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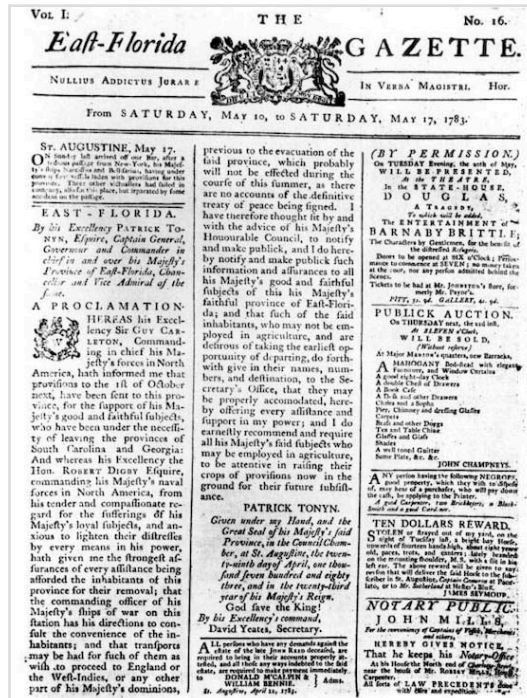
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Florida Newspaper History Chronology 1783-2001



The East-Florida Gazette, Courtesy Florida Memory Program

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INTRODUCTION

Our chronology looks at the history of Florida newspapers. It begins in 1783 during the last days of British rule and ends with the first generation of news websites.

Old yellowed newspapers, rolls of microfilm, and archived web pages not only preserve stories about the history of Florida and the world, but they also give us insight into the people who have worked for the state's newspapers.

This chronology only scratches the surface of a very long and complex story, but hopefully it will serve as a useful reference tool for researchers and journalism historians.

We also hope this chronology serves as a reminder of the important role our state's newspapers have played in preserving the news that becomes the first rough draft of Florida history.

1783 - 1820

1783

- September 3, 1783 -- The Treaty of Paris between Great Britain and the United States ends the Revolutionary War.
- The British return Florida back to Spain.
- **See Also:**
[Florida Digital Newspaper Library](#).
University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries.
[Chronicling America](#) / [National Digital Newspaper Program](#).
Library of Congress. ([Selected list](#) of more than 2000 Florida newspapers)

Florida in 1783:

Search 1783 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

[The East-Florida Gazette](#), St. Augustine, 1783-1784

> February 1, 1783 -- Florida’s first newspaper, *The East-Florida Gazette*, prints its first issue.

The publishers are William and John Wells, former publishers of a pro-British newspaper in South Carolina. *The East-Florida Gazette* is founded in St. Augustine during the last days of British rule in Florida. In their third issue, dated February 22 to March 1, the front page is filled with two official proclamations and five advertisements. With a British coat of arms printed across the top of the page, the reader learns about a new liquor regulation, the quality of local bread, and the “disorders which have happened in this province.”

1784

- East Florida Governor: Manuel de Zepedes
- West Florida Governor: Arturo O’Neill
- Many of Florida’s British colonists leave the state and move to the British East Indies.

Florida in 1784:

Search 1784 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

[The East-Florida Gazette](#), St. Augustine, 1783-1784

> March 22, 1784 -- *The East-Florida Gazette* prints its final issue.

1785-1816

- There is no record of any newspapers in Florida between the years 1785-1816.

1817

- U.S. President: James Monroe, 1817-1825
- Luis Aury declares Amelia Island annexed to Mexico but American forces soon retake the island.
- Gregor MacGregor, soldier of fortune, captures the Florida city of Fernandina on Amelia Island.

- The First Seminole War begins. It lasts until 1819.

Florida in 1817:

Search 1817 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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NASSAU COUNTY

El Telegrafo de las Floridas, Fernandina, 1817

> December 1817 -- Florida’s second newspaper, *El Telegrafo de las Floridas*, is published in Fernandina. This short-lived Spanish language newspaper serves as a partisan supporter of the government of Luis Aury.

1818-1820

- There is no record of any newspapers in Florida between the years 1818-1820.

1820s

1821

- July 17, 1821 -- Florida military territorial governor Andrew Jackson, acting on behalf of the United States, formally receives East and West Florida from the Spanish government.
- November 1821 -- Andrew Jackson resigns as military governor and returns to Tennessee.
- Congressional Delegate: Joseph M. Hernandez, 1821-1823

Florida in 1821:

Search 1821 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Floridian, Pensacola, 1821-1824

> August 18, 1821 -- The Pensacola *Floridian* is established.

> Cary Nicholas and George Tunstall are the newspaper’s publishers. They also serve as the first official printers in the territory of Florida.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Florida Gazette, St. Augustine, 1821

> July 14, 1821 -- The first territorial newspaper, the *Florida Gazette*, is founded in St. Augustine by Richard W. Edes.

> October 15, 1821 -- The newspaper stops when Edes dies from yellow fever shortly after he launches the *Gazette*.

1822

- Territorial Governor: William P. Duval, 1822-1834
- March 30, 1822 -- East and West Florida are unified into a single United States territory.
- July 1822 -- The first territorial legislative council meets in Pensacola.

Florida in 1822:

Search 1822 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

East Florida Herald / later: **Florida Herald**, St. Augustine, 1822-1850s
> August 1822 -- Elias B. Gould is the founder of the *East Florida Herald* in St. Augustine.

1823

- Congressional Delegate: Richard K. Call, 1823-1825
- September 1823 -- The Treaty of Camp Moultrie (or Moultrie Creek) is signed between the Seminoles and the United States.

Florida in 1823:
Search 1823 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Floridian, Pensacola, 1821-1824
> John Fitzgerald is the new publisher of the Pensacola *Floridian*.

1824

- March 1824 -- Tallahassee is selected as the permanent capital of Florida.
- The Fort Brooke military outpost is established at Tampa Bay.
- December 1824 -- Mosquito County (later called Orange County) is created.

Florida in 1824:
Search 1824 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Gazette, Pensacola, 1824-1860s?
> March 13, 1824 -- The *Pensacola Gazette* is started in the former office of the Pensacola *Floridian*.
West Florida Advertiser, Pensacola, 1824-1860s?

1825

- Congressional Delegate: Joseph M. White, 1825-1837
- U.S. President: John Quincy Adams, 1825-1829
- A United States navy yard is established in Pensacola.

Florida in 1825:
Search 1825 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Gazette, Pensacola, 1824-1860s
> Hasell Hunt, like many newspaper editors, is active in state and local politics. He serves as tax assessor of Escambia County, clerk of the superior court of West Florida, Pensacola postmaster, and a member of the Florida legislative council.

LEON COUNTY

The Florida Intelligencer, Tallahassee, 1825-1826?
> February 19, 1825 -- Tallahassee’s first newspaper, *The Florida Intelligencer*, is started by Ambrose Crane and Adam Gordon.

> The new state capital draws businesses in search of government contracts and the *Intelligencer* obtains a public printing contract. Government publications printed on the newspaper's press includes the imprint: "Tallahassee, Printed at the Office of the *Florida Intelligencer*."

1826

- A small two-story Tallahassee building replaces the log cabin which served as Florida's first capital building. (Another capital is begun in 1839 and completed in 1845 just prior to statehood. A dome is built in 1891 and additional wings are added in 1901, 1921 and 1940. Florida's 22-story capital building is dedicated in 1978.)

Florida in 1826:

Search 1826 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

LEON COUNTY

The Florida Intelligencer, Tallahassee, 1825-1826?

> The newspaper suspends publication sometime between December 1826 and March 1827.

1827

- Jefferson, Madison, and Hamilton counties are created.
- Steamboat service begins on the Apalachicola River.

Florida in 1827:

Search 1827 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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LEON COUNTY

Florida Advocate, Tallahassee, 1827-1829

> Edgar Macon purchases the former office of the *Florida Intelligencer* and starts the *Florida Advocate*.

1828

- The city of Quincy is established.
- The Bank of Florida is chartered in Tallahassee.

Florida in 1828:

Search 1828 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Florida Argus, Pensacola, 1828

> June 17, 1828 -- Thomas Eastin establishes the *Florida Argus* in Pensacola.

> November 18, 1828 -- The *Florida Argus* prints its final issue.

LEON COUNTY

Floridian, Tallahassee, 1828-?

> October 7, 1828 -- William Wilson establishes the *Floridian*.

> The newspaper receives a contract to print government documents.

Magnolia Advertiser, Tallahassee, 1828-1830

> December 12, 1828 -- Augustus Steele establishes the *Magnolia Advertiser*.

1829

- U.S. President: Andrew Jackson, 1829-1837
- The Chipola Canal Company is chartered to build a canal or railroad across Florida.

Florida in 1829:
Search 1829 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Gazette, Pensacola, 1824-1860s
> July 1829 -- William Hasell Hunt sells the *Pensacola Gazette*.

LEON COUNTY

Florida Advocate, Tallahassee, 1827-1829
> August 1829 -- The *Advocate* is sold to the *Floridian*.

MONROE COUNTY

Key West Register, Key West, 1829-1830?
> January 8, 1830 -- Thomas Eastin establishes the *Key West Register*.

Commercial Advertiser, Key West, 1829-1830?

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

East Florida Herald / later: **Florida Herald**, St. Augustine, 1822-1850s
> The newspaper’s title is shortened to the *Florida Herald*.

1830s

1830

- Florida population: 34,730
- The first federal census in Florida takes place.

Florida in 1830:
Search 1830 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

LEON COUNTY

Florida Courier, Tallahassee, 1830-1832
> December 1830 -- The *Florida Courier* is established in Tallahassee.

Magnolia Advertiser, Tallahassee, 1828-1830
> The *Magnolia Advertiser* folds during 1830.

MONROE COUNTY

Key West Register, Key West, 1829-1830
> The *Key West Register* is discontinued during 1830.
> The editor, Thomas Eastin, later becomes the U.S. Marshal in Key West.

1831

- January 1831 -- A U.S. Army Barracks (Company H, 4th U.S. Infantry) is established in Key West.
- Florida’s cigar industry begins when W.H. Hall selects a factory site in Key West.

Florida in 1831:
Search 1831 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

MONROE COUNTY

Key West Gazette, Key West, 1831-1832

> Spring 1831 -- Benjamin B. Strobel and L.M. Stone establish the *Key West Gazette*.

1832

- March 1832 -- The Treaty of Payne's Landing attempts to relocate Native-Americans from Florida to Arkansas.
- Columbia and Franklin counties are created.

Florida in 1832:

Search 1832 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

LEON COUNTY

Florida Courier, Tallahassee, 1830-1832

> The *Florida Courier* prints its final issue.

1833

- March 4, 1833 -- President Andrew Jackson's second term begins.
- September 1833 -- 10-year-old Barney Flaherty answers an ad in the *New York Sun* and becomes one of the first newsies, or newsboys to distribute newspapers in New York City.

Florida in 1833:

Search 1833 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Advertiser, Apalachicola, 1833-1835

> Apalachicola's first newspaper, the *Advertiser*, is started by R. Dinsmore Westcott.

1834

- Territorial Governor: John H. Eaton, 1834-1836
- Florida's first railroad is established. It runs from Tallahassee to St. Marks.

Florida in 1834:

Search 1834 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Gazette, Pensacola, 1824-1860s

> Benjamin Drake Wright becomes the new owner of the *Pensacola Gazette*.

> John M'Kinlay is the newspaper's printer and publisher.

MONROE COUNTY

Key West Enquirer, Key West, 1834-1836

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Florida Herald, St. Augustine, 1822-1850s

> James M. Gould succeeds his father, Elias B. Gould, as the publisher of the newspaper.

1835

- May 6, 1835 -- *The New York Herald* is founded by newspaper publisher James Gordon Bennett.
- December 28, 1835 -- The Second Seminole War begins shortly after Major Francis L. Dade and his force of 112 soldiers are killed by Seminole Indians during a confrontation which has become known

as the Dade Massacre. Thousands of soldiers, settlers, and Native-Americans will be killed before the war ends in 1842.

Florida in 1835:

Search 1835 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Courier, Jacksonville, 1835-1839

> January 1, 1835 -- The *Jacksonville Courier* is established.

> Elijah Williams is the editor.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

St. Joseph Telegraph, St. Joseph, 1835-1836

> October 1835 -- R. Dinsmore Westcott establishes the *St. Joseph Telegraph*.

> November 1835 -- Westcott combines the *Apalachicola Advertiser* with the *Telegraph*.

LEON COUNTY

Tallahassee Gazette, Tallahassee, 1835

> David Sheffer and John Baldwin publish the *Gazette* during 1835.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Florida Herald, St. Augustine, 1822-1850s

> January 1835 -- A fire destroys the *Herald*'s building and the newspaper closes until April.

1836

- Territorial Governor: Richard K. Call, 1836-1839
- January 1836 -- President Jackson orders General Winfield Scott to take command of U.S. troops in Florida.

Florida in 1836:

Search 1836 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Courier, Jacksonville, 1835-1839

> Lorenzo Currier sells the paper in 1836.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Apalachicola Gazette, Apalachicola, 1836-1840

> March 10, 1836 -- Cosam Emir Bartlett establishes the *Apalachicola Gazette*.

St. Joseph Telegraph / later: **St. Joseph Times**, St. Joseph, 1835-1836

> July 1836 -- The *St. Joseph Telegraph* becomes the *St. Joseph Times*.

1837

- Congressional Delegate: Charles Downing, 1837-1841
- U.S. President: Martin Van Buren, 1837-1841
- December 25, 1837 -- Colonel Zachary Taylor's troops fight the Seminoles in the Battle of Okeechobee.
- A destructive frost destroys citrus crops.
- The national financial depression weakens state finances already strained by the Seminole War.

Florida in 1837:

Search 1837 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

LEON COUNTY

Floridian, Tallahassee, 1828-?

> Samuel Shute Sibley takes over the *Floridian*.

1838

- January 1838 -- Calhoun County is created.
- December 3, 1838 -- A Florida constitutional convention begins in St. Joseph.

Florida in 1838:

Search 1838 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Courier, Jacksonville, 1835-1839

> The Reverend David Brown becomes the newspaper’s editor.

MONROE COUNTY

South Floridian, Key West, 1838-1840

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

News, St. Augustine, 1838-1852

> November 1838 -- Daniel W. Whitehurst establishes the *St. Augustine News*.

1839

- Territorial Governor: Robert R. Reid, 1839-1841
- January 1839 -- A Florida constitution is adopted.

Florida in 1839:

Search 1839 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

East Florida Advocate, Jacksonville, 1839-1840

> September 1839 -- Aaron Jones, Jr. establishes the *East Florida Gazette*.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Apalachicola Gazette, Apalachicola, 1836-1840

> The weekly *Apalachicola Gazette* becomes a daily.

> The *Apalachicola Gazette* is the first daily Florida newspaper.

GADSDEN COUNTY

Quincy Sentinel, Quincy, 1839-1841

> November 15, 1839 -- Joshua Knowles establishes the *Quincy Sentinel*.

LEON COUNTY

Tallahassee Star, Tallahassee, 1839-1846

> J.B. Webb establishes the *Tallahassee Star*.

1840s

1840

- Florida population: 54,477

- General Zachary Taylor, future president of the United States, completes his term (1837-1840) as commander of U.S. forces in Florida.

Florida in 1840:

Search 1840 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Apalachicola Gazette / later: **Florida Journal**, Apalachicola, 1840-1843

> The *Apalachicola Gazette* becomes the *Florida Journal*.

Apalachicolian, Apalachicola, 1840-1841.

LEON COUNTY

Tallahassee Star, Tallahassee, 1839-1846

> Cosam Emir Bartlett purchases the *Tallahassee Star*.

> Bartlett is assisted by his two sons, Washington and Cosam Juliam Bartlett.

(Washington Bartlett later moves to California and becomes the mayor of San Francisco and Governor of California.)

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

News, St. Augustine, 1838-1852

> Thomas T. Russell and Aaron Jones, Jr. become the new publishers of the *News*.

1841

- Territorial Governor: Richard K. Call, 1841-1844
- Congressional Delegate: David Levy Yulee, 1841-1845
- U.S. President: William Henry Harrison, 1841
- U.S. President: John Tyler, 1841-1845
- There is a yellow fever epidemic during 1841.

Florida in 1841:

Search 1841 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

LEON COUNTY

Florida Sentinel, Tallahassee, 1841-1870s

Floridian, Tallahassee, 1828-?

> Publishers Edward R. Gibson and William M. Smith die during the yellow fever epidemic.

Quincy Sentinel / later: **Florida Sentinel**, Tallahassee, 1841-1870s

> Editor Knowles moves the former *Quincy Sentinel* to Tallahassee.

> The newspaper’s name is changed to the *Florida Sentinel*.

1842

- The Second Seminole War comes to an end.
- The U.S. Congress passes the Florida Armed Occupation Act to encourage settlers to populate the state.

Florida in 1842:

Search 1842 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

Tropical Plant, Jacksonville, 1842-1845

> December 1845 -- The *Tropical Plant* is established by George M. Grouard in Jacksonville.

1843

- September 1843 -- A devastating storm destroys the town of Port Leon.
- Hernando and Wakulla counties are created.

Florida in 1843:

Search 1843 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Commercial Advertiser, Apalachicola, 1843?-1858?

Florida Journal / later: **Watchman of the Gulf**, Apalachicola, 1843

> The *Florida Journal* becomes the *Watchman of the Gulf*.

LEON COUNTY

Commercial Gazette, Port Leon, 1843

> June 1843 -- Albert R. Alexander is the editor of the *Commercial Gazette*.

> September 1843 -- Editor Alexander moves to Newport after the Port Leon storm.

1844

- Territorial Governor: John Branch, 1844-1845
- Marion County is created.

Florida in 1844:

Search 1844 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

MONROE COUNTY

Light of the Reef / later: **Key West Gazette**, Key West, 1844-?

> Edwin L. Ware and E. B. Scarborough establish the *Light of the Reef*.

> The newspaper changes its name to the *Key West Gazette* in 1845.

WAKULLA COUNTY

Newport Patriot, New Port, 1844-?

> Albert R. Alexander establishes the *Newport Patriot*.

1845

- Florida population: 57,951
- March 3, 1845 -- President John Tyler, on the last day of his administration, signs the act granting statehood to Florida.
- Florida becomes the 27th state in the Union.
- The state of Florida is informally divided into three areas:
East Florida, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Suwannee River;
Middle Florida, between the Suwannee and the Apalachicola Rivers;
and West Florida, which extends from the Apalachicola to the Perdido River.
- Governor: William D. Moseley, 1845-1849
- Senators: David Levy Yulee; James D. Westcott, Jr.
- U.S. President: James K. Polk, 1845-1849

Florida in 1845:

Search 1845 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Whig, Jacksonville, 1845

> The *Florida Whig* is created to promote the Whig political party.

> Thomas T. Russell, formerly of the *St. Augustine News*, publishes the *Florida Whig*.

Florida Statesman, Jacksonville, 1845-1846
ESCAMBIA COUNTY
Democrat, Pensacola, 1845-1856

1846

- May 1846 -- The U.S. Congress formally approves a declaration of war against Mexico. The war, which was partially triggered by the United State's 1845 annexation of Texas, will continue until February 1848.
- There are six newspapers in Florida. None of the papers are dailies. The total circulation for the state is 5,250.

Florida in 1846:
Search 1846 on the "Florida Memory" website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

News, St. Augustine / Jacksonville, 1838-1852
> The newspaper is moved from St. Augustine to Jacksonville.
Whig Banner, Palatka, 1846
> George M. Grouard sells the *Florida Statesman* and begins the *Banner* in Palatka.

LEON COUNTY

Southern Journal, Tallahassee, 1846-?

WAKULLA COUNTY

Newport Gazette, Newport, 1846

1847

- Senators: David Levy Yulee; James D. Westcott, Jr.
- Fernandina's Fort Clinch is built.

Florida in 1847:
Search 1847 on the "Florida Memory" website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
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ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Live Oak, Pensacola, 1847

JACKSON COUNTY

Florida Whig, Marianna, 1847-?

LEON COUNTY

Floridian, Tallahassee, 1828-?
> Charles Edward Dyke serves as the editor of the Tallahassee *Floridian* from 1847-1883.
> The newspaper is a supporter of the Democratic party.

1848

- Holmes County is created.
- September 1848 -- A hurricane hits the west coast of Florida.

Florida in 1848:
Search 1848 on the "Florida Memory" website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Republican, Jacksonville, 1848-?
> Jacksonville's *Florida Republican* is founded with Columbus Drew as editor.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Neutral, Pensacola, 1848
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Star of the West, Apalachicola, 1848

1849

- Governor: Thomas Brown, 1849-1853
- Senators: David Levy Yulee; Jackson Morton
- U.S. President: Zachary Taylor, 1849-1850

Florida in 1849:
Search 1849 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

WAKULLA COUNTY
Wakulla Times, Newport, 1849-?
> The publisher is James Baker Carlisle.

1850s

1850

- Florida population: 87,445
- U.S. President: Millard Fillmore, 1850-1853
- There are ten newspapers in Florida. None of the papers are dailies. The total circulation for the state is 5,750.

Florida in 1850:
Search 1850 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY
Ancient City, St. Augustine, 1850-?

1851

- Senators: Jackson Morton; Stephen R. Mallory
- The Florida legislature authorizes the building of a plank toll road between Jacksonville and Alligator (later renamed Lake City).
- Dr. John Gorrie of Apalachicola patents a mechanical cooling machine. His invention will evolve into the air conditioner.
- The “Great Storm of 1851”

Florida in 1851:
Search 1851 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

MARION COUNTY

Marion Star, Ocala, 1851-?

1852

- Steamboat service begins on the St. James River.
- November 2, 1852 -- Franklin Pierce wins the U.S. presidential race.

Florida in 1852:

Search 1852 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

[Florida News](#), Jacksonville, 1852-1859

MARION COUNTY

Tropical Farmer, Ocala, 1852-1853

1853

- Governor: James E. Broome, 1853-1857 (A.K. Allison, acting Governor, 1853)
- Senators: Jackson Morton; Stephen R. Mallory
- U.S. President: Franklin Pierce, 1853-1857
- The East Florida Seminary takes over the Kingsbury Academy in Ocala.

Florida in 1853:

Search 1853 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

MARION COUNTY

Florida Mirror, Ocala, 1853-?

1854

- Volusia County is created.
- The U.S. Congress passes the Kansas-Nebraska Act.

Florida in 1854:

Search 1854 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Tampa Herald / later: **The Florida Peninsular**, Tampa, 1854-1872

> January 10, 1854 -- Tampa's first newspaper, the *Tampa Herald*, is started by Whit Smith and the Rev. C.S. Reynolds.

> November 1854 -- Smith and Reynolds sell the *Tampa Herald* to James Jones.

> Jones renames the newspaper *The Florida Peninsular*.

NASSAU COUNTY

News-Leader, Fernandina, 1854-Present

> August 9, 1854 -- The *News-Leader* is founded by David L. Yulee.

See Also:

["About Us."](#)

News-Leader website.

1855

- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; David Levy Yulee

- The Third Seminole War begins in 1855 and ends in 1858.
- State legislators pass the Internal Improvement Act which uses cheap or free public land to interest developers in Florida.

Florida in 1855:

Search 1855 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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LEON COUNTY

Florida Sentinel, Tallahassee, 1841-1870s

> The *Sentinel* supports the “Know Nothing” political party.

1856

- Taylor and Lafayette counties are created.
- November 4, 1856 -- James Buchanan wins the U.S. presidential race.

Florida in 1856:

Search 1856 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

West Florida Times, Pensacola, 1856-1857

1857

- Governor: Madison S. Perry, 1857-1861
- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; David Levy Yulee
- U.S. President: James Buchanan, 1857-1861
- The West Florida Seminary opens in Tallahassee.

Florida in 1857:

Search 1857 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Observer, Pensacola, 1857-1870

MARION COUNTY

Florida Home Companion, Ocala, 1857-?

1858

- The Third Seminole War ends.
- Clay County is created.

Florida in 1858:

Search 1858 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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1859

- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; David Levy Yulee
- The state’s first telegraph office is opened in Tallahassee.
- Yellow fever spreads throughout Tampa. 275 cases are reported and 30 people die.

Florida in 1859:
Search 1859 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
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DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Standard, Jacksonville, 1859?-?

NASSAU COUNTY

East Floridian, Fernandina, 1859-1860s?

1860s

1860

- Florida population: 140,424
- The first cross-state railroad connects Fernandina on the east coast with Cedar Key on the west.
- There are 22 newspapers in Florida. None of the papers are dailies. The total circulation for the state is 15,500.

Florida in 1860:
Search 1860 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Examiner, St. Augustine, 1850s?-?

> The *Examiner* prints the following platform: “The secession of the State of Florida -- The dissolution of the Union -- The formation of a Southern Confederacy.”

1861

- Governor: John Milton, 1861-1865
- Senators: Florida is not represented in Washington during the Civil War and the beginning of the Reconstruction period, 1861-1867.
- U.S. President: Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865
- January 10, 1861 -- The ordinance of secession is passed and Florida secedes from the Union.
- February 4, 1861 -- Florida is admitted to the Confederacy.
- April 12, 1861 -- Confederate forces attack Fort Sumter and the Civil War begins.

Florida in 1861:
Search 1861 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

The Southern Confederacy, Jacksonville, 1861-?

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Florida Peninsular, Tampa, 1854-1872

> May 25, 1861 -- *The Florida Peninsular* suspends publication when publisher William Spencer enlists in the Confederate army. Spencer is killed by typhoid during the war, but his brothers resume publication on April 28, 1866.

Sunny South, Tampa, 1861-?

> January 29, 1861 -- Alfonso DeLaunay starts Tampa's *Sunny South* newspaper.

1862

- May 1862 -- Union troops occupy Pensacola after the evacuation of Confederate forces.
- President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation frees slaves in the Confederate states.
- More than 16,000 Floridians serve in the Civil War.

Florida in 1862:

Search 1862 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

MONROE COUNTY

New Era, Key West, 1862-1863

> The *New Era* prints the following: "...In the limited space allowed us we shall strive to do what we can for the Union."

1863

- The Confederacy relies on Florida to supply salt, cattle and other supplies to the war effort.
- Although there are only a few Civil War battles fought on Florida soil, the damage to the state's economy is severe.

Florida in 1863:

Search 1863 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

NASSAU COUNTY

Peninsula, Fernandina, 1863-1864?

> The *Peninsula* is published while Union troops occupy Fernandina.

1864

- February 20, 1864 -- The Battle of Olustee, the largest Civil War battle fought in Florida, ends with a Confederate victory.
- The Battle of Natural Bridge is won by Confederate troops.

Florida in 1864:

Search 1864 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Union / later: **Florida Times-Union**, Jacksonville, 1864-Present

1865

- Governors: There are four Florida governors during 1865: John Milton; Abraham K. Allison, acting; William Marvin, provisional; and David S. Walker who serves until 1868.
- January 31, 1865 -- The U.S. Congress ratifies the 13th Amendment which abolishes slavery.
- April 9, 1865 -- General Robert E. Lee surrenders to General Grant at Appomattox Court House.
- April 14, 1865 -- President Abraham Lincoln is shot at Ford's Theater in Washington, DC. He dies the following day.
- U.S. President: Andrew Johnson, 1865-1869

- Governor John Milton commits suicide.
- October 1865 -- A legislative convention is assembled to annul secession, accept emancipation, and write a new state constitution.

Florida in 1865:

Search 1865 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ALACHUA COUNTY

New Era, Gainesville, 1865-1874

See Also:

“[New Era](#).”

Florida Digital Newspaper Library.

MADISON COUNTY

Madison Enterprise-Recorder, Madison, 1865-Present

1866

- April 2, 1866 -- President Andrew Johnson proclaims “that the insurrection which heretofore existed in the State of Florida is at an end and is henceforth to be so regarded.”
- After the war, ports at Jacksonville and Pensacola flourish as America’s cities rebuild and the demand for products increases.

Florida in 1866:

Search 1866 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

MARION COUNTY

East Marion Banner / later: **Ocala Star-Banner**, Ocala, 1866-Present

1867

- Senators: Thomas W. Osborn; Adonijah S. Welch
- The southern reconstruction period begins.

Florida in 1867:

Search 1867 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Commercial, Pensacola, 1867-1871

LEON COUNTY

The Weekly Floridian, Tallahassee, 1867-?

1868

- Governor: Harrison Reed, 1868-1873
- May 1868 -- A fourth Florida constitution is ratified.
- Commercial agriculture and other related businesses begin to make a slow economic comeback.
- A state seal is adopted.

Florida in 1868:

Search 1868 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

East Floridian, Jacksonville, 1868-1869?

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The True Southerner, Tampa, 1868

> *The True Southerner* is started in Tampa to challenge the *Florida Peninsular*, but *The True Southerner* is discontinued after the November election.

1869

- Senators: Thomas W. Osborn; Abijah Gilbert
- U.S. President: Ulysses S. Grant, 1869-1877

Florida in 1869:

Search 1869 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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JEFFERSON COUNTY

Monticello News, Monticello, 1869-Present

1870s

1870

- Florida population: 187,748
- The Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution is passed by Congress. It states that the right to vote shall not be denied on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.
- There are 23 newspapers in Florida. None of the papers are dailies. The total circulation for the state decreased during the 1860s and is now 10,545.

Florida in 1870:

Search 1870 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Express, Pensacola, 1870-1875

SUWANNEE COUNTY

The Jasper News, Live Oak, 1870-Present

1871

- Senators: Thomas W. Osborn; Abijah Gilbert
- Josiah T. Walls becomes Florida’s first African-American congressman.

Florida in 1871:

Search 1871 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Mail, Pensacola, 1871-1872

1872

- The Florida Railroad Company is renamed the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies Transit Company.
- November 5, 1872 -- President Ulysses S. Grant is reelected for a second term.

Florida in 1872:

Search 1872 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

LEON COUNTY

Floridian, Tallahassee, 1828-?

> July 2, 1872 -- The *Floridian* uses its entire front page to print a speech called “The Political Crisis.”

1873

- Governor: Ossian B. Hart, 1873-1874
- Senators: Abijah Gilbert; Simon B. Conover
- There is a financial panic and depression.

Florida in 1873:

Search 1873 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ALACHUA COUNTY

Gainesville New Era, Gainesville, 1865-1874

> September 1873 -- African-American Josiah T. Walls purchases the *Gainesville New Era*.

> This is Florida’s first black-owned newspaper.

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

Clearwater Times, Clearwater, 1873-1880s

> The Reverend Cooley S. Reynolds establishes Clearwater’s first newspaper.

1874

- March 1874 -- Florida Governor Ossian B. Hart dies of pneumonia.
- Acting Governor: Marcellus L. Stearns, 1874-1877

Florida in 1874:

Search 1874 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Lake City Reporter, Lake City, 1874-Present

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Republican, Pensacola, 1874

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Tampa Guardian, Tampa, 1874-1886

1875

- Senators: Simon B. Conover; Charles W. Jones
- Congress passes the Civil Rights Act.

Florida in 1875:

Search 1875 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

LAKE COUNTY

Sumter County Advance / later: **Daily Commercial**, Leesburg, 1875-Present

See Also:

Manis, Debbie. ““(Leesburg) Commercial’-120 Years of Newspaper History.”
The Orlando Sentinel, May 9, 1995.

1876

- The Florida State Hospital for the Insane is established at Chattahoochee.
- November 7, 1876 -- The disputed presidential election between Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel Tilden is held.

Florida in 1876:

Search 1876 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ALACHUA COUNTY

The Gainesville Times / later: **The Gainesville Sun**, Gainesville, 1876-Present

> July 6, 1876 -- The first issue of *The Gainesville Times* is published.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Sunland Tribune, Tampa, 1876-1880s?

> March 2, 1876 -- The first issue of *The Sunland Tribune* is published.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County Reporter / later: **Orlando Sentinel**, Orlando, 1876-Present

1877

- Governor: George F. Drew, 1877-1881
- Senators: Simon B. Conover; Charles W. Jones
- U.S. President: Rutherford B. Hayes, 1877-1881
- The Reconstruction period ends.

Florida in 1877:

Search 1877 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ORANGE COUNTY

Florida Crescent, Fort Read, 1877-?

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Volusia County Herald / later: **Deland Sun News**, Deland, 1877-1992?

1878

- A yellow-fever epidemic sweeps the state.
- Most Florida newspapers print with Washington hand presses.

Florida in 1878:

Search 1878 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Advance, Pensacola, 1878-1881

Echo, Pensacola, 1878

1879

- Senators: Charles W. Jones; Wilkinson Call
- February 19, 1879 -- The Florida Press Association is formed.

Florida in 1879:

Search 1879 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ALACHUA COUNTY

The Gainesville Sun, Gainesville, 1876-Present

> *The Gainesville Times* merges with *The Gainesville News* to form *The Gainesville Sun*.

BRADFORD COUNTY

Florida Telegraph / later: **Bradford County Telegraph**, Starke, 1879-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Gulf Coast Progress, Tampa, 1879-?

> Oliver J. Andreu establishes Tampa’s *Gulf Coast Progress*.

LEVY COUNTY

Williston Sun-Suwannee Valley News, Williston, 1879-Present

MONROE COUNTY

The Key West Citizen, Key West, 1879-Present

1880s

1880

- Florida population: 269,493
- Pensacola’s business district is destroyed by fire.
- There are approximately 45 newspapers in Florida. Only three of the papers are dailies and they are all located in Jacksonville.
- The average circulation for a weekly Florida newspaper is 685.
- **See Also:**
[*N. W. Ayer & Son’s American Newspaper Annual: A Catalogue of American Newspapers.*](#) (Includes a list of Florida newspapers.)
Philadelphia: N.W. Ayer & Son, 1880.

Florida in 1880:

Search 1880 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BREVARD COUNTY

Star-Advocate, Titusville, 1880-Present

1881

- Governor: William D. Bloxham, 1881-1885
- Senators: Charles W. Jones; Wilkinson Call
- U.S. President: James A. Garfield, 1881
- July 2, 1881 -- President Garfield is shot in Washington, DC. He dies on September 19th.
- U.S. President: Chester A. Arthur, 1881-1885

- Hamilton Disston purchases four million acres of Florida land south of Ocala for one million dollars.

Florida in 1881:

Search 1881 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

The Florida Daily Times, Jacksonville, 1881-1883

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Apalachicola Tribune, Apalachicola, 1881-1884

MANATEE COUNTY

Gulf Coast Progress, Bradenton, 1881-1885

SUMTER COUNTY

Sumter County Times, Bushnell, 1881-Present

1882

- An inland water route from the Matanzas to the Halifax River is established by the Florida Coast Line Canal & Transportation Company.
- The typical Florida newspaper is a four-page weekly.

Florida in 1882:

Search 1882 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Advance-Gazette, Pensacola, 1882-1885

Commercial, Pensacola, 1882-1889

LAKE COUNTY

Herald, Tavares, 1882-?

MONROE COUNTY

Key West News, African-American newspaper / later: **Florida News**, Key West, 1882-1885

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Banner, Live Oak, 1882-?

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Halifax Journal, Daytona, 1882-1914

WALTON COUNTY

Signal, De Funiak Springs, 1882-?

1883

- Senators: Charles W. Jones; Wilkinson Call
- Deland Academy, later renamed Stetson University, is founded.
- The first electric lights in Florida are installed at the St. James Hotel in Jacksonville.
- The city of Eustis is incorporated.

Florida in 1883:

Search 1883 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacolian, Pensacola, 1883-1889

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Union \ later: **Florida Times-Union**, Jacksonville, 1864-Present

> February 4, 1883 -- The newspaper changes its name to the *Florida Times-Union* when it merges with *The Florida Daily Times*.

People's Journal, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1883-1893

> September 15, 1883 -- The newspaper is founded by J.W. Thompson.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Sunland Tribune, Tampa, 1876-1880s?

> March 1, 1883 -- *The Sunland Tribune* changes its name to *The Tampa Tribune*.
(This is not the modern *Tribune*.)

1884

- Phosphate deposits are discovered along the Peace River area by J. Francis Le Baron.
- Henry B. Plant finishes his railroad extension to Tampa and regularly scheduled train service to the Tampa Bay area begins. During the late 19th century new railroad systems allow residents and visitors to travel easily across the state.
- Summer 1884 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- November 4, 1884 -- Grover Cleveland is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1884:

Search 1884 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Baptist Witness, Jacksonville, 1884-Present

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Republican, Pensacola, 1884

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Apalachicola Herald, Apalachicola, 1884

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

South Florida Courier / later: **The Courier**, Plant City, September 12, 1884-May 2016

See Also:

Observer Staff. "[Celebrating the Plant City Courier](#)."

Plant City Observer, May 13, 2016.

LEE COUNTY

Fort Myers Press / later: **News-Press**, Fort Myers, 1884-Present

> November 22, 1884 -- The first issue of the *Fort Myers Press* is published.

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

West Hillsborough Times / later: **St. Petersburg Times** / **Tampa Bay Times**,

Dunedin, 1884-Present

> July 25, 1884 --

The first issue of the *West Hillsborough Times*, the forerunner of today's *Tampa Bay Times*, is published in the back of a Dunedin, Florida drugstore on July 25, 1884. The staff of Florida's newest weekly includes editor James M. Baggett (a dentist), business manager Dr. Jason L. Edgar (a physician), and printer M. Joel McMullen.

> December 1884 -- Arthur C. Turner buys the *West Hillsborough Times* and moves the newspaper to Clearwater (Clear Water Harbor).

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Suwannee Democrat, Live Oak, 1884-Present

1885

- Governor: Edward A. Perry, 1885-1889
- January 7, 1885 -- Edward A. Perry is inaugurated as the 14th governor of Florida.
- Senators: Charles W. Jones; Wilkinson Call
- January 20, 1885 -- Wilkinson Call is reelected as a U.S. senator from Florida.
- U.S. President: Grover Cleveland, 1885-1889
- Henry Flagler develops railroads on the east coast while Henry B. Plant introduces a railroad system on the west coast. Luxury hotels are built in Palm Beach and Tampa to attract wealthy tourists from Northern states.

- August 3, 1885 -- A new Florida state constitution is adopted to replace the 1868 constitution. The next completely new state constitution will be written in 1968.
- Fall 1885 -- Two businessmen, Vicente Martinez Ybor and Ignacio Haya, decide to build cigar factories near Tampa. Ybor already has factories in Key West. The following year they begin building what will become known as Ybor City, which becomes part of Tampa when Tampa is incorporated in 1887.
- Rollins College is founded in Winter Park.
- Florida Southern College is established in Leesburg and later moved to Lakeland.
- According to the [1885 Ayer American Newspaper Annual](#), of the 94 Florida newspapers that include advertising, six are dailies, four are semi-weeklies, seventy-seven are weeklies, one is bi-weekly and six are published monthly.

Florida in 1885:

Search 1885 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DUVAL COUNTY

Florida News / later: **Southern Leader**, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1885-1888

> John Willis Menard moves the *Florida News* from Key West to Jacksonville.

> The newspaper is renamed the *Southern Leader*.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Apalachicola Times, Apalachicola, 1885-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

West Hillsborough Times / later: **St. Petersburg Times** / **Tampa Bay Times**,

Dunedin, 1884-Present

> The 1885 edition of the *Ayer American Newspaper Annual* reports that the Clear Water Harbor based *West Hillsborough Times* (or *West Hillsboro Times*) has a circulation of approximately 400.

PUTNUM COUNTY

Palatka Daily News, Palatka, 1885-Present

1886

- The state’s agriculture industry is damaged by a disastrous freeze.
- Half of Key West is destroyed by fire.
- Vicente Martinez Ybor chooses Tampa for his new cigar factory. (There will be 200 cigar factories in Tampa by 1900.)
- 1886 is a big year for newspaper start-ups. There are 66 new Florida papers established.

Florida in 1886:

Search 1886 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Templar, African-American temperance newspaper, Jacksonville, 1886-1888

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Southern Progress, African-American newspaper, Tampa, 1886-?

Tampa Journal, Tampa, 1886-?

> The former publisher of the *Tampa Guardian*, H.J. Cooper, starts a new paper called the *Tampa Journal*.

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

The Sea Breeze, Gulfport (Disston City), 1886-1887

> May 1886 -- William J. McPherson and G.W. Bennett begin publishing *The Sea Breeze* newspaper in Disston City (now Gulfport). *The Sea Breeze*, which lasts for about 20 issues, is the first newspaper in the lower Pinellas Peninsula area. Among their early stories is a report about the disastrous 1886 Florida freeze.

1887

- Senators: Wilkinson Call; Samuel Pasco
- May 19, 1887 -- Samuel Pasco assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- The school which will later become FAMU is established in Tallahassee.
- An epidemic of yellow fever spreads throughout Florida.
- August 1887 -- The central Florida town of Eatonville becomes one of the first incorporated all-African-American towns in the U.S. In the middle 1890s it becomes the home for a young Zora Neale Hurston, whose 1937 novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, was based in Eatonville.

Florida in 1887:

Search 1887 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ALACHUA COUNTY

Gainesville Sentinel, African-American newspaper / later: **Florida Sentinel**, 1887-1894

> The newspaper is founded by Matthew M. Lewey.

See Also:

[Photo of Matthew M. Lewey](#) when the paper was called the *Florida Sentinel* in Pensacola.
Florida Memory.

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Journal, Jacksonville, 1887-1988

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Enterprise, African-American newspaper, Pensacola, 1887-?

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Daily News, Tampa, 1887-1896

> Tampa's first daily newspaper is founded by O.H. Jackson.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Bristol Free Press, Bristol, 1887-1940s?

MARION COUNTY

Ocala Ledger, African-American newspaper, Ocala, 1887-1890

> May 1887 -- The newspaper is founded by R.B. Brooks.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Point Pinellas Herald, Gulfport (Disston City), 1887-?

POLK COUNTY

Advance Courier, Bartow, 1887-1888

1888

- June 8, 1888 -- The first train arrives in what will become St. Petersburg, Florida. (Earlier names for the area include Wardsville or Paul's Landing.) The Orange Belt Railway's owner, Peter Demens, names the small fishing village after the city where he was born, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- Summer 1888 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- November 6, 1888 -- Benjamin Harrison is elected president of the United States.
- 34 new Florida papers are established during 1888. Most the new papers during the 1880s are small weeklies which do not survive very long.

Florida in 1888:

Search 1888 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Cyclone, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1888

Liberator, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1888

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Enterprise, African-American newspaper, Pensacola, 1888

HERNANDO COUNTY

Brooksville Star / later: **Sun Journal**, Brooksville, 1888-1990s
LAFAYETTE COUNTY
The Mayo Free Press, Mayo, 1888-Present
MANATEE COUNTY
Manatee River Journal, Bradenton, 1888-1922
PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)
South Florida Home, Charlotte Harbor, 1888-1896

1889

- Governor: Francis P. Fleming, 1889-1893
- January 8, 1889 -- Francis Philip Fleming is inaugurated as the 15th governor of Florida.
- Senators: Wilkinson Call; Samuel Pasco
- U.S. President: Benjamin Harrison, 1889-1893
- November 2, 1889 -- Four states enter the Union during 1889: North Dakota (39th state) on November 2nd; South Dakota (40th state) on November 2nd; Montana (41st state) on November 8th; and Washington (42nd state) on November 11th.
- The state board of health is established to help battle the yellow fever epidemic.

Florida in 1889:

Search 1889 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Daily News / later: **Pensacola News Journal**, Pensacola, 1889-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Advocate, African-American newspaper, Winter Park, 1889-1891?

> May 31, 1889 -- The *Advocate* is founded by [Gus C. Henderson](#).

See Also:

Cordeiro, Monivette. “[The legacy of Central Florida’s black press](#): The voice of the voiceless.” *Orlando Weekly*, January 13, 2016.

Eatonville Speaker, African-American newspaper, Eatonville, 1889-?

POLK COUNTY

Courier-Informant, Bartow, 1889-1919

TAYLOR COUNTY

Perry News-Herald, Perry, 1889-Present

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Daytona Gazette-News, Daytona, 1889-1923

1890s

1890

- 1890 Census: Florida population: 391,422
- The National Farmers’ Alliance meets in Ocala and drafts its “Ocala Demands” national platform.
- July 3, 1890 -- Two states enter the Union during 1890: Idaho (43rd state) on July 3rd and Wyoming (44th state) on July 10th.

- Silver Springs can trace its history as Florida's first tourist attraction back to the years after the Civil War, but it wasn't the 1890s that it became widely known for its commercial-sized glass-bottom boats tours.
- There are 122 newspapers in Florida. The total circulation for the state is 107,257.
- 38 new papers are started in Florida during 1890.

Florida in 1890:

Search 1890 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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CITRUS COUNTY

Citrus County Chronicle, Crystal River, 1890-Present

LAKE COUNTY

Florida Facts, St. Francis, 1890-?

LEVY COUNTY

Levy Times-Democrat, Bronson, 1890-1924

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

South Florida Home, Charlotte Harbor / St. Petersburg, 1888-1896

> Newspaper readers living in St. Petersburg finally get their own newspaper when the *South Florida Home*, which started in Charlotte Harbor in 1888, moves to St. Petersburg. Owner Young G. Lee closes this paper in 1896.

POLK COUNTY

Polk County News, Bartow, 1890-1893

VOLUSIA COUNTY

De Funiak Herald, De Funiak Springs, 1890-Present

1891

- Senators: Wilkinson Call; Samuel Pasco
- February 5, 1891 -- Henry Plant's Tampa Bay Hotel opens. The hotel closes in 1930 but three years later the University of Tampa (originally Tampa Junior College) begins using the building.
- June 17, 1891 -- The city of Pensacola unveils its Confederate monument.
- Eight new papers are started in Florida during 1891.

Florida in 1891:

Search 1891 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County Crescent, Green Cove Springs, 1891-1990s?

LEON COUNTY

Daily Floridian, Tallahassee, 1891-1890s?

ORANGE COUNTY

The Recorder, African-American newspaper, Orlando, 1891?-1915

The newspaper is founded by Gus C. Henderson. (Other names for the paper may have included *The Florida Christian Recorder* and *The Florida Recorder*.)

1892

- February 29, 1892 -- The city of St. Petersburg is incorporated. It would be reincorporated on June 6, 1903.
- Summer 1892 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- November 8, 1892 -- Grover Cleveland is elected president of the United States. He serves as both the 22nd and 24th president of the United States.
- The Populist Party becomes active in state politics.
- J.E. Ingraham explores the Everglades.

- There are 22 new papers started in Florida during 1892.

Florida in 1892:

Search 1892 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DUVAL COUNTY

Edward Waters Globe, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1892-?

HOLMES COUNTY

Holmes County Advertiser, Bonifay, 1892-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

West Hillsborough Times / later: **St. Petersburg Times**, **Tampa Bay Times**,

St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> Fall 1892 -- Richard J. Morgan buys the *West Hillsborough Times* from Arthur C. Turner for \$1,200 and moves it to St. Petersburg from Clearwater. As the new editor, Morgan experiments with different names: the *Times*, the *News*, the *Once a Week*. But by 1894 or 1895, the newspaper becomes the *St. Petersburg Times*. The weekly newspaper is published in a building on Central Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets. A new printing press is built to replace the Washington hand press that had printed every issue of the paper. (A number of years later the original Washington hand press is donated to the University of Florida. In 1984 the press comes back home to the *Times* when the newspaper celebrates its 100th anniversary.)

1893

- Governor: Henry L. Mitchell, 1893-1897
- January 3, 1893 -- Henry Laurens Mitchell is inaugurated as the 16th governor of Florida.
- Senators: Wilkinson Call; Samuel Pasco
- U.S. President: Grover Cleveland, 1893-1897
- There are 15 new papers started in Florida during 1893.

Florida in 1893:

Search 1893 on the “Florida Memory” website.

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Charlotte Sun Herald, Charlotte Harbor, 1893-Present

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Florida Argus, Pensacola, 1893-1894

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, 1893-1982

> William Henderson and Colonel S.A. Jones buy the *Tampa Tribune* and the *Tampa Journal* and merge both newspapers into a new paper called *The Tampa Daily Times*.

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

Clearwater News, Clearwater, 1893-?

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> March 1893 -- Richard J. Morgan sells the *Times* to Don C. McMullen, who becomes owner and editor. Morgan buys the newspaper back a few months later.

1894

- December 29, 1894 -- A severe freeze hits Florida. Temperatures reach as low as 18 degrees in Tampa. A little over a month later, on February 8th, 1895, a second freeze seriously damages the state’s citrus industry.
- The national Pullman railway strike continues.

Florida in 1894:

Search 1894 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>
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DUVAL COUNTY

Daily American, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1894
> The newspaper is founded by James Weldon Johnson.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Gainesville Sentinel, African-American newspaper / later: **Florida Sentinel**, 1894-1914
> The former *Gainesville Sentinel* moves to Pensacola.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Daily Lake Worth News / later: **Palm Beach Daily News**, Palm Beach, 1894-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present
> Richard J. Morgan sells the *Times* to J. Ira Gore. (Some records say that the paper may have been sold to Gore in 1895.)
Sub-Peninsular, St. Petersburg, 1894-1896

PUTNAM COUNTY

Crescent City News, Putnam, 1894?-1902

ORANGE COUNTY

Arcadia Enterprise, Arcadia, 1894-1924

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Daily Herald / later: **The St. Augustine Record**, St. Augustine, 1894-Present

1895

- Senators: Wilkinson Call; Samuel Pasco
- February 1895 -- A freeze cripples Florida's citrus industry for the second time in three months.

Florida in 1895:
Search 1895 on the "Florida Memory" website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016
> January 1, 1895 -- The daily edition of the *Tampa Tribune* officially starts. The newspaper can trace its beginning to March 27, 1893 when editor and owner Wallace Fisher Stovall moved to Tampa and started another newspaper. (The *Tampa Bay Times* would purchase the *Tribune* in 2016.)

Tampa Herald, Tampa, 1895-1902

WAKULLA COUNTY

The Wakulla News, Crawfordville, 1895-Present

1896

- January 4, 1896 -- Utah becomes the 45th state to enter the Union.
- April 6, 1896 -- The first modern Olympics takes place in Athens, Greece.
- Summer 1896 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- November 3, 1896 -- William McKinley is elected president of the United States.
- Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway begins continuous service from Jacksonville to Miami.

Florida in 1896:
Search 1896 on the "Florida Memory" website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
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DADE COUNTY

Miami Metropolis / later: **The Miami News**, Miami, 1896-1988

DUVAL COUNTY

The Florida Evangelist, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1896-1902

1897

- Governor: William D. Bloxham, 1897-1901
- January 5, 1897 -- William Dunnington Bloxham is inaugurated as the 17th governor of Florida.
- Senators: Samuel Pasco; Stephen R. Mallory
- May 15, 1897 -- Stephen Mallory, Jr. assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- U.S. President: William McKinley, 1897-1901
- Legislators pass a law calling for railroads to provide cattle protection.
- There are four new papers started in Florida during 1897.

Florida in 1897:

Search 1897 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Morning News, Tampa, 1897-?

MANATEE COUNTY

Bradenton News, Bradenton, 1897-?

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, 1897-Present

1898

- February 15, 1898 -- The battleship U.S.S. Maine explodes and sinks in Cuba's Havana Harbor. 260 crew members are killed. Although responsibility for the explosion is not determined, a number of major newspapers, such as William Randolph Hearst's *New York Journal*, editorialize that Spanish sabotage might be the cause. Relations between the U.S. and Spain worsen and war is declared in April. The Spanish-American War ends in August 1898.
- April - August 1898 -- Tampa serves as a chief port of embarkation for about three months during the Spanish-American War. Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his Rough Riders are among the soldiers who stay in Tampa. Other embarkation sites include Jacksonville and Miami. National newspapers and magazines send reporters, artists, and photographers to Florida embarkation cities during the war.

Florida in 1898:

Search 1898 on the "Florida Memory" website.

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ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Journal, Pensacola, 1898-1924

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, 1893-1982

> D.B. McKay takes over *The Tampa Daily Times*.

ORANGE COUNTY

DeSoto County News, Arcadia, 1898-1924

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> October 8, 1898 -- More than half of the October 8, 1898 *Times* front page includes advertising. There are ads for wagons, harnesses, buggies, patent medicines, steamer and railroad tickets.

1899

- Senators: Samuel Pasco; Stephen R. Mallory (Appointed to fill vacancy: James P. Taliaferro)
- April 20, 1899 -- James P. Taliaferro assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- February 13, 1899 -- Tallahassee records a temperature of 2 degrees below zero.

- December 31, 1899 -- Florida newspapers report on celebrations marking the end of the 19th century.

Florida in 1899:

Search 1899 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Sentinel, Pensacola, 1899

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Daily Herald / later: **The St. Augustine Record**, St. Augustine, 1894-Present

> Henry M. Flagler purchases St. Augustine’s *Daily Herald*.

> August 30, 1899 -- The newspaper merges with the *Evening Record*.

1900-1909

1900

- 1900 Census: Florida population: 528,542
- Summer 1900 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- November 6, 1900 -- William McKinley is re-elected president of the United States.
- Florida’s state flag is adopted.
- Newspapers in Florida begin using stories from the reorganized Associated Press Service.

Florida in 1900:

Search 1900 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

Miami Metropolis / later: **The Miami News**, Miami, 1896-1988

> January 1900 -- All of the newspaper’s files are destroyed in a fire.

HARDEE COUNTY

Florida Advocate / later: **The Herald-Advocate**, Wauchula, 1900-Present

1901

- Governor: W.S. Jennings, 1901-1905
- January 8, 1901 -- William Sherman Jennings is inaugurated as the 18th governor of Florida.
- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; James P. Taliaferro
- May 1901 -- A fire in Jacksonville destroys more than 2000 buildings and leaves about 10,000 people homeless.
- September 6, 1901 -- President McKinley is assassinated during a visit to the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York.
- U.S. President: Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909

Florida in 1901:

Search 1901 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Labor Templar, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1901-1920s?

GADSDEN COUNTY

Gadsden County Times, Quincy, 1901-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Daily Herald, Orlando, 1901-1903

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> April 1, 1901 -- William Lincoln Straub, A.P. Avery, and A.H. Lindelie buy the *St. Petersburg Times* from the Gore family for \$1,300. Straub becomes the newspaper's editor. The *Times* is an eight-page paper with four pages pre-printed in Atlanta. Like many small weeklies, the *Times* subscribes to a service that supplies pre-printed pages that include national news and features. The annual subscription rate for the newspaper is \$1.50 a year.

> In 1901 Tampa's Zion Cemetery becomes the first African-American cemetery recognized by the city. 118 years later the *Tampa Bay Times* (formally the *St. Petersburg Times*) reports on its history.

See Also:

[“Nearly 400 people buried in Tampa are missing. What happened to Zion Cemetery?”](#)

By Paul Guzzo, *Tampa Bay Times*, June 23, 2019.

and

[Related 2019 coverage by the Tampa Bay Times about Zion Cemetery.](#)

1902

- May 21, 1902 -- St. Augustine is hit by a small earthquake shock.
- The annual subscription rate for a typical Florida weekly is approximately \$1.50.

Florida in 1902:

Search 1902 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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PUTNAM COUNTY

Florida Enterpriser, Palatka, 1902-?

1903

- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; James P. Taliaferro
- October 13, 1903 -- The Boston Americans beat the Pittsburgh Pirates in the last game of the 1903 World Series.
- December 17, 1903 -- The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, make their first successful manned flight in a motorized airplane near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
- Florida officially obtains title to the Everglades from the United States government.

Florida in 1903:

Search 1903 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Evening Record / later: **The Miami Herald**, Miami, 1903-Present

> Frank B. Stoneman and A.L. LaSalle, who were formally with the *Orlando Daily Herald*, establish Miami's first daily newspaper.

JACKSON COUNTY

The Graceville News, Graceville, 1903-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> December 12, 1903 -- What is believed to be the first photograph printed in the *St. Petersburg Times* appears on the front page. It is part of the story, “St. Petersburg's Candidate Wins.” The

photograph is of Miss Agnes Rogers, who won a Jacksonville newspaper contest to represent West Florida at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.

Tarpon Springs Herald, Tarpon Springs, 1903-?

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

[Fort Pierce News](#), Fort Pierce, 1903-1920

1904

- Summer 1904 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- November 8, 1904 -- Theodore Roosevelt is elected president of the United States.
- Mary McLeod Bethune opens the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute, which later becomes Bethune-Cookman College.
- There are approximately 20 daily and 115 weekly Florida newspapers in 1904.

Florida in 1904:

Search 1904 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> May 4, 1904 -- Tampa's first Gasparilla parade takes place with pirates riding on horseback.

Tampa Morning Tribune society editor Mary Louise Dodge created the festival.

LAKE COUNTY

The Eustis News, Eustis, 1904 - ?

PASCO COUNTY

Dade City Banner / later: **Pasco News**, Dade City, 1904-Present

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Daytona Daily News / later: **Daytona Beach News-Journal**, Daytona Beach, 1904-Present

1905

- Governor: Napoleon Bonaparte Broward, 1905-1909
- January 3, 1905 -- Napoleon Bonaparte Broward is inaugurated as the 19th governor of Florida.
- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; James P. Taliaferro
- October 14, 1905 -- The New York Giants beat the Philadelphia Athletics in the last game of the 1905 World Series.
- The Buckman Act consolidates various state-subsidized learning institutions into the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College in Tallahassee.

Florida in 1905:

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LEON COUNTY

Weekly True Democrat / later: **Tallahassee Democrat**, Tallahassee, 1905-Present

> The *Weekly True Democrat* is founded by Monticello printer John Collins.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Daily Lake Worth News / later: **Palm Beach Daily News**, Palm Beach, 1894-Present

> Henry Flagler's company sells the newspaper to Richard Davies.

1906

- Governor Broward launches the Everglades drainage project.
- Progressive state reforms are made in the areas of education, child labor, health, and public utilities.

- October 14, 1906 -- The Chicago White Sox beat the Chicago Cubs in the last game of the 1906 World Series.

Florida in 1906:

Search 1906 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ALACHUA COUNTY

The University News / later: **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Gainesville, 1906-Present
 > October 19, 1906 -- The first issue of the University of Florida’s student newspaper is published. It is originally called *The University News*, but in 1912 the name is changed to *The Florida Alligator*. In 1973 it becomes *The Independent Florida Alligator*.

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Standard / later: **Standard-Sentinel**, African-American newspaper, 1906-1919

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Reporter / later: **Orlando Sentinel**, Orlando, 1876-Present
 > The *Orlando Reporter* and the *Orlando Evening Star* are merged.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Independent / later: **Evening Independent**, St. Petersburg, 1906-1986
 > March 3, 1906 -- A weekly newspaper, the *St. Petersburg Independent*, is founded by Willis B. Powell. On November 4, 1907 the paper becomes a daily and is renamed the *Evening Independent*. Lew B. Brown purchases the newspaper in 1908 and launches his Sunshine Offer in 1910. (The *St. Petersburg Times* purchases the *Evening Independent* in 1962 and closes the paper in 1986.)

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present
 > September 1906 -- The *Times* purchases a St. Petersburg weekly newspaper called the *Sub-Peninsula Sun*. The *Sun* was founded in the middle 1890s by former *Times* owner Richard J. Morgan.

1907

- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; William J. Bryan (Appointed to fill vacancies: William H. Milton; James P. Taliaferro)
- The employment of children becomes a major issue for legislators.
- The United Press news service is formed. In 1909 the International News Service is also offered to newspapers.
- October 12, 1907 -- The Chicago Cubs beat the Detroit Tigers in the last game of the 1907 World Series.
- November 16, 1907 -- Oklahoma becomes the 46th state to enter the Union.
- December 26, 1907 -- William J. Bryan assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.

Florida in 1907:

Search 1907 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BAY COUNTY

[Panama City Pilot](#), Panama City, 1907-?
 > May 30, 1907 - The *Panama City Pilot* is founded.

CALHOUN COUNTY

The County Record, Blountstown, 1907-Present

DADE COUNTY

Miami Morning News-Record / later: **The Miami Herald**, Miami, 1903-Present
 > The *Miami Morning News* merges with *The Miami Evening Record* to create Miami’s first morning daily. Frank B. Stoneman is the editor and A.L. LaSalle and his son are co-owners.
Miami Metropolis / later: **The Miami News**, Miami, 1896-1988
 > The newspaper’s circulation grows when the *Metropolis* and Publisher Bobo Dean

criticize the powerful Henry Flagler.

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

St. Petersburg Independent / later: **Evening Independent**, St. Petersburg, 1906-1986

> November 7, 1907 -- The *St. Petersburg Independent* changes its name to the *Evening Independent*.

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> The Times becomes a semi-weekly newspaper. It is published twice a week.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Santa Rosa Press Gazette, Milton, 1907-Present

1908

- The Choctawhatchee National Forest is established.
- Florida becomes a site for the production of silent films.
- President Theodore Roosevelt establishes Florida's Ocala and Choctawhatchee National Forests. (The Osceola National Forest was established in 1931 and the Apalachicola a year later. In 1940 the government transferred Choctawhatchee National Forest to the War department and it eventually became Eglin Air Force Base.)
- March 27, 1908 -- William Milton assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- Summer 1908 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 14, 1908 -- The Chicago Cubs beat the Detroit Tigers in the last game of the 1908 World Series.
- November 3, 1908 -- William Howard Taft is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1908:

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PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, 1908-Present

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Sanford Herald / later: **Seminole Herald**, Sanford, 1908-Present

1909

- Governor: Albert W. Gilchrist, 1909-1913
- January 5, 1909 -- Albert W. Gilchrist is inaugurated as the 20th governor of Florida.
- Senators: James P. Taliaferro; Duncan U. Fletcher
- March 4, 1909 -- Duncan Fletcher assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- U.S. President: William H. Taft, 1909-1913
- October 1909 -- A hurricane halts construction of the overwater railroad to Key West. (Hurricanes in 1906 and 1910 also delayed railroad construction.)
- October 16, 1909 -- The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Detroit Tigers in the last game of the 1909 World Series.

Florida in 1909:

Search 1909 on the "Florida Memory" website.

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DADE COUNTY

Miami Morning News-Record, Miami, 1907-1910

> Frank Shutts takes over the paper and pays off the paper's debts with Henry Flagler's backing.

POLK COUNTY

Mulberry Press, Mulberry, 1909-Present

1910s

1910

- Florida population: 752,619
- October 23, 1910 -- The Philadelphia Athletics beat the Chicago Cubs in the last game of the 1910 World Series.
- There is a violent nine-month long cigar strike in Tampa.

Florida in 1910:

Search 1910 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

Miami Morning News-Record / later: **The Miami Herald**, Miami, 1903-Present

> December 1, 1910 -- The *Miami Morning News-Record* changes its name and becomes *The Miami Herald*.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Brother / later: **Colored Citizen**, African-American newspaper, Pensacola, 1910-1965

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> *The Tampa Tribune* building is set on fire during a violent Tampa cigar strike.

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

Evening Independent, St. Petersburg, 1906-1986

> September 1, 1910 -- Major Lew B. Brown, who purchased the St. Petersburg *Evening Independent* in December 1908, launches his famous Sunshine Offer where the newspaper is given away free any day the sun does not shine.

See Also:

[Full-page announcement of the Sunshine Offer:](#)

“The Evening Independent -- Free Every Day the Sun Doesn’t Shine on St. Petersburg.”
Evening Independent, September 20, 1910.

POLK COUNTY

Fort Meade Leader, Fort Meade, 1910-Present

1911

- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Nathan P. Bryan
- May 23, 1911 -- Pinellas County is created in an area formally known as West Hillsborough County.
- March 4, 1911 -- Nathan Bryan assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- October 26, 1911 -- The Philadelphia Athletics beat the New York Giants in the last game of the 1911 World Series.

Florida in 1911:

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DUVAL COUNTY

Afro-American Gazette, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1911-1912

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Free Press, Tampa, 1911-Present

PASCO COUNTY

Zephyrhills News, Zephyrhills, 1911-Present

POLK COUNTY

The Winter Haven News Chief, Winter Haven, 1911-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY (The area is still part of West Hillsborough County.)

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> May 23, 1911 -- Editor W.L. Straub and the *St. Petersburg Times* help pass the "Pinellas Independence Bill" in the Florida Legislature. This new legislation creates Pinellas County out of the western part of Hillsborough County. Pinellas County is officially established on January 1, 1912.

See Also:

["Governor Gilchrist Signs Pinellas County Bill."](#)

St. Petersburg Times, May 23, 1911.

1912

- January 6, 1912 -- Two states enter the Union during 1912: New Mexico (47th state) on January 6th and Arizona (48th state) on February 14th.
- January 22, 1912 -- Henry Flagler travels to Key West aboard the first passenger train to the city. His arrival at approximately 10:30 a.m. marks the official completion of Flagler's East Coast Railroad from Jacksonville. (The 1912 railroad extension to Key West would be destroyed by the deadly 1935 Labor Day Hurricane and replaced three years later by the Overseas Highway.)
- April 14, 1912 -- The British steamship *Titanic* strikes an iceberg in the North Atlantic late on the evening of April 14, 1912. It sinks at approximately 2:20 a.m. the following morning.
- Summer 1912 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 16, 1912 -- The Boston Red Sox beat the New York Giants in the last game of the 1912 World Series.
- November 5, 1912 -- Woodrow Wilson is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1912:

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DADE COUNTY

South Florida Banner / later: **South Dade News Leader**, Homestead, 1912-Present

OKALOOSA COUNTY

Niceville Bayou Times, Crestview, 1912-Present

Okaloosa News-Journal, Crestview, 1912-Present

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Lake Worth Herald, Lake Worth, 1912-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> September 1912 -- Paul Poynter buys majority stock in the Times Publishing Company from W.L. Straub. The stock costs \$3,000 and Poynter assumes the paper's outstanding liabilities for \$7,000. Straub remains as editor and Poynter becomes the new manager and president.

See Also:

["Railroad Train Arrives Safely At Key West."](#)

By wire services, *St. Petersburg Times*, January 23, 1912.

and

Eighty-five years later, in 1997, the *Times* produces one of its first online web projects for a special *Titanic* exhibition at St. Petersburg's Florida International Museum.

["The Titanic."](#) *St. Petersburg Times*, 1997.

1913

- Governor: Park Trammell, 1913-1917
- January 7, 1913 -- Park Trammell is inaugurated as the 21st governor of Florida.
- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Nathan P. Bryan

- U.S. President: Woodrow Wilson, 1913-1921
- October 11, 1913 -- The Philadelphia Athletics beat the New York Giants in the last game of the 1913 World Series.
- A state child labor law is enacted which prohibits employment of minors in factories.

Florida in 1913:

Search 1913 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Frank Shutts purchases the *Herald* from Henry M. Flagler.

FLAGLER COUNTY

Flagler / Palm Coast News-Tribune, Bunnell, 1913-Present

LAKE COUNTY

Clermont Clarion / later: **South Lake Press**, Clermont, 1913-Present

MARTIN COUNTY

The Stuart Times / later: **The Stuart News**, Stuart, 1913-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

West Orange Times, Winter Garden, 1913-Present

VOLUSIA COUNTY

New Smyrna News / later: **New Smyrna Beach Observer**, New Smyrna Beach, 1913-Present

1914

- January 1, 1914 -- Tony Jannus’ 23-minute airboat ride between St. Petersburg and Tampa is the world’s first scheduled commercial passenger flight.
- July 1914 -- World War I begins in Europe.
- Newspapers across the state print World War I extras.
- October 13, 1914 -- The Boston Braves beat the Philadelphia Athletics in the last game of the 1914 World Series.
- There are approximately 25 daily and 140 weekly Florida newspapers in 1914.
- The annual subscription rate for a typical daily Florida newspaper is \$5.00 a year.

Florida in 1914:

Search 1914 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Sentinel, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1914-1931

PINELLAS COUNTY

Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, 1914-1990

> May 1, 1914 -- *The Clearwater Sun* is founded with Willis B. Powell as editor.

POLK COUNTY

Highland News / later: **Frostproof News**, Frostproof, 1914-Present

1915

- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Nathan P. Bryan
- May 7, 1915 -- More than 1,100 people die when the British ocean liner *Lusitania* is torpedoed by a World War I German U-boat off the coast of Ireland.
- October 13, 1915 -- The Boston Red Sox beat the Philadelphia Phillies in the last game of the 1915 World Series.
- Florida’s state road department is established.

Florida in 1915:

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Marjory Stoneman Douglas, who will publish *River of Grass* in 1947, joins her father, editor Frank B. Stoneman at *The Miami Herald*.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Afro-American Monthly, African-American newspaper, Tampa, 1915-?

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Okeechobee Call / later: **The Daily Okeechobee News**, Okeechobee, 1915-Present

1916

- Sidney J. Catts, a Baptist minister and insurance salesman, wins the election for Governor.
- Summer 1916 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 12, 1916 -- The Boston Red Sox beat the Brooklyn Robins (Dodgers) in the last game of the 1916 World Series.
- November 7, 1916 -- Woodrow Wilson is re-elected as president of the United States.

Florida in 1916:

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LAKE COUNTY

Mt. Dora Topic, Mount Dora, 1916-Present

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, 1916-Present

PASCO COUNTY

Suncoast News, New Port Richey, 1916-Present

West Pasco Press, New Port Richey, 1916-Present

POLK COUNTY

The Highlander, Lake Wales, 1916-?

1917

- Governor: Sidney J. Catts, 1917-1921
- January 2, 1917 -- Sidney Johnston Catts is inaugurated as the 22nd governor of Florida.
- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell
- March 4, 1917 -- Park Trammell assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- April 1917 -- The United States declares war on Germany and enters World War I.
- October 15, 1917 -- The Chicago White Sox beat the New York Giants in the last game of the 1917 World Series.

Florida in 1917:

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POLK COUNTY

The Haines City Herald, Haines City, 1917-Present

PUTNAM COUNTY

Palatka Advocate, African-American newspaper, Palatka, 1917-1927?

> The newspaper is founded by Clarence C. Walker.

1918

- Military training camps are set up in Florida during the war.

- September 11, 1918 -- The Boston Red Sox beat the Chicago Cubs in the last game of the 1918 World Series.
- November 11, 1918 -- On what would become known as Armistice Day, and later Veterans Day, journalists around the globe report that with the signing of the Armistice Treaty in France, the First World War officially ended at 11 am on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.

Florida in 1918:

Search 1918 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> March 17, 1918 -- The *St. Petersburg Times* announces that the weekly *Times* will be consolidated with the Sunday *Times*. The weekly was an extra edition containing a round-up of the week’s news.

1919

- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell
- October 9, 1919 -- The Cincinnati Reds beat the Chicago White Sox in the last game of the 1919 World Series.
- The Florida legislature abolishes the leasing of convict labor.
- A deadly influenza pandemic, which started in 1918, continues to spread across Florida and the world.

Florida in 1919:

Search 1919 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY

The News-Sun, Sebring, 1919-Present

1920s

1920

- Florida population: 968,470
- Summer 1920 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 12, 1920 -- The Cleveland Indians beat the Brooklyn Robins (Dodgers) in the last game of the 1920 World Series.
- November 2, 1920 -- Warren G. Harding is elected president of the United States.
- Florida’s first non-commercial radio station, WFAW / WQAM, begins broadcasting in Miami.
- There are approximately 35 daily and 140 weekly Florida newspapers in 1920.

Florida in 1920:

Search 1920 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Fort Pierce News / later: **The Tribune**, Fort Pierce, 1903-Present
> March 1, 1920 -- *The Tribune* is established when *The Fort Pierce News* and the *St. Lucie County Tribune* merge.

1921

- Governor: Cary A. Hardee, 1921-1925
- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell
- U.S. President: Warren G. Harding, 1921-1923
- January 4, 1921 -- Cary A. Hardee is inaugurated as the 23rd governor of Florida.
- October 13, 1921 -- The New York Giants beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1921 World Series.
- There is a disastrous 1921 Florida hurricane.

Florida in 1921:

Search 1921 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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PINELLAS COUNTY

The Pinellas Post, St. Petersburg, 1921-?

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

October 25, 1921 -- A major hurricane hits the Tampa Bay area. Using a motorcycle engine to power its linotype machine, the *Times* continues to publish even when St. Petersburg loses its electricity. Both the municipal and railroad piers are demolished during the hurricane.

See Also:

["90 years after 1921 hurricane, bay area officials fear direct hit."](#)

By Emily Nipps, *St. Petersburg Times*, May 16, 2011.

["Hurricane History Class: 10 lessons Tampa Bay can learn from 10 devastating storms."](#)

By Terry Tomalin, *Tampa Bay Times*, May 13, 2016.

UNION COUNTY

Union County Times, Lake Butler, 1921-Present

1922

- May 30, 1922 -- The Lincoln Memorial is dedicated in Washington, DC. Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln, is in attendance.
- October 8, 1922 -- The New York Giants beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1922 World Series.
- Florida's first commercial radio station, WDAE, begins broadcasting in Tampa.

Florida in 1922:

Search 1922 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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GLADES COUNTY

Glades County Democrat, Moore Haven, 1922-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

La Gaceta, Tampa / Ybor City, 1922-Present

> *La Gaceta* is founded by Victoriano Manteiga.

The Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, 1893-1982

> February 15, 1922 -- *The Tampa Daily Times* starts the commercially licensed radio station, WDAE. The studios are located in the newspaper's building.

JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Floridan, Marianna, 1922-Present

MANATEE COUNTY

The Bradenton Herald, Bradenton, 1922-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sun / briefly called: **Florida Earth**, African-American newspaper, Orlando, 1922-1975?

> The newspaper was founded by H.M. Alexander and acquired by J.L. Bowden in 1931.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Palm Beach Times / later: **The Evening Times**, West Palm Beach, 1922-1987

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“Blue and Gray Pay Homage To Lincoln.”](#)

By Associated Press, *St. Petersburg Times*, May 31, 1922.

1923

- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell
- August 2, 1923 -- President Warren G. Harding dies from a stroke in San Francisco.
- U.S. President: Calvin Coolidge, 1923-1929
- January 1923 -- Six African-Americans are killed when an angry mob burns the town of Rosewood to the ground. This will become known as the Rosewood massacre.
- October 15, 1923 -- The New York Yankees beat the New York Giants in the last game of the 1923 World Series.

Florida in 1923:

Search 1923 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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COLLIER COUNTY

Collier County News / later: **Naples Daily News**, Naples, 1923-Present

DADE COUNTY

Miami Times, African-American newspaper, Miami, 1923-Present

> September 1923 -- The newspaper is founded by H.E.S. Reeves.

DIXIE COUNTY

Dixie County Advocate, Cross City, 1923-Present

HENDRY COUNTY

Caloosa Belle, La Belle, 1923-Present

LAKE COUNTY

Clermont Press, Clermont, 1923-1966

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Belle Glade Herald?; **Everglades Observer?** / later: **The Sun**, Belle Glade, 1923-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

The Dunedin Times, Dunedin, 1923-2000?

1924

- Summer 1924 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 1924 -- The head of South Florida’s Ashley gang is killed in Palm Beach County after years of avoiding law enforcement officials.
- October 10, 1924 -- The Washington Senators beat the New York Giants in the last game of the 1924 World Series.
- November 4, 1924 -- Calvin Coolidge is elected president of the United States.
- November 20, 1924 -- George Gandy officially opens his bridge across Tampa Bay connecting St. Petersburg and Tampa. (Another span is added in 1956 and in 1975 Gandy’s original bridge is taken down. Other new spans were added in 1975 and 1996. In 1997 the 1956 bridge was renamed Friendship Trail Bridge and used for pedestrian traffic until it closed in 2008.)
- The Florida real estate boom fills Florida newspapers with advertisements.

Florida in 1924:
Search 1924 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

DADE COUNTY

East Coast Dispatch, African-American newspaper, Miami, 1924?-1965

> The newspaper becomes the *Tropical Dispatch* in 1929.

Miami Metropolis / later: **Miami Daily News**, Miami, 1896-1988

> The newspaper’s name is changed from the *Miami Metropolis* to the *Miami Daily News*.

DE SOTO COUNTY

The Arcadian, Arcadia, 1924-Present

MARION COUNTY

Florida Watchman, African-American newspaper, Ocala, 1924-?

> The newspaper is founded by Mattie J. Shaw.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

“[Times Playograph Gives Hundreds Play By Play Service on \(the Baseball World\) Series.](#)”

St. Petersburg Times, October 5, 1924.

and

“[St. Petersburg and Tampa united.](#)”

St. Petersburg Times, November 20, 1924.

(*St. Petersburg Times* 125th anniversary issue, 2009.)

POLK COUNTY

The Lakeland Evening Ledger / later: **The Ledger**, Lakeland, 1924-Present

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Washington County News, Chipley, 1924-Present

1925

- Governor: John W. Martin, 1925-1929
- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell
- January 6, 1925 -- John W. Martin is inaugurated as the 24th governor of Florida.
- July 1925 -- The Scopes “Monkey Trial” takes place in Dayton, Tennessee.
- August 13, 1925 -- The city of Naples is incorporated.
- October 15, 1925 -- The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Washington Senators in the last game of the 1925 World Series.

Florida in 1925:
Search 1925 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
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BROWARD COUNTY

Daily News, Fort Lauderdale, 1925-1958

DADE COUNTY

Daily Tab, Miami, 1920s

> Cornelius Vanderbilt publishes a boom-time tabloid called the *Daily Tab*.

GULF COUNTY

The Gulf County Breeze, Wewahitchka, 1925-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Tampa Telegraph, Tampa, 1925-1926

Tampa Globe, Tampa, 1925-1926

The *Tampa Globe*, a tabloid, is started in December and lasts until May 1926.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota Herald / later: **Sarasota Herald-Tribune**, Sarasota, 1925-Present

> October 4, 1925 -- The *Sarasota Herald* is founded by David and Dick Lindsay.

1926

- September 1926 -- A violent hurricane destroys property along Florida's east coast. 300 people are killed by a Lake Okeechobee flood after the hurricane.
- October 10, 1926 -- The St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1926 World Series.
- Florida's program to stop the spread of the Mediterranean fruit fly cuts citrus production by more than fifty percent.

Florida in 1926:

Search 1926 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Vero Beach Journal / later: **Press-Journal**, Vero Beach, 1926-Present

> February 21, 1926 -- The first issue of the *Vero Beach Journal* is published.

POLK COUNTY

The Lake Wales News, Lake Wales, 1926-Present

1927

- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell
- March 1927 -- John Ringling announces that he will be moving the winter headquarters for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus to Sarasota. (In 1948 a circus museum is also opened.)
- May 1927 -- Charles Lindbergh completes his solo plane flight from New York to Paris.
- October 8, 1927 -- The New York Yankees beat the Pittsburgh Pirates in the last game of the 1927 World Series.
- The sugar cane industry begins its first large scale Everglades development in Clewiston.

Florida in 1927:

Search 1927 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

The Floridian Newspaper / later: **The Florida Newspaper**, Miami, 1927-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> March 1927 -- *The Tampa Tribune* is purchased by S.E. Thomason, former general manager of the *Chicago Tribune*, and John Stewart Bryan, editor and publisher of the *Richmond News-Leader*.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Vero Beach Press-Journal, Vero Beach, 1919-Present

> The *Vero Beach Journal* and the *Vero Beach Press* merge to become the *Vero Beach Press-Journal*.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

["Ringling Shows Moved to State."](#)

St. Petersburg Times, March 23, 1927.

and

["Nation Honors Lindbergh Today.](#) Huge Celebration Will Mark Return Of Youthful Hero."

St. Petersburg Times, June 11, 1927.

1928

- April 25, 1928 -- Florida's Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41), linking Tampa to Miami and connecting Florida's Gulf and Atlantic Coasts, is officially opened.

- Summer 1928 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- September 16, 1928 -- A Category 4 hurricane hits Palm Beach County. Many of the approximately 2,500 people killed were African-American migrant farm workers who perished when Lake Okeechobee's dikes broke.
- October 9, 1928 -- The New York Yankees beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the last game of the 1928 World Series.
- November 6, 1928 -- Herbert Hoover is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1928:

Search 1928 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

Jewish Floridian, Miami, 1928-1990

HENDRY COUNTY

Clewiston News, Clewiston, 1928-Present

HERNANDO COUNTY

Brooksville Journal, Brooksville, 1928-1960

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

["Don Ce-Sar Draws Many To Opening."](#)

St. Petersburg Times, January 17, 1928.

and

[Advertisement for Don Ce-Sar hotel.](#)

St. Petersburg Times, January 17, 1928.

POLK COUNTY

The Lakeland Evening Ledger / later: **The Ledger**, Lakeland, 1924-Present

> January 11, 1928 -- *The Lakeland Evening Ledger* merges with *The Lakeland Star-Telegram*.

1929

- Governor: Doyle E. Carlton, 1929-1933
- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell
- U.S. President: Herbert C. Hoover, 1929-1933
- January 8, 1929 -- Doyle E. Carlton is inaugurated as the 25th governor of Florida.
- February 1, 1929 -- President Calvin Coolidge dedicates Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, Florida.
- October 14, 1929 -- The Philadelphia Athletics beat the Chicago Cubs in the last game of the 1929 World Series.

Florida in 1929:

Search 1929 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BAKER COUNTY

The Baker County Press, MacClenny, 1929-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Florida Labor Advocate, Tampa, 1929?-1958

LEON COUNTY

Daily Democrat / later: **Tallahassee Democrat**, Tallahassee, 1905-Present

> Milton Smith sells the newspaper to Lloyd Griscom.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

["Thousands Hear President Laud Giver of Tower."](#)

By the Associated Press, *St. Petersburg Times*, February 2, 1929.

1930s

1930

- Florida population: 1,468,211
- October 8, 1930 -- The Philadelphia Athletics beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the last game of the 1930 World Series.
- The Great Depression continues to force banks to close.
- There are approximately 40 daily and 110 weekly Florida newspapers in 1930.

Florida in 1930:

Search 1930 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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LEVY COUNTY

Levy County Journal, Bronson, 1930-Present

NASSAU COUNTY

Nassau County Record, Callahan, 1930-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“St. Petersburg Becomes Winter Baseball Capital.](#)

Braves and Yankees Train for Pennant Races in this City.”

By Pete Norton, *St. Petersburg Times*, March 30, 1930.

1931

- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell
- October 10, 1931 -- The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Athletics in the last game of the 1931 World Series.
- Legalized pari-mutuel wagering at dog and horse tracks is allowed.

Florida in 1931:

Search 1931 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Sentinel, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1914-1931

> The Jacksonville version of this African-American newspaper closes.

> Publication is resumed in 1944 as the *Tampa Florida Sentinel*.

> In 1945 the newspaper becomes the *Florida Sentinel-Bulletin*.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Mirror / later: **Florida Sun Review**, African-American newspaper, 1931-Present

> The newspaper is founded by J. Lawrence Bowden and Lena Cowan Bowden.

Orlando Reporter Star / later: **Orlando Sentinel**, Orlando, 1876-Present

> The *Reporter Star* is purchased by the *Orlando Morning Sentinel*.

The owner, Texas publisher Charles E. Marsh, hires Martin Anderson to manage both newspapers.

POLK COUNTY

The Polk County Democrat, Bartow, 1931-Present

1932

- The U.S. Congress passes the Emergency Relief and Construction Act.
- March 1, 1932 -- The baby of aviator Charles Lindbergh is kidnapped.
- Summer 1932 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 2, 1932 -- The New York Yankees beat the Chicago Cubs in the last game of the 1932 World Series.
- November 8, 1932 -- Franklin Roosevelt is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1932:

Search 1932 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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GILCHRIST COUNTY

Gilchrist County Journal, Trenton, 1932-Present

HERNANDO COUNTY

Brooksville Sun, Brooksville, 1932-1960

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Amerikan Uutiset, Lantana, 1932-Present

1933

- Governor: David Sholtz, 1933-1937
- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell
- U.S. President: Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933-1945
- January 4, 1933 -- David Sholtz is inaugurated as the 26th governor of Florida.
- February 15, 1933 -- President-elect Franklin Roosevelt escapes an assassination attempt in Miami one month before his inauguration. Chicago's mayor Anton J. Cermak, who was with Roosevelt, is mortally wounded and dies on March 6th.
- October 7, 1933 -- The New York Giants beat the Washington Senators in the last game of the 1933 World Series.

Florida in 1933:

Search 1933 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, 1893-1982

> D.B. McKay leases *The Tampa Daily Times* to David E. Smiley and Ralph Nicholson.
(They buy all of the company's properties in 1935.)

Temple Terrace Beacon, Temple Terrace, 1933?-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

["Man Tries to Kill Roosevelt, Hits Mayor Cermak, 4 Others."](#)

St. Petersburg Times, February 16, 1933.

1934

- October 9, 1934 -- The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Detroit Tigers in the last game of the 1934 World Series.
- A Florida constitutional amendment exempts homesteads from taxation up to \$5,000.
- New Deal programs bring millions of federal dollars to Florida.

Florida in 1934:
Search 1934 on the “Florida Memory” website.
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DADE COUNTY

Miami Whip, African-American newspaper, Miami, 1934-1950.

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Tattler, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1934-1962.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Gulf Beach News, St. Petersburg Beach, 1934-1949.

1935

- Senators: Duncan U. Fletcher; Park Trammell (Term vacancies filled by: William L. Hill; Claude Pepper; Scott M. Loftin; Charles O. Andrews)
- September 2, 1935 -- Florida’s Labor Day hurricane kills more than four-hundred persons, including a group of World War I veterans who were working on the Florida Key’s overwater highway. Author and journalist Ernest Hemingway soon writes an article in the magazine, the *New Masses*, attacking the government for placing the veterans in danger during the storm.
- September 3, 1935 -- The city of Tampa holds a controversial mayoral election between incumbent Mayor Robert E. Lee Chancey and former Mayor D.B. McKay. There is so much concern that violence might break out that Florida Governor Sholtz sends in the National Guard.
- October 7, 1935 -- The Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago Cubs in the last game of the 1935 World Series.

Florida in 1935:
Search 1935 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Courier, African-American newspaper, Pensacola, 1935-1960s?
> The newspaper is founded by Nathaniel N. Baker.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Financial Journal, Pinellas County, 1930s.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“Storms of the Century.”](#)

St. Petersburg Times, June 1, 1995.

and

[“Hurricane Gallery.”](#)

St. Petersburg Times, June 1, 1995.

and

[“Which Features Do You Like?”](#)

Fill out this interesting questionnaire below and let us know your most popular comic strip and feature, as well as the kind of news you like best.”

St. Petersburg Times, September 9, 1935.

and

[“Think this election is crazy? Tampa’s seen worse.”](#)

By Richard Danielson, *Tampa Bay Times*, November 8, 2016.

1936

- May 26, 1936 -- Scott Loftin is appointed as a U.S. senator from Florida after the death of Senator Park Trammell.
- Summer 1936 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.

- July 1, 1936 -- William Hill is appointed as a U.S. senator from Florida after the death of Senator Duncan Fletcher.
- October 6, 1936 -- The New York Yankees beat the New York Giants in the last game of the 1936 World Series.
- November 3, 1936 -- Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected president of the United States.
- November 3, 1936 -- Charles Andrews is elected as a U.S. senator from Florida in a special election to fill the vacancy created after the death of Senator Park Trammell.
- November 3, 1936 -- Claude Pepper is elected as a U.S. senator from Florida in a special election to fill the vacancy created after the death of Senator Duncan Fletcher.
- A major Florida tourist attraction, Cypress Gardens, opens near Winter Haven.

Florida in 1936:

Search 1936 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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VOLUSIA COUNTY

Daytona Beach Evening News, Daytona Beach, 1936-?

1937

- Governor: Frederick P. Cone, 1937-1941
- Senators: Charles O. Andrews; Claude Pepper
- January 5, 1937 -- Frederick P. Cone is inaugurated as the 27th governor of Florida.
- October 10, 1937 -- The New York Yankees beat the New York Giants in the last game of the 1937 World Series.
- Florida repeals its poll tax.

Florida in 1937:

Search 1937 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BAY COUNTY

The News-Herald, Panama City, 1937-Present

DADE COUNTY

Morning Tribune, Miami, ?-1937

> December 1, 1937 -- After he purchases *The Miami Herald*, John S. Knight buys and closes Moe L. Annenberg’s *Morning Tribune*.

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> October 15, 1937 -- John S. Knight purchases the *Miami Herald* from Frank Shutts.

> John S. Knight becomes the editor and publisher, James L. Knight becomes business manager, and Frank B. Stoneman remains as a *Herald* editor until his death in 1941.

GULF COUNTY

The Star, Port St. Joe, 1937-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Tampa Bulletin, African-American newspaper, Tampa, 1930s?

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Public Informer, St. Petersburg, African-American newspaper, 1937-?

St. Petersburg World, St. Petersburg, African-American newspaper, 1930s?

1938

- The overseas highway to Key West opens to the public.
- October 9, 1938 -- The New York Yankees beat the Chicago Cubs in the last game of the 1938 World Series.

Florida in 1938:
Search 1938 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
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DADE COUNTY

Miami Daily News / later: **The Miami News**, Miami, 1896-1988
> The newspaper’s aggressive coverage of corruption at City Hall helps lead to a recall election which replaces three city commissioners.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota Herald / later: **Sarasota Herald-Tribune**, Sarasota, 1925-Present
> The *Sarasota Herald* merges with the *Sarasota Tribune* to become the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

1939

- Senators: Charles O. Andrews; Claude Pepper
- May 1939 -- Florida author, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, is awarded a 1939 Pulitzer Prize for her book, *The Yearling*.
- September 1, 1939 -- World War II begins when Germany invades Poland.
- October 8, 1939 -- The New York Yankees beat the Cincinnati Reds in the last game of the 1939 World Series.

Florida in 1939:
Search 1939 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

DADE COUNTY

Miami Daily News / later: **The Miami News**, Miami, 1896-1988
> The *Miami Daily News* is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for its reporting about corruption at City Hall.

ORANGE COUNTY

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, 1939-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present
> April 10, 1939 -- Editor W.L. Straub dies at the age of 71. Nelson Poynter becomes the new editor of the *St. Petersburg Times*.

1940s

1940

- Florida population: 1,897,414
- January 1940 -- A harsh freeze damages citrus farms.
- Summer 1940 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 8, 1940 -- The Cincinnati Reds beat the Detroit Tigers in the last game of the 1940 World Series.
- November 5, 1940 -- Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1940:
Search 1940 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Temple Terrace Sentinel, Temple Terrace, 1940-1946

> January 17, 1940 -- The first issue of the *Temple Terrace Sentinel* is published.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> The Times Publishing Company, the parent company of the *Times*, enters the broadcast field when it buys radio station WTSP. Broadcast studios are located in the newspaper’s downtown St. Petersburg building. (The radio station is sold in 1956.)

1941

- Governor: Spessard L. Holland, 1941-1945
- Senators: Charles O. Andrews; Claude Pepper
- January 7, 1941 -- Spessard Lindsey Holland is inaugurated as the 28th governor of Florida.
- October 6, 1941 -- The New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the last game of the 1941 World Series.
- December 7, 1941 -- Japanese air and naval forces make a surprise attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The U.S. declares war on Japan and recognizes a state of war with Germany and Italy.
- December 7, 1941 -- Florida newspapers print World War II extras when Pearl Harbor is attacked.

Florida in 1941:
Search 1941 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> The *Herald* moves into a new three-story building on South Miami Avenue.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> January 1941 -- *The Tampa Tribune* company is granted a license for radio station WFLA.

PINELLAS COUNTY

The Gulfport Tribune, Gulfport, 1940s

The Gulfport Citizen, Gulfport, 1940s

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“City’s Population Is Set At 60,812 in New Report.”](#)

St. Petersburg Times, January 8, 1941.

and

[“Japan officially declares war.”](#) (*Times* front page)

St. Petersburg Times, December 7, 1941.

St. Petersburg Times, 125th anniversary issue, 2009.

1942

- German U-boats operate in waters off Florida’s coast.
- World War II helps reinvigorate Florida’s economy.
- October 5, 1942 -- The St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1942 World Series.

Florida in 1942:
Search 1942 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> September 1942 -- Lee Hills becomes the newspaper's managing editor.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

[Drew Field Echoes](#), Tampa, 1942-1944

> March 6, 1942 -- The U.S. Army Air Force took over Tampa's Drew Field during World War II. *Drew Field Echoes*, a weekly newspaper published during the war, published its first issue on March 6, 1942.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

The St. Augustine Record, St. Augustine, 1894-Present

> The *Record* is sold by the Flagler System to a group of St. Augustine businessmen headed by A.H. Tebault, Sr.

1943

- Senators: Charles O. Andrews; Claude Pepper
- October 11, 1943 -- The New York Yankees beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the last game of the 1943 World Series
- Florida begins strict rationing of food and materials needed for the war effort.
- Airfield and highway construction is accelerated, laying the foundation for Florida's post-war transportation network.
- Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, author of *The Yearling*, is sued by Zelma Cason for the way Cason was portrayed in Rawlings's book *Cross Creek*.

Florida in 1943:

Search 1943 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> Virgil Miller "Red" Newton becomes managing editor of *The Tampa Tribune*.

1944

- June 6, 1944 -- The World War II D-Day invasion begins.
- Summer 1944 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 9, 1944 -- The St. Louis Cardinals beat the St. Louis Browns in the last game of the 1944 World Series.
- November 7, 1944 -- Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1944:

Search 1944 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> November 10, 1944 -- Circuit judges Paul D. Barns and Marshall C. Wiseheart cite *The Miami Herald* and associate editor John D. Pennekamp for contempt after the newspaper publishes two editorials and a cartoon criticizing the court.

Your Home Town News, Miami, 1944-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Tampa Florida Bulletin / later: **Florida Sentinel-Bulletin**,

African-American newspaper, Tampa, 1944

PINELLAS COUNTY

Floridian, St. Petersburg, 1944-1959?

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“Invasion: Troops Landing In Northern France, Eisenhower Announces.”](#)

St. Petersburg Times, June 6, 1944.

and

[“Hitler’s Europe Invaded.](#)

Greatest Military Operation In History Begins In France.”

St. Petersburg Times, Extra Edition, June 6, 1944.

1945

- Governor: Millard F. Caldwell, 1945-1949
- Senators: Charles O. Andrews; (Replacement: Spessard L. Holland); Claude Pepper
- January 2, 1945 -- Millard Fillmore Caldwell is inaugurated as the 29th governor of Florida.
- April 12, 1945 -- President Roosevelt dies during a trip to his home in Warm Springs, Georgia.
- U.S. President: Harry S. Truman, 1945-1953
- May 8, 1945 -- Nazi Germany’s unconditional surrender is accepted by the Allies on what will become known as V-E Day or Victory in Europe Day.
- August 14, 1945 -- World War II ends when Japan surrenders to the Allies. On September 2, 1945 the signing ceremony that officially ends the war takes place on the U.S.S. Missouri.
- October 10, 1945 -- The Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago Cubs in the last game of the 1945 World Series.

Florida in 1945:

Search 1945 on the “Florida Memory” website.

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> July 24, 1945 -- The Florida Supreme Court, by a 5 to 2 vote, upholds the 1944 circuit court contempt conviction against *The Miami Herald* and associate editor John D. Pennekamp.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Florida Sentinel-Bulletin, African-American newspaper, Tampa, 1945-Present

See Also:

[“About Us.”](#) *Florida Sentinel-Bulletin*.

ORANGE COUNTY

Central Florida Times, Orlando, African-American newspaper, 1945-1949

> The newspaper is founded by Benjamin C. Hubert.

Orlando Reporter Star / later: **Orlando Sentinel**, Orlando, 1876-Present

> The *Reporter Star* and the *Orlando Morning Sentinel* are purchased by Martin Anderson.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> November 21, 1945 -- The paper begins using cold type/photocomposition when a typographers union strike forces the *St. Petersburg Times* to publish for 66 days without printers.

See Also:

“A New World Begins.”

St. Petersburg Times, August 16, 1945.

Excerpt from *Times* editorial:

“It came fast. The war with Japan ended. St. Petersburg returns to work after a holiday of celebration. Like in other parts of the country and in the world, the war’s end signaled a spontaneous joy and enthusiasm here. We have the tools, we have the manpower, we have the resources. The same will to peace that we exhibited to war will truly make the post-war era of our city, our state, our nation the greatest period in the history of the United States of America.”

1946

- March 17, 1946 -- Jackie Robinson plays in the first integrated baseball spring training game.

- The game between the Montreal Royals and the Brooklyn Dodgers takes place in Daytona.
- September 25, 1946 -- Spessard Holland is appointed as a U.S. senator from Florida after the death of Senator Charles Andrews. Holland will later be elected to a full term.
- October 15, 1946 -- The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Boston Red Sox in the last game of the 1946 World Series.

Florida in 1946:

Search 1946 on the "Florida Memory" website.

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> June 3, 1946 -- In *The Miami Herald* case, *Pennekamp v. Florida*, The U.S. Supreme Court rules that a newspaper can criticize a court without fear of being silenced by a judge's use of contempt. The court's unanimous decision overturns the Florida supreme court's 1945 ruling and the original circuit court conviction.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

The Escambia Sun-Press, Pensacola, 1946-Present

OKALOOSA COUNTY

Playground News / later: **Northwest Florida Daily News**, Fort Walton Beach, 1946-Present

PUTNAM COUNTY

Crescent City Courier-Journal, Crescent City, 1946-Present

SARASOTA COUNTY

The Venice Gondolier, Venice, 1946-Present

1947

- Senators: Claude D. Pepper; Spessard L. Holland
- April 15, 1947 -- Jackie Robinson becomes the first African-American to play in a Major League Baseball game.
- October 6, 1947 -- The New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the last game of the 1947 World Series.
- December 6, 1947 -- President Truman dedicates the Everglades National Park.
- The University of Florida and Florida State University become coeducational institutions.

Florida in 1947:

Search 1947 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BROWARD COUNTY

Florida Spur, African-American newspaper, Fort Lauderdale, 1947-1950?

GADSDEN COUNTY

Havana Herald, Havana, 1947-Present

LEON COUNTY

Record-Dispatch, African-American newspaper, Tallahassee, 1947-?

1948

- Congress approves Cape Canaveral as the site for a government missile launching test center.
- Summer 1948 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 11, 1948 -- The Cleveland Indians beat the Boston Braves in the last game of the 1948 World Series.
- November 2, 1948 -- Harry Truman is elected president of the United States.
- As of 1948 the following radio stations are owned by newspapers:

WDMB-AM:	Daytona Beach <i>News-Journal</i>
WFTL-AM:	Fort Lauderdale <i>News</i>

WJHP-AM:	<i>Jacksonville Journal</i>
WIOD-AM:	<i>Miami Daily News</i>
WQAM-AM:	<i>The Miami Herald</i>
WTMC-AM:	<i>Ocala Star-Banner</i>
WHOO-AM:	<i>Orlando Sentinel-Star</i>
WOLF-AM:	<i>Leesburg Commercial</i>
WCOA-AM:	<i>Pensacola News Journal</i>
WTSP-AM:	<i>St. Petersburg Times</i>
WDAE-AM:	<i>Tampa Times</i>
WFLA-AM:	<i>Tampa Tribune</i>

Florida in 1948:
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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present
 > December 22, 1948 -- *Miami Herald* printers go on strike over a contract dispute.
 Newspaper management temporarily replaces the linotype operators with trained
 teletypesetters and other *Herald* personnel.

1949

- Governor: Fuller Warren, 1949-1953
- Senators: Claude D. Pepper; Spessard L. Holland
- January 4, 1949 -- Fuller Warren is inaugurated as the 30th governor of Florida.
- May 1949 -- African-American Virgil Darnell Hawkins is denied admission to the University of Florida law school.
- October 9, 1949 -- The New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the last game of the 1949 World Series.
- The legislature approves the first state sales tax.
- Florida’s first television station, WTVJ, begins broadcasting in Miami.
- Florida’s open range policy comes to an end when the state declares that cattle can no longer roam freely.

Florida in 1949:
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BROWARD COUNTY

Coral Springs News, Coral Springs, 1949-Present
Quad City News, Pompano Beach, 1949-Present

DADE COUNTY

Plantation Star, Plantation, 1949-Present

LEON COUNTY

The Democrat / later: **Tallahassee Democrat**, Tallahassee, 1905-Present
 > *The Democrat* changes its name to the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

1950s

1950

- Florida population: 2,771,305
- July 24, 1950 -- The first missile is launched from Cape Canaveral.
- October 7, 1950 -- The New York Yankees beat the Philadelphia Phillies in the last game of the 1950 World Series.
- The U.S. Senate Crime Investigating Committee, headed by Senator Estes Kefauver, holds hearings in Tampa and Miami about organized crime operations in Florida.
- President Truman authorizes the use of U.S. forces in Korea.

Florida in 1950:

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ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> The *Orlando Morning Sentinel* reports on a Groveland, Florida rape trial involving Lake County Sheriff Willis V. McCall and a group of young African-American men known as the “Groveland Four.”

See Also:

Pinsky, Mark I. "[Maligned in black and white](#):"

Southern newspapers played a major role in racial violence.

Do they owe their communities an apology?"

Poynter Institute website, May 2019.

LEVY COUNTY

Chiefland Citizen, Chiefland, 1950-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> April 1950 -- *St. Petersburg Times* writer and copy editor Norman Bunin reports on the “Groveland Four” trial. The three-part investigative series was based on trial transcripts, interviews, and extensive original research.

See Also:

“Did Groveland Negroes Get a Fair Trial? Supreme Court To Decide.”

[\(First in a series\)](#)

St. Petersburg Times, Section 2, Page 13, April 7, 1950.

and

“Did State Get Right Men in Rape Case? Story Of Three Raises Doubt!”

[\(Second in a series\)](#)

St. Petersburg Times, Section 2, Page 17, April 8, 1950.

and

“Did They Get A Fair Trial in Lake County?”

[\(Editors note about the series\)](#)

St. Petersburg Times, Section 2, Page 17, April 8, 1950.

and

“Time Table, Based On State Testimony, Raises Grave Doubts in Lake Rape Case.”

[\(Last in a series\)](#)

St. Petersburg Times, Section 2, Page 15, April 9, 1950.

See Also:

“[Finally, a pardon for the Groveland Four.](#)”

Tampa Bay Times editorial, January 12, 2019.

1951

- Senators: Spessard L. Holland; George A. Smathers
- January 3, 1951 -- George Smathers assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- October 10, 1951 -- The New York Yankees beat the New York Giants in the last game of the 1951 World Series.
- December 25, 1951 -- Harry T. Moore, a statewide organizer for the NAACP in Florida, is killed when his Mims, Florida house is bombed.

Florida in 1951:

Search 1951 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> The newspaper is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for its reporting on organized crime.

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Star, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1951-Present

LEE COUNTY

Beach Bulletin / later: **Fort Myers Beach Bulletin**, Fort Myers Beach, 1951-Present

1952

- Summer 1952 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 7, 1952 -- The New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the last game of the 1952 World Series.
- November 4, 1952 -- Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1952:

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ALACHUA COUNTY

The High Springs Herald, High Springs, 1952-Present

MONROE COUNTY

Key Outpost, Key West, 1952 -?

OKALOOSA COUNTY

West Florida Daily Globe, Crestview, 1952 -?

PINELLAS COUNTY

Pinellas County Review / later: **Tampa Bay Review**, Clearwater, 1952-?

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota Journal, Sarasota, 1952-1982

1953

- Governor: Daniel T. McCarthy, 1953
- January 6, 1953 -- Daniel T. McCarty is inaugurated as the 31st governor of Florida.
- September 29, 1953 -- State Senate President Charley Johns becomes the 32nd governor of Florida following the September 28th death of Governor Dan McCarty.
- Governor: Charley E. Johns, acting governor, 1953-1955
- Senators: Spessard L. Holland; George A. Smathers
- U.S. President: Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953-1961
- October 5, 1953 -- The New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the last game of the 1953 World Series.

Florida in 1953:

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DADE COUNTY

Diario Las Americas, Miami, 1953-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

La Gaceta, Tampa / Ybor City, 1922-Present

> The Spanish daily *La Gaceta* becomes a weekly and adds English and Italian columns.

> A political column is started by Roland Manteiga.

MONROE COUNTY

Florida Keys Keynoter, Marathon, 1953-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> September 1953 -- Alvah H. Chapman becomes vice president and general manager of the *St. Petersburg Times*. He leaves the newspaper in 1957 and few years later joins *The Miami Herald*.

See Also:

[“Supreme Court Rules Sen. Johns Is Acting Governor;](#)

Three Men Mentioned For '54 Succession.

Sentiment For Close Associate Is Growing.”

By Sam Stickney, *St. Petersburg Times*, September 30, 1953.

POLK COUNTY

Auburndale Star, Auburndale, 1953-Present

1954

- May 17, 1954 -- In the case, “Brown v. Board of Education,” the U.S. Supreme Court declares state laws establishing “separate but equal” schools for African-American and white students to be unconstitutional.
- September 6, 1954 -- The Sunshine Skyway Bridge connecting St. Petersburg and Bradenton opens.
- October 2, 1954 -- The New York Giants beat the Cleveland Indians in the last game of the 1954 World Series.
- November 1954 -- Leroy Collins is elected to complete the term of the late Governor McCarthy.

Florida in 1954:

Search 1954 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> At the beginning of a debate between the Democratic runoff candidates Leroy Collins and Charley Johns, Collins exhibits an early edition of the next day’s *Herald* with an ad where Johns claims victory for the debate which has not even taken place yet.

Johns is unable to fully recover from the embarrassment and the episode helps lead to his loss in the election.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> May 17, 1954 -- *The St. Petersburg Times* supports the Supreme Court’s landmark decision, “Brown v. Board of Education.” *The St. Petersburg Times* is one of the first major newspapers in the South to come out against segregation.

See Also:

“A New Law, Make No Mistake about It. And It Appears to Be Final.”

St. Petersburg Times, May 18, 1954.

Excerpt from *Times* editorial:

“A major blow for man’s freedom has been struck. America can take pride in the patience and common sense of its white and black citizens that this major change is being made through our courts rather than through brawls and violence....Our highest court has recognized that legal validity to the concept of segregation does violence to the spirit -- to the dignity -- of those who

are segregated...”

> September 6, 1954 -- A large photo of the Skyway bridge is the newspaper’s first full-color front page photograph. The photo is for a story describing the opening of the Sunshine Skyway bridge.

1955

- Governor: LeRoy Collins, 1955-1961
- Senators: Spessard L. Holland; George A. Smathers
- January 4, 1955 -- Leroy Collins is inaugurated as the 33rd governor of Florida.
- April 1955 -- The new vaccine developed by Jonas Salk for polio is distributed to Florida schools.
- August 28, 1955 -- 14-year-old African-American Emmett Till is brutally murdered in Mississippi while visiting from Chicago.
- October 4, 1955 -- The Brooklyn Dodgers beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1955 World Series.
- October 19, 1955 -- The Florida Supreme Court rules that the University of Florida can not deny admission to a person based solely on race.
- December 1, 1955 -- Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus and the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott soon begins. The boycott lasts until the end of December 1956.
- A state-wide highway and turnpike system is approved by the Florida legislature.

Florida in 1955:

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PALM BEACH COUNTY

Delray Beach News / later: **The News**, Boca Raton, 1955-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> November 30, 1955 -- One of the most important civil rights stories in St. Petersburg’s history begins when six African-Americans file suit for access to the city’s segregated Spa Beach and pool.

See Also:

“[The soul of St. Petersburg.](#)”

By Jon Wilson, *St. Petersburg Times*, January 2, 2000.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Englewood Sun Herald, Venice Beach, 1955-Present

1956

- May 27, 1956 -- The Tallahassee bus boycott begins.
- Summer 1956 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 10, 1956 -- The New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the last game of the 1956 World Series.
- November 6, 1956 -- Dwight D. Eisenhower is re-elected president of the United States.
- It is announced that Hillsborough County will be the site of the new University of South Florida.
- A seven-member Florida legislative investigation committee (later known as the Johns Committee) is formed. The committee remains active until 1965.

Florida in 1956:

Search 1956 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> Richmond Newspapers Inc. acquires controlling interest in The Tampa Tribune Company.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“Elvis Came, He Sang And He Conquered.”](#)

By Anne Rowe and Arlene Fillinger, *St. Petersburg Times*, August 8, 1956.

1957

- Senators: Spessard L. Holland; George A. Smathers
- September 4, 1957 -- Nine African-American students are blocked from entering Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- October 4, 1957 -- The Soviet Union launches *Sputnik I*, the first man-made space satellite.
- October 10, 1957 -- The Milwaukee Braves beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1957 World Series.
- The legislature authorizes the creation of Florida educational television stations.
- Florida’s state legislature attempts to defy the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling by adopting an interposition resolution denying that the court had the right to enact law.

Florida in 1957:

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LAKE COUNTY

Lake News, Mount Dora, 1957-Present

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Highlights / later: **Jupiter Courier Journal**, Jupiter, 1957-Present

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Fort Pierce Chronicle, African-American newspaper, Fort Pierce, 1957-?

1958

- January 31, 1958 -- The first U.S. satellite, *Explorer I*, is launched from Cape Canaveral.
- March 1958 -- The Tallahassee bus boycott ends.
- October 9, 1958 -- The New York Yankees beat the Milwaukee Braves in the last game of the 1958 World Series.
- Federal district Judge Dozier DeVane orders the desegregation of the University of Florida’s graduate schools.

Florida in 1958:

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BROWARD COUNTY

News and Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, 1958-1960

DADE COUNTY

Coral Gables News, Coral Gables, 1958-Present

Kendall News, Kendall, 1958-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Independent, Tampa, 1958-?

The Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, 1893-1982

> May 31, 1958 -- *The Tampa Times* is sold to The Tampa Tribune Company.

> *The Tampa Tribune* will publish *The Tampa Times* as an afternoon paper with a separate news staff.

1959

- Senators: Spessard L. Holland; George A. Smathers

- January 1, 1959 -- Thousands of Cubans begin migrating to South Florida when Cuban President Batista flees the country and leaves Cuba in the hands of Fidel Castro.
- January 3, 1959 -- Alaska becomes the 49th state to enter the Union.
- August 21, 1959 -- Hawaii becomes the 50th state to enter the Union. The United States government had approved statehood back in March and the people of Hawaii voted on it during the summer. About a year later, on July 4, 1960, a new U.S. flag with 50 stars becomes official.
- October 8, 1959 -- The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Chicago White Sox in the last game of the 1959 World Series.

Florida in 1959:

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DADE COUNTY

El Nuevo Patria, Miami, 1959-Present

The Miami News, Miami, 1896-1988

> *Miami News* staff writer Howard Van Smith is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting. His stories dealt with the living conditions of migrant workers exposed to freezing temperatures during an especially cold Florida winter.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Journal, Lake Placid, 1959-Present

LEE COUNTY

Bonita Banner, Bonita Springs, 1959-Present

SARASOTA COUNTY

The Bulletin, African-American newspaper, Sarasota, 1959-Present

1960s

1960

- Florida population: 4,951,560
- February 1, 1960 -- Four college students in Greensboro, North Carolina, begin a lunch counter sit-in. Others are inspired by their actions and hold sit-ins throughout the South. Picketing and sit-ins help lead to the desegregation of Florida lunch counters, theaters, and other establishments during the early 1960s.
- February 13, 1960 -- Tallahassee college students begin lunch counter sit-ins at local department stores. This is the beginning of months of civil rights demonstrations in Florida’s state capital.
- March 20, 1960 -- Florida Governor Leroy Collins delivers a statewide radio and television address declaring segregation morally wrong.
- Summer 1960 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- September 10, 1960 -- Hurricane Donna sweeps across South Florida.
- October 13, 1960 -- The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1960 World Series.
- November 8, 1960 -- John F. Kennedy is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1960:

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BROWARD COUNTY

News, Fort Lauderdale, 1960-1992

Sun-Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, 1960-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Lutz Community News, Lutz, 1960?-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> March 14, 1960 -- A speech by Eleanor Roosevelt at St. Petersburg's Gibbs Junior College is interrupted after police receive a bomb threat against the former first lady. She resumes her speech after police search the auditorium.

See Also:

"U.S. Must Feed The Hungry To Sell Freedom, Eleanor Roosevelt Declares."

By Lowell Brandle, *St. Petersburg Times*, March 15, 1960.

Excerpt from *Times* story:

"Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt seized upon an anonymous bomb threat last night to give a St. Petersburg audience a brief lesson in courage and courtesy.... 'If I blew up, it wouldn't change one bit of what is going to happen inevitably.' In a final reference to the bomb scare, later in her speech, Mrs. Roosevelt said that the world watches what is happening in America. 'In the morning, India and Japan will know what happened here tonight, and it will not be good for us. They will ask, 'Is this American democracy?'"

See Also:

"[The Transcript of Message: Governor Collins On Race.](#)"

St. Petersburg Times, March 21, 1960.

See Also:

"[A New University Becomes a Reality.](#)"

By Bette Orsini, *St. Petersburg Times*, September 26, 1960.

See Also:

"[A Times Exclusive -- Full \(Nixon-Kennedy\) Debate Transcript.](#)"

St. Petersburg Times, September 27, 1960.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

The Gulf Breeze Sentinel, Gulf Breeze, 1960-Present

1961

- Governor: C. Farris Bryant, 1961-1965
- U.S. President: John F. Kennedy, 1961-1963
- January 3, 1961 -- Farris Bryant is inaugurated as the 34th governor of Florida.
- April 17, 1961 -- A land invasion by CIA-sponsored Cuban exiles to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro begins at the Bay of Pigs on the south coast of Cuba. The invasion, which started earlier with unsuccessful air strikes, is overpowered by the Cuban army and ends within a few days. President Kennedy accepts full responsibility for the "Bay of Pigs" failure.
- May 4, 1961 -- The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) begins its Freedom Rides campaign in the South. The bus trips, which are designed to protest segregation on interstate buses and terminals, continue through the spring and summer.
- May 5, 1961 -- Alan Shepard becomes the first U.S. astronaut in space. After his launch from Cape Canaveral he reaches an altitude of 115 miles during a 15-minute flight aboard his *Freedom 7* Mercury capsule.
- October 9, 1961 -- The New York Yankees beat the Cincinnati Reds in the last game of the 1961 World Series.
- November 19, 1961 -- Martin Luther King, Jr. visits Tampa and speaks at the Fort Homer Hesterly Armory.

Florida in 1961:

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BROWARD COUNTY

Observer Community Newspaper, Deerfield Beach, 1961-Present

LEE COUNTY

Islander, Sanibel, 1961-Present

MARTIN COUNTY

The Mirror, Jensen Beach, 1961-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“Freedom Riders come to forefront in wake of Raymond Arsenault’s book.”](#)

By Colette Bancroft, *St. Petersburg Times*, October 15, 2011.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Perry Taco Times, Perry, 1961-Present

1962

- February 20, 1962 -- John Glenn becomes the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the earth.
- October 16, 1962 -- The New York Yankees beat the San Francisco Giants in the last game of the 1962 World Series.
- October 22, 1962 -- In a televised speech to the nation, President John Kennedy announces the discovery of Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba. During a 13-day standoff the world watches as the U.S. and the Soviets search for an end to the “Cuban Missile Crisis.” Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev eventually agrees to remove the missiles.

Florida in 1962:

Search 1962 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ALACHUA COUNTY

The Gainesville Sun, Gainesville, 1876-Present

> The Pepper family sells *The Gainesville Sun* to the Cowles company.

BAY COUNTY

The News-Herald, Panama City, 1937-Present

> The Panama City *News-Herald* is awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

LEE COUNTY

Lehigh Acres News Weekly / later: **News-Star**, Lehigh Acres, 1962-Present

MANATEE COUNTY

Morning Call, Bradenton, 1962-1963

PINELLAS COUNTY

Evening Independent, St. Petersburg, 1906-1986

> June 1962 -- The *St. Petersburg Times* purchases its afternoon competitor, the *Evening Independent*, from the Thomson Newspaper company.

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“Glenn’s Triple Orbit Of Earth Wins World Acclaim](#)

For U.S. America Sails Triumphantly Into A ‘New Ocean.’”

St. Petersburg Times, February 21, 1962.

and

[“President Quarantines Cuba; U.S. Forces Guard Caribbean.”](#)

St. Petersburg Times, October 23, 1962.

and

[“Brrrrrrrr!!”](#) (*Times* front page)

St. Petersburg Times, December 12, 1962.

St. Petersburg Times 125th anniversary issue, 2009.

Excerpt:

“This is certainly not the most important, but perhaps it is the most unusual front page the *St. Pete Times* ever printed. During a record

cold spell, the entire front was printed with blue ink.”

1963

- Senators: Spessard L. Holland; George A. Smathers
- June 11, 1963 -- President Kennedy delivers a televised presidential address from the White House announcing his plan to submit a civil rights bill to Congress.
- June 12, 1963 -- Medger Evers, NAACP field secretary in Jackson, Mississippi, is killed.
- August 28, 1963 -- During the March on Washington at the Lincoln Memorial Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his “I Have A Dream” speech.
- September 15, 1963 -- Four young African-American girls, Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Carol Denise McNair are killed by a dynamite bombing at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.
- October 6, 1963 -- The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1963 World Series.
- November 22, 1963 -- President John Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas. (Kennedy visited Florida four days before his assassination.)
- U.S. President: Lyndon B. Johnson, 1963-1969

Florida in 1963:

Search 1963 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BROWARD COUNTY

Hallandale Digest, Hallandale, 1963-Present

DADE COUNTY

The Miami News, Miami, 1896-1988

> May 1963 -- *Miami News* staff writer Harold V. Hendrix is awarded the 1963 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting for his investigation which revealed that the Soviet Union was installing missile launching pads in Cuba and sending in large numbers of MIG-21 aircraft in 1962.

DUVAL COUNTY

Beaches Leader, Jacksonville Beach, 1963-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

Pinellas Park News / later: **Pinellas News**, Pinellas Park, 1963-Present

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

“[Shocked world mourns Kennedy assassination.](#)” (*Times* front page)

St. Petersburg Times, November 23, 1963.

St. Petersburg Times 125th anniversary issue, 2009.

and

[Times news coverage about the Kennedy assassination.](#)

St. Petersburg Times, November 23, 1963.

and

“[He Shall Not Have Died in Vain.](#)” (*Times* editorial)

St. Petersburg Times, November 23, 1963.

and

“[Charm takes over in Tampa.](#)”

Those who witnessed the president’s Tampa visit remember how his confidence mesmerized the crowds.”

By Mary Evertz, *St. Petersburg Times*, November 11, 1999.

1964

- January 23, 1964 -- The U.S. Congress ratifies the 24th Amendment to the Constitution that prohibits poll taxes in federal elections.
- June 1964 -- The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Martin Luther King, Jr. lend their support to Dr. Robert Hayling and other local St. Augustine civil rights activists demonstrating for an end to racial discrimination.

- June 21, 1964 -- Civil rights activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner are killed. They were helping to register African-American voters in Mississippi. Members of the KKK are later found guilty of their murders.
- July 2, 1964 -- President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law.
- Summer 1964 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- August 7, 1964 -- The U.S. Congress passes the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution which gives President Johnson power to use any action necessary to repel armed attacks on U.S. forces in Vietnam.
- The state establishes two new universities: The University of West Florida in Pensacola and Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.
- August 27, 1964 -- Hurricane Cleo hits Southeast Florida.
- October 15, 1964 -- The St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1964 World Series.
- November 3, 1964 -- Lyndon B. Johnson is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1964:

Search 1964 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BROWARD COUNTY

Hometown Herald, Fort Lauderdale, 1964-Present

DADE COUNTY

Broward Neighbors, Miami, 1964-Present

LEON COUNTY

Capital Outlook, Tallahassee, 1964-Present

MADISON COUNTY

Madison County Carrier, Madison, 1964-Present

MANATEE COUNTY

Manatee County Call, Bradenton, 1964-?

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> May 4, 1964

The *St. Petersburg Times* and reporter Martin Waldron are awarded the 1964 Pulitzer Prize in Public Service “for its aggressive investigation of the Florida Turnpike Authority which disclosed widespread illegal acts and resulted in a major reorganization of the state’s road construction program.”

See Also:

“[St. Petersburg Times](#).”

Pulitzer website.

and

“[The Turnpike Story](#).”

St. Petersburg Times.

See Also:

“[Our own ‘Green Book’: How a black Times reporter chronicled his 1964 trip across the South](#).”

Just a few months after racial segregation was outlawed, the then-*St. Petersburg Times* sent an African American reporter (Samuel Adams) and his wife on a 4,300-mile journey through 12 southern states.”

By Gabrielle Calise, *Tampa Bay Times*, February 25, 2019.

and

“[‘Highways to Hope’: Read a Times reporter’s account of a road trip through racism in 1964](#).”

A reporter (Samuel Adams) and his wife took a journey through 12 southern states just months after segregation was outlawed in 1964. Read his whole series below.”

By Gabrielle Calise, *Tampa Bay Times*, March 5, 2019.

VOLUSIA COUNTY

The New Volusian, Daytona Beach, 1964-Present

1965

- Governor: Haydon Burns, 1965-1967
- Senators: Spessard L. Holland; George A. Smathers
- January 5, 1965 -- Haydon Burns is inaugurated as the 35th governor of Florida.
- August 6, 1965 -- The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson.
- October 14, 1965 -- The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Minnesota Twins in the last game of the 1965 World Series.
- October 25, 1965 -- It is announced that Walt Disney World will be built in Florida.
- A National Football League franchise is awarded to Miami.

Florida in 1965:

Search 1965 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ALACHUA COUNTY

The Gainesville Sun, Gainesville, 1876-Present

> John R. Harrison of the *Gainesville Sun* is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for editorials supporting passage of a minimum housing standard code in Gainesville.

BROWARD COUNTY

Broward Jewish Journal, Deerfield Beach, 1965-Present

Coral Springs Forum, Coral Springs, 1965-Present

Deerfield Beach Thursday Times, Deerfield Beach, 1965-Present

Margate / Coconut Creek Forum, Margate, 1965-Present

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Voice, African-American newspaper, Pensacola, 1965-Present

LEON COUNTY

Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, 1905-Present

> The Griscom family sells the *Tallahassee Democrat* to Knight Newspapers.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> July 15, 1965 -- It is announced that Martin Andersen will sell the *Orlando Sentinel* and the *Orlando Evening Star* to the Tribune Company.

> October 21, 1965 -- Emily Bavar writes an article titled “Is Our Mystery Industry Disneyland,” which is the first to report that Walt Disney may build a theme park in Central Florida.

The Planter Newspaper, Apopka, 1965-Present

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Boca Raton Thursday Times, Boca Raton, 1965-Present

Central Boca Times, Boca Raton, 1965-Present

West Boca Times, Boca Raton, 1965-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> January 1965 -- The *Times* creates a computer services department. In May, two Honeywell Model 200 computers are installed.

See Also:

“[Burns Says Disney Planning Giant Florida Attraction.](#)”

UPI / *St. Petersburg Times*, October 26, 1965.

1966

- June 2, 1966 -- *Surveyor 1*, an unmanned spacecraft launched from Cape Kennedy, makes the first U.S. soft landing on the moon.
- October 9, 1966 -- The Baltimore Orioles beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the last game of the 1966 World Series.
- The governor’s race is between Democrat Robert King High and Republican Claude R. Kirk.

Florida in 1966:

Search 1966 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BREVARD COUNTY

Florida Today, Melbourne, 1966-Present

DADE COUNTY

The Islander Key Biscayne Weekly Bulletin / later: **The Islander News**, 1966-Present
Libre, Miami, 1966-Present

The Miami News, Miami, 1896-1988

> July 30, 1966 -- *The Miami News*, which is owned by the Cox Publishing company, moves to *The Miami Herald* plant under an operating agreement where the *Herald* manages business affairs of the evening *News*.

> Don Wright of *The Miami News* is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning. Among the topics his cartoons dealt with were the exodus of Cuban exiles, the Ku Klux Klan, nativism, and the Vietnam War.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> Reporter John Frasca is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for a series of articles about an unjustly jailed Polk County man.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> 1966 — Anne Goldman becomes newsfeatures editor and the first woman to head a *St. Petersburg Times* department that includes as many women as men.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

The St. Augustine Record, St. Augustine, 1894-Present

> July 1, 1966 -- The Tebault family sells the newspaper to the Florida Publishing Company of Jacksonville, publishers of the *Florida Times-Union* and the *Jacksonville Journal*.

1967

- Governor: Claude Kirk Jr., 1967-1971. Kirk is the first Republican governor since 1872.
- Senators: Spessard L. Holland; George A. Smathers
- January 3, 1967 -- Claude R. Kirk Jr. is inaugurated as the 36th governor of Florida.
- January 15, 1967 -- The Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, in Super Bowl I. (The first two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968 were called AFL–NFL World Championship Games.)
- January 27, 1967 -- Three astronauts are killed when a flash fire consumes their *Apollo 1* capsule during a rehearsal countdown at Cape Kennedy.
- June 11, 1967 -- Three days of riots begin in predominately African-American Tampa neighborhoods after 19-year-old Martin Chambers is killed by a Tampa police officer.
- August 30, 1967 -- Thurgood Marshall is confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the first African-American justice of the Supreme Court.
- October 12, 1967 -- The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Boston Red Sox in the last game of the 1967 World Series.

Florida in 1967:

Search 1967 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BROWARD COUNTY

The High Riser, Deerfield Beach, 1967-Present

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Gene Miller is awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting which led to the freeing of two people who were innocently jailed on murder charges.

OKALOOSA COUNTY

Okaloosa County Reporter, Fort Walton Beach, 1967-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

“[Astronauts Grissom, White, Chaffee Killed In Flash Fire On Pad At Cape.](#)”

By *Times Wire Services*, *St. Petersburg Times*, January 28, 1967.

Weekly Challenger, African American newspaper, St. Petersburg, 1967-Present

> The newspaper is started by M.C. Fountain but soon acquired by Cleveland Johnson who changes the name from *The Weekly Challenge* to *The Weekly Challenger*.

See Also:

[Weekly Challenger Chronology and Research Guide.](#)

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

SUWANNEE COUNTY

The Branford News, Branford, 1967-Present

1968

- January 14, 1968 -- The Green Bay Packers beat the Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in Super Bowl II.
- April 4, 1968 -- Civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
- June 5, 1968 -- Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy is shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles soon after winning the California presidential primary. He dies the following day.
- Summer 1968 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- August 30, 1968 -- St. Petersburg's four-month sanitation workers strike, which began on May 6, 1968, comes to an end.
- October 10, 1968 -- The Detroit Tigers beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the last game of the 1968 World Series.
- November 5, 1968 -- Richard M. Nixon is elected president of the United States.
- Florida teachers go on strike over a wage dispute.
- A new state constitution is ratified. (The last Florida constitution was adopted in 1885.)

Florida in 1968:

Search 1968 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> May 6, 1968 -- John S. Knight is awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his Sunday editorial column, the “Publisher’s Notebook.”

> December 15, 1968 -- *The Miami Herald* publishes an article titled “Computer Reveals Patterns of Dade Crime.” This is one of the first examples of computer-assisted journalism.

South Miami News, Miami, 1968-Present

South West News, Miami, 1968-Present

COLLIER COUNTY

The Marco Island Eagle, Marco Island, 1968-Present

DADE COUNTY

Palmetto Bay News, Homestead, 1968-Present

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Journal, Jacksonville, 1887-1988

> Rocco Morabito is awarded the Pulitzer Prize in spot news photography.

PINELLAS COUNTY

[The Gabber](#), Gulfport, 1968-Present

> November 1968 -- The first issue of *The Gabber* is published.

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

“It’s Still the Answer.”

St. Petersburg Times, April 5, 1968.

Excerpt from *Times* editorial:

“The long road from Montgomery was ended for Dr. Martin Luther King by an assassin’s bullet in Memphis.

Along the way, Dr. King helped bring his nation to some of its finest hours.

His violent death was one of its darkest.

The danger now is that the brutal murder of Dr. King will strengthen those who preach both racism and violence. But the great majority of Americans of all races should know that the answer of Gandhi and Martin Luther King was the right one.

It is the truth that prevails even after assassins fire their futile bullets.”

See Also:

[“Tribute to a courageous man.”](#)

(Joseph E. Savage and the 1968 St. Petersburg sanitation workers strike.)

By Jon Wilson, *St. Petersburg Times*, April 19, 2006.

1969

- Senators: Spessard L. Holland; Edward J. Gurney
- U.S. President: Richard M. Nixon, 1969-1974
- January 3, 1969 -- Edward Gurney assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- January 12, 1969 -- The New York Jets beat the Baltimore Colts, 16-7, in Super Bowl III.
- July 18, 1969 -- Journalists from around the country come to the Kennedy Space Center to report on the launch of *Apollo 11*, the first manned space flight to the moon.
- July 20, 1969 -- *Apollo 11* lands on the lunar surface at 4:18 p.m. EDT.
- October 16, 1969 -- The New York Mets beat the Baltimore Orioles in the last game of the 1969 World Series.
- The Florida Society of Editors, which was formed in 1955, becomes the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors.

Florida in 1969:

Search 1969 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ALACHUA COUNTY

The Record, Gainesville, 1969-Present

BREVARD COUNTY

Florida Today, Melbourne, 1966-Present

See Also:

[“How TODAY marked United States’ most historic launch 50 years ago.”](#)

By Mara Bellaby, *Florida Today*, July 16, 2019.

and

[“‘Johnny, you got it, baby!’ editor shouted to photographer of Apollo 11 launch.”](#)

By Tim Walters, *Florida Today*, July 15, 2019.

DADE COUNTY

El Sol de Hialeah, Hialeah, 1969-Present

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> August 14, 1969 -- The *Miami Herald*’s parent company, Knight Newspapers, becomes a publicly traded company.

> The Knight Newspapers company purchases the *Boca Raton News*.

DUVAL COUNTY

Both Sides Now, Jacksonville, 1969-?

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, 1916-Present

> July 1, 1969 -- Cox Enterprises purchases the *Palm Beach Post* from Perry Publications.

Other related newspapers are also purchased.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Evening Independent

> October 21, 1969 -- Beat generation novelist Jack Kerouac, author of *On the Road*, dies in St. Petersburg at the age of 47. (In 1965 Kerouac wrote a few sports stories for the *Evening Independent*.)

See Also:

[“Jack Kerouac Predicts.”](#)

In Mid-June My Ideas About The Major League Race.”

By Jack Kerouac, *Evening Independent*, June 16, 1965.

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> In the first test case of the new Florida Sunshine Law, the district court of appeal rules in *Times Publishing Company v. Williams*, that the Pinellas County School Board was negligent under the statute for not keeping meetings on personnel matters open before the public.

See Also:

[“50 photos for 50 years: Looking back on Apollo 11’s leap forward.”](#)

Tampa Bay Times, July 19, 2019.

MARION COUNTY

Voice of South Marion, Belleview, 1969-Present

1970s

1970

- Florida population: 6,791,418
- January 11, 1970 -- The Kansas City Chiefs beat the Minnesota Vikings, 23-7, in Super Bowl IV.
- February 13, 1970 -- A Greek oil tanker leaks approximately 10,000 gallons of oil near Tampa Bay.
- April 8, 1970 -- G. Harold Carswell of Tallahassee is rejected as a candidate for the U.S. Supreme Court.
- August 1970 -- Hurricane Celia strikes Florida with winds up to 146 miles per hour.
- October 15, 1970 -- The Baltimore Orioles beat the Cincinnati Reds in the last game of the 1970 World Series.
- November 1970 -- Lawton Chiles wins the U.S. Senate seat.
- November 1970 -- Reuben Askew defeats Claude Kirk for governor.

Florida in 1970:

Search 1970 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

North Miami Beach News, North Miami, 1970-Present

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, 1916-Present

> Dallas Kinney is awarded the Pulitzer Prize in feature photography for photographs portraying the terrible working conditions of farm workers.

PINELLAS COUNTY

The Suncoast Beacon, Clearwater, 1970-Present

1971

- Governor: Reubin Askew, 1971-1979
- Senators: Edward J. Gurney; Lawton Chiles
- January 3, 1971 -- Lawton Chiles assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- January 5, 1971 -- Reubin Askew is inaugurated as the 37th governor of Florida.
- January 17, 1971 -- The Baltimore Colts beat the Dallas Cowboys, 16-13, in Super Bowl V.
- January 19, 1971 -- President Nixon signs an executive order halting construction of the controversial Cross Florida Barge Canal due to environmental and budgetary reasons. The planned canal, which the U.S. government started funding in the 1930s, would have connected the Gulf of Mexico and the

Atlantic Ocean. The unfinished 110-mile corridor is renamed the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, in honor Marjorie Harris Carr, who helped lead the opposition to the canal.

- October 1, 1971 -- Walt Disney World opens.
- October 17, 1971 -- The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Baltimore Orioles in the last game of the 1971 World Series.
- November 28, 1971 -- Six inmates at Raiford prison surrender after holding four guards hostage.

Florida in 1971:

Search 1971 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

ALACHUA COUNTY

The Gainesville Sun, Gainesville, 1876-Present

> Buddy Davis is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for editorials about the community’s reaction to school integration.

BROWARD COUNTY

Westside Gazette, African-American newspaper, Fort Lauderdale, 1971-Present

DADE COUNTY

Carol City-Opa Locka News, Miami, 1971-Present

MARION COUNTY

Ocala Star-Banner, Ocala, 1866-Present

> April 30, 1971 -- The New York Times Company purchases the *Ocala Star-Banner*.
The New York Times also purchases *The Gainesville Sun* and *The Lakeland Ledger*.

ORANGE COUNTY

Winter Park Outlook, Winter Park, 1971-1990s

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“It’s Magic...As One Family Discovered Friday.”](#) (Walt Disney World opens.)

By Robert Hooker. Photography by Bob Hannah.

St. Petersburg Times, October 2, 1971.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Key News to the Key / later: **Pelican Press, Siesta Key Observer**, Sarasota, 1971-Present

1972

- January 16, 1972 -- The Dallas Cowboys beat the Miami Dolphins, 24-3, in Super Bowl VI.
- March 31, 1972 -- An Air Force B-52 crashes in Orlando.
- May 9, 1972 -- Protests against U.S. involvement in Vietnam are held in Tampa, Tallahassee and Gainesville.
- June 23, 1972 -- Florida is one of five states declared disaster areas by President Nixon after Hurricane Agnes.
- Summer 1972 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- July 10-13, 1972 -- The Democratic Convention is held in Miami Beach.
- October 22, 1972 -- The Oakland Athletics beat the Cincinnati Reds in the last game of the 1972 World Series.
- November 7, 1972 -- Richard M. Nixon is re-elected president of the United States.
- December 29, 1972 -- An Eastern Airlines jet crashes in the Everglades.

Florida in 1972:

Search 1972 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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DADE COUNTY

Miami Shores News, Miami Shores, 1972-Present

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Boca Raton / Delray Beach Monday Paper, Boca Raton, 1972-Present

1973

- Senators: Edward J. Gurney; Lawton Chiles
- January 14, 1973 -- The Miami Dolphins beat the Washington Redskins, 14-7, in Super Bowl VII.
- April 3-4, 1973 -- Florida's first atomic generator malfunctions and millions are left without electricity in South Florida.
- October 21, 1973 -- The Oakland Athletics beat the New York Mets in the last game of the 1973 World Series.
- The U.S. agrees to a cease-fire and the end of the Vietnam War. (The last Americans leave in 1975.)
- The international oil crisis triggers an economic downturn in the newspaper industry.

Florida in 1973:

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ALACHUA COUNTY

The Independent Florida Alligator, Gainesville, 1906-Present

> February 1, 1973 -- The University of Florida's student newspaper gains its independence from the university.

LEE COUNTY

Island Reporter, Sanibel, 1973-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> The *Evening Star* and the *Orlando Sentinel* merge into the *Sentinel Star*.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> January 15, 1973 -- St. Petersburg's inverted pyramid pier opens. Its unusual design hopes to project a new and youthful image for the city.

See Also:

["Relatives of Pier's architect mourn its imminent demise."](#)

By Waveney Ann Moore, *Tampa Bay Times*, May 25, 2013.

> November 1, 1973 -- Reporter Lucy Morgan is sentenced to jail for refusing to tell the state attorney the name of a source. (This case will end in 1976 with the Florida Supreme Court's ruling, *Morgan v. State*, overturning Lucy Morgan's conviction for refusing to reveal her sources.)

1974

- January 13, 1974 -- The Miami Dolphins beat the Minnesota Vikings, 24-7, in Super Bowl VIII.
- August 8, 1974 -- Richard Nixon resigns as President of the United States.
- President: Gerald R. Ford, 1974-1977
- October 17, 1974 -- The Oakland Athletics beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the last game of the 1974 World Series.
- The following Florida state officials are charged with bribery and perjury during 1974: Floyd Christian, Florida Commissioner of Education; Fred Dickinson, State Comptroller; Tom O'Malley, State Treasurer.
- A National Football League franchise is awarded to Tampa.

Florida in 1974:

Search 1974 on the "Florida Memory" website.

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BROWARD COUNTY

El Heraldo de Broward y Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, 1974-Present

CLAY COUNTY

Clay Today, Orange Park, 1974-Present

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> June 25, 1974 -- The U.S. Supreme Court, in *Miami Herald Publishing Co. v. Tornillo*, overturns the Florida Supreme Court's ruling that declared that newspapers must print a political candidate's reply to a paper's criticism.

> November 30, 1974 -- Shareholders from Knight Newspapers and Ridder Publications approve a merger of the two firms.

OKALOOSA COUNTY

The Destin Log, Destin, 1974-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> 1974 -- Computers begin to replace typewriters in the news department.

See Also:

["Nixon resigns."](#) (*Times* front page)

St. Petersburg Times, August 9, 1974.

St. Petersburg Times 125th anniversary issue, 2009.

1975

- Senators: Lawton Chiles; Richard Stone
- January 1, 1975 -- Richard Stone assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- January 12, 1975 -- The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Minnesota Vikings, 16-6, in Super Bowl IX.
- April 28, 1975 -- Eglin Air Force Base is named as one of three United States processing centers for Vietnamese refugees.
- July 14, 1975 -- NASA announces that the end of the Apollo space program will result in the layoff of 1,500 employees at the Kennedy Space Center.
- September 26, 1975 -- The area between Pensacola and Panama City is severely damaged by Hurricane Eloise.
- October 22, 1975 -- The Cincinnati Reds beat the Boston Red Sox in the last game of the 1975 World Series.
- A large number of newspaper newsrooms begin replacing their typewriters with computer front-end systems that include video display terminals (VDTs) and cathode ray tubes (CRTs). Among the first newspapers to use front-end systems in the early 1970s were *Cocoa Today*, the *Daytona Beach Journal* and the *St. Petersburg Times*.

Florida in 1975:

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BROWARD COUNTY

The Broward Informer, Sunrise, 1975-Present

LEE COUNTY

The Daily Breeze, Cape Coral, 1975-Present

OKALOOSA COUNTY

North Okaloosa Bulletin, Crestview, 1975-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> May 29, 1975 -- Nelson Poynter, chairman of the *St. Petersburg Times* and the Times Publishing Company, starts a small journalism school called the Modern Media Institute. Two years later he announces that upon his death the school will own controlling stock in the Times Publishing company. (Poynter dies in 1978 and in 1984 the Modern Media Institute changes its name to The Poynter Institute.)

See Also:

["History."](#) Poynter Institute website.

1976

- January 18, 1976 -- The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Dallas Cowboys, 21-17, in Super Bowl X.
- July 2, 1976 -- The United States Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of the death penalty in Florida.

- July 4, 1976 -- The United States celebrates the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.
- Summer 1976 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 21, 1976 -- The Cincinnati Reds beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1976 World Series.
- November 2, 1976 -- Jimmy Carter is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1976:

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ALACHUA COUNTY

The Gainesville Sun, Gainesville, 1876-Present

> July 6, 1976 -- *The Gainesville Sun* celebrates its 100th anniversary.

DADE COUNTY

El Herald / later: **El Nuevo Herald**, Miami, 1976-Present

Hialeah News, Hialeah, 1976-Present

La Nacion, Miami, 1976-Present

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Reporter Gene Miller is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his investigation which exonerated two men sentenced to death for two North Florida murders.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> John Stewart Bryan III is named publisher of *The Tampa Tribune* and *The Tampa Times*.

LEE COUNTY

The Pine Island Eagle, Cape Coral, 1976-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

The Orlando Times, African-American newspaper, Orlando, 1976-Present

> July 5, 1976 -- Dr. Calvin Collins is one of the four founders of the paper.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> A three-year legal battle ends with new rights for reporters when the Florida Supreme Court’s ruling, *Morgan v. State*, overturns Lucy Morgan’s earlier conviction for refusing to reveal her sources.

> September 12, 1976 -- The *Times* reports on the first regular season football game of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Bucs lost against the Houston Oilers at The Astrodome by a final score of 20-0. The Bucs also lost their first home game at Tampa Stadium against the San Diego Chargers on September 19. They didn’t win a game that season.

See Also:

““[The Yucks’ chronicles when Bucs were bad and special.](#)”

By Tom Jones, *Tampa Bay Times*, November 10, 2016.

1977

- Senators: Lawton Chiles; Richard Stone
- U.S. President: Jimmy Carter, 1977-1981
- January 9, 1977 -- The Oakland Raiders beat the Minnesota Vikings, 32-14, in Super Bowl XI.
- January 19, 1977 -- Temperatures plummet and snow falls in Florida.
- October 18, 1977 -- The New York Yankees beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the last game of the 1977 World Series.
- October 1977 -- The Ronny Zamora murder trial is the first major Florida case to allow cameras in the courtroom.

Florida in 1977:

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<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BROWARD COUNTY

- Alligator Times**, Seminole Indian Tribe, Hollywood, 1977-1983
- > Earlier Seminole newspaper: *Seminole News*, late 1950s-1977?
- > Later Seminole newspaper: *Seminole Tribune*, 1983-Present

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Carrabelle Times, Apalachicola, 1977-Present

LEON COUNTY

- The Elder Update**, Tallahassee, 1977-Present
- The Leon County News**, Woodville, 1977-Present
- Tallahassee Democrat**, Tallahassee, 1905-Present
- > The afternoon *Tallahassee Democrat* becomes a morning paper.

PALM BEACH

Delray Beach Times, Delray Beach, 1977-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“The day it snowed in Tampa Bay, 40 years ago today.”](#)

By Samantha Putterman, *Tampa Bay Times*, January 19, 2017.

SARASOTA COUNTY

North Port Sun Herald, North Port, 1977-Present

WAKULLA COUNTY

The Leon County News, Crawfordville, 1977-Present

1978

- January 15, 1978 -- The Dallas Cowboys beat the Denver Broncos, 27-10, in Super Bowl XII.
- January 1978 -- Two female students are murdered at Florida State University. (It will be later learned that the killer was Ted Bundy.)
- October 17, 1978 -- The New York Yankees beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the last game of the 1978 World Series.
- November 1978 -- A proposal for casino gambling in Florida is defeated.

Florida in 1978:

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<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

BAY COUNTY

Beach Bay News, Panama City Beach, 1978-Present

LEE COUNTY

- Peoples’ Press**, African-American newspaper, Fort Myers, 1978-?
- > The *Peoples’ Press* will later become the *Community Press*. (See: 1988)

PINELLAS COUNTY

- St. Petersburg Times** / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present
- > June 1978 -- Eugene Patterson becomes the new chief executive officer of the Times Publishing Company following the death of Nelson Poynter. In 1977 Poynter had willed ownership of the newspaper, upon his death, to the Modern Media Institute (later called the Poynter Institute).

See Also:

[“Dream realized as USF expansion begins.”](#)

By Helen Huntley, *St. Petersburg Times*, June 16, 1978.

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Daytona Times, African-American newspaper, Daytona Beach, 1978-Present

1979

- Governor: Robert Graham, 1979-1987
- Senators: Lawton Chiles; Richard Stone

- January 2, 1979 -- Bob Graham is inaugurated as the 38th governor of Florida.
- January 21, 1979 -- The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Dallas Cowboys, 35-31, in Super Bowl XIII.
- May 25, 1979 -- Florida murderer John Spenkelink is the first American inmate executed since Gary Gilmore's execution at 1977.
- July 31, 1979 -- Ted Bundy is found guilty and sentenced to death for his 1978 FSU sorority house murders and the attempted murder of three other women.
- September 3, 1979 -- People are evacuated along the Palm Beach coast in preparation for Hurricane David. \$60 million dollars in property damage will be reported and five people die from the hurricane.
- October 17, 1979 -- The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Baltimore Orioles in the last game of the 1979 World Series.

Florida in 1979:

Search 1979 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

COLLIER COUNTY

Everglades Echo, Everglades City, 1979-Present

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Boynton Beach Times, Boynton Beach, 1979-?

The Palm Beach Times / later: **The Evening Times**, 1922-1987

> *The Palm Beach Times* changes its name to *The Evening Times*.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

["Webb's City Closes; Only the Gods Cry."](#)

By Annette Drolet, *St. Petersburg Times*, August 19, 1979.

Story republished on August 24, 2017 as:

"Looking Back: A Final Sale for Webb's City." (By Jeremy King)

1980s

1980

- Florida population: 9,746,324
- January 20, 1980 -- The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Los Angeles Rams, 31-19, in Super Bowl XIV.
- February 4, 1980 -- Eight men from the "Black Tuna" ring are convicted for smuggling \$300 million of marijuana.
- April-October 1980 -- Thousands of small boats bring 120,000 Cuban refugees to Florida in the "Mariel Boatlift."
- May 9, 1980 -- The Sunshine Skyway Bridge is rammed by a freighter and more than 30 people die when a 1,200-foot section of the bridge falls 140 feet into the water.
- May 17-19, 1980 -- Fourteen people die and more than 300 are injured after violence breaks out in Miami following the acquittal of four policemen in the death of an African-American insurance executive.
- Summer 1980 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- July 1, 1980 -- You could read an online newspaper as early as July 1, 1980. All a reader needed was a computer, such as an Apple II or the TRS-80 desktop model, and a modem with access to the online

CompuServe dial-up service. The first newspaper to go online was *The Columbus Dispatch*. It was part of a unique CompuServe and Associated Press experiment about the potential of online papers. Eventually at least 12 other AP member newspapers were part of the project, including the *Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The San Francisco Examiner*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Virginian-Pilot*, *The Middlesex News*, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. Although it ended in 1982, the experiment became a crucial step in the evolution of new media and online journalism. As the CompuServe project faded away, a new electronic newspaper began. The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* launched its “StarText” computer BBS (Bulletin Board System) on May 3, 1982. The slow transformation of news continued and by the early 1990s you began to see the development of the online newspapers we have today.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1980)

- October 21, 1980 -- The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Kansas City Royals in the last game of the 1980 World Series.
- November 4, 1980 -- Ronald Reagan is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1980:

Search 1980 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BROWARD COUNTY

The Pompano Ledger, Pompano Beach, 1980-Present

South Florida Business Journal, Fort Lauderdale, 1980-Present

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Madeleine Blais is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing. The stories cited included an interview with Tennessee Williams, a story about a family dealing with cancer, and a story of a World War I veteran trying to overturn his dishonorable discharge for being a conscientious objector.

> The Knight-Ridder company and AT&T run a test of their experimental videotex system in Coral Gables, Florida. (They will officially launch their Viewtron videotex system in 1983.)

The Miami News, Miami, 1896-1988

> Don Wright is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning.

Among the topics his cartoons dealt with were the death penalty, Cambodian refugees, nuclear energy and the hostages in Iran.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Carrollwood News, Tampa, 1980-Present

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Greenacres / Suburban Lake Worth Town-Crier, Greenacres, 1980-Present

Royal Palm Beach / Loxahatchee Town-Crier, Royal Palm Beach, 1980-Present

Wellington Town-Crier, West Palm Beach, 1980-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> April 14, 1980 -- *St. Petersburg Times* writers Charles Stafford and Bette Swenson Orsini are awarded the 1980 Pulitzer Prize in national reporting “for their investigation of the Church of Scientology.”

See Also:

“[Bette Swenson Orsini and Charles Stafford of St. Petersburg Times.](#)”

Pulitzer website.

See Also:

“[Freighter rams Skyway, span falls into sea, at least 30 die.](#)” (*Times* front page)

St. Petersburg Times, May 10, 1980.

St. Petersburg Times 125th anniversary issue, 2009.

and

[30th anniversary special report](#) (Skyway Bridge Accident).

St. Petersburg Times, May 2010.

See Also:

[“Electronic Delivery: The Newspaper of the Future.”](#)
By Robert Bowden, *St. Petersburg Times*, February 26, 1980.

1981

- Senators: Lawton Chiles; Paula Hawkins
- U.S. President: Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989
- January 1, 1981 -- Paula Hawkins assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- January 20, 1981 -- Ronald Reagan is inaugurated as President of the United States.
- January 20, 1981 -- The 52 American hostages in Iran are released.
- January 25, 1981 -- The Oakland Raiders beat the Philadelphia Eagles, 27-10, in Super Bowl XV.
- January 1981 -- Richard Kelly, Florida U.S. Congressman, is found guilty in the ABSCAM bribery case.
- March 30, 1981 -- There is an assassination attempt against President Ronald Reagan.
- April 12, 1981 -- The first Space Shuttle is launched from Cape Kennedy.
- October 28, 1981 -- The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1981 World Series.

Florida in 1981:

Search 1981 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Shirley Christian’s coverage from El Salvador and Guatemala is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting.

DUVAL COUNTY

Sun-Times, Jacksonville Beach, 1981-Present

LIBERTY COUNTY

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Bristol, 1981-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

La Semana, Orlando, 1981-Present

PASCO COUNTY

The Laker, Zephyrhills, 1981-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

[“Reagan Shot. Condition good after surgery; press aide critically wounded.”](#)

Compiled from AP, UPI wires.

St. Petersburg Times, March 31, 1981.

SEMINOLE COUNTY

La Prensa Newspaper, Longwood, 1981-Present

1982

- January 13, 1982 -- Seventy-eight people are killed when Air Florida flight 90 crashes into the Potomac River after taking off from Washington DC’s National Airport.
- January 24, 1982 -- The San Francisco 49ers beat the Cincinnati Bengals, 26-21, in Super Bowl XVI.
- June 21, 1982 -- The Equal Rights Amendment is rejected by the Florida Senate.
- October 1, 1982 -- Walt Disney World opens EPCOT (Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow).
- October 20, 1982 -- The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers in the last game of the 1982 World Series.

Florida in 1982:

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<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

DADE COUNTY

La Voz Catolica, Miami Shores, 1982-Present

HILLBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, 1893-1982

> August 14, 1982 -- The 90-year-old *Tampa Times* prints its final issue.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> The newspaper officially changes its name to *The Orlando Sentinel*.

PASCO COUNTY

The Laker, Land O'Lakes, 1982?-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> January 17, 1982 -- The *Times* experiments with computer-assisted reporting when it purchases a computer tape containing census information. On January 17th the *Times* publishes articles and graphics based on the tape's data.

> April 12, 1982 -- *St. Petersburg Times* writer Lucy Morgan is named a 1982 Pulitzer Prize finalist in local general or spot news reporting "for her series on drug smuggling in Dixie County, Florida."

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, 1925-Present

> November 30, 1982 -- The New York Times Company purchases the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

Sarasota Journal, Sarasota, 1952-1982

> July 8, 1982 -- The *Sarasota Journal* prints its final issue.

1983

- Senators: Lawton Chiles; Paula Hawkins
- January 30, 1983 -- The Washington Redskins beat the Miami Dolphins, 27-17, in Super Bowl XVII.
- October 16, 1983 -- The Baltimore Orioles beat the Philadelphia Phillies in the last game of the 1983 World Series.
- December 1983 -- Thirty percent of Florida's citrus crop is destroyed by a cold front and freeze.

Florida in 1983:

Search 1983 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BROWARD COUNTY

Broward News, Coral Springs, 1983-Present

Seminole Tribune, Seminole Indian Tribe, Hollywood, 1983-Present

> Earlier Seminole newspaper: *Alligator Times*, 1977-1983

> Earlier Seminole newspaper: *Seminole News*, late 1950s-1977?

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> April 1983 -- *The Miami Herald* editorial board is awarded a Pulitzer Prize for a series of editorials condemning the U.S. government's discriminatory imprisonment of Haitian refugees at the Krome Avenue detention center.

> October 1983 -- The Knight-Ridder company officially starts its Viewtron videotex system in Miami with approximately 2,500 subscribers. AT&T develops a special Viewtron console unit that is placed in homes.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1983)

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

East Bay Breeze, Sun City Center, 1983-Present

1984

- January 22, 1984 -- The Los Angeles Raiders beat the Washington Redskins, 38-9, in Super Bowl XVIII. (The game takes place in Tampa.)

- April 26, 1984 -- David Kennedy is found dead, apparently from a drug overdose, in a West Palm Beach hotel room.
- Summer 1984 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- October 14, 1984 -- The Detroit Tigers beat the San Diego Padres in the last game of the 1984 World Series.
- November 6, 1984 -- Ronald Reagan is re-elected president of the United States.
- December 1984 -- Three abortion clinics and doctors' offices are bombed in Pensacola. Citrus owners across the state worry about the possibility of an infestation of citrus canker.

Florida in 1984:

Search 1984 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

BROWARD COUNTY

Waterfront News, Fort Lauderdale, 1984-Present

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> April 30, 1984 --The *Herald* is named by *Time* magazine as one of the ten best newspapers in America.

> The Knight-Ridder Vu/Text database service is started with full-text editions of *The Miami Herald*.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1984)

LEE COUNTY

News-Press, Fort Myers, 1884-Present

> November 22, 1984 -- The Fort Myers *News-Press* celebrates its 100th anniversary.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Business Journal, Orlando, 1984-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> April 30, 1984 -- The *St. Petersburg Times* is named by *Time* magazine as one of the ten best newspapers in America.

> July 25, 1984 -- The *St. Petersburg Times* celebrates its 100th anniversary with various celebrations and a special newspaper section about the history of the *Times*.

See Also:

"[The Times and its times.](#)" (100th anniversary edition)

By Robert Hooker, *St. Petersburg Times*, July 25, 1984.

POLK COUNTY

Polk City Press, Polk City, 1984-Present

SARASOTA COUNTY

The Beach Weekly, Sarasota, 1984-Present

Sarasota Times, Sarasota, 1984-Present

1985

- Senators: Lawton Chiles; Paula Hawkins
- January 20, 1985 -- The San Francisco 49ers beat the Miami Dolphins, 38-16, in Super Bowl XIX.
- May 9, 1985 -- Roswell Gilbert, age 75, is sentenced for the murder of his incurably sick wife.
- September 1985 -- Hurricane Elena forces thousands of Floridians to evacuate their homes.
- October 2, 1985 -- Rosemary Barkett is appointed as the first woman Florida Supreme Court justice.
- October 27, 1985 -- The Kansas City Royals beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the last game of the 1985 World Series.

Florida in 1985:

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<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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PINELLAS COUNTY

Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, 1914-1990

> The Jefferson Pilot Corporation sells the *Clearwater Sun* to the Hearst Corporation.

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> April 24, 1985 -- *St. Petersburg Times* writers Lucy Morgan and Jack Reed are awarded the 1985 Pulitzer Prize in investigative reporting "for their thorough reporting on Pasco County Sheriff John Short, which revealed his department's corruption and led to his removal from office by voters."

See Also:

["Lucy Morgan and Jack Reed of St. Petersburg Times."](#)

Pulitzer website.

and

["Inside the Pasco County Sheriff's Department."](#)

St. Petersburg Times.

1986

- January 26, 1986 -- The Chicago Bears beat the New England Patriots, 46-10, in Super Bowl XX.
- January 28, 1986 -- At 11:38 a.m. various TV and radio networks broadcast the launch of what was assumed would be a successful space shuttle mission. At 11:39 a.m. the space shuttle *Challenger* explodes after takeoff killing all seven astronauts aboard. The most well-known member of the crew is Christa McAuliffe, a high-school teacher from Concord, New Hampshire.
- October 27, 1986 -- The New York Mets beat the Boston Red Sox in the last game of the 1986 World Series.
- The 1986 U.S. Senate race in Florida is between Governor Bob Graham and Paula Hawkins.

Florida in 1986:

Search 1986 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BAY COUNTY

The News-Herald, Panama City, 1937-Present

> The *News-Herald* is nominated as a Pulitzer Prize finalist for its investigation into allegations of torture of prison inmates in the Jackson County Jail in Marianna, Florida.

Seven prison guards were indicted after their investigation.

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Edna Buchanan is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for her versatile police beat reporting.

> Carol Guzy and Michel duCille are awarded the spot news photography Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of the eruption of the Nevado del Ruiz volcano in Colombia.

> March 1986 -- the Knight-Ridder company ends its Viewtron videotex project.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1986)

The Post, Miami Beach, 1986-Present

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Free Press, African American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1986-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

Evening Independent, St. Petersburg, 1906-1986

November 7, 1986 -- The St. Petersburg *Evening Independent* prints its final issue.

See Also:

["Sunshine Offer brightened history of newspaper known for staff's spirit and loyalty."](#)

By Judy Garnatz and Kate Howze, *Evening Independent*, November 7, 1986.

Jewish Press of Pinellas County, St. Petersburg, 1986-Present

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

["On 30th anniversary, readers share their memories of space shuttle Challenger disaster."](#)

By *Times* staff, *Tampa Bay Times*, January 28, 2016.

1987

- Governor: Robert Martinez, 1987-1991
- Senators: Lawton Chiles; Robert Graham
- January 3, 1987 -- Bob Graham assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- January 3, 1987 -- Lieutenant Governor Wayne Mixson becomes the 39th governor of Florida for three days after Governor Bob Graham steps down in order to begin his term as a U.S. senator.
- January 6, 1987 -- Bob Martinez is inaugurated as the 40th governor of Florida.
- January 25, 1987 -- The New York Giants beat the Denver Broncos, 39-20, in Super Bowl XXI.
- September 10, 1987 -- Pope John Paul II visits Miami during his 10-day tour of the United States.
- October 25, 1987 -- The Minnesota Twins beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the last game of the 1987 World Series.
- National Basketball Association franchises are awarded to Miami and Orlando.
- The state lottery begins.

Florida in 1987:

Search 1987 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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BREVARD COUNTY

Florida Today, Melbourne, 1966-Present

> The newspaper is nominated as a Pulitzer Prize finalist for Malcolm A. Denmark’s photographs of the space shuttle *Challenger* explosion.

BROWARD COUNTY

Community News, Hollywood, 1987-Present

Sun-Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, 1960-Present

> The *Sun-Sentinel* is nominated as a Pulitzer Prize finalist for an investigation led by Fred Schulte which exposed serious medical mishaps at Veterans Administration hospitals.

> The *Sun-Sentinel* is nominated as a Pulitzer Prize finalist for “Into the Storm -- the Story of Flight 191,” by Michael Connelly, Robert McClure and Malinda Reinke.

DADE COUNTY

Mi Casa, Miami, 1987-Present

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> The *Herald* is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for its exclusive reporting and persistent coverage of the United States-Iran-Contra connection.

Miami New Times, Miami, 1987-Present

PostMortem, Miami Beach, 1987-Present

DUVAL COUNTY

Folio Weekly, Jacksonville, 1987-Present

HERNANDO COUNTY

Hernando Today, Brooksville, 1987-2014

MONROE COUNTY

Free Press, Islamorada, 1987-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> The *Sentinel* is nominated as a Pulitzer Prize finalist for a series by Gary Marx and John Wark documenting misuse of funds by the Shrine of North America.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Evening Times, West Palm Beach, 1922-1987

> September 25, 1987 -- Although it continued to publish as a merged newspaper with the *Palm Beach Post* after May 4, 1987, *The Evening Times* officially ceases publication on September 25, 1987.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> 1987 -- The *Times* newspaper library stops clipping articles and begins using a new electronic archive system. Each day’s electronic files are sent to the online DataTimes service. The *Times*

also soon begins adding its stories to the Dialog and Nexis database services.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Tempo News, African American newspaper, Sarasota, 1987-Present

1988

- January 31, 1988 -- The Washington Redskins beat the Denver Broncos, 42-10, in Super Bowl XXII.
- Summer 1988 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- August 3, 1988 -- U.S. District Judge Alcee L. Hastings is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors.
- October 20, 1988 -- The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Oakland Athletics in the last game of the 1988 World Series.
- The 1988 U.S. Senate race in Florida is between Connie Mack and Buddy McKay.
- November 8, 1988 -- George H. W. Bush is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1988:

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BROWARD COUNTY

Fort Lauderdale Downtown, Fort Lauderdale, 1988-Present

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Dave Barry is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his effective use of humor as a device for presenting fresh insights into serious concerns.

> Michel duCille is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his photographs portraying the decay and subsequent rehabilitation of a housing project overrun with the drug crack.

The Miami News, Miami, 1896-1988

> December 31, 1988 -- *The Miami News* prints its final issue.

> The *News* is nominated as a Pulitzer Prize finalist for the editorial cartoons of Don Wright.

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Journal, Jacksonville, 1887-1988

> October 28, 1988 -- The 101-year-old *Jacksonville Journal* prints its final issue.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Creative Loafing, Tampa, 1988-Present

Temple Terrace News, Temple Terrace, 1988-Present

LEE COUNTY

Community Voice, later: **Community Press**, African-American newspaper, Fort Myers, 1988-Present

See Also:

“[About Us](#).” *Community Press*.

MARION COUNTY

Mahogany Revue, African-American newspaper, Ocala, 1988-Present

OKALOOSA COUNTY

N.W. Florida Business Journal, Fort Walton Beach, 1988-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> The Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing is awarded to Jane Healy for the *Sentinel's* editorial series on mismanaged growth called “Florida’s Shame.”

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

“[A Cry in the Night](#).” (*Times* special report)

By Thomas French, *St. Petersburg Times*, June 1988. (Posted online in 2008)

Excerpt from *Times* story:

“Here is the 1988 10-part series that chronicled the Karen Gregory murder case. Was the right man on trial? How would the prosecution try to prove it? How would the defense respond? And what

would be the toll on the accused man's family -- and on Karen's?"

> October 31, 1988 -- Andrew Barnes succeeds Eugene Patterson as chief executive officer of the Times Publishing Company.

> November 1988 -- The Times Publishing Company responds to the news that two of Nelson Poynter's nieces sold their inherited Times Publishing Company stock to a group of investors led by Robert Bass. November 1988 marks the beginning of an approximately two-year long struggle over the stock's value and the ownership of the company.

See Also:

["The caller owned a piece of the Times:](#)

As Rupert Murdoch made a colossal offer for the Wall Street Journal, I flashed back."

By Andrew Barnes, *St. Petersburg Times*, May 6, 2007.

1989

- Senators: Robert Graham; Connie Mack
- U.S. President: George Bush, 1989-1993
- January 3, 1989 -- Connie Mack III assumes the office of U.S. senator from Florida.
- January 22, 1989 -- The San Francisco 49ers beat the Cincinnati Bengals, 20-16, in Super Bowl XXIII.
- June 5, 1989 -- Governor Bob Martinez announces that he will call a special session of the state legislature to consider strict new abortion laws.
- June 21, 1989 -- The U.S. Supreme Court rules in *B.J.F. v. Florida Star* that only in rare instances can sanctions be applied to the press for publishing truthful information obtained legally about matters of public interest. (The *Florida Star* is a Jacksonville African-American newspaper.)
- October 28, 1989 -- The Oakland Athletics beat the San Francisco Giants in the last game of the 1989 World Series.
- The child abuse death of baby Bradley McGee brings calls for reform at the Florida HRS department.

Florida in 1989:

Search 1989 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

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ALACHUA COUNTY

University of Florida

> John Paul Jones, the former dean of the University of Florida College of Journalism, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. During the 1950s and 1960s Jones served as the secretary-manager of the Florida Press Association. He began his nine-year term as a UF dean in 1968.

BRADFORD COUNTY

Bradford County Telegraph, Starke, 1879-Present

> Eugene L. Matthews, the former publisher of the *Bradford County Telegraph* (1933-1973), is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

DADE COUNTY

Florida Courier, African-American newspaper, Miami, 1989-Present

> The newspaper is founded by Charles W. Cherry, Sr.

See Also:

["About Us."](#) *Florida Courier*.

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> The *Herald* is nominated as a Pulitzer Prize finalist for Justin Gillis and Lisa Getter's investigation into financial wrongdoing by a popular county manager. Their investigation ultimately led to the official's resignation.

> John S. Knight, the former publisher of *The Miami Herald* (1937-1976), is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Star, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1951-Present

See Also:

[Florida Star v. B.J.F.](#)

The First Amendment Encyclopedia.

and

[B.J.F. v. Florida Star](#) (Includes audio recorded in the Supreme Court)

Oyez.

Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, 1864-Present

> Hugh B. McCallum, the former publisher of the *Daily Florida Union* (1880s), which later became the *Florida Times-Union*, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> November 1989 -- Todd C. Smith, a reporter for the *Tampa Tribune*, is killed in Peru while researching a story about drug trafficking.

See Also:

[“Tampa Tribune reporter killed in Peru.”](#)

UPI, November 22, 1989.

Town 'N Country News, Tampa, 1989-Present

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Perry Publications

> John H. Perry, Jr., the former president of Perry Publications, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. The company sold its publishing properties in 1969.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> Nelson Poynter, former *Times* owner and editor, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. He was editor of the *Times* between 1939 and 1969 and then served as chairman of the board from 1969 until 1978.

POLK COUNTY

The Polk County Democrat, Bartow, 1931-Present

> Loyal Frishie, former editor and publisher of the *Polk County Democrat*, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Perido Pelican, Gulf Breeze, 1989-Present

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Daytona Beach News-Journal, Daytona Beach, 1904-Present

> Herbert M. Davidson, the *News-Journal's* editor from 1928-1985, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

1990s

1990

- Florida population: 12,937,926
- January 28, 1990 -- The San Francisco 49ers beat the Denver Broncos, 55-10, in Super Bowl XXIV.
- August 26-28, 1990 -- Three University of Florida students and two students from Santa Fe Community College are murdered in their Gainesville apartments. (It will be later learned that the killer is Danny Rolling.)
- October 20, 1990 -- The Cincinnati Reds beat the Oakland Athletics in the last game of the 1990 World Series.
- November 7, 1990 -- FBI agents arrest 14 members of the Miami based 'Yahweh' religious sect on charges of racketeering.

Florida in 1990:
Search 1990 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

ALACHUA COUNTY

The Independent Florida Alligator, Gainesville, 1906-Present

> *The Independent Florida Alligator* forms a for-profit subsidiary and purchases the *High Springs Herald*.

University of Florida

> Rae O. Weimer, the former dean of the University of Florida College of Journalism, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. He came to the university in 1949 and retired in 1968.

BROWARD COUNTY

The Broward Times, African-American newspaper, Pompano Beach, 1990-Present

Sun-Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, 1960-Present

> Editorial cartoonist Chan Lowe is nominated as a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize.

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Editorial cartoonist Jim Morin is nominated as a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize.

> James L. Knight, who along with his brother John helped build the modern *Miami Herald*, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola News Journal, Pensacola, 1889-Present

> James H. Jesse, who served as the publisher for a number of newspapers, including the *Pensacola News Journal*, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> Media General Inc., owner of *The Tampa Tribune*, purchases the Sunbelt Publishing Company, a New Port Richey based chain of 13 weekly and biweekly newspapers and shoppers.

LEON COUNTY

Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, 1905-Present

> Malcolm Johnson, who worked in Tallahassee for more than 40 years, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

UPI’s Florida Bureau, Tallahassee

> Barbara Frye, who worked in UPI’s Florida Bureau for 38 years, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

MONROE COUNTY

The Keys Advertiser, Marathon, 1990-Present

OKALOOSA COUNTY

The Beach Breeze, Destin, 1990-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> Martin Anderson, the *Orlando Sentinel’s* former owner and editor, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. Anderson became the managing editor in 1931 and purchased the newspaper in 1937. (At that time there were two newspapers, the *Orlando Morning Sentinel* and *Reporter-Star*.) The newspapers were sold to the Tribune company in 1965.

> David Lawrence, Sr., a former *Orlando Sentinel* political columnist and bureau chief, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. He had worked for the *Sarasota News* before joining the *Sentinel* in the mid-1960s.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, 1914-1990

> May 4, 1990 -- The *Clearwater Sun*, now a weekly tabloid, prints its final issue.

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> 1990 -- After serving as a test site for the Associated Press, the *Times* continues to incorporate digital photojournalism technology into its newsroom operation.

WALTON COUNTY

The Herald Breeze, De Funiak Springs, 1990-Present

1991

- Governor: Lawton M. Chiles, 1991-1998
- Senators: Robert Graham; Connie Mack
- January 8, 1991 -- Lawton Chiles is inaugurated as the 41st governor of Florida.
- January 17, 1991 -- A coalition of Allied forces led by the United States drives Iraq out of Kuwait. Air Attacks begin on January 17th and the ground war ends on February 27, 1991.
- January 27, 1991 -- The New York Giants beat the Buffalo Bills, 20-19, in Super Bowl XXV.
- March 12, 1991 -- Former Governor Leroy Collins dies at the age of 82.
- April 5, 1991 -- William Kennedy Smith is identified by police as the suspect in a rape at the Kennedy family's vacation estate in Palm Beach. The case raises journalism ethics questions when the name of the woman who accused Smith of the rape is printed in the media.
- June 10, 1991 -- A National League baseball franchise (The Miami Marlins) is awarded to Miami.
- October 27, 1991 -- The Minnesota Twins beat the Atlanta Braves in the last game of the 1991 World Series.
- During 1991 there is a series of 28 church arson fires in North and Central Florida.

Florida in 1991:

Search 1991 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

BROWARD COUNTY

City Link, Fort Lauderdale, 1991-Present

Fort Lauderdale News, Fort Lauderdale, 1960-1992

> Fred Pettijohn, a former *Fort Lauderdale News* editor, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. He retired in 1982 after 30 years at the *News* and other *Gore / Sun Sentinel* publications.

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> The *Miami Herald's* local news staff wins the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Yahweh religious sect during 1990.

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, 1864-Present

> Charles Jones, the founder of what would become the *Florida Times-Union*, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. He started the *Florida Daily Times* in 1881 and merged it with the *Daily Florida Union* a year later.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> James A. Clendinen, the former editorial page editor of *The Tampa Tribune*, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. He retired from the newspaper in 1985.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> April 9, 1991 -- *St. Petersburg Times* writer Sheryl James is awarded the 1991 Pulitzer Prize in feature writing "for a compelling series about a mother who abandoned her newborn child and how it affected her life and those of others."

See Also:

["Sheryl James of St. Petersburg Times."](#)

Pulitzer website.

and

["A Gift Abandoned."](#)

St. Petersburg Times.

1992

- January 26, 1992 -- The Washington Redskins beat the Buffalo Bills, 37-24, in Super Bowl XXVI.
- February 17, 1992 -- The Board of Regents chooses Lee County as the future site of the state's 10th university. The school will be called Florida Gulf Coast University.

- Summer 1992 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- August 24, 1992 -- Hurricane Andrew rips through South Florida destroying parts of Homestead. Eighteen people are killed and thousands are left homeless or without water and power.
- October 24, 1992 -- The Toronto Blue Jays beat the Atlanta Braves in the last game of the 1992 World Series.
- November 3, 1992 -- Bill Clinton is elected president of the United States.

Florida in 1992:

Search 1992 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

BROWARD COUNTY

Fort Lauderdale Daily News, Fort Lauderdale, 1960-1992

> Robert H. Gore, the newspaper’s former owner and publisher, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. He purchased the *Daily News* in 1929 and sold the newspaper in 1963.

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> Liz Balmaseda is nominated as a Pulitzer Prize finalist for her columns about local Cuban-Americans and the immigrant community.

> *The Miami Herald* reports on Hurricane Andrew.

See Also:

[“A desolated landscape: the toll of Hurricane Andrew.”](#)

By Michael Browning, *The Miami Herald*.

(“This descriptive look into the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew was initially printed on the front page of the *Miami Herald* on Sept. 6, 1992.”)

and

Video: [“#10: Miami Herald’s Hurricane Andrew Coverage.”](#)

Society for News Design, Vimeo.

OKALOOSA COUNTY

The Bay Beacon, Niceville, 1992-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> Editorial cartoonist Ralph Dunagin is nominated as a Pulitzer Prize finalist.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> William L. Straub, former *Times* editor, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. He was editor of the *Times* between 1901 and 1939.

> September 1992 -- Paul Tash is named executive editor of the *St. Petersburg Times*.

> November 9, 1992 -- The *Times* introduces a free 24-hour telephone information service called “TimesLine.” (Before the Internet/Web became popular, many newspapers experimented with audiotex technologies. Audiotex customers used their telephone to dial a local number, then enter a four-digit code for news, stock quotes, weather, sports, and other content.)

VOLUSIA COUNTY

The Deland Beacon, Deland, 1992-Present

1993

- Senators: Robert Graham; Connie Mack
- U.S. President: Bill Clinton, 1993-2001
- January 31, 1993 -- The Dallas Cowboys beat the Buffalo Bills, 52-17, in Super Bowl XXVII.
- July 1, 1993 -- A new state constitutional amendment opens old legislative records, such as those from the former Johns Committee, which were previously sealed from researchers and the public.
- October 23, 1993 -- The Toronto Blue Jays beat the Philadelphia Phillies in the last game of the 1993 World Series.
- November 30, 1993 -- A National Football League franchise (Jacksonville Jaguars) is awarded to Jacksonville.

Florida in 1993:

Search 1993 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1993)

(In the early 1990s Florida newspapers begin experimenting with online BBS or dial-up services such as Prodigy, CompuServe, and America Online.)

BREVARD COUNTY

Florida Today, Melbourne, 1966-Present

> February 1993 -- *Florida Today* begins posting some of its content on the CompuServe online computer dial-up service. Although they did not post all of the newspaper’s content, the CompuServe version of *Florida Today* is one of Florida’s first commercial online newspapers.

Star-Advocate, Titusville, 1880-Present

> Robert H. Hudson, who worked for the *Star-Advocate* for 37 years, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> *The Miami Herald* wins the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of Hurricane Andrew.

> *Herald* columnist Liz Balmaseda is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for criticism or commentary.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> Virgil “Red” Newton, the former managing editor of *The Tampa Tribune* (1943-1964), is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> Reporter Steve Berry is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his investigative series into racial profiling.

1994

- January 30, 1994 -- The Dallas Cowboys beat the Buffalo Bills, 30-13, in Super Bowl XXVIII.
- February 1994 -- The trial of Danny Rolling for the 1990 Gainesville murders takes place.
- April 1994 -- The Florida legislature passes a bill compensating 56 survivors and descendants of the 1923 Rosewood massacre.
- September 12, 1994 -- The 1994 World Series is canceled due to a strike by the Major League Baseball Players Association.
- November 8, 1994 -- Democrat Lawton Chiles wins the governor’s race against Republican Jeb Bush.
- December 8, 1994 -- The Florida Supreme Court rules that the state law making it a crime to publish or broadcast the identity of a rape victim is unconstitutional.
- Six Florida newspapers join forces to cover the 1994 political campaign.
Newspapers participating in the “Voices of Florida” project are *The Miami Herald*, the *St. Petersburg Times*, *Tallahassee Democrat*, *Florida Times-Union*, *Bradenton Herald* and the *Boca Raton News*.

Florida in 1994:

Search 1994 on the “Florida Memory” website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1994)

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016

> August 1994 -- *The Tampa Tribune* launches *Tampa Bay Online*. The *Tribune* is the second newspaper to team up with the Prodigy online service to start an electronic version of its newspaper.

MARTIN COUNTY

The Stuart News, Stuart, 1913-Present

> Ernest F. Lyons, the former editor of *The Stuart News* (1945-1975), is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

ORANGE COUNTY

Central Florida Advocate, later: **Orlando Advocate**, African-American newspaper, 1994-Present

> The newspaper is founded by Rev. Kevin Seraaj.

Orlando Weekly, Orlando, 1994-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> November 1, 1994 -- The *Times* is one of the sponsors of a Florida gubernatorial debate between incumbent Governor Lawton Chiles and Jeb Bush in downtown Tampa. Other debate sponsors include the "Voices of Florida" project, the Florida League of Women Voters and NBC affiliates.

See Also:

Video: "[Florida Gubernatorial Debate](#)."

C-Span, November 1, 1994.

1995

- Senators: Robert Graham; Connie Mack
- January 29, 1995 -- The San Francisco 49ers beat the San Diego Chargers, 49-26, in Super Bowl XXIX.
- February 1995 -- The state of Florida files suit against the tobacco industry.
- March 1995 -- Florida celebrates 150 years of statehood.
- March 1995 -- Major league baseball owners award a new franchise (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) to St. Petersburg / Tampa Bay.
- April 19, 1995 -- 169 people are killed when a car bomb explodes at a federal building in Oklahoma City.
- October 5, 1995 -- Hurricane Opal causes \$1.8 billion in damage to the Florida Panhandle.
- October 28, 1995 -- The Atlanta Braves beat the Cleveland Indians in the last game of the 1995 World Series.

Florida in 1995:

Search 1995 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1995)

ALACHUA COUNTY

The Gainesville Sun, Gainesville, 1876-Present

The *Gainesville Sun* and the journalism department at the University of Florida begin the Sun.One online BBS service.

HENDRY COUNTY

Clewiston News, Clewiston, 1928-Present

> Beryl Bowden, who served as the publisher of the *Clewiston News* for 27 years, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Prensa Hispana, Avon Park, 1995-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> July 1995 -- An online version of the *Orlando Sentinel* is started on America Online.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Krey'ol Connection, West Palm Beach, 1995-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> February 1995 -- The *Times* launches its first online Web project. The site offers a tour of the "Treasures of Czars" exhibit at the Florida International Museum in St. Petersburg.

See Also:

"[Treasures of the Czars](#)" exhibit.

St. Petersburg Times, 1995.

> April 18, 1995 -- *St. Petersburg Times* writer Jeff Good is awarded the 1995 Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing "for his editorial campaign urging reform of Florida's probate system for settling estates." His series detailed ways in which personal estates are sometimes raided by probate lawyers and executors after the deaths of the benefactors.

See Also:

["Jeffrey Good of The St. Petersburg Times."](#)

Pulitzer website.

and

["Final Indignities."](#)

St. Petersburg Times.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, 1925-Present

> July 17, 1995 -- The *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* launches a 24-hour cable television news operation called "Sarasota News Now." (SNN is later renamed "Six News Now.")

1996

- January 28, 1996 -- The Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers, 27-17, in Super Bowl XXX.
- May 11, 1996 -- ValuJet 592 crashes into the Everglades killing all 110 passengers and crew.
- Summer 1996 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- July 27, 1996 -- A bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park during the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.
- October 26, 1996 -- The New York Yankees beat the Atlanta Braves in the last game of the 1996 World Series.
- November 5, 1996 -- Bill Clinton is re-elected president of the United States.
- November 5, 1996 -- Republicans win control of the Florida House of Representatives for the first time in 120 years.

Florida in 1996:

Search 1996 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1996)

BREVARD COUNTY

Florida Today, Melbourne, 1966-Present

> Al Neuharth, the former president and chairman of Gannett, who launched *Florida Today* (1966) and *USA Today* (1982), is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, 1864-Present

> April 1, 1996 -- The newspaper launches its first Internet service, Connect-U.

In 1997 Connect-U is replaced by Jacksonville.com.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Highlands Today, Sebring, 1996-Present

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Press-Journal, Vero Beach, 1919-Present

> The E.W. Scripps Company acquires the Vero Beach *Press-Journal*. The newspaper had been owned by the Schumann family.

1997

- Senators: Robert Graham; Connie Mack
- January 26, 1997 -- The Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots, 35-21, in Super Bowl XXXI.
- August 1997 -- The state's tobacco lawsuit ends with a \$11 billion settlement.
- August 1997 -- Barnett Banks of Florida is purchased by North Carolina's NationsBank.

- October 1997 -- The Florida Supreme Court rules that the use of the state's electric chair is legal.
- October 26, 1997 -- The Florida Marlins beat the Cleveland Indians in the last game of the 1997 World Series.

Florida in 1997:

Search 1997 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1997)

BROWARD COUNTY

New Times Broward - Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, 1997-Present

HERNANDO COUNTY

Hernando Today, Brooksville, 1987-Present

> May 1997 -- The newspaper begins offering Internet access to people living in Hernando County.

LAKE COUNTY

The Villages Daily Sun, The Villages, 1997-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> The *Orlando Sentinel* joins with Time Warner Communications to create a local 24-hour cable news operation.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Village Beat, African-American newspaper, Delray Beach, 1997-?

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> Eugene Patterson is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. He was editor of the *St. Petersburg Times* between 1972 and 1984 and then served as chairman of the board from 1984 until 1988.

See Also:

"[Former Times editor Eugene Patterson](#), who championed civil rights and journalistic excellence, dies at 89."

By Robert Hooker, *Tampa Bay Times*, January 12, 2013.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, 1925-Present

> April 6, 1997 -- The *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* and its television operation, SNN, launch a website called "newscoast.com".

1998

- January 25, 1998 -- The Denver Broncos beat the Green Bay Packers, 31-24, in Super Bowl XXXII.
- February 1998 -- Tornados kill 42 people in Central Florida.
- Summer 1998 -- Wildfires in Northern and Central Florida burn 500,000 acres.
- October 21, 1998 -- The New York Yankees beat the San Diego Padres in the last game of the 1998 World Series.
- October 29, 1998 -- Astronaut John Glenn returns to space at age 77.
- November 1998 -- Republican Jeb Bush wins the governor's race against Democrat Buddy MacKay.
- December 12, 1998 -- Governor Lawton Chiles dies at the age of 68. Lieutenant Governor Buddy MacKay finishes out Chiles's term.

Florida in 1998:

Search 1998 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1998)

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> *The Miami Herald* spins off *El Nuevo Herald*, its Spanish-language section, as a stand-alone daily.

> December 1998 -- *Tropic*, the newspaper's Sunday magazine, ceases publication.

The magazine began on October 15, 1967.

HERNANDO COUNTY

Hernando Today, Brooksville, 1987-Present

> The newspaper launches its website.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Press-Journal, Vero Beach, 1919-Present

> John J. Schumann, Sr., the founder of the Vero Beach *Press-Journal*, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Weekly, Orlando, 1994-Present

> *Orlando Weekly* launches its website.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> April 14, 1998 -- *St. Petersburg Times* writer Thomas French is awarded the 1998 Pulitzer Prize in feature writing "for his detailed and compassionate narrative portrait of a mother and two daughters slain on a Florida vacation, and the three-year investigation into their murders."

See Also:

["Thomas French of St. Petersburg Times."](#)

Pulitzer website.

and

["Angels & Demons."](#)

St. Petersburg Times.

> October 19, 1998 -- The newspaper sponsors a political debate between Democratic U.S.

Senator Bob Graham and his Republican challenger, Charlie Crist, at the Bayfront Center's Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg. On October 20th the *Times* sponsors a debate for the Florida governor's race between Republican Jeb Bush and Democratic Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay.

See Also:

Video: ["Florida Senate Campaign Debate."](#)

C-Span, October 19, 1998.

and

Video: ["Florida Gubernatorial Debate."](#)

C-Span, October 20, 1998.

POLK COUNTY

The Ledger, Lakeland, 1924-Present

> October 12, 1998 -- *The Ledger* launches its website.

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Sanford Herald / later: **Seminole Herald**, Sanford, 1908-Present

> The *Sanford Herald* changes its name to the *Seminole Herald*.

1999

- Governor: Jeb Bush, 1999-2007
- Senators: Robert Graham; Connie Mack
- January 5, 1999 -- Jeb Bush is inaugurated as the 43rd governor of Florida.
- January 31, 1999 -- The Denver Broncos beat the Atlanta Falcons, 34-19, in Super Bowl XXXIII.
- February 12, 1999 -- The U.S. Senate acquits President Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice.
- September 1999 -- Hurricane Floyd forces statewide evacuations.
- October 27, 1999 -- The New York Yankees beat the Atlanta Braves in the last game of the 1999 World Series.
- December 31, 1999 -- Florida newspapers report on celebrations marking the end of the 20th century. Floridians also celebrate the new millennium and worry about potential Y2K computer problems.

Florida in 1999:

Search 1999 on the "Florida Memory" website.

<https://www.floridamemory.com>

State Library & Archives of Florida.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (1999)

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Herald, Miami, 1903-Present

> *The Miami Herald*, like many newspapers across the country, announces that it is converting to a 50-inch web width to save on newsprint.

HERNANDO COUNTY

Hernando Today, Brooksville, 1987-Present

> November 7, 1999 -- The newspaper begins a Sunday edition.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, 1876-Present

> The *Orlando Sentinel* and Puerto Rico's *El Nuevo Dia* newspaper announce a news sharing agreement.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

> September 17, 1999 -- "[Images of the Century](#)," a traveling exhibit of historical *Times* photographs and front pages, makes its debut in the lobby of the newspaper's downtown St. Petersburg office. The exhibit will travel throughout the Tampa Bay area.

POLK COUNTY

The Ledger, Lakeland, 1924-Present

> August 1999 -- *The Ledger* celebrates its 75th anniversary.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

The St. Augustine Record, St. Augustine, 1894-Present

> Nina Hawkins, a former editor for the *St. Augustine Record*, is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. She began her 43-year career with the newspaper in 1910.

2000s

2000

- Florida population: 15,982,378
- January 30, 2000 -- The St. Louis Rams beat the Tennessee Titans, 23-16, in Super Bowl XXXIV.
- April 22, 2000 -- Armed federal agents seize six-year-old Elian Gonzalez from his Miami home. Alan Diaz records the moment in an AP photograph seen around the world. Gonzalez is returned to his father and eventually back to Cuba.
- Summer 2000 -- The Republican and Democratic parties hold their national presidential nominating conventions.
- Central Florida experiences serious drought conditions during the second part of the year.
- October 26, 2000 -- The New York Yankees beat the New York Mets in the last game of the 2000 World Series.
- November 7, 2000 -- Newspapers struggle under presidential election night deadlines to find accurate front page headlines. Among the banner headlines: "Photo Finish," "Florida Finish," "Oh, So Close," "Bush Wins," "Is It Bush?" "Recount." The 2000 presidential election between Al Gore and George W. Bush ends with a controversial Florida vote recount. The winner is not officially decided until December.
- December 11, 2000 -- Federal legislation to help restore the Everglades is signed into law.

Florida in 2000:
Search 2000 on the “Florida Memory” website.
<https://www.floridamemory.com>
State Library & Archives of Florida.

See Also:

[New Media Timeline](#) (2000)

BREVARD COUNTY

Florida Today, Melbourne, 1966-Present
> Vince Spezzano, the former publisher of *Florida Today* (1975-1985), is inducted into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame. As a Gannett company executive he helped launch *Florida Today* in 1966.

BROWARD COUNTY

Sun-Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, 1960-Present
> The Fort Lauderdale newspaper adds “South Florida” to its nameplate.

DADE COUNTY

El Diario, Miami, 2000-Present

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-2016
> April 2000 -- The Media General company opens its News Center building in Tampa for *The Tampa Tribune*, WFLA-TV, and TBO.com.

MONROE COUNTY

Key West Citizen, Key West, 1879-Present
> The Thomson Corporation sells the *Key West Citizen*. They also sell the *Jackson County Floridan*.

NASSAU COUNTY

News-Leader, Fernandina, 1854-Present
> September 8, 2000 -- The New York Times Company sells the *News-Leader*. They also sell the *Palatka Daily News* and the *Lake City Reporter*. On September 29th the New York Times Company sells the *Marco Island Eagle* and the *News-Sun* in Sebring.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times / later: **Tampa Bay Times**, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

See Also:

“[Election 2000](#).” (Special coverage website)

St. Petersburg Times.

and

“[Recount](#).” (*Times* front page)

St. Petersburg Times, November 8, 2000.

St. Petersburg Times 125th anniversary issue, 2009.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

The Tribune, Fort Pierce, 1903-Present
> March 31, 2000 -- *The Tribune* is sold to the E.W. Scripps Company.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, 1925-Present
> October 2000 -- The *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* celebrates its 75th anniversary.

2001

- On the morning of [September 11, 2001](#), Florida newspaper journalists post stories on their websites about a terrorist attack against the United States. Within hours, special print editions roll off of newspaper presses across the state with large headlines describing the 9/11 attack.

In many ways, this day marks the beginning of a new era for Florida newspapers in the online 21st century.

APPENDIXES

- **Daily Newspapers -- General Distribution**
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Daily Newspapers -- General Distribution

CITY	NEWSPAPER (Most Recent Name)	COUNTY	DATES
Apalachicola	Apalachicola Gazette	Franklin	1836-1840
Boca Raton	The Boca Raton News	Palm Beach	1955-2009
Bradenton	Bradenton Herald	Manatee	1922-Present
Brooksville	Sun Journal / Brooksville Star	Hernando	1888-1990s
Brooksville	Hernando Today	Hernando	1987-2014
Cape Coral	Cape Coral Daily Breeze	Lee	1975-Present
Clearwater	Clearwater Sun (Library Archive)	Pinellas	1914-1990
Crestview	West Florida Daily Globe	Okaloosa	1952-?
Crystal River	Citrus County Chronicle	Citrus	1890-Present
Daytona Beach	The Evening News	Volusia	1936-1986
Daytona Beach	The News-Journal (Google News)	Volusia	1904-Present
Deland	Deland Sun News	Volusia	1877-1992?
Fort Lauderdale	Daily News	Broward	1925-1958
Fort Lauderdale	News	Broward	1960-1992
Fort Lauderdale	News and Sentinel	Broward	1958-1960
Fort Lauderdale	Sun-Sentinel	Broward	1960-Present
Fort Myers	News-Press	Lee	1884-Present
Fort Walton Beach	Northwest Florida Daily News	Okaloosa	1946-Present
Gainesville	The Gainesville Sun (Google News)	Alachua	1876-Present
Jacksonville	The Daily Record	Duval	1912-Present
Jacksonville	The Florida Daily Times	Duval	1881-1883
Jacksonville	The Florida Times-Union	Duval	1864-Present
Jacksonville	Jacksonville Journal	Duval	1887-1988

Key West	The Key West Citizen (LOC)	Monroe	1879-Present
Lake City	Lake City Reporter	Columbia	1874-Present
Lake Wales	The Highlander	Polk	1916-?
Lakeland	The Ledger	Polk	1924-Present
Leesburg	Daily Commercial	Lake	1875-Present
Marianna	Jackson County Floridan	Jackson	1922-Present
Melbourne	Florida Today	Brevard	1966-Present
Miami	Daily Tab (Photo)	Dade	1920s
Miami	Daily Business Review	Dade	?-Present
Miami	Diario Las Americas	Dade	1953-Present
Miami	El Nuevo Herald	Dade	1976-Present
Miami	Metropolis / The Miami News	Dade	1896-1988
Miami	Miami Evening News-Record	Dade	1907-1910
Miami	The Miami Evening Record	Dade	1903-1907
Miami	The Miami Herald	Dade	1903-Present
Miami	Morning Tribune	Dade	?-1937
Naples	Naples Daily News	Collier	1923-Present
New Smyrna	The Observer	Volusia	1913-Present
Ocala	Ocala Star-Banner (Google News)	Marion	1866-Present
Okeechobee	The Daily Okeechobee News	Okeechobee	1915-Present
Orlando	Orlando Daily Herald	Orange	1901-1903
Orlando	Orlando Sentinel	Orange	1876-Present
Palatka	Palatka Daily News	Putnam	1885-Present
Palm Beach	Palm Beach Daily News	Palm Beach	1894-Present
Panama City	The News-Herald	Bay	1937-Present
Pensacola	Pensacola News Journal	Escambia	1889-Present
Port Charlotte	Charlotte Sun Herald	Charlotte	1893-Present
St. Augustine	The St. Augustine Record	St. Johns	1894-Present
St. Petersburg	Evening Independent (Google News)	Pinellas	1906-1986
St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg Times / Tampa Bay Times (Google News)	Pinellas	1884-Present
Sanford	Seminole Herald	Seminole	1908-Present
Sarasota	Sarasota Herald-Tribune (Google News)	Sarasota	1925-Present
Sarasota	Sarasota Journal (Google News)	Sarasota	1952-1982
Sebring	Highlands Today	Highlands	1996-Present
Stuart	The Stuart News	Martin	1913-Present
Tallahassee	Tallahassee Democrat	Leon	1905-Present
Tampa	Tampa Daily News	Hillsborough	1887-1896
Tampa	The Tampa Daily Times	Hillsborough	1893-1982
Tampa	The Tampa Evening News	Hillsborough	1907
Tampa	Tampa Globe	Hillsborough	1925-1926
Tampa	The Tampa Morning News	Hillsborough	1897-?
Tampa	Tampa Telegraph	Hillsborough	1925
Tampa	The Tampa Tribune	Hillsborough	1883-1893
Tampa	The Tampa Tribune (Wikipedia)	Hillsborough	1895-2016
Vero Beach	Press-Journal	Indian River	1926-Present
The Villages	The Villages Daily Sun	Lake	1997-Present
West Palm Beach	The Palm Beach Post	Palm Beach	1916-Present
West Palm Beach	Palm Beach Times / Evening Times	Palm Beach	1922-1987
Winter Haven	Winter Haven News Chief	Polk	1911-Present

Weekly Newspapers and other Non-Dailies -- General Distribution

CITY	NEWSPAPER (Most Recent Name)	COUNTY	DATES
Apalachicola	Advertiser	Franklin	1833-1835
Apalachicola	Apalachicola Courier	Franklin	1839-1840
Apalachicola	Apalachicola Gazette	Franklin	1836-1840
Apalachicola	Apalachicola Herald	Franklin	1884
Apalachicola	Apalachicola Times	Franklin	1885-Present
Apalachicola	Apalachicola Tribune	Franklin	1881-1884
Apalachicola	Apalachicolian	Franklin	1840-1841
Apalachicola	Carrabelle Times	Franklin	1977-Present
Apalachicola	Commercial Advertiser	Franklin	1843?-1858?
Apalachicola	Florida Journal	Franklin	1840-1843
Apalachicola	Star of the West	Franklin	1848
Apalachicola	Watchman of the Gulf	Franklin	1843
Apopka	Apopka Chief	Orange	?-Present
Apopka	Arcadia Enterprise	Orange	1894-1924
Apopka	Citizen	Orange	1880s?-?
Apopka	Florida Pioneer	Orange	1870s?-?
Apopka	The Planter Newspaper	Orange	1965-Present
Arcadia	The Arcadian	DeSoto	1924-Present
Arcadia	Champion	DeSoto	1880s?-?
Arcadia	DeSoto County News	DeSoto	1898-1924
Arcadia	DeSoto County Times	DeSoto	?-Present
Auburndale	Auburndale Star	Polk	1953-Present
Avon Park	Idea	Highlands	1880s?-?
Avon Park	The News-Sun / Avon Park	Highlands	?-Present
Avon Park	Prensa Hispana	Highlands	1995-Present
Bagdad	Gulf Coast Women's News	Santa Rosa	?-Present
Bartow	Advance Courier	Polk	1887-1888
Bartow	Courier-Informant	Polk	1889-1919
Bartow	Informant	Polk	1881-1888
Bartow	The Polk County Democrat	Polk	1931-Present
Bartow	Polk County News	Polk	1890-1893
Belleair	Belleair Bee	Pinellas	?-Present
Bellevue	Blade	Marion	1880s?-?
Bellevue	Voice of South Marion	Marion	1969-Present
Blountstown	The County Record	Calhoun	1907-Present
Boca Grande	Boca Beacon	Lee	?-Present
Boca Grande	Gasparilla Gazette	Lee	?-Present
Boca Raton	Almanber	Palm Beach	1990s-Present
Boca Raton	Boca Raton Thursday Times	Palm Beach	1965-Present
Boca Raton	Central Boca Times	Palm Beach	1965-Present
Boca Raton	The Monday Paper	Palm Beach	1972-Present
Boca Raton	West Boca Times	Palm Beach	1965-Present
Bokeelia	Pine Island Eagle	Lee	?-Present
Bonifay	Holmes County Advertiser	Holmes	1892-Present
Bonifay	Holmes County Times	Holmes	?-Present
Bonita Springs	Bonita Banner	Lee	1959-Present
Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach News	Palm Beach	1946-?
Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach Times	Palm Beach	1979-?
Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach Star	Palm Beach	1961-1968
Bradenton	Bradenton News	Manatee	1897-?
Bradenton	Gulf Coast Progress	Manatee	1881-1885
Bradenton	Journal	Manatee	1880s?-?
Bradenton	Manatee County Call	Manatee	1964-?
Bradenton	Manatee River Journal	Manatee	1888-1922
Bradenton	Morning Call	Manatee	1962-1963

Brandon	The Brandon News	Hillsborough	?-Present
Branford	The Branford News	Suwannee	1967-Present
Bristol	Bristol Free Press	Liberty	1887-1940s?
Bristol	The Calhoun-Liberty Journal	Liberty	1981-Present
Bronson	Levy County Journal	Levy	1930-Present
Bronson	Levy County Times-Democrat	Levy	1890-1924
Brooksville	Brooksville Journal	Hernando	1928-1960
Brooksville	Brooksville Sun	Hernando	1932-1960
Brooksville	Hernando News	Hernando	1880s?-?
Brooksville	Hernando Sun (UF Archive)	Hernando	2015-Present
Brooksville	Hernando Today	Hernando	1987-2014
Brooksville	Register	Hernando	1880s?-?
Bunnell	Flagler / Palm Coast News-Tribune	Flagler	1913-Present
Bushnell	Sumter County Times	Sumter	1881-Present
Callahan	Nassau County Record	Nassau	1930-Present
Canal Point	Everglades News	Palm Beach	1924-1967
Cape Coral	The Pine Island Eagle	Lee	1976-Present
Carrollwood	Carrollwood News	Hillsborough	1980-Present
Cedar Key	Cedar Key Beacon	Levy	?-Present
Cedar Key	Commercial	Levy	1880s?-?
Cedar Key	Florida State Journal	Levy	1870s?-?
Chattahoochee	Twin City News	Gadsden	1946-Present
Chiefland	Chiefland Citizen	Levy	1950-Present
Chipley	Washington County News	Washington	1924-Present
Clearwater	Clearwater News	Pinellas	1893-?
Clearwater	Clearwater Times	Pinellas	1873-1880s
Clearwater	Pinellas County (Tampa Bay) Review	Pinellas	1952-?
Clearwater	The Suncoast Beacon	Pinellas	1970-Present
Clermont	Clermont Press	Lake	1923-1966
Clermont	South Lake Press	Lake	1913-Present
Clewiston	Clewiston News	Henry	1928-Present
Cocoa	Public Spirit	Brevard	1880s?-?
Cocoa	The Tribune	Brevard	?-Present
Coral Gables	Coral Gables Gazette	Dade	?-Present
Coral Gables	Coral Gables News	Dade	1958-Present
Coral Springs	Broward News	Broward	1983-Present
Coral Springs	Coral Springs Forum	Broward	1965-Present
Coral Springs	Coral Springs News	Broward	1949-Present
Crawfordville	The Leon County News	Wakulla	1977-Present
Crawfordville	The Wakulla News	Wakulla	1895-Present
Crescent City	Courier-Journal	Putnam	1946-Present
Crescent City	Crescent City News	Putnam	1894?-1902
Crestview	Niceville Bayou Times	Okaloosa	1912-Present
Crestview	News-Journal	Okaloosa	1912-Present
Crestview	North Okaloosa Bulletin	Okaloosa	1975-Present
Cross City	Dixie County Advocate	Dixie	1923-Present
Dade City	Democrat	Pasco	1880s?-?
Dade City	Pasco News	Pasco	1904-Present
Daytona	Daytona Gazette-News	Volusia	1889-1923
Daytona	Halifax Journal	Volusia	1882-1914
Daytona Beach	The New Volusian	Volusia	1964-Present
Daytona Beach	Daytona Times	Volusia	1978-Present
De Funiak Springs	De Funiak Herald	Walton	1890-Present
De Funiak Springs	Graphic	Walton	1880s?-?
De Funiak Springs	The Herald Breeze	Walton	1990-Present
De Funiak Springs	Signal	Walton	1882-?
De Funiak Springs	Times	Walton	1880s?-?
Deerfield Beach	Broward Jewish Journal	Broward	1965-Present

Deerfield Beach	Deerfield Beach Times	Broward	1965-Present
Deerfield Beach	Hi-Riser North / Hi-Riser South	Broward	1967-Present
Deerfield Beach	Lighthouse Point	Broward	?-Present
Deland	Agriculturist	Volusia	1880s?-?
Deland	The Deland Beacon	Volusia	1992-Present
Deland	The New Volusian	Volusia	1964-Present
Deland	News	Volusia	1880s?-?
Deland	Record	Volusia	1880s?-?
Delray Beach	Delray Beach Times	Palm Beach	1977-Present
Delray Beach	Women's Business Journal	Palm Beach	?-Present
Destin	The Beach Breeze	Okaloosa	1990-Present
Destin	The Destin Log	Okaloosa	1974-Present
Dover	Okeechobee News	Okeechobee	1917-Present
Dunedin	Dunedin Times (Museum Archive)	Pinellas	1923-2000?
Dunnellon	Riverland News	Marion	?-Present
Eastpoint	Franklin County Chronicle	Franklin	?-Present
Englewood	Englewood Sun-Times	Sarasota	1955-Present
Eustis	Eustis News (LOC)	Lake	1904-?
Eustis	Lake Region	Lake	1880s?-?
Everglades City	Everglades Echo	Collier	1979-Present
Everglades City	Everglades Floridian	Collier	?-Present
Fern Park	Heritage Florida Jewish News	Seminole	?-Present
Fernandina	East Floridian	Nassau	1859-1860s?
Fernandina	El Telegrafo de las Floridas	Nassau	1817
Fernandina	Express	Nassau	1870s?-?
Fernandina	Mirror	Nassau	1880s?-?
Fernandina	News-Leader (About)	Nassau	1854-Present
Fernandina	Peninsula	Nassau	1863-1864?
Fort Lauderdale	City Link	Broward	1991-Present
Fort Lauderdale	Eastsider	Broward	?-Present
Fort Lauderdale	El Heraldo de Broward y Palm Beach	Broward	1974-Present
Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale Downtown	Broward	1988-Present
Fort Lauderdale	The Highriser	Broward	1967-Present
Fort Lauderdale	Hometown Herald	Broward	1964-Present
Fort Lauderdale	New Times Broward-Palm Beach	Broward	1997-Present
Fort Lauderdale	South Florida Business Journal	Broward	1980-Present
Fort Lauderdale	Waterfront News	Broward	1984-Present
Fort Meade	The Fort Meade Leader	Polk	1910-Present
Fort Meade	South Florida Progress	Polk	1880s?-?
Fort Myers	Fort Myers Beach Observer	Lee	?-Present
Fort Myers Beach	Fort Myers Beach Bulletin	Lee	1951-Present
Fort Pierce	Fort Pierce News (LOC)	St. Lucie	1903-1920
Fort Read	Florida Crescent	Orange	1877-?
Fort Walton Beach	N.W. Florida Business Journal	Okaloosa	1988-Present
Fort Walton Beach	Okaloosa County Reporter	Okaloosa	1967-Present
Fort White	Boomer	Columbia	1880s?-?
Frostproof	Frostproof News	Polk	1914-Present
Gainesville	Gainesville New Era	Alachua	1865-1874
Gainesville	Gainesville Times	Alachua	1876-1879
Gainesville	Home Seeker	Alachua	1880s?-?
Gainesville	The Record	Alachua	1969-Present
Graceville	The Graceville News	Jackson	1903-Present
Green Cove Springs	Clay County Crescent	Clay	1891-1990s
Greenacres	Suburban Lake Worth Town-Crier	Palm Beach	1980-Present
Gulf Breeze	The Gulf Breeze	Santa Rosa	1960-Present
Gulf Breeze	Gulf Breeze Sentinel	Santa Rosa	1960-Present
Gulf Breeze	Islander Newspaper	Santa Rosa	?-Present
Gulf Breeze	Perido Pelican	Santa Rosa	1989-Present

Gulf Breeze	Santa Rosa Sun	Santa Rosa	?-Present
Gulfport	The Gabber (Gabber archive) (UF archive)	Pinellas	1968-Present
Gulfport	Gulfport Citizen	Pinellas	1940s
Gulfport	Gulfport Tribune	Pinellas	1940s
Gulfport (Disston City)	Point Pinellas Herald	Pinellas	1887-?
Gulfport (Disston City)	The Sea Breeze	Pinellas	1886-1887
Haines City	Haines City Herald	Polk	1917-Present
Hallandale	Hallandale Digest	Broward	1963-Present
Havana	Havana Herald	Gasden	1947-Present
Hialeah	Hialeah News	Dade	1976-Present
High Springs	The High Springs Herald	Alachua	1952-Present
High Springs	Sentinel	Alachua	1880s?-?
Hollywood	Alligator Times	Broward	1977-1983
Hollywood	Community News	Broward	1987-Present
Hollywood	Seminole News	Broward	1950s-1977?
Hollywood	Seminole Tribune	Broward	1983-Present
Hollywood	South Florida Business Journal	Broward	?-Present
Holmes Beach	The Islander Bystander	Manatee	?-Present
Homestead	South Dade News-Leader	Dade	1912-Present
Homestead	Palmetto Bay News	Dade	1968-Present
Immokalee	Immokalee Bulletin	Collier	?-Present
Islamorada	Free Press	Monroe	1987-Present
Jacksonville	Both Sides Now	Duval	1969-?
Jacksonville	The Business Journal	Duval	?-Present
Jacksonville	East Florida Advocate	Duval	1839-1840
Jacksonville	East Floridian	Duval	1868-1869?
Jacksonville	Farmer and Fruit Grower	Duval	1880s?-?
Jacksonville	Florida Agriculturist	Duval	1870s?-?
Jacksonville	Florida Baptist Witness	Duval	1884-Present
Jacksonville	Florida News (LOC)	Duval	1852-1859
Jacksonville	Florida Republican	Duval	1848-?
Jacksonville	Florida Statesman	Duval	1845-1846?
Jacksonville	Florida Whig	Duval	1845
Jacksonville	Folio Weekly	Duval	1987-Present
Jacksonville	Industrial Florida	Duval	1880s?-?
Jacksonville	Jacksonville Courier	Duval	1835-1839
Jacksonville	Jacksonville Standard	Duval	1859?-?
Jacksonville	Labor Journal	Duval	1930s?-?
Jacksonville	Mandarin News	Duval	?-Present
Jacksonville	Northeast Florida Advocate	Duval	?-Present
Jacksonville	Semi-Tropical	Duval	1870s?-?
Jacksonville	The Southern Confederacy	Duval	1861-?
Jacksonville	Standard	Duval	1880s?-?
Jacksonville	Sun and Press	Duval	1870s?-?
Jacksonville	Tropical Plant	Duval	1842-1845
Jacksonville Beach	The Beaches Leader	Duval	1963-Present
Jacksonville Beach	Ponte Vedra Recorder	Duval	?-Present
Jacksonville Beach	Sun-Times	Duval	1981-Present
Jensen Beach	The Mirror	Martin	1961-Present
Jupiter	Jupiter / Tequesta Thursday Paper	Palm Beach	?-Present
Jupiter	The Jupiter Courier	Palm Beach	1957-Present
Kendall	Kendall News	Dade	1958-Present
Key Biscayne	The Islander News	Dade	1966-Present
Key West	Commercial Advertiser	Monroe	1829-1830?
Key West	Dispatch	Monroe	1870s?-?
Key West	Equator-Democrat	Monroe	1880s?-?
Key West	Inter-Ocean	Monroe	1880s?-?
Key West	Key of the Gulf	Monroe	1870s?-?

Key West	Key Outpost (LOC)	Monroe	1952-?
Key West	Key West Enquirer	Monroe	1834-1836
Key West	Key West Gazette	Monroe	1831-1832
Key West	Key West Gazette	Monroe	1844-?
Key West	Key West Register	Monroe	1829-1830
Key West	New Era	Monroe	1862-1863
Key West	Solares Hill	Monroe	?-Present
Key West	South Floridian	Monroe	1838-1840
Keystone Heights	Lake Region Monitor	Clay	?-Present
Kissimmee	Leader	Osceola	1880s?-?
Kissimmee	Osceola News-Gazette	Osceola	1897-Present
Kissimmee	Valley Gazette	Osceola	1880s?-?
La Belle	Caloosa Belle	Hendry	1923-Present
La Belle	La Belle Leader	Hendry	?-Present
Lake Butler	Bulletin	Union	1880s?-?
Lake Butler	Union County Times	Union	1921-Present
Lake City	Lake City Reporter	Columbia	1874
Lake City	School Journal	Columbia	1880s?-?
Lake City	Tobacco Plant	Columbia	1880s?-?
Lake Panasoffkee	The Sumter Journal	Sumter	?-Present
Lake Placid	Lake Placid Journal	Highlands	1959-Present
Lake Wales	The Lake Wales News	Polk	1926-Present
Lake Worth	Lake Worth Herald	Palm Beach	1912-Present
Lakeland	Advocate	Polk	1880s?-?
Land O'Lakes	The Laker	Pasco	1982?-Present
Lantana	Amerikan Uutiset	Palm Beach	1932-Present
Largo	The Belleair-Beach Bee	Largo	?-Present
Largo	Clearwater-Largo Leader	Pinellas	?-Present
Largo	Countryside-Safety Harbor Journal	Pinellas	?-Present
Largo	St. Pete Beach - Pasadena Today	Pinellas	?-Present
Largo	Seminole Beacon	Pinellas	?-Present
Leesburg	Sumter County Advance	Lake	1870s?-?
Lehigh Acres	Lehigh Acres Citizen	Lee	?-Present
Lehigh Acres	Lehigh Acres News-Star	Lee	1962-Present
Live Oak	Banner	Suwannee	1882-?
Live Oak	Expositor	Suwannee	1870s?-?
Live Oak	The Jasper News	Suwannee	1870-Present
Live Oak	Suwannee Democrat	Suwannee	1884-Present
Longboat Key	The Longboat Observer	Manatee	?-Present
Longwood	La Prensa Newspaper	Seminole	1981-Present
Longwood	The Longwood News	Seminole	1880s?
Lutz	In the Loop	Pasco	?-Present
Lutz	Lutz Community News	Hillsborough	1960?-Present
MacClenny	Baker County Press	Baker	1929-Present
MacClenny	Baker County Standard	Baker	?-Present
MacClenny	Sentinel	Baker	1880s?-?
Madison	Madison County Carrier	Madison	1964-Present
Madison	Madison Enterprise-Recorder	Madison	1865-Present
Madison	Sun	Madison	1870s?-?
Magnolia	Magnolia Advertiser	Leon	1828-1830
Manatee	Advocate	Manatee	1880s?-?
Mannfield	Star	Citrus	1880s?-?
Marathon	Florida Keys Keynoter	Monroe	1953-Present
Marathon	The Keys Advertiser	Monroe	1990-Present
Marco Island	Marco Island Eagle	Collier	1968-Present
Margate	Margate / Coconut Creek Forum	Broward	1965-Present
Marianna	The Courier	Jackson	1870s?-?
Marianna	Florida Whig	Jackson	1847-?

Marianna	The Monitor	Jackson	?-Present
Marianna	Times-Courier	Jackson	1880s?-?
Mayo	The Mayo Free Press	Lafayette	1888-Present
Melbourne	Indian River News	Brevard	1880s?-?
Melbourne	Republican	Brevard	1880s?-?
Melbourne	Times	Brevard	1880s?-?
Merritt Island	Space Coast Press	Brevard	?-Present
Miami	Broward Neighbors	Dade	1964-Present
Miami	Carol City-Opa Locka News	Dade	1971-Present
Miami	Community News	Dade	?-Present
Miami	El Nuevo Patria	Dade	1959-Present
Miami	Florida Deutsches Echo	Dade	1920s?-?
Miami	The Florida Newspaper	Dade	1927-Present
Miami	Haitien March	Dade	?-Present
Miami	Jewish Floridian	Dade	1928-1990
Miami	La Estrella de Nicaragua	Dade	?-Present
Miami	La Nacion	Dade	1976-Present
Miami	Libre	Dade	1966-Present
Miami	Mi Casa	Dade	1987-Present
Miami	Miami Morning News	Dade	?-1907
Miami	Miami New Times	Dade	1987-Present
Miami	Miami Springs News	Dade	?-Present
Miami	Miami Today	Dade	1983-Present
Miami	South Miami News	Dade	1968-Present
Miami	South West News	Dade	1968-Present
Miami	Your Home Town News	Dade	1944-Present
Miami Beach	The Post	Dade	1986-Present
Miami Beach	PostMortem	Dade	1987-Present
Miami Beach	Sun	Dade	?-1970s?
Miami Shores	La Voz Catolica	Dade	1982-Present
Miami Shores	Miami Shores News	Dade	1972-Present
Milton	Milton Standard	Santa Rosa	1870s?-?
Milton	Press-Gazette	Santa Rosa	?-Present
Milton	Santa Rosa Free Press	Santa Rosa	?-Present
Milton	Santa Rosa Press-Gazette	Santa Rosa	1907-Present
Monticello	The Constitution	Jefferson	1870s?-?
Monticello	Monticello News	Jefferson	1869-Present
Moore Haven	Glades County Democrat	Glades	1922-Present
Mount Dora	Lake News	Lake	1957-Present
Mount Dora	Mount Dora Topic	Lake	1916-Present
Mulberry	Mulberry Press	Polk	1909-Present
Navarre	Navarre News	Santa Rosa	?-Present
Naples	Everglades Echo	Collier	1979-Present
New Port Richey	Suncoast News	Pasco	1916-Present
New Port Richey	West Pasco Press	Pasco	1916-Present
New Smyrna	Breeze	Volusia	1880s?-?
Newport	Newport Gazette	Wakulla	1846
Newport	Newport Patriot	Wakulla	1844-?
Newport	Waculla Times	Wakulla	1849-?
Niceville	The Bay Beacon	Okaloosa	1992-Present
Niceville	Bayou Times	Okaloosa	?-Present
Niceville	The Beacon Express	Okaloosa	?-Present
North Miami	North Miami Beach News	Dade	1970-Present
North Port	North Port Sun Herald	Sarasota	1977-Present
Oakland Park	Oakland Park / Wilton Manors Tribune	Broward	?-Present
Ocala	East Florida Banner	Marion	1870s?-?
Ocala	Florida Home Companion	Marion	1857-?
Ocala	Florida Mirror	Marion	1853-?

Ocala	Marion Free Press	Marion	1880s?-?
Ocala	Marion Star	Marion	1851-?
Ocala	New Capital	Marion	1880s?-?
Ocala	Witness	Marion	1880s?-?
Okeechobee	Okeechobee News	Okeechobee	1914-Present
Orlando	The Florida Catholic	Okeechobee	1939-Present
Orlando	The Florida Sun	Orange	?-Present
Orlando	La Prensa	Orange	?-Present
Orlando	La Semana	Orange	1981-Present
Orlando	Orlando Business Journal	Orange	1984-Present
Orlando	Orlando Weekly	Orange	1994-Present
Orlando	Record	Orange	1880s?-?
Orange City	Southwest Volusia Reporter	Volusia	?-Present
Orange City	Times	Volusia	1880s?-?
Orange Park	Clay Today	Clay	1974-Present
Oviedo	Chronicle	Orange	1880s?-?
Oviedo	Gazette	Orange	1890s?
Pablo Beach	Pablo Beach Breeze	Duval	1880s?-?
Palatka	Eastern Herald	Putnam	1870s?-?
Palatka	Florida Enterpriser	Putnam	1902-?
Palatka	Times	Putnam	1880s?-?
Palatka	Whig Banner	Putnam	1846
Palm Beach	Palm Beach Thursday Paper	Palm Beach	?-Present
Palm Beach	Palm Beach Today	Palm Beach	?-Present
Palm Coast	Palm Coast / Flagler Community Times	Flagler	?-Present
Panama City	Panama City Pilot	Bay	1907-?
Panama City Beach	Beach Bay News	Bay	1978-Present
Pensacola	Advance	Escambia	1878-1881
Pensacola	Advance-Gazette	Escambia	1882-1885
Pensacola	Argus	Escambia	1828
Pensacola	Argus	Escambia	1893-1894
Pensacola	Commercial	Escambia	1867-1871
Pensacola	Commercial	Escambia	1882-1889
Pensacola	Democrat	Escambia	1845-1856
Pensacola	Echo	Escambia	1878
Pensacola	Escambia Sun-Press	Escambia	1946-Present
Pensacola	Express	Escambia	1870-1875
Pensacola	Florida Argus	Escambia	1828
Pensacola	Floridian	Escambia	1821-1824
Pensacola	Gazette	Escambia	1870s?-?
Pensacola	Journal	Escambia	1898-1924
Pensacola	Live Oak	Escambia	1847
Pensacola	Mail	Escambia	1871-1872
Pensacola	Neutral	Escambia	1848
Pensacola	News	Escambia	1880s?-?
Pensacola	Observer	Escambia	1857-1870
Pensacola	Pensacola Advance	Escambia	1870s?-?
Pensacola	Pensacola Gazette	Escambia	1824-1860s
Pensacola	Pensacola Herald	Escambia	1870s?-?
Pensacola	Pensacolian	Escambia	1883-1889
Pensacola	Republican	Escambia	1874
Pensacola	Republican	Escambia	1884
Pensacola	Sentinel	Escambia	1899
Pensacola	West Florida Advertiser	Escambia	1824-1860s?
Pensacola	West Florida Times	Escambia	1856-1857
Pensacola Beach	Islander	Escambia	?-Present
Perry	Perry News-Herald	Taylor	1889-Present
Perry	Taco Times	Taylor	1961-Present

Perry	Taylor County Banner	Taylor	1880s-?
Pinellas Park	Pinellas Park News	Pinellas	1963-Present
Plant City	The Courier	Hillsborough	1884-2016
Plant City	Plant City Observer	Hillsborough	2012-
Plantation	Plantation Star	Monroe	1949-Present
Polk City	Polk City Press	Polk	1984-Present
Ponte Vedra Recorder	Ponte Vedra Beach	St. Johns	?-Present
Pompano Beach	The Pompano Ledger	Broward	1980-Present
Pompano Beach	Pompano Pelican	Broward	?-Present
Pompano Beach	Quad City News	Broward	1949-Present
Port Leon	Commercial Gazette	Leon	1843
Port St. Joe	The Star	Gulf	1937-Present
Quincy	Gadsden County Times	Gadsden	1901-Present
Quincy	Herald	Gadsden	1870s?-?
Quincy	Quincy Sentinel	Gadsden	1839-1841
Rockledge	Rockledge Reporter	Brevard	?-Present
Royal Palm Beach	Loxahatchee Town-Crier	Palm Beach	1980-Present
St. Andrews	Messenger	Washington	1880s?-?
St. Augustine	Ancient City	St. Johns	1850-?
St. Augustine	East Florida Gazette (LOC)	St. Johns	1783-1784
St. Augustine	Examiner	St. Johns	1850s?-?
St. Augustine	Florida Gazette	St. Johns	1821
St. Augustine	East Florida Herald / Florida Herald	St. Johns	1822-1850s
St. Augustine	Florida Press	St. Johns	1870s?-?
St. Augustine	News	St. Johns	1838-1852
St. Augustine	News	St. Johns	1880s?-?
St. Francis	Florida Facts	Lake	1880s?-?
St. Joseph	St. Joseph Telegraph	Franklin	1835-1836
St. Petersburg	Advocate	Pinellas	1930s?-?
St. Petersburg	Floridian	Pinellas	1944-1959?
St. Petersburg	Jewish Press of Pinellas County	Pinellas	1986-Present
St. Petersburg	Northeast Journal	Pinellas	2004-Present
St. Petersburg	The Pinellas News	Pinellas	1963-Present
St. Petersburg	The Pinellas Post	Pinellas	1921-?
St. Petersburg	South Florida Home	Pinellas	1888-1896
St. Petersburg	Sub-Peninsular	Pinellas	1894-1896
St. Petersburg Beach	Gulf Beach News	Pinellas	1934-1949
Sanford	Gate City Chronicle	Seminole	1880s?-?
Sanford	South Florida Journal	Seminole	1870s?-?
Sanibel	Captiva Current	Lee	?-Present
Sanibel	The Island Reporter	Lee	1973-Present
Sanibel	Island Sun	Lee	?-Present
Sanibel	Islander	Lee	1961-Present
Sarasota	The Beach Weekly	Sarasota	1984-Present
Sarasota	Siesta Key Observer / Pelican Press	Sarasota	1971-Present
Sarasota	Sarasota Times	Sarasota	1984-Present
Sebastian	Sebastian Sun	Indian River	?-Present
Sebring	The News-Sun	Highlands	1919-Present
South Miami	South Miami News	Dade	?-Present
Starke	Bradford County Telegraph	Bradford	1879-Present
Sun City Center	East Bay Breeze	Hillsborough	1983-Present
Sunrise	The Broward Informer	Broward	1975-Present
Tallahassee	Agricultural Bulletin	Leon	1880s-?
Tallahassee	Capital Outlook	Leon	1964-Present
Tallahassee	Daily Floridian	Leon	1891-1890s?
Tallahassee	Elder Update	Leon	1977-Present
Tallahassee	Florida Advocate	Leon	1827-1829
Tallahassee	Florida Courier	Leon	1830-1832

Tallahassee	Florida Immigrant	Leon	1870s?-?
Tallahassee	The Florida Intelligencer	Leon	1825-1826?
Tallahassee	Florida Patriot	Leon	1870s?-?
Tallahassee	Florida Sentinel	Leon	1841-1870s
Tallahassee	Floridian	Leon	1828-?
Tallahassee	Magnolia Advertiser	Leon	1828-1830
Tallahassee	Republican	Leon	1880s?-?
Tallahassee	The Sentinel	Leon	1845-?
Tallahassee	Southern Journal	Leon	1846-?
Tallahassee	The Tallahasseean	Leon	?-Present
Tallahassee	Tallahassee Gazette	Leon	1835
Tallahassee	Tallahassee Star	Leon	1839-1846
Tallahassee	The Weekly Floridian (LOC)	Leon	1867-?
Tampa	Advocate	Hillsborough	1880s?-?
Tampa	Community News	Hillsborough	?-Present
Tampa	The Courier	Hillsborough	?-Present
Tampa	Creative Loafing	Hillsborough	1988-Present
Tampa	Drew Field Echoes (UF) (USF)	Hillsborough	1942-1988
Tampa	Florida Labor Advocate	Hillsborough	1929?-1958
Tampa	Free Press	Hillsborough	1911-Present
Tampa	Gulf Coast Progress	Hillsborough	1879-?
Tampa	Neighbor Newspaper	Hillsborough	1980s?
Tampa	South Tampa News	Hillsborough	?-Present
Tampa	Southern Pythian	Hillsborough	1880s?-?
Tampa	Sunland Tribune	Hillsborough	1876-1880s?
Tampa	Sunny South	Hillsborough	1861-?
Tampa	The Tampa Advance / Advance-News	Hillsborough	1890s?
Tampa	Tampa Bay Business	Hillsborough	?-Present
Tampa	Tampa Guardian / Steel Blade	Hillsborough	1874-1886
Tampa	Tampa Herald / Florida Peninsular	Hillsborough	1854-1872
Tampa	Tampa Independent	Hillsborough	1958-?
Tampa	Tampa Journal	Hillsborough	1886-?
Tampa	Town 'N Country News	Hillsborough	1989-Present
Tampa	The True Southerner	Hillsborough	1868
Tampa / Ybor City	La Gaceta (UF Archive)	Hillsborough	1922-Present
Tarpon Springs	Holiday Herald	Pinellas	?-Present
Tarpon Springs	Tarpon Springs Herald	Pinellas	1903-?
Tarpon Springs	Tarpon Springs Leader	Pinellas	?-Present
Tarpon Springs	Truth	Pinellas	1880s-?
Tavares	Citizen	Lake	?-Present
Tavares	Herald	Lake	1882-?
Tavernier	The Reporter	Monroe	?-Present
Temple Terrace	Temple Terrace Beacon	Hillsborough	1933?-Present
Temple Terrace	Temple Terrace News	Hillsborough	1988-Present
Temple Terrace	Temple Terrace Sentinel (USF Archive)	Hillsborough	1940-1946
Titusville	Star-Advocate	Brevard	1880-Present
Umatilla	Fair Florida	Lake	1880?-?
Umatilla	North Lake Outpost	Lake	?-Present
Venice	The Venice Gondolier	Sarasota	1946-Present
Venice Beach	Englewood Sun Herald	Sarasota	1955-Present
Wauchula	The Herald Advocate	Hardee	1900-Present
Wellington	Wellington Town Crier	Palm Beach	1980-Present
Wesley Chapel	Wesley Chapel Connection	Pasco	?-Present
West Palm Beach	Krey'ol Connection	Palm Beach	1995-Present
West Palm Beach	Union Labor News	Palm Beach	1930s?-?
Wewahitchka	Gulf County Breeze	Gulf	1925-Present
Wildwood	Courier	Sumter	1880s?-?
Williston	Sun-Suwanee Valley News	Levy	1879-Present

Williston	The Williston Pioneer	Levy	?-Present
Winter Garden	The West Orange Times	Orange	1913-Present
Winter Park	Outlook	Orange	1971-1990s
Winter Park	Sun Herald	Orange	?-Present
Winter Park	Winter Park-Maitland Observer	Orange	?-Present
Woodville	The Leon County News	Leon	1977-Present
Zephyrhills	The Laker	Pasco	1981-Present
Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills News	Pasco	1911-Present
Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills Sun	Pasco	?-Present

African-American Newspapers

CITY	NEWSPAPER	COUNTY	DATES
Daytona Beach	Daytona Times	Volusia	1978-Present
Delray Beach	The Village Beat	Palm Beach	1997-?
Eatonville	Eatonville Ledger	Orange	1886?-1889?
Eatonville	Eatonville Speaker	Orange	1889-?
Fort Lauderdale	Broward Times / South Florida Times	Broward	1990?-Present
Fort Lauderdale	Colored Bulletin (Article Reference)	Broward	1930s-1940s?
Fort Lauderdale	Florida Spur (Book Reference)	Broward	1947-1950?
Fort Lauderdale	Westside Gazette	Broward	1971-Present
Fort Myers	Community Voice / Community Press	Lee	1988-Present
Fort Myers	Ebony Star	Lee	1960s?-1970s?
Fort Myers	The Messenger	Lee	1917?-?
Fort Myers	Peoples' Press / Community Press	Lee	1978-?
Fort Pierce	Fort Pierce Chronicle (Article Reference)	St. Lucie	1957-?
Gainesville	Farmers' Journal	Alachua	1884?
Gainesville	Gainesville Journal	Alachua	19??-19??
Gainesville	Gainesville Sentinel / Florida Sentinel	Alachua	1887-1894
Gainesville	New Era (Article Reference) (LOC)	Alachua	1865(1873)-1874
Gainesville	Gainesville Voice	Alachua	1986-?
Jacksonville	Afro-American Gazette	Duval	1911-1912
Jacksonville	Bulletin	Duval	1930s?
Jacksonville	Chronicle	Duval	1988-Present
Jacksonville	Daily American	Duval	1894
Jacksonville	Edward Waters Globe	Duval	1892-?
Jacksonville	Florida Cyclone	Duval	1888
Jacksonville	Florida Baptist	Duval	1887-1888
Jacksonville	Florida Evangelist	Duval	1896-1902
Jacksonville	Florida Searchlight	Duval	1937-?
Jacksonville	Florida Sentinel	Duval	1914-1931
Jacksonville	Florida Standard	Duval	1906-1919
Jacksonville	Florida Star	Duval	1951-Present
Jacksonville	Florida Sun	Duval	1876-?
Jacksonville	Florida Templar	Duval	1886-1888
Jacksonville	Florida Tattler	Duval	1934-1960s?
Jacksonville	Florida Labor Templar	Duval	1901-1920s?
Jacksonville	Jacksonville Advocate	Duval	1930s-Present
Jacksonville	Jacksonville Free Press	Duval	1986-Present
Jacksonville	Jacksonville Tattler	Duval	1934-1962
Jacksonville	Liberator	Duval	1888
Jacksonville	Northeast Florida Advocate	Duval	?-Present
Jacksonville	People's Journal	Duval	1883-1893

Jacksonville	Progressive News	Duval	1938 – 1950s?
Jacksonville	Southern Leader	Duval	1885-1888
Jacksonville	Sunday School Lesson	Duval	1906-1920s?
Key West	Key West News	Monroe	1882-1885?
Lakeland	Weekly Bulletin	Polk	1969?-?
Marianna	West Florida Bugle	Jackson	1880s-1920s?
Miami	East Coast Dispatch	Dade	1924?-1965
Miami	Florida Courier	Dade	1989-Present
Miami	Liberty News	Dade	1961-?
Miami	Miami-Dade Journal	Dade	1970s?
Miami	Miami Times (UF Archive)	Dade	1923-Present
Miami	Miami Tropical Dispatch	Dade	1929?-1960s?
Miami	Miami Whip	Dade	1934-1950
Milton	Colored Signal	Santa Rosa	1920s?
Ocala	Florida Watchman	Marion	1924-?
Ocala	Mahogany Revue	Marion	1988-Present
Ocala	Ocala Ledger	Marion	1887-1890
Orlando	Advocate (Orlando or Central Florida)	Orange	1994-?
Orlando	Afro-Chronicle	Orange	1972?-1975?
Orlando	Central Florida Times (Article Reference)	Orange	1945-1949
Orlando	Recorder / Florida Christian Recorder		
	(Article Reference)	Orange	1900?-1915
Orlando	Orlando Dixie Sun	Orange	1934?-?
Orlando	Orlando Mirror / Florida Sun	Orange	1931-Present
Orlando	Orlando Times	Orange	1975-Present
Palatka	Palatka Advocate	Orange	1917-1927?
Palm Beach	Tribune	Palm Beach	1937?
Pensacola	Florida Sentinel (Photo Reference)	Escambia	1894-1914
Pensacola	New American Press	Escambia	1979-Present
Pensacola	Pensacola Brotherhood / Colored Citizen	Escambia	1910-1965?
Pensacola	Pensacola Courier	Escambia	1935-1960s?
Pensacola	Pensacola Enterprise	Escambia	1887-?
Pensacola	Pensacola Times	Escambia	1888
Pensacola	Pensacola Voice / Gulf Coast Voice	Escambia	1965-2018
Progress Village	Progress Village Pioneer (Near Tampa)	Hillsborough	1961-?
Rivera Beach	Gold Coast Star News	Palm Beach	?
St. Augustine	Post	St. Johns	1930s?-?
St. Petersburg	The Burning Spear	Pinellas	1968?-Present
St. Petersburg	Pinellas Negro Weekly	Pinellas	1944-?
St. Petersburg	Public Informer	Pinellas	1937-?
St. Petersburg	Weekly Advertiser	Pinellas	1956?-1966?
St. Petersburg	Weekly Challenger	Pinellas	1967-Present
St. Petersburg	World	Pinellas	1930s?
Sarasota	The Bulletin	Sarasota	1959-1990s?
Sarasota	Tempo News	Sarasota	1987-Present
Tallahassee	Capitol Outlook	Leon	1964-Present
Tallahassee	Metropolitan	Leon	1920s
Tallahassee	Record-Dispatch	Leon	1947-?
Tampa	Afro-American Monthly	Hillsborough	1915-?
Tampa	Bulletin / The Tampa Bulletin	Hillsborough	1914?-1959?
Tampa	Florida Sentinel-Bulletin (USF Archive)	Hillsborough	1945-Present
Tampa	News-Reporter	Hillsborough	1959?-?
Tampa	Southern Progress	Hillsborough	1886-?
Tampa	Tampa Guardian	Hillsborough	1873?-1886?
Tampa	Tampa Gazette and Land Bulletin	Hillsborough	1900?-?
Titusville	Florida Advertiser	Brevard	1937?
West Palm Beach	Advocate	Palm Beach	1925?
West Palm Beach	Florida News	Palm Beach	1930s?-?

West Palm Beach	Florida Photo News and Image	Palm Beach	1955-2000s?
West Palm Beach	Palm Beach Gazette	Palm Beach	1989?-Present?
Winter Park	Advocate	Orange	1889?-1891?

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College Newspapers

SCHOOL	NEWSPAPER	CITY
Barry University	Buccaneer (Archive)	Miami Shores
Bethune-Cookman College	Voice of the Wildcats	Daytona Beach
Broward College	The Observer	Fort Lauderdale

Daytona State College	In Motion	Daytona Beach
Eckerd College	The Current (Archive)	St. Petersburg
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	The Avion Newspaper	Daytona Beach
Flagler College	Gargoyle	St. Augustine
Florida A&M University	Famuan	Tallahassee
Florida Atlantic University	University Press	Boca Raton
Florida Gulf Coast University	Eagle News	Fort Myers
Florida Institute of Technology	Crimson	Melbourne
Florida International University	The Panther Press (Archive)	Miami
Florida Southern College	The Southern	Lakeland
Florida State University	FSView/Florida Flambeau (Archive)	Tallahassee
Hillsborough Community College	Hawkeye	Tampa
Jacksonville University	Navigator	Jacksonville
Lake-Sumter State College	Angler	Leesburg
Miami-Dade College	The Reporter	Miami
Nova Southeastern University	The Current (Archive)	Fort Lauderdale
Palm Beach Atlantic University	The Beacon Today	West Palm Beach
Pensacola State College	Corsair	Pensacola
Rollins College	Sandspur (125th Anniversary)	Winter Park
St. Petersburg College	Sandbox News (Wooden Horse Archive)	St. Petersburg
Stetson University	The Reporter (Archive)	Deland
Tallahassee Community College	The Talon	Tallahassee
University of Central Florida	Central Florida Future (UCF) (Wikipedia)	Orlando
University of Florida	The Independent Florida Alligator (Archive)	Gainesville
University of Miami	The Miami Hurricane	Coral Gables
University of North Florida	Spinnaker	Jacksonville
University of South Florida	Oracle	Tampa
University of South Florida St. Petersburg	The Crow's Nest (Archive)	St. Petersburg
University of Tampa	Minaret	Tampa
University of West Florida	Voyager	Pensacola
Valencia College	Valencia Voice	Orlando

Pulitzer Prize Winners -- Florida Newspapers (1939-2001)

1939

[Miami Daily News](#)

Meritorious Public Service

“For its campaign for the recall of the Miami City Commission.”

1951

[The Miami Herald](#)

Meritorious Public Service

“For their crime reporting during the year.”

1959

[The Miami News](#)

National Reporting, Howard Van Smith

“For a series of articles that focused public notice on deplorable conditions in a Florida migrant labor camp, resulted in the provision of generous assistance for the 4,000 stranded workers in the camp, and thereby called attention to the national problem presented by 1,500,000 migratory laborers.”

1962

[Panama City News-Herald](#)

Meritorious Public Service

“For its three-year campaign against entrenched power and corruption, with resultant reforms in Panama City and Bay County.”

1963

[The Miami News](#)

International Reporting, Harold V. Hendrix

“For his persistent reporting which revealed, at an early stage, that the Soviet Union was installing missile launching pads in Cuba and sending in large numbers of MIG-21 aircraft.”

1964

[St. Petersburg Times](#) / later: *Tampa Bay Times*

Meritorious Public Service, Martin Waldron

“For its aggressive investigation of the Florida Turnpike Authority which disclosed widespread illegal acts and resulted in a major reorganization of the State’s road construction program.”

1965

[Gainesville Sun](#)

Editorial Writing, John R. Harrison

“For his successful editorial campaign for better housing in his city.”

1966

[The Miami News](#)

Editorial Cartooning, Don Wright

“For ‘You Mean You Were Bluffing?’”

1966

[The Tampa Tribune](#)

Reporting, John Frasca

“For his investigation and reporting of two robberies that resulted in the freeing of an innocent man.”

1967

[The Miami Herald](#)

Reporting, Gene Miller

“Whose initiative and investigative reporting helped to free two persons wrongfully convicted of murder.”

1968

[Jacksonville Journal](#)

Spot News Photography, Rocco Morabito

“For his photograph, ‘The Kiss of Life.’”

1970

[Palm Beach Post](#)

Feature Photography, Dallas Kinney

“For his portfolio of pictures of Florida migrant workers, ‘Migration to Misery.’”

1971

[Gainesville Sun](#)

Editorial Writing, Buddy Davis

“For his editorials in support of the peaceful desegregation of Florida’s schools.”

1976

[The Miami Herald](#)

Reporting, Gene Miller

“For his persistent and courageous reporting over eight and one-half years that led to the exoneration and

release of two men who had twice been tried for murder and wrongfully convicted and sentenced to death in Florida.”

1980

[The Miami News](#)

Editorial Cartooning, Don Wright

“For a distinguished example of a cartoonist's work during the year.”

1980

[St. Petersburg Times](#) / later: *Tampa Bay Times*

National Reporting, Charles Stafford and Bette Orsini

“For their investigation of the Church of Scientology.”

1980

[The Miami Herald](#)

Feature Writing, Madeleine Blais, Tropic Magazine

“For ‘Zepp’s Last Stand.’”

1981

[The Miami Herald](#)

International Reporting, Shirley Christian

“For her dispatches from Central America.”

1983

[The Miami Herald](#)

Editorial Writing, Miami Herald Editorial Board

“For its campaign against the detention of illegal Haitian immigrants by federal officials.”

1985

[St. Petersburg Times](#) / later: *Tampa Bay Times*

Reporting, Lucy Morgan and Jack Reed

“For their thorough reporting on Pasco County Sheriff John Short, which revealed his department’s corruption and led to his removal from office by voters.”

1986

[The Miami Herald](#)

Reporting, Edna Buchanan

“For her versatile and consistently excellent police beat reporting.”

1986

[The Miami Herald](#)

Spot News Photography, Carol Guzy and Michel duCille

“For their photographs of the devastation caused by the eruption of the Nevado del Ruiz volcano in Colombia.”

1987

[The Miami Herald](#)

National Reporting, *The Miami Herald* staff

“For its exclusive reporting and persistent coverage of the U.S. -- Iran-Contra connection.”

1988

[The Miami Herald](#)

Criticism or Commentary, David Barry

“For his consistently effective use of humor as a device for presenting fresh insights into serious concerns.”

1988

[The Miami Herald](#)

Feature Photography, Michel duCille

“For photographs portraying the decay and subsequent rehabilitation of a housing project overrun by the drug crack.”

1988

[Orlando Sentinel](#)

Editorial Writing, Jane Healy

“For her series of editorials protesting overdevelopment of Florida’s Orange County.”

1991

[The Miami Herald](#)

Reporting, *The Miami Herald* staff

“For stories profiling a local cult leader, his followers, and their links to several area murders.”

1991

[St. Petersburg Times](#) / later: *Tampa Bay Times*

Feature Writing, Sheryl James

“For a compelling series about a mother who abandoned her newborn child and how it affected her life and those of others.”

1993

[Orlando Sentinel](#)

Reporting, Steve Berry

“For exposing the unjust seizure of millions of dollars from motorists -- most of them minorities -- by a sheriff’s drug squad.”

1993

[The Miami Herald](#)

Meritorious Public Service

“For coverage that not only helped readers cope with Hurricane Andrew’s devastation but also showed how lax zoning, inspection and building codes had contributed to the destruction.”

1993

[The Miami Herald](#)

Criticism or Commentary, Liz Balmaseda

“For her commentary from Haiti about deteriorating political and social conditions and her columns about Cuban-Americans in Miami.”

1995

[St. Petersburg Times](#) / later: *Tampa Bay Times*

Editorial Writing, Jeffrey Good

“For his editorial campaign urging reform of Florida’s probate system for settling estates.”

1996

[The Miami Herald](#)

Editorial Cartooning, Jim Morin

“For a distinguished cartoon or portfolio of cartoons published during the year.”

1998

[St. Petersburg Times](#) / later: *Tampa Bay Times*

Feature Writing, Thomas French

“For his detailed and compassionate narrative portrait of a mother and two daughters slain on a Florida vacation, and the three-year investigation into their murders.”

1999

[The Miami Herald](#)

Investigative Reporting, *The Miami Herald* staff

“For its detailed reporting that revealed pervasive voter fraud in a city mayoral election, that was subsequently overturned.”

2000

[Orlando Sentinel](#)

Editorial Writing, John C. Bersia

“For his passionate editorial campaign attacking predatory lending practices in the state, which prompted changes in local lending regulations.”

2001

[The Miami Herald](#)

Breaking News Reporting, *The Miami Herald* staff

“For its balanced and gripping on-the-scene coverage of the pre-dawn raid by federal agents that took the Cuban boy Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives and reunited him with his Cuban father.”

Pulitzer Prize winners from around the country

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