Poll finds Floridians disapprove of Donald Trump’s performance, favor sanctuary cities

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After a tumultuous two weeks filled with momentous and controversial presidential pronouncements and decisions, two-thirds of Florida voters disapprove of President Donald Trump’s performance. A poll released Monday by Florida Atlantic University found 66 percent disapproving of Trump’s job performance. He has approval of 34 percent. The survey showed the partisan differences that marked the election season continue as strong as ever. Among Republicans, an overwhelming 73 percent approve of the president’s job performance and 27 percent disapprove. Among Democrats, just 8 percent approve of the job he’s doing so far, with 92 percent disapproving. Among no party affiliation/independent voters, 32 percent approved and 68 percent disapproved. Caption Yates to Sessions: AG has an obligation to follow the law President Trump fired acting Atty. Gen. Sally Yates on Jan. 30, just hours after she announced that the Justice Department would not defend his controversial executive order temporarily banning all refugees and travelers from certain countries. (March 24, 2015)(C-SPAN) President Trump fired acting Atty. Gen. Sally Yates on Jan. 30, just hours after she announced that the Justice Department would not defend his controversial executive order temporarily banning all refugees and travelers from certain countries. (March 24, 2015)(C-SPAN) Caption Yates to Sessions: AG has an obligation to follow the law President Trump fired acting Atty. Gen. Sally Yates on Jan. 30, just hours after she announced that the Justice Department would not defend his controversial executive order temporarily banning all refugees and travelers from certain countries. (March 24, 2015)(C-SPAN) President Trump...more detail

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Floridians strongly oppose key parts of Republican plan to replace Obamacare, poll shows
Floridians are divided over Obamacare, split over whether it should be expanded or scrapped, and concerned that people could lose health insurance if the law is repealed. The findings, in a Florida Atlantic University poll scheduled for release Thursday, come as President Donald Trump and the Republicans who control Congress wrestle with the Affordable Care Act, the formal name for Obamacare. They promised during their election campaigns to repeal and replace it with something better. Floridians don’t want to repeal, the poll shows. And they strongly oppose key elements of the proposed Republican replacement. The survey by the Florida Atlantic University Business...... [read more]

Constitution Commission announces hearings in Orlando and South Florida
From a release: Constitution Commission Chairman Carlos Beruff today announced the first four scheduled stops on the statewide “Floridians Speak, We Listen” tour being hosted by the 2017-2018 Florida Constitution Revision Commission (CRC). The Commission will be at the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orange County on Wednesday, March 29 from 5-8 p.m.; Florida International University (FIU) in Miami-Dade County on Thursday, April 6 from 5-8 p.m.; Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Palm Beach County on Friday, April 7 from 9 a.m.-noon; and the University of West Florida (UWF) in Escambia County on Wednesday, April 12 from 4-7 p.m........ [read more]

Art Boca Raton opens with panache
Artist Michael Szabo hung out by his two tall sculptures with running water, waiting for art lovers to drop by. He didn’t have to wait long. “I just talked to someone who’s building a new home,” he said. “I love the sculptures and as you walk by they change colors,” said Terry Adelman, Boca Raton Museum of Art board’s second vice chairwoman. “I don’t know where to look first.” Nearly 40 galleries had a space, brought works to display and artists like Szabo to the second annual Art Boca Raton. The show was open March 16 to 19 under a...... [read more]

Berkeley by GL Homes Celebrates Successful Sales Opening Weekend
Homebuyers looking for an intimate community of spectacular luxury estate residences and spacious homesites with a prestigious Boca Raton address found that and more at the newly opened Berkeley by GL Homes. The hottest new home community in Boca Raton, Berkeley is an exclusive enclave of only 57 gorgeous one- and two-story estate homes with waterfront and preserve views. Five distinctive floorplans are priced from the $900,000s and include highly desired standard features such as gourmet kitchens with granite countertops and fine cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, spacious living areas and an abundance of natural light to complement a private, natural...... [read more]

COLLEGE ROUNDUP: UB baseball falls at Tampa
Published 8:17 pm, Sunday, March 12, 2017 TAMPA, Fla. — The University of Bridgeport baseball team suffered a 17-10 loss the University of Tampa Sunday to drop to 2-3 on the season. For the Purple Knights, Casey McConce, of Milford, Dylan Steigerwald and Tyler Theiss each had two hits. Steigerwald drove in three runs for the Purple Knights, and Theiss and Stephen DiNicola each drove in two. Fairfield baseball shut out PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — The Fairfield University baseball team was shut out by Penn's Mike Rietcheck in an 8-0 Sunday at Tradition Field. Rietcheck, a former All-Ivy League........ [read more]

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Renting right now is less risky than buying in Denver's volatile housing market – The Denver Post
Denver is one of three metros where home prices have risen so quickly that renting a home carries lower risks going forward than buying, according to the latest Beracha, Hardin & Johnson Buy vs. Rent Index from Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University. “The scores for Dallas, Denver and Houston have worried us for some time now,” Eli Beracha, co-author of the index and an assistant professor of real estate at Florida International, said in the report. “The last time we saw scores of this magnitude, housing market crashes soon followed.” The index attempts to measure whether renting or…… [read more]

Berkeley Boca by GL Homes celebrates successful sales grand opening
Berkeley Boca by GL Homes celebrated an incredibly successful sales opening weekend as homebuyers have waited a long time for such an exclusive community in Boca Raton. Offering elegant estate homes, expansive home sites and a luxurious lifestyle, homebuyers were immediately impressed with all that the single-family, gated estate-home community will offer. Berkeley Boca is an intimate enclave of 57 well-appointed one- and two-story estate homes on oversize home sites with water and preserve views that is tucked away in a prestigious Boca Raton location just minutes from A-rated schools, serene parks and great shops and entertainment. "The opening of…… [read more]

Gov. Rick Scott trades barbs with House Speaker as Florida Legislature opens 60-day session
The annual session of the Florida Legislature began Tuesday with the contrasting visions of Gov. Rick Scott and House Speaker Richard Corcoran on display in a preview of what could be a tense spring in the Capitol. In his annual State of the State address to a joint session of the Legislature, Scott defended Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida, two agencies in Corcoran's cross hairs. The governor said both have made mistakes, but that's no reason to get rid of them. "You don't just give up and shut down, take your ball and go home — you figure out what…… [read more]

Surge in white supremacist college recruitment 'unprecedented,' report says
MIAMI -- White supremacist groups are stepping up efforts to recruit students on college campuses, according to a report published by the Anti-Defamation League Monday (March 6). Since the academic year started in September, white supremacist groups have targeted college campuses more than 100 times with anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim and racist fliers, posters and stickers, the report found. The incidents took place in 25 states. This level of recruitment on college campuses is unprecedented, said Oren Segal, the director of the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism and one of the authors of the report. "White supremacists have on occasion tried to…… [read more]