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Florida Matters looks back on 2022’s biggest stories
December 27, 2022
We revisit some of our favorite shows of the year — including reflections on mental health of black men and the challenges teacher face in Florida's schools. (Health, minorities, education, politics)

WUSF reporters reflect on some of the biggest news stories of 2022
December 20, 2022
A closely watched midterm election that saw politics taking a front seat in school board races, a hurricane that devastated Southwest Florida and more. (Education, politics, environment, global warming, weather)

Failed Hillsborough referendum adds to a long history of the county’s transportation funding woes
December 13, 2022
Attempts to pass a sales tax for transportation in Hillsborough County failed in November. (Transportation, growth, business, politics, government, underserved communities)
Time and patience needed for rebuilding Hurricane Ian-impacted communities, North Port official says
November 29, 2022
In the weeks since the hurricane, cities such as North Port have been working to clear out debris. (Public safety, global warming, business, economy environment)

Rising inflation may lead to more food insecurity, changes in holiday spending
November 22, 2022
In the Tampa Bay region, nearly one million residents are food insecure, according to Feeding Tampa Bay. (Economy, underserved communities minorities, business)

Florida’s midterms solidified state Republican dominance, politics reporters say
November 15, 2022
Zac Anderson and Lawrence Mower also talk with host Matthew Peddie about how Florida Democrats failed to a successful challenge to Republicans. (Politics, government, growth)

A former congressman shares his thoughts on Florida’s divided political environment
November 1, 2022
David Jolly left the Republican party in 2018 and has advocated for more options other than the two major parties. (Government, politics)

Two weeks before election, we break down the most important issues to you
October 25, 2022
Over the past few months, hundreds of residents in the greater Tampa Bay area have filled out a form where they shared the issues most affecting them. (Health care, environment, economy, politics, government)

Young voters say their trust in political systems is gone but they’ll still vote next month
October 18, 2022
We also get an update on the continuing road to recovery in Charlotte County after Hurricane Ian. (Youth, minorities, politics, health care, economy, global warming)

After a contentious 2020 election season, local elections officials gear up for November elections
October 11, 2022
We also get an updated on Hurricane Ian recovery efforts in rural counties in South Central Florida. (Politics, government, global warming, economy)

Southwest Florida residents reflect on Hurricane Ian’s life-changing impact
October 4, 2022
WUSF reporters spoke with residents and business owners from Myakka City to Bonita Springs. (Global warming, business, economy)