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Beachgoers in Cocoa Beach

Beachgoers in Cocoa Beach on July 29, 2023, when ocean temperatures reached 101 degrees around the Florida Keys.

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A demonstrator holds a placard reading "Ban Hate" during a 'Walkout 2 Learn' rally

Young people in Miami demonstrate in 2023 in response to Florida's crackdown on lessons surrounding race and Black history, and against a string of anti-LGBTQ laws that are affecting students.

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A window air conditioning unit during a heat wave in Miami

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A aerial view of a man wading through a flooded street.

A flooded street in Orlando, Fla., following Hurricane Ian in 2022.

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A handgun is inventoried at store that sells guns in Delray Beach

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A woman looks at bottle of juice.

A person shops in a grocery store on July 13, 2022, in Miami as the consumer price index soared to 9.1%, marking the fastest pace for inflation since November 1981.

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A supporter of Donald Trump wears a Trump bust jewelry.

A supporter of Donald Trump at a Super Tuesday election-night watch party at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla., on March 5.

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An aerial view of a vehicle driving along a flooded street.

A flooded street in New Port Richey, Fla., after Hurricane Idalia made landfall in 2023.

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