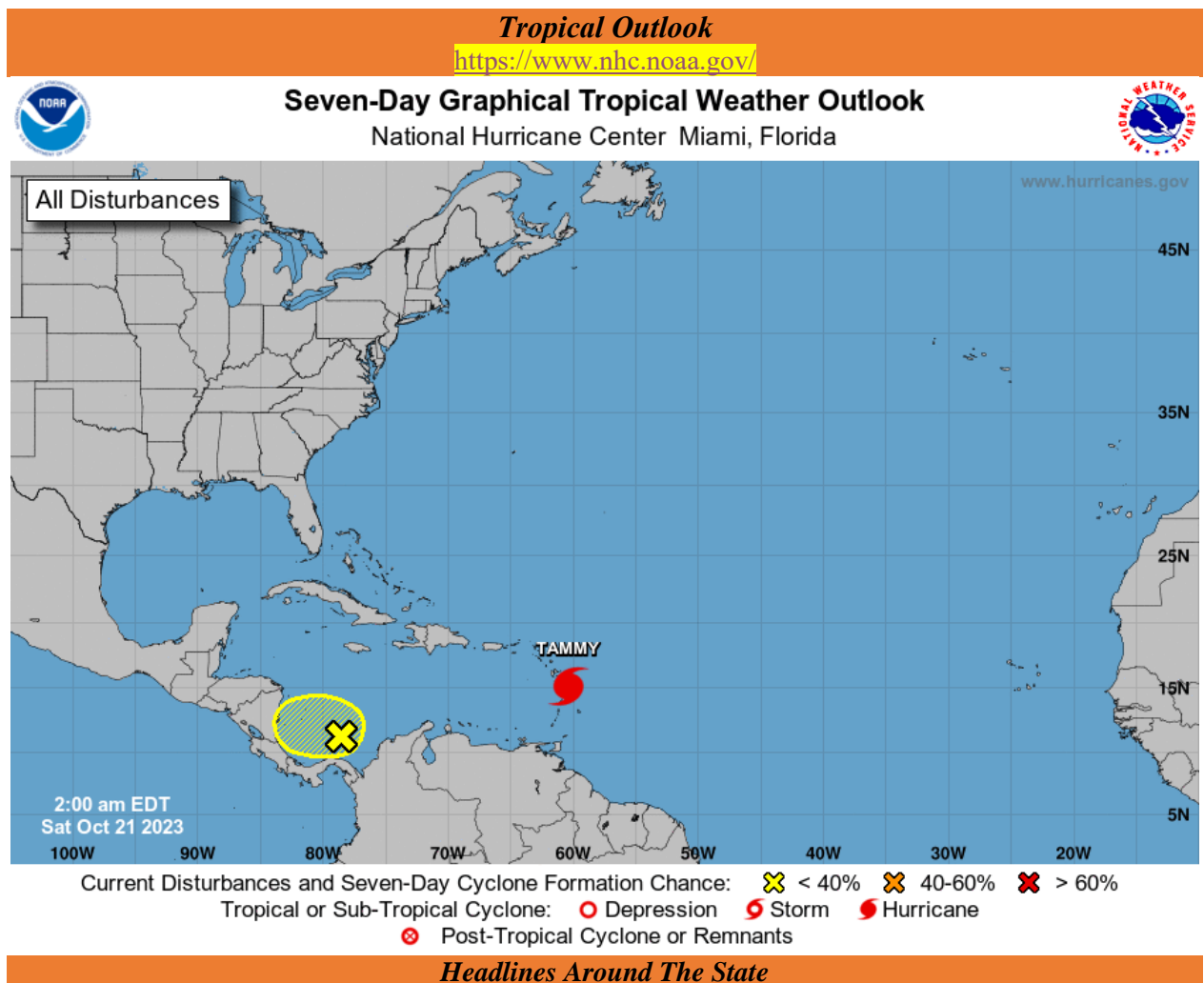
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 S.W. Commerce Blvd., Lake City. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 602999133.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

- HOUSING ISSUES ON AGENDA - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Hyatt Regency Coral Gables. 50 Alhambra Plaza, Coral Gables.
- FSDB TRUSTEES MEET - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.
- DEMOCRATS HOLD CONVENTION - Friday, 7 p.m. The Florida Democratic Party will start an annual convention that will continue until Oct. 29.
- Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Dr., Orlando.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

- EARLY VOTING STARTS IN SPECIAL ELECTION - Early voting will start in a Nov. 7 special primary election in House District 35 in Orange and Osceola counties. The special election was called after former Rep. Fred Hawkins, R-St. Cloud, was appointed president of South Florida State College. The special general election will be Jan. 16.



FlaPol: Special Session may mean a fast track for resolutions supporting Israel

AP: Florida lawmakers to return to Capitol to impose new sanctions on Iran

News-Press: Rick Scott to oppose Biden's humanitarian aid to Gaza, says Hamas would steal assistance

Herald: Trump to hold rally in Hialeah on same night as third GOP presidential debate in Miami

AP: Trump announces Florida rally as he prepares to skip yet another GOP debate

Times: Tampa Bay demonstrators head to national march supporting Palestinians

Sentinel: Hundreds rally at Orlando City Hall supporting Palestinians in Gaza

WSJ: Matt Gaetz Isn't Sorry He Tore the House GOP Apart

FlaPol: Matt Gaetz offers not to fight removal from conference if GOP holdouts will support Jim Jordan

News-Press: Byron Donalds enters house speaker race ... again

FlaPol: Byron Donalds running for House Speaker

FlaPol: Tom Emmer's relationship with Cuba and Democrats may come back to bite him in House Speakers race

FlaPol: Lois Frankel holds \$1M as she mounts re-election bid

FlaPol: Phil Ehr blasts Carlos Gimenez's temporary Speaker fix: 'No more chaos and half measures'

Herald: Amid Hamas-Israeli violence, AG Garland warns in Miami of rising hate-crime threats

Times: America's school librarians have landed in Florida. 'How could we not?'

Herald: Miami Beach OKs arresting homeless people for sleeping outside if they decline shelter

WLRN: In Miami, Buttigieg says Rickenbacker might be eligible for new federal dollars

WUSF: Richard Corcoran's New College contract puts him among the highest paid state university presidents

Times: At New College, a raise for president Corcoran could reach \$300K a year

AP: DeSantis allies ask Florida judge to throw out Disney's counterclaims in lawsuit

WUSF: In Florida, Gen Z activists step into the fight against sugarcane burning

FlaPol: Jacksonville leaders focus on fentanyl threat to first responders

FlaPol: State economists find it tricky to put price tag on proposed constitutional amendment on abortion

AP: The government secures a \$9 million settlement with Ameris Bank over alleged redlining in Florida

FlaPol: A failure in fact checking: Misleading mailer costs political consultant beaucoup bucks

Politico: Ex-Florida GOP lawmaker who sponsored so-called 'Don't Say Gay' bill sentenced to prison

FlaPol: Joe Harding to spend four months in federal prison

FlaPol: Proposal for temporary Speaker polarizes Florida's congressional delegation
FlaPol: 10 sitting, former state lawmakers back Debbie Mucarsel-Powell for Senate
Politico: Florida Dems hopeful Biden's Venezuela move won't come back to haunt them
Herald: Miami-Dade commissioner accused of public corruption to face jury week after Thanksgiving
Sun-Sentinel: Fort Lauderdale mayor heads to D.C. to pitch train tunnel
WUSF: 'This was one flood too many.' Rubonia residents still recovering eight weeks after Hurricane Idalia
WUSF: Advocates hope to connect the Legacy Trail to Tampa and Naples
AP: Fewer Californians are moving to Texas, but more are going to Florida and Arizona

Rural Counties Day 2024

Rural Counties Day 2024 January 24-25 At the Florida Capitol

For additional information -

 [Rural County Days - 2024 Jan 24-25.docx](#)

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