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3/18/2024 4PM/6:30pm News Story underserved communities 3-18 Ian FEMA WRAP Survivors of Hurricane Ian currently living in temporary federal housing are set to face rental fees after March 29. Kayla Kissel

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The University of South Florida men’s basketball team set a school record for wins while advancing to the second round of the Florida Keys.

The U.S. Border Patrol says 24 Cuban migrants were taken into custody Monday night after arriving in an unsafe boat in the Florida Keys.

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The National Association of Realtors has agreed to a settlement resolving lawsuits over real estate commission fees.

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The Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa is one of more than three hundred sixty nonprofits nationwide to receive money from MacKenzie Scott.

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3/25/2024 4:30p News Spot Public Safety 3-25 Harris-MSD CC Vice President Kamala Harris toured the classroom building where the 2018 Parkland high school massacre happened.

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3/26/2024 0530/0730 News Spot Health 3-25 ACA Enroll SS This past weekend [3/23] marked the 14th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act... and as WSGU's Cary Barbor tells us, the White House took the opportunity to release data for Affordable Care Act enrollment for 2024.

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3/27/2024 Continuity News Spot Environment 3-26 Gator Hunt Permit RDR State wildlife officials have signed off on a plan that would expand alligator hunting. NSF

3/27/2024 Continuity News Spot Weather 3-27 FPREN Storms ME Q Heavy rainfall and a few strong thunderstorms are expected over the greater Tampa Bay region tonight [Wednesday]. Megan Borowski, FPREN

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