



**Quarterly Issues/Program List  
4th Quarter 2019  
October 1, 2019 – December 30, 2019**

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**Education**

**Gov. Ron DeSantis Wants to Pay New Teachers More**

Thursday, October 10, 2019 [**Intersection** 12:06 pm TRT = 20:05]

By 90.7’s WMFE’s Matthew Peddie | Gov. Ron DeSantis wants to pay teachers more and announced a proposal Monday that would put more than \$600 million toward raising starting salaries to \$47,500. This would be a \$10,000 increase from what beginning teachers are making now. Intersection Host Matthew Peddie talks with Apopka High School teach Max Sensiper about the proposal followed by a discussion with education reporter Cassidy Alexander of the Daytona Beach News-Journal and political commentators Dick Batchelor and Frank Torres about the proposal.

**The State of American Education**

Friday, December 27, 2019 [**1A** 10:00 am TRT = 60:00 ]

By 1A’s Joshua Johnson | The Program for International Student Assessment, a test designed to evaluate education standards around the globe, determined that American students have stagnated in reading and math performance since 2000. The disappointing news comes after years of bipartisan efforts to overhaul the U.S. education system. Why are students from one of the richest countries in the world performing relatively poorly on this exam? And what can be done to move America’s education system forward? Joining the program Alejandro Gibes de Gac Ceo & founder, Springboard Collaborative; Amanda Ripley Author, “The Smartest Kids in the World: And How They Got That Way.” Natalie Wexler Education reporter, author of “The Knowledge Gap: The Hidden Cause of America's Broken Education System--and How to Fix It.”; Andreas Schleicher Director for Education and Skills, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

## **Environment**

### **Florida's GOP Has a Change of Heart about Climate Change**

Friday, October 18, 2019 [**The Florida Roundup** 12:37 pm TRT = 12:08 ]

By The Florida Roundup host Tom Hudson and Melissa Ross |

Florida's Republican lawmakers are looking at new ways to address climate change in the state. It's part of a shift in policy when it comes to addressing environmental issues. The sea change comes as younger republicans ditch old policies, which included not even using the words climate change. We also took a closer look at what Florida lawmakers are doing to address climate change and sea level rise with State Senator José Javier Rodríguez (D-District 27, Miami), Reporter Brendan Rivers, WJCT News and State Senator Tom Lee (R-District 20, Brandon)

### **Rob Greenfield: Living off the Land in Orlando**

Thursday, November 7, 2019 [**Intersection** 12:41 pm TRT = 17:29]

By 90.7 WMFE's Matthew Peddie | Have you ever wondered what it would be like to ditch the grocery store and live off the land? Rob Greenfield decided to give it a go, in a year- long experiment to see if he could forage or grow all of the food he would need to survive. With that year almost up, Intersection's Matthew Peddie went to meet Greenfield at Dickson Azalea Park in Orlando, where he explained what he's learned about the food growing right under our noses and overhead.

### **Record Heat and King Tides: A Look Ahead at Florida's Climate Future**

Friday, December 27, 2019 [**The Florida Roundup** 12:00 pm TRT = 49:16 ]

By The Florida Roundup host Tom Hudson and Melissa Ross | The environment will likely be a top story in Florida in the upcoming year. 2019 has been one of the hottest on record. King tides were some of the highest recorded. And, while Hurricane Dorian skirted along the Atlantic coast, it was a reminder of how vulnerable Florida is as climate change fuels more intense and wetter storms. 2019 was the year the effects of climate change grabbed the attention of Republicans in state Legislature. A Senate committee recently approved a bill that will officially create an office of resiliency and a statewide sea-level rise task force — two efforts championed by Gov. Ron DeSantis. Dr. Jayantha Obeysekera, director and research professor in the Sea Level Solutions Center, FIU; Dr. Ben Kirtman, professor of atmospheric sciences at the Univ. of Miami; and Thomas Ruppert, coastal planning specialist with Florida Sea Grant joined hosts Tom Hudson and Melissa Ross on the Florida Roundup. They discussed how Florida lawmakers are responding to the threats caused by climate change and gave predictions about how climate change may directly Florida residents in the coming years.

## **Gun Control**

### **Florida Questions Gun Rules after Deadly Shooting at Pensacola Naval Base**

Monday, December 9, 2019 [All Things Considered 5:01 pm TRT = 3:45 ]

By NPR's All Things Considered Host Audie Cornish with NPR's Pentagon correspondent Tom Bowman | The U.S. has a long history of military training for visiting Saudis. The deadly shooting at a Pensacola naval base by a Saudi national tests that relationship. There is still much we don't know about the deadly shooting at a Florida naval base last Friday. We do know that three young men died. We know that the shooter was a Saudi national. The FBI says it's investigating the shooting as a possible act of terror, but their work is ongoing. For more, we turn to our Pentagon correspondent Tom Bowman.

### **Florida Questions Gun Rules after Deadly Shooting at Pensacola Naval Base**

Friday, December 13, 2019 [All Things Considered 4:26 pm TRT = 3:58 ]

By NPR's All Things Considered Host Air Shapiro with NPR's Debbie Elliott | In the wake of last week's deadly shootings at a Naval base in Pensacola, Fla., state authorities are considering changing a rule that allowed the Saudi gunman to legally purchase a handgun. In Florida, officials are questioning firearm regulations that allowed a Saudi national to buy a gun in the United States. The gunman who killed three people and wounded eight others at Naval Air Station Pensacola a week ago was able to legally purchase a handgun because he had a hunting license. NPR's Debbie Elliott reports.

## **Health**

### **United States of Opioids' Author on Central Florida's Fight Against Opioid Addiction**

Thursday, October 31, 2019 [Intersection 12:28 pm TRT = 14:53]

By 90.7 WMFE's Matthew Peddie | A new report on the opioid crisis, commissioned by Orlando's Project Opioid, shows the number of non-fatal overdoses coming into emergency rooms is up 7% this year, and overdose deaths are up 9% to 413 deaths. Still healthcare attorney and author Harry Nelson says Central Florida is doing some things right in its approach to the opioid crisis. Nelson, who's the author of *United States of Opioids; A Prescription For Liberating A Nation In Pain*, was in Orlando this week to speak to stakeholders in Project Opioid. He sat down to talk with Intersection's Matthew Peddie about the nationwide crisis, and what makes Orlando's approach to the crisis unique.

## Healthcare

### **Amid Impeachment Investigation, President Trump visits the Villages Touting Healthcare**

Thursday, October 3, 2019 [**Intersection** 12:06 pm TRT = 50:32]

By 90.7's WMFE's Matthew Peddie | President Trump is coming to The Villages to talk Medicare. The visit had been planned for August but was postponed after mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. Trump is expected to tout the quality of Medicare under his administration. But his appearance comes as House Democrats move forward with an impeachment inquiry after a whistleblower's complaint detailing allegations that the president asked Ukraine to help investigate Joe Biden. WMFE reporters Abe Aboraya and Talia Blake are in the Villages today talking to residents and awaiting the president's appearance. We'll check in with Abe and Talia about what they're hearing from residents on Medicare, what they want to hear from the president, and what they think about the impeachment inquiry.

### **President Trump on Medicare**

Friday, October 4, 2019 [**The Florida Roundup** 12:00 pm TRT = 27:45]

By The Florida Roundup host Tom Hudson | This week we took a closer look at what President Trump wants to do with Medicare (President Trump visited The Villages in Florida Thursday to discuss his Medicare plan.) and how it could affect the millions of Floridians who count on it for health care, with Talia Blake, WMFE reporter and Amy Goldstein who covers healthcare policy with *The Washington Post*.

### **Prescription Drug Pricing Gets a Vote**

Thursday, December 12, 2019 [**Morning Edition** 6:41 am TRT = 3:48 ]

By NPR's All Things Considered Host Noel King with NPR health policy reporter Selena Simmons-Duffin | Speaker Pelosi's landmark prescription drug legislation is slated to get a vote in the House Thursday. It's a sweeping bill on an issue voters care about, but it's unlikely to become law. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has a bill to address the high cost of prescription drugs. Today it will probably get a vote on the House floor. Now, this is an issue that voters care a lot about, and they want Congress to do something. So what would this legislation do, exactly? NPR health policy reporter Selena Simmons-Duffin explains.

## **Immigration**

### **Looking Back on Trump Administration's Tough Talk on Immigration**

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 [**Morning Edition** 5:06 am TRT = 4:00]

By NPR Morning Edition host Steve Inskeep with NPR's Joel

Rose who covers immigration |Administration officials pushed for big changes to the nation's legal immigration system in 2019 — from a dramatic shift on asylum claims at the border, to restrictions on who can get a green card. New data from the Census Bureau reveal that population growth in the United States is at its slowest in a century. One of the main reasons is a significant drop in immigration, and that is because some Trump administration policies on both legal and illegal immigration have had an effect, from a dramatic shift in the way the U.S. handles asylum claims at the southern border to new restrictions on who can get a green card.

## **Mental Health**

### **Pet Ownership and the Effect of the Human-Animal Bond**

Thursday, November 28, 2019 [**Intersection** 12:21 pm TRT = 21:34]

By 90.7 WMFE's Matthew Peddie | According to the North American Veterinary Community, some 85 million families have a pet. Americans spent about \$40 billion on animal health care last year. In return, pets may improve our quality of life, health and become a part of our family. Tom Bohn, CEO of the North American Veterinary Community, and Dr. Lynn R. Honeckman, a local veterinarian behaviorist, sat down with Matthew Peddie to talk about the human-animal connection pets families can have.

### **School Threats and Violence are exacerbated by a Lack of Mental Health**

**Resources** Friday, December 13, 2019 [**The Florida Roundup** 12:00 pm TRT =

40:12 ] By The Florida Roundup host Tom Hudson and Melissa Ross | Despair, rage, and calls for help are coming from teenagers in Florida. Some are emotionally disturbed while others are obsessed with death or holding grudges. Even more disturbing—many of these young people have easy access to guns. This week, the South Florida Sun Sentinel published an investigation into violent threats leveled by school kids. It detailed the frequency of threats made by children. Sun-Sentinel Reporter Megan O'Matz, State Rep. Shevrin Jones (D-Hollywood), Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood and School Psychologist Donna Berghauser joined the Florida Roundup to discuss these critical issues, possible solutions and the public money allocated for mental health solutions.

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## Politics

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### **Legal Issues Surrounding Amendment 4**

Friday, October 11, 2019 [**The Florida Roundup** 12:00 pm TRT = 27:45]

By The Florida Roundup host Tom Hudson and Melissa Ross, WLRN |

Amendment 4 restored voting rights to more than a million Florida residents with a felony conviction. However, a new law requires them to pay off back fines and fees before casting a ballot. Now, a federal judge will decide whether paying those costs is unconstitutional. We took a closer look at the issue with Gary Fineout, Politico, Danny Rivero, WLRN and Neil Volz, Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

### **Buddy Dyer Talks Future Plans for Orlando if Re-Elected as Mayor**

Thursday, October 17, 2019 [**Intersection** 12:06 pm TRT = 21:32]

By 90.7's WMFE's Matthew Peddie | Affordable housing, transportation and making Orlando a future-ready city are all areas Orlando mayor Buddy Dyer says he still wants to improve on if he is re-elected for a fifth term. Elections for the next mayor of Orlando will be held on Nov. 5 and Dyer is running against Orlando Commissioner Sam Ings and Navy veteran Aretha Simons. Intersection Host Matthew Peddie sat down with Mayor Dyer in his office.

## **Fluent Cannabis CEO Jose Hidalgo on CBD, Vaping Deaths and Recreational Cannabis Amendment**

Thursday, November 14, 2019 [**Intersection** 12:41 pm TRT = 17:30]

By 90.7 WMFE's Abe Aboraya | There's a CBD boom happening in the U.S. — and Florida medical marijuana companies are getting in on it. U.S. consumers spent \$624 million in 2018 on CBD products in retail stores, and that number is expected to grow to more than \$12 billion by 2024. But consumers spent another \$16 million on CBD products from pharmacies. That's according to the most recent State of Legal Cannabis report from Arcview Market Research. Jose Hidalgo, the founder and CEO of Fluent Cannabis Care, a Florida medical marijuana company, tells 90.7's Abe Aboraya his company is already selling over-the-counter CBD products.

## **Push to Legalize Recreational Marijuana**

Friday, November 22, 2019 [**The Florida Roundup** 12:00 pm TRT = 32:08 ]

By The Florida Roundup host Tom Hudson and Melissa Ross | This week on the Roundup, we took a closer look at the push to legalize recreational marijuana in Florida with Nick Hansen, Chairman, Make it Legal Florida; and John Kennedy, State Capital Reporter, GateHouse Media.

## **Impeachment**

Friday, December 6, 2019 [**The Florida Roundup** 12:00 pm TRT = 35:45 ]

By The Florida Roundup host Tom Hudson and Melissa Ross |

On Friday's Roundup, two members of the House Judiciary Committee from Florida joined us to discuss the latest in the impeachment inquiry, and how it's playing out in the Sunshine State. We spoke to Democrat Val Demings, who calls the case against President Trump "pretty overwhelming," and Republican Greg Steube, who has questioned the lack of direct evidence, as they prepare to consider articles of impeachment next week.

## **First Amendment Foundation: Open Government in Florida**

Friday, December 6, 2019 [**The Florida Roundup** 12:36 pm TRT = 11:50 ]

By The Florida Roundup host Tom Hudson and Melissa Ross |

On Friday's Roundup, we also talked to the outgoing Florida First Amendment Foundation President Barbara Petersen about the dozens of bills the organization is tracking. She says the bills could limit the public's right to know what their government is doing.

## Space

### **Boeing Starliner Crew Capsule Unable to Reach its Intended Orbit**

Friday, December 20, 2019 [**All Things Considered** 4:29 pm TRT =3:46 ]

By NPR's All Things Considered Host Audie Cornish with WMFE Space Reporter Brendan Byrne | After a flawless launch from Cape Canaveral, Fla., the Boeing Starliner crew capsule, loaded with 600 pounds of cargo for the station, was unable to reach its intended orbit. A test launch of a Boeing spacecraft designed to fly astronauts to the International Space Station failed to reach orbit. There were no astronauts onboard, just a test dummy named Rosie. But it was a critical test flight for Boeing ahead of the goal to have crewed mission sometime next year. From member station WMFE, Brendan Byrne reports

### **The Year in Space with Brendan Byrne**

Thursday, December 26, 2019 [**Intersection** 12:23 pm TRT = 18:53]

By 90.7 WMFE's Matthew Peddie and WMFE Space Reporter Brendan Byrne | From the creation of the newest branch of the military, Space Force, to pushing the limits of scientific discovery in deep space, it's been a busy year for space news. 90.7 space reporter Brendan Byrne opens his notebook for a look back at the year that was, and a glimpse of what's to come in 2020, as commercial companies get closer to launching astronauts into orbit once more from US soil.

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