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Manatee County Emergency officials say they're working to restore power to the roughly 85-thousand customers who are still without electricity.

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Wind and storm surge from Hurricane Ian essentially wiped away the heart of Fort Myers Beach. Restaurants, bars, stores and condos from mid-island to the Matanzas [mah-tan-zahs] Pass Bridge have been either completely leveled or blown through, left with muddy debris spilling out. Jessica Meszaros

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After Hurricane Ian passed, many Floridians took stock of the devastation to their homes and communities - and for some, to their farms. Dinoarh Prevost

Emergency flight crews were among those helping transport patients from 15 different hospitals following Hurricane Ian. Sky Lebron

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Sarasota County public schools are working to reopen Monday. Jessica Meszaros

Manatee schools resumed regular operations this morning. Sky Lebron

More than 427 thousand people remain without power. NSF

Courts statewide are closed today [Wednesday] in observance of Yom Kippur [YAAM kuh-POOR], but a number of courts in a number of Southwest Florida counties remain closed because of Hurricane Ian. Mark Schreiner

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One of Polk County's most popular nature attractions remains closed following Hurricane Ian... and the Lakeland Ledger reports it will likely stay that way for some time.

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State officials have announced several initiatives aimed at helping businesses and homeowners who have been impacted by damage from Hurricane Ian.

Piles of storm debris six feet high line the streets of some Naples neighborhoods, as residents race to tear out flood damage before mold sets in. Kate Payne reports.

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While monitoring a recent stormwater release from the former phosphate plant Piney Point into Tampa Bay, researchers discovered portions of dying seagrasses and concerning amounts of algae.

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Venezuelan American organizations want people fleeing the political and economic turmoil in Venezuela to get the kind of humanitarian parole offered Ukrainian refugees. WQME

Florida’s tourism-marketing agency has put together a promotional campaign to highlight parts of the state NOT ravaged by Hurricane Ian. NSF

Citizens Property Insurance on Friday projected that it will receive 100-thousand claims from Hurricane Ian, a significant decrease from an earlier projection. NSF

The National Hurricane Center has been using its cone of concern to warn the public for two decades. Jenny Staatlovitch

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Duke Energy Florida on Monday filed a proposal to pass along $56 million dollars in savings to customers after passage of a federal law that provides tax breaks for renewable energy. NSF

Concerned about what they say is anti-conservative sentiment on public college and university campuses, Governor Ron DeSantis and Florida lawmakers ordered a survey of nearly two dozen faculty, students and staff statewide. Jacob Sedesse, WUFT

Two-way politics 

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The Florida Constitution Revision Commission - it’s a panel that meets every 20 years and has the power to propose ballot measures. Tom Urban

Vote-by-mail ballots have been sent out across Florida, marking the official start of the 20-22 general election. Mary Shedden

Republican Senator Marco Rubio debated challenger Democratic Congresswoman Val Demings at an event last night [Tuesday] at Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth. WLNR

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Coming up on Monday Edition [All Things Considered], a climate scientist reflects on Hurricane Ian and discusses Florida’s future when it comes to storms. Matt Peddie

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