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University Beat

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UNIVERSITY BEAT SECOND QUARTER 2016

University Beat reports run on WUSF 89.7 FM every Tuesday at approximately 6:44 am, 8:44 am and 5:44 pm.

It also runs on WSMR 89.1 & 103.9 FM the following Monday at about 10:25 pm. Each report is between three and a half to four and a half minutes in length.

University Beat: “Violet” (week of April 4, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

A preview of the 2014 Tony-nominated musical TheatreUSF is presenting as its spring production. “Violet” takes the audience back in time to the 1960’s to follow a young woman on her quest for beauty. (Arts, Under-Served communities, Minorities, Poverty, Religion)

University Beat: Follow Your Calling (week of April 11, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

If you don’t “follow your calling” and find a job that you find especially fulfilling, are you putting yourself at risk for unhappiness and health problems? According to a pair of USF psychologists – that might indeed be the case. (Education, Labor, Science)

University Beat: Firefighter Back Pain (week of April 18, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

Armed with a \$1.3 million grant from FEMA, the University of South Florida is recruiting members of the Tampa Bay area’s three largest fire departments for a study of an exercise regimen that hopes to reduce the risk of back injuries. (Health, Education, Medicine, Science)

University Beat: SCOTUS-Immigration (week of April 25, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

The U.S. Supreme Court recently heard arguments challenging a pair of President Obama’s executive orders that deferred action against undocumented immigrants. One USF anthropologist has spent a lot of time

speaking to people on both sides of the Texas-Mexico border, including in the district that challenged the President's orders. (Politics, Immigration, Refugee, Children, Minorities, Under Served Communities)

University Beat: Preeminent University (week of May 2, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

USF is getting closer to joining the University of Florida and Florida State University as a 'preeminent state research university,' obtaining not just additional funding but also national prominence. (Politics, Education)

University Beat: Young Graduate (week of May 9, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

Ahmed Mohamed is graduating from USF this month with a 4.0 GPA and degrees in both biomedical sciences and political science. In addition, he's now going on to pursue degrees in medicine and law simultaneously. Oh, did we mention Mohamed is only 18 years old? (Education)

University Beat: Canoe Trip (week of May 16, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

USF St. Petersburg students recently had the chance to hang out with some local, high-performing fifth graders. What made the whole experience especially memorable is *where* the students met up – on canoes, cruising Tampa Bay. (Education, Children, Under Served Communities, Environment)

University Beat: Water Purification (week of May 23, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

Last year, we told you about a revolutionary machine developed by USF engineers that could help developing countries by turning wastewater into reusable, beneficial products. This device, called the "NEWgenerator," has been undergoing field testing in India for the last few months. (Education, Environment, Science, Under Served Communities)

University Beat: Veggie Garden (week of May 30, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

There's a class at USF where students learn to grow their own vegetables... and at the end of the semester, they get to eat their homework. (Education, Health, Environment, Science)

University Beat: Follow Your Calling (rebroadcast) (week of June 6, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

If you don't "follow your calling" and find a job that you find especially fulfilling, are you putting yourself at risk for unhappiness and health problems? According to a pair of USF psychologists – that might indeed be the case. (Education, Labor, Science) (originally aired April 11, 2016)

University Beat: Food Insecurity (week of June 13, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

There are 700-thousand "food-insecure" people living in the Bay area – that's people who don't have consistent access to food due to a lack of money or other resources. Now the University of South Florida and the group Feeding Tampa Bay are teaming up to form the Hunger Action Alliance, which not only helps feed these people, but also studies the long-term health effects of the problem. (Education, Health, Under Served Communities, Children, Poverty, Minorities)

University Beat: Faith House (week of June 20, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

Faith House Florida is a St. Petersburg living facility for people recovering from substance abuse, just out of prison, or overcoming homelessness. Students from the USF School of Architecture and Community Design

spent thousands of hours putting together six highly detailed plans to re-develop Faith House – and several acres nearby. (Education, Poverty, Under Served Communities, Minorities)

University Beat: AbleNook (week of June 27, 2016)

By Mark Schreiner

A prefabricated, expandable living module designed by a pair of USF graduates was recently honored at an award ceremony for Florida inventors. Among its many uses, AbleNook can house victims of natural disasters. (Science, Housing, Environment)

FLORIDA MATTERS – SECOND QUARTER, 2016

Florida Matters Quarterly report April 1-June 30, 2016

Time aired: Tuesdays at 6:30 – 7 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 – 8 a.m. on WUSF 89.7 FM; Monday at 10 – 10:30 p.m. on WSMR 89.1 FM

[Florida Matters: Residential Landscaping Trends](#) (June 29, 2016)

A massive fish kill in the Indian River Lagoon in spring has been linked to fertilizer use, and with growing concerns about pesticides and where food comes from, more people are growing their own produce right in their own yard. This "edible landscaping" has become the basis for some businesses. (Environment, business, farming, food)

[Florida Matters Newsmaker: Rays President Brian Auld](#) (June 22, 2016)

Imagine a baseball park that is free and open to the public when no games are scheduled. Imagine real grass but with a roof to shield you from Florida's frequent rain storms. Those are just a few of the ideas and innovations Tampa Bay Rays President Brian Auld has in mind for a new stadium no matter where it gets built. (Sports, business, politics)

[Florida Matters: The Orlando Nightclub Massacre](#) (June 15, 2016)

The shooter in the Orlando mass murder was Omar Mateen, a US citizen and practicing Muslim, who professed his allegiance to ISIS during his attack on the gay nightclub. Florida Matters Host Robin Sussingham talks with Retired Army Colonel Derek Harvey, a senior fellow at USF's Global Initiative for Civil Society and Conflict, who says that Mateen's views on homosexuality didn't come out of a vacuum. He and retired FBI officer Dave Couvertier talk with *Florida Matters'* Robin Sussingham about extremist Muslim groups and the ways they use the internet as a tool. (Terrorism, foreign affairs, politics, Gay rights)

[Florida Matters Newsmaker: House Speaker Designee Richard Corcoran](#) (June 8, 2016)

Florida's Legislature has a new House Speaker. Starting in November, Land O' Lakes Republican Rep. Richard Corcoran will preside over the state House of Representatives. This week on Florida Matters, we'll feature a newsmaker conversation with him. (Politics, education, judicial system)

[Florida Matters: A Look At The 2016 Hurricane Season](#) (June 1, 2016)

Florida Matters takes a look at the 2016 Hurricane season Coming into the 2016 Hurricane Season, Florida has been on something of a lucky streak. It's been 11 years since a hurricane has made landfall in the state but experts say this could be one of the most active storm seasons since 2012. (Weather, environment, planning)

[Florida Matters: The End Of The Tampa Tribune](#) (May 26, 2016)

On May 3, the Tampa Bay Times purchased its rival across the Bay -- The Tampa Tribune -- and promptly shutdown the 123-year-old newspaper. The event ended a three-decade Tampa rivalry that had grown

especially difficult for both newspapers in recent years, as they struggled to survive in a media landscape veering toward online devices and away from their legacy products. (Journalism, media, business, history)

[Florida Matters: The "Farm-Fresh" Fraud](#) (May 18, 2016)

"Locally-grown," "farm-to-table," and "pasture-raised" are the new buzzwords in the food culture, and restaurants are rushing to meet the demand. But one reporter says that at many Tampa Bay area restaurants we're being -- as she writes -- "fed fiction." When she investigated, she found that even farmer's markets are mainly absent of local farmers. Florida Matters' Robin Sussingham sat down with food critic Laura Reiley of the Tampa Bay Times to talk about her recent exposé, "Farm to Fable." (Farming, business, restaurants, health, marketing)

[Florida Matters: Telling Tampa Bay Stories – Midtown Part II](#) (May 12, 2016)

Telling Tampa Bay Stories is a new project from WUSF News, where our journalists will be visiting some of the region's lesser-known spots -- to record stories from members of those communities. We featured some of those stories this week on Florida Matters. Recently, we met with residents at the "Carter G. Woodson African American Museum" in St. Petersburg -- including a man who recalled being a bit on the mischievous side as a child. (Minority issues, Black history, human interest)

[Florida Matters: PriceCheck Florida](#) (April 29, 2016)

Real prices for health care are complicated and oftentimes secret. Health News Florida, WUSF and WLRN have launched an online guide to bring clarity to health care costs. PriceCheck Florida is a [database](#) of prices of common health care procedures and supplies. You can search the database, and you can contribute information about the prices you paid. We sit down with project founder Jeanne Pinder and Health News Florida reporter Sammy Mack to talk about how the database works and why it's needed. We also feature a discussion on the impact of health care costs on employer-based insurance. (Medical costs, health insurance, business)

[Florida Matters: Florida Matters - Trade](#) (April 22, 2016)

NPR's "A Nation Engaged" Coordinated Conversation project is looking at the topic of trade on the campaign trail, and in communities around the country. As part of that project, this week on [Florida Matters](#) (Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 24 at 7:30 a.m.), we feature a panel discussion on trade policy with Port Tampa Bay CEO [Paul Anderson](#), Florida Small Business Development Center Regional Director [Eileen Rodriguez](#) and [Michael Schiffhauer](#), the vice president of international trade and development for Enterprise Florida. (Trade, international relations, ports, business)

[Florida Matters: Telling Tampa Bay Stories – Midtown](#) (April 15, 2016)

WUSF News has embarked on a new storytelling mission called "Telling Tampa Bay Stories," where our journalists will be visiting some of the region's lesser-known spots to record interviews with members of those communities. We're beginning with stories from the historic African-American community in south St. Petersburg known as Midtown. Recently, WUSF News staff and University of South Florida St. Petersburg journalism students met with dozens of residents at the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African-American Museum in St. Petersburg. (Minorities, Black history)

[Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster, 30 Years Later](#) (April 5, 2016)

Jan. 28, 2016 marked 30 years since the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded off the coast of Cape Canaveral. All seven crew members, including teacher Christa McAuliffe, were killed. This week on Florida Matters, we'll remember the disaster, and take a look at some of the lessons learned from Challenger. We sat down with Robert Bishop, the dean of the college of engineering at the University of South Florida, and Pat Duggins, who covered the space program for public radio for 25 years and is now the news director at Alabama Public Radio. (Space, history, science, disasters)

[Florida Matters: The Dozier School](#) (April 3, 2016)

The [Tampa Bay History Center](#) recently hosted a panel discussion on the now-closed Dozier School for Boys. The reform school in the Florida Panhandle has been known for decades for abuse, torture, and even murder. This week on [Florida Matters](#) (Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 a.m.), we are bringing you highlights of the discussion moderated by Tampa attorney and History Center Trustee Bob Bolt. The panel includes some of the key players in the investigation of Dozier. (Crime, human rights, minorities, justice)

Quarterly Issues Report WUSF News Stories April 1 – June 30, 2016

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