

[A deep dive on the invasive species crisis in Florida:](#)

“The Sunshine State is utterly brimming with nonnative species. More than 500 of them have been reported here, which is more than in any other state, and many of them are considered “invasive,” meaning they harm humans or ecosystems.

“In the last few decades, Florida has become an unmanaged zoo, an uncontrolled experiment. And each year, the decision of what to do with it gets harder.”

LINK: <https://www.vox.com/science/23818926/florida-invasive-species-iguanas-tegus-monkeys>

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[A Civil Rights complaint](#) has been filed against the Florida Forest Service for continuing to allow Big Sugar to participate in the practice of sugar cane field burning, the toxic smoke from which overwhelmingly chokes minority communities.

Burning fields is a relic of the past and practiced almost nowhere else sugar cane is harvested.

LINK: <https://www.palmbeachpost.com/story/news/2023/08/31/sugar-cane-fire-permits-in-florida-violate-civil-rights-law-group-says/70703594007/?emci=03be86cd-3856-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=ef45fd98-0557-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=550594>

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While campaigning for president, Ron DeSantis said [humans are “safer than ever”](#) from the effects of climate change and any belief to the contrary, “is driven by ideology. It’s not driven by reality.”

LINK: <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/09/20/desantis-2024-climate-change-00117078>

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Good news for [public transportation in Florida](#), the privately-owned Brightline high speed train began service from Orlando International Airport to Miami via West Palm, Boca and Fort Lauderdale Friday.

LINK: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/news/brightline-opens-6-billion-line-to-orlando-expands-us-rail-market/ar-AA1h6plA>

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“Thirty-four years of Florida environmental enforcement data ... [depict an enforcement program in crisis.](#)”

Is amending the state constitution to make clean water a right the best solution when a state refuses to place its citizens’ health above corporate interests?

LINK: [https://www.theinvadingsea.com/2023/09/13/florida-right-to-clean-water-pollution-initiative-state-constitution/?fbclid=IwAR0JV-qI7SzjovS6boUdgB\\_XVL52y\\_RE3ujQMksxWSAEQft7n39IMFvxUsY](https://www.theinvadingsea.com/2023/09/13/florida-right-to-clean-water-pollution-initiative-state-constitution/?fbclid=IwAR0JV-qI7SzjovS6boUdgB_XVL52y_RE3ujQMksxWSAEQft7n39IMFvxUsY)