

## **Sundial Quarterly Report**

**Quarterly Report October 1st- December 31st**

### **Topics and Issues**

**Sundial Rundown 10.04-10.07 BEST OF // PLEDGE WEEK**

#### **Monday 10.04**

**SEG A:** One of the most prolific Q'anon influencers spreading anti-semetic comments and misinformation online -- lives in Boca Raton. The intelligence firm called "Logically" released a report which explains how researchers were able to identify Robert Small as the individual behind the account GhostEzra. Mike Rothschild joins us. He is a journalist and author of The Storm is Upon Us: How Q'anon Became a Movement, Cult and Conspiracy Theory of Everything.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG B:** Former Miami Heat star Chris Bosh join us to talk about his new book titled "Letters to a Young Athlete."

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** Singer-songwriter Adrienne Zalondick joins us from Key West for Live from the 305.

**PRE-TAPE**

#### **Tuesday 10.05**

**SEG A: Dr. Jill Ehrenreich-May** directs the Child and Adolescent Mood and Anxiety Treatment Program at the University of Miami she joins us to talk about mental health and school with the pandemic still happening. We also heard from some parents about those anxieties and how people are getting through this period.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG B:** We spoke with author and former broadcaster Donn Colee about the history of the New River -- and how it played an essential role in the development of South Florida -- as told in his new book "Legends and Lore of Fort Lauderdale's New River."

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** Paralympian Ileana Rodriguez led the refugee team on Tokyo this year. She is Cuban-American and a graduate of FIU. She joins us to share her story.

**PRE-TAPE**

### **Wednesday 10.06**

**SEG A:** A panel on the situation in Cuba. We're joined by: Dianne, who has been leading donation efforts to get Cubans on the island internet and phone access. We are not using her last name to protect her and her family's safety and livelihood; WLRN reporter Danny Rivero and Guennady Rodriguez--an editor for the local political blog and podcast 23yFlagler.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG B:** Gabrielle Union joins us to talk about her new memoir "You Got Anything Stronger."

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** Miami Herald crime and courts reporter David Ovalle and his girlfriend recently took a baby bird thinking it was injured. They found out they did everything wrong--a story that's too common here in South Florida. We spoke with David and wildlife expert Ron Magill.

**PRE-TAPE**

### **Thursday 10.07**

**SEG A:** We hear about the makeshift community memorial wall created after the Surfside tragedy. We spoke with Leo Soto--who started the memorial wall. Also, WLRN Reporter Veronica Zaragovia and Jorge Zamanillo, Executive Director of HistoryMiami Museum.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG B:** South Florida is getting ready to welcome refugees who have fled Afghanistan. The Refugee Assistance Alliance is a local organization focused on helping Middle Eastern, Asian and African refugees navigate their new life in South Florida. We spoke with the organization's founder and executive director, Kristen Bloom.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** Researchers at Florida Atlantic University captured sounds of white-spotted eagle rays eating by using underwater microphones--which could prove to be useful for future underwater research. We spoke with the principal investigator of this study-- Matt

Ajemian. He is an assistant research professor at FAU's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute.

**PRE-TAPE**

## **Sundial Rundown 10.11-10.14**

### **Monday 10.11**

**SEG A:** WLRN's Danny Rivero joins us to talk about the ongoing, very public dispute between the city of Miami commissioners and the police chief.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** Broward school district officials were expecting enrollment numbers to climb with the return to full in-person classes—but the opposite happened. Some students moved away, others switched to private or homeschooling. But thousands are still missing, without an explanation. We are joined by Broward Teachers Union president about the efforts to find these students. We'll also hear from teachers joining the effort.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Climate change has become a hot political topic. But it wasn't always that way. Dr. Katharine Hayhoe is a chief scientist with The Nature Conservancy. She joins us to discuss how we talk about the climate crisis and the right way to have those conversations. We will also talk about the organization's climate change mitigation efforts here in South Florida.

**PRE-TAPE**

### **Tuesday 10.12**

**SEG A:** Kevin G. Hall began the Pandora Papers project as an investigative reporter for the Miami Herald and continued the work as North America editor for the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project. He joins us to discuss the leaked documents that reveal how powerful and wealthy people hide money overseas.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** The Miami Herald's Doug Hanks joins us to talk about Miami-Dade County's first proposed map from the county's redistricting consultant based on 2020 Census data.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Will Wied is a Ph.D. student at FIU who studies ways to keep the ocean's natural nutrients balanced to help coral and seagrasses flourish. His most recent discovery might

surprise you--fish pee. We'll discuss how he collects fish waste samples and the role it has in our ecosystem.

**ZOOM**

### **Wednesday 10.13**

**SEG A:** David Peery, executive director of the Miami Coalition to Advance Racial Equity, and Sabrina Hennecke, the director of advocacy for Miami Street Medicine — a free, mobile healthcare clinic that's part of the Dade County Street Response, join us to discuss Miami's proposed ordinance that would make sleeping on public property a crime.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** The historically Black community of Dixie Manor in Boca Raton is facing the possibility of demolition and rebuilding from developers. Residents whose families have been there for generations fear being displaced. We are joined by Angela McDonald with the Boca Raton Housing Authority. Also, John Scannell, who is the executive director of the housing authority.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** The Vampire Circus is back in South Florida after their world tour. It's a family-friendly Cirque performance that takes place October 1-31 near Aventura Mall. Francisco Santos is the artistic director of The Vampire Circus and a Cirque Du Soleil veteran. We speak with him about adapting this form of entertainment during a pandemic.

**ZOOM**

### **Thursday 10.14**

**SEG A:** The state could start cracking down on vaccine passport violators. Dr. Leslie Beitsch, a professor at Florida State University's College of Medicine who also works as a lawyer and a physician. He joins us to discuss how the state might enforce the vaccine passport law.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** Neurodiversity expert and author Haley Moss became the first openly autistic lawyer in Florida in 2019. The American Bar Association is presenting her with the "Making a Difference By Breaking Barriers" award this month. She is from and works in South Florida and joins us to talk about her story and her current work educating others on how to be more inclusive to people who are neurodiverse.

## **PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** What South Florida sports fans can look forward to this Fall with Miami Herald sports reporter David Wilson.

**ZOOM**

## **Sundial Rundown 10.18-10.21**

### **Monday 10.18**

**SEG A + B:** Miami Beach is known for its nightlife. The mayor and some residents want to change that with a 2 a.m. booze ban. Residents will vote to decide that in November. But what would it mean for the hospitality industry? We assembled a panel with an economist and local workers to discuss. Joining us are economist Dr.Hank Fishkind; Mario Trejo, who is a bartender at Twist; Alex Ruiz, who is the owner of Salsa Mia at Mangos Tropical Cafe; and Breianna, who is a Bartender at Mangos Tropical Cafe.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** We're reading "Squeeze Me" by Carl Hiaasen for Sundial Book Club's October pick. The novel attempts to capture the absurdity of our times through a comic thriller. It's about murder, money, a wacky president and a python because... Florida. He joins us to talk about the inspiration behind this wild story.

**ZOOM**

### **Tuesday 10.19**

**SEG A:** The state claims some Floridians were overpaid, unemployment benefits. Now, they want that money back. Thousands have received a notice saying they must pay that money back. Gov. Ron DeSantis on Friday ordered the state to suspend sending those people to debt collectors. Tampa Bay Times reporter Lawrence Mower, who has been covering unemployment in Florida, joins us.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** We're diving deep into the opioid crisis with a story about a father who has lost multiple members to this epidemic. Plus, we'll learn about a state-level prescription-drug database that's supposed to help authorities identify people who are at risk of misusing opioids. But, that technology might only be making this crisis worse. WLRN's Broward reporter Caitie Switalski Muñoz and author Maia Szalavitz, who has written extensively about the opioid crisis, join us.

## **ZOOM**

**SEG C:** We learn about the Key West artist behind Lilly Pulitzer's wild, whimsical prints. WLRN's Keys reporter Nancy Klingener brings us this story.

### **PRE-TAPE**

## **Wednesday 10.20**

### **NO SUNDIAL / MDCPS Board Meeting**

## **Thursday 10.21**

**SEG A:** The confessed gunman of the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting is expected to plead guilty in court Wednesday. WLRN's Broward County reporter Caitie Switalski Muñoz will join us for an update on this story.

### **ZOOM**

**SEG B:** Democratic State Senator Annette Taddeo is the latest politician to enter the race to become Florida's governor. She joins us to discuss why she would be the right person for the job.

### **ZOOM**

**SEG C:** The Stonewall National Museum & Archives has a new exhibit looking at misinformation during the COVID-19 pandemic and the beginning of the AIDS epidemic. It examines how those facts and falsehoods have shaped society's ideas about AIDS and COVID. Hunter O'Hanian is the curator behind this exhibit and the Executive Director of the museum he joins us to talk about the history of and parallels to what's happening today.

### **ZOOM**

## **Sundial Rundown 10.25-10.28**

### **Monday 10.25**

**SEG A:** The Florida Bar put together a Task Force after the Surfside tragedy. This group came up with a list of proposed changes to condo associations, fees, and laws. Bill Sklar is the Chair of the Life Safety Advisory Task Force and a Professor at UM School of Law he joins us.

### **ZOOM**

**SEG B:** WLRN reporter Danny Rivero speaks with Desmond Meade, the president of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition. He was recently awarded a "genius grant" from the MacArthur Fellowship, which includes a \$625,000, no-strings-attached stipend. Meade also recently got the news that his full civil rights have been restored after the state had denied his petition last year.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** The short film "Gringa" is about a Cuban-American woman who rushes home to pack for a family trip to Havana. But her abuelo interrupts her plans with a mission, they have to find a Russian car part that can only be found in Miami to take to the island with them.

**ZOOM**

**Tuesday 10.26**

**SEG A:** There has been an alarming decrease in routine childhood vaccinations during the pandemic. Experts are worried about what this might mean for diseases like measles, polio and others thought to be nearly eradicated. We will be joined by Dr. Lisa Gwynn, who is the president of the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** There's an agricultural revolution happening in Puerto Rico. Farmers still recovering from Hurricane Maria in 2017, which killed thousands of people and destroyed 80 percent of Puerto Rico's crop value. Local farmers are looking at more sustainable options and reducing their dependence on chemicals. Miami Herald reporter Syra Ortiz Blanes has been covering this agroecological movement. She joins us.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** The documentary "Wade in the Water: Drowning in Racism" looks at the complex history of Florida's waters and beaches. Filmmaker Cathleen Dean joins us to talk about Black Floridian's fight for the right to swim. Dean was also recently nominated for a Suncoast Regional Emmy Award.

**ZOOM**

**Wednesday 10.27**

**SEG A:** Documents detailing government secrets related to the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy were supposed to become public today [10/26]. The White House delayed that release possibly until 2022. We'll learn about what's still hidden in

those reports --One of the censored files involves a CIA plot to kill Fidel Castro. POLITICO's Bryan Bender joins us.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** A continuation of yesterday's conversation about Puerto Rico's recovery from Hurricane Maria in 2017. Thousands are still protesting over continuous power outages. Transferring the territory's power grid was supposed to help, but that hasn't been the case. New York Times Reporter Patricia Mazzei joins us to discuss the effects this is having on daily life and the economy there.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** Little Havana's hottest club is reopening after being closed down by the city for nearly a year. Ball and Chain is hoping to bring life back to Calle Ocho with its reopening. But the story is another saga that has Miami written all over it--club owners have taken the city to court, claiming they shut them down for political reasons. Miami Herald food editor Carlos Frías joins us.

**ZOOM**

**Thursday 10.29**

**SEG A:** WLRN's digital editor Lance Dixon joins us to discuss what you need to know before the upcoming Nov. 2 elections.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** "Ron DeSantis Was A Slam Dunk. Until He Wasn't" that's the title of a recent New York Times op-ed, written by Republican strategist Liz Mair. She joins us to discuss the governor's political future.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** The Miami Dolphins came into this season with a lot of hope for success. Instead, they're one of the worst teams in the league with only one victory. Daniel Oyefusi is the Dolphin's beat reporter for the Miami Herald joins us.

**PRE-TAPE**

**Kicker:** A brief history of Miami's best-known creepy hotel, the Biltmore.

**PRE-TAPE**

**Sundial Rundown 11.01-11.04**



## **Monday 11.01**

**SEG A:** Palm Beach County Schools Superintendent Mike Burke discusses his new role.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG B:** the Florida Panthers coach resigns after covering up sexual allegations on a former team. Miami Herald sports reporter David Wilson joins us.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** Florida Memorial University is honoring former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara Jordan with an exhibit highlighting her life, legacy, and her 50 years of public service. Jordan joins us along with Sharee Gilbert, the Director of Communications and Marketing for the university.

**PRE-TAPE**

## **Tuesday 11.02**

**SEG A:** It's Election Day for some of South Florida's largest cities. WLRN's Verónica Zaragovia joins us from the polls in Miami Beach.

**ZOOM**

**SEG A@:** Miami-Dade County Public School officials announced yesterday that the district will relax mask protocols. Miami Herald reporter David Goodhue joins us.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** Experts and investigators still don't know the exact reasons why the Champlain Towers South condominium in Surfside collapsed in June. However, new information is slowly coming out to help explain what happened. Miami Herald investigative reporter Sarah Blaskey joins us.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Dr. Lisa Kirk Wiese is an associate professor at Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. One of her students wanted to research the impacts of using interactive robotic cats as a means of therapeutic companionship for people with memory loss diseases.

**ZOOM**

## **Wednesday 11.03**

**SEG A:** A panel of WLRN and Miami Herald reporters review Tuesday's election results.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** Miami-Dade County high school boys' and girls' basketball seasons will start within the next two weeks. However, there is a massive shortage of referees. Craig Clay is the vice president of Miami's basketball officials association. He joins us to discuss.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Rita Troxel collected first-person stories and photos from the people who lived through that time. She decided to curate a book out of them titled, "Home at the End of the World." A new exhibit at The Studios of Key West is showcasing those memories.

**ZOOM**

### **Thursday 11.04**

**SEG A:** Miami Beach voters reelected Mayor Dan Gelber for a third consecutive term. They also voted in favor of a 2 a.m. booze ban referendum. Mayor Gelber joined Sundial to discuss his plans for the city. We also heard from hospitality workers and listeners.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** An art exhibit looks at money, specifically the money from the Confederacy and its link to slavery. Dwayne Rayner, who co-produced the exhibit and is the executive director of the organization Partners In Racial Justice, joins us. Also joining us is Makiba Foster, the regional manager at the African-American Research Library And Cultural Center in Broward County.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** A local organization helps children deal with trauma by teaching them about horses. Liz Olszewski launched Horses Healing Hearts, a group where kids who grew up with substance abuse in the home can find healing by learning how to ride and care for horses. There's a documentary called "Without Wings" that focuses on her story.

**ZOOM**

### **Sundial Rundown 11.08-11.11**

#### **Monday 11.08**

**SEG A:** We're talking about the Congressional District 20 race which is so close that a manual recount is underway. The last we knew, Cherfilus-McCormick was in the lead by a

few votes. Also, there are questions about the eligibility of the candidacy of the Republican primary winner. WLRN's reporter Danny Rivero brings us the latest.

#### **IN STUDIO**

**SEG B:** We're talking with environment reporter Alex Harris of the Miami Herald. We're looking at flooding issues, as well the new Heat season, and Miami's promise to reduce emissions in the coming decades.

#### **ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Two moms with children on the autism spectrum created a podcast to help parents answer the tough questions about going through those experiences. It's called 'Disorderly Blondes.' The hosts, Brenda Popritkin and Kristi Vannatta join us.

#### **PRE-TAPE**

### **Tuesday 11.09**

**SEG A:** COVID vaccination for children ages 5 to 11 are available in Florida this week. We are joined by a doctor/pediatrician to talk about the vaccine for this age group and answer listener questions. Joining us are Dr. Aileen Marty, an infectious disease expert with Florida International University and is on the Miami-Dade COVID-19 task force, and Dr. Marcos Mestre, the chief medical officer at Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

#### **ZOOM**

**SEG B:** Florida joined Alabama, Georgia and other private employers in a legal challenge to the federal government's COVID vaccine/test requirement. POLITICO's Gary Fineout joins us to talk about this story and the politics behind it.

#### **ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Two women with different family experiences co-founded 3GMiami, (3rd generation Miami) a group to train grandchildren of Holocaust survivors in Miami to speak at schools and carry on the lessons and stories their grandparents can no longer physically share around the region.

#### **ZOOM**

### **Wednesday 11.10**

**SEG A:** We have an update on Monroe County's environment and iguana invasion with Commissioner Holly Raschein.

#### **PRE-TAPE**

**SEG B:** Miami Book Fair co-founder Mitchell Kaplan and the fair's Director of Programs Lissette Mendez join us to discuss the upcoming book fair. How they are handling an in-person and virtual hybrid during COVID. Also, the authors and books joining this year.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Award-winning astrophysicist, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson joins us to talk about how society views and questions science, especially in the context of climate change and COVID. He will be presenting in Fort Lauderdale next week.

**PRE-TAPE**

### **Thursday 11.11 Veterans' Day special**

**SEG A:** Justin Eggan is a U.S. military veteran who served in Afghanistan. He now lives in Palm Beach County. Eggan has also become a poet. He speaks with us about the U.S withdrawal from the country and its impact on him personally -- also, how he's keeping in touch with the Afghan translators he worked with.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG B:** Hounds & Heroes is a non-profit organization based in Boynton Beach. They match retired racing greyhounds with veterans. Greyhound racing became illegal in Florida starting in 2021. The organization has encountered what they call a "good problem"--too many trained dogs and not enough military members to match them with. We will be joined by founder Barbara Masi and a local veteran who was paired with a dog.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** A new group is using what they learned in the military to fight threats to South Florida's coral reefs. Jim Ritterhoff and Air Force Master Sergeant Roger Sparks joined WLRN'S Sundial to explain the dual undertakings of the organization.

**PRE-TAPE**

### **Sundial Rundown 11.15-11.18**

#### **Monday 11.15**

**SEG A:** We're talking about money in the gubernatorial race with POLITICO reporter Matt Dixon. What's different this year compared to past -- The Democratic Governors

Association is not planning on making any major financial contributions to help Democrats try to unset DeSantis, Republican incumbent and potential presidential contender.

**Zoom**

**SEG B:** We'll briefly talk with Miami Herald Reporter Samantha Gross about the events unfolding in Opa-Locka as its mayor resigns, citing corruption.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Author and Florida Man Craig Pittman joins us live to talk about his new book: "The State You're In: Florida Men, Florida Women and Other Wildlife." He will be at the Miami Book Fair and we will have him share with us what really makes Florida such a wacky place to live and why he keeps writing about it.

**Zoom**

## **Tuesday 11.16**

**SEG A:** We get an update on the latest happening in Cuba with the Miami Herald's Nora Gámez Torres after Monday's planned protests. How the government responded and we'll also ask her about why the island rejected COVID vaccines from the U.S.

Plus, we will play the LATAM this week with music about the protests.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** Artist and UM professor, Xavier Cortada, on COP26. He went, and has been keeping a digital journal. Also, there's a way for people to participate digitally in COP26. Plus, he had a performance art piece while he was there where he had a conversation with a tree. He has a couple of cool art projects bringing awareness on climate change that people can still participate in so we can talk about that and he's been keeping a digital journal on what's happening at Glasgow.

**ZOOM**

## **Wednesday 11.17**

**NO SHOW - SCHOOL BOARD**

## **Thursday 11.18**

**SEG A+B:** Our panel on rent prices in South Florida. An expert on housing from FAU and Daniella Pierre, the president of the Miami-Dade branch of the NAACP and a housing advocate will break down why rents are going up. We are collecting as many listener stories

for this segment as possible, and plan to run callouts throughout the week leading up to this.

## **ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Environmental author and UF professor Cynthia Barnett on her book: "The Sound of the Sea: Seashells and the Fate of the Oceans." All about seashells and the animals that make them and what they can tell us about Florida. She's participating in the Miami Book Fair, so she's one of our authors from this years' events.

## **PRE-TAPE**

## **Sundial Rundown 11.22-11.24**

### **Monday 11.22**

**SEG A:** We're catching up on what came out of the special legislative session and Florida Democrat's role on DeSantis' bills passing. Steve Bousquet, who is on the Sun Sentinel Editorial Board and is the paper's opinion editor, joins us.

## **Zoom**

**SEG B:** We're talking about holiday travel with the Director and CEO of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department -- -- Ralph Cutie -- He oversees MIA -- Miami International Airport.

## **PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** The InterContinental Hotel is changing out its dancing lady in lights that shines across 50 stories and lights up the Miami skyline. A Miami-based artist designed panthers to take her place for a display to bring awareness to how endangered the Florida Panther is. Path of the Panther, a National Geographic initiative, looks to tell panthers stories and partnered with the artist to bring this display. We'll talk to the artist and director of Path of the Panther.

## **PRE-TAPE**

**KICKER:** Ryan Esdale would not have been born without jai-alai in Dania Beach. Reflecting on how his favorite sport has shaped his family and his entire life, he shares what makes the game significant even as the fronton in Dania closes its doors after nearly 70 years. Caitie Muñoz bring us this story.

## **PRE-TAPE**

### **Tuesday 11.23**

**SEG A:** We talk with Feeding South Florida about who in our community is in most need of food, not just around this time of year.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** We catch up with Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava about her recent visit to the global climate conference COP26, plus the aftermath of the Surfside condo collapse. And she shares her priorities for her second year as Mayor.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** We're joined by Yvonne Salas. She is the director of Etiqueta Excellence Manners school in South Florida. We're talking about ways to celebrate the holidays while still dealing with the pandemic. Also, as many people are getting together since vaccines, a refresher on etiquette and what topic should and should be discussed at the dinner table.

**Zoom**

### **Wednesday 11.24**

**SEG A+B:** A food, Thanksgiving, holiday conversation with Brian Wright, owner and head bread baker of Paradise in North Miami, and Jennifer Lapidus, a flour miller from South Florida who is now based in North Carolina. She recently wrote "Southern Ground, Reclaiming Flavor Through Stone-Milled Flour" and is at the forefront of the artisan flour movement. She will be presenting her book at Books and Books.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Closing the later half of the show with a rebroadcast compilation of WLRN's best food features.

**PRE-TAPE**

### **Thursday 11.25 // THANKSGIVING, NO SUNDIAL**

## **Sundial Rundown 11.29-12.2**

### **Monday 11.29**

**SEG A:** We're talking with Brett Sokel, a contributing writer on the arts for the New York Times, and co-founder of the nonprofit publishing house Letter 16 Press. He writes for the

New York Times about Art Basel and Basel events this year. [We will speak to artists later in the week.]

**Zoom**

**SEG B:** FAU is changing sports conferences, putting them in a whole new league with opportunities for more eyes and funding on the school. Luis spoke with Brian White, the FAU sports athletic director about all the changes and what they mean for the school.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** We talk with two experts from FIU about how they are studying flies, as well as the questions kids are asking them about the insects through a website called Curious Kids. A fun science-ey segment where we get answers to some of life's important questions, like what REALLY happens when flies land on our food?

**PRE-TAPE**

**Tuesday 11.30**

**SEG A:** We discuss the legacy of Carrie Meek after her passing. One of the first Black people elected to Congress after the Reconstruction, Meek's life in public service had a huge impact on South Florida. We speak to North Miami Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime and Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, who was Meek's mentee and is now a Miami-Dade County school board member.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** We catch up with Miami Herald writer Mary Ellen Klas on the latest with a federal judge's impact on gambling and sports betting in FL + we'd like to add on Q's about other recent state news if time permits.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Miami Herald's Joey Flechas joins us to talk all things electric scooters + if they are coming back to Miami or not? He'll update us on the latest scooter controversies in the city after some high profile accidents.

**Zoom**

**Wednesday 12.1 -- all new content but fully pre-recorded show for end of the year  
WLRN luncheon**



**SEG A:** Jenny interviewed Shannon Estenoz -- Asst. secretary for fish and wildlife and parks in the US Dept. of the Interior. She's a 5th generation Conch from the Keys.

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG B:** Airing pre-tape with artist Vered Pasternak. She paints people experiencing homelessness in Miami and spends time with them. She often paints them on city plans and blueprints. Her work aims to tell their stories and raise awareness about 'a pandemic of homelessness' to try to show how similar we all are. (a contrast to some of the more expensive or outlandish art pieces people may see at Art Basel)

**PRE-TAPE**

**SEG C:** Award-winning film critic, Rene Rodriguez, is joining the University of Miami School of Communication as manager of the acclaimed Bill Cosford Cinema. We talk with Rene for a fun segment about the history of the theater, his favorite films and what he wants to do moving forward in this position. (Lots of fun movie sound)

**PRE-TAPE**

## **Thursday 12.2**

**SEG A:** The Adrienne Arsht Center, the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, and the Lowe Art Museum are presenting a special art week 2021 concert called PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION, featuring the Frost Symphony Orchestra conducted by Maestro Gerard Schwarz. We talk with the maestro about participating in this event to blend music with art.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B + C:** Artist panel with artists from Art Basel. Carl Juste and sculpture artist Troy Simmons so far. Trying to find one more woman to join.

**ZOOM**

## **Sundial Rundown 12.6 - 12.9 2021**

### **PLEDGE WEEK**

## **Monday 12.6**

**SEG A:** WLRN Healthcare Reporter Verónica Zaragovia shares her reporting on South Florida hospitals now taking donations and raising money in the form of cryptocurrency.

**In Studio**

**SEG B:** The man who created the large, beautiful menorah and dreidel out of shells on Miami Beach joins us. Roger Abramson created his artistic seashell sculptures 20 years ago and they are still lit up every night during Hanukkah. He joins us on the last day of Hanukkah to talk about his inspirations and the significance his work has come to hold on Miami Beach.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** WLRN Reporter Danny Rivero shares his reporting on the Republican nominee for Florida's 20th Congressional District, Jason Mariner. Danny's investigation focused on the lack of clarity surrounding Amendment Four and if this particular candidate voted illegally, and how hard it is to know if he can hold office or not.

**PRE-TAPE**

## **Tuesday 12.7**

**SEG A:** Dr. Glenn Morris, the director of the University of Florida Emerging Pathogens, Institute joins us to answer questions about the new Coronavirus variant, Omicron.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** WLRN Reporter Nan Klingener shares her reporting on cruise ships coming back to Key West, and how residents are trying to work out their differences with each other about the divide, but also work out new relationships with the cruising industry.

**ZOOM**

**SEG C:** Doral is hosting a live holiday concert series from Dec. 3-Dec. 19 with ballet, jazz, swing and orchestral performances. We talk with the Trinidadian jazz trumpeter performing, Etienne Charles, about Trinidadian Christmas traditions and the significance of his creole jazz music.

**Zoom**

## **Wednesday 12.8**

**SEG A:** Palm Beach County infrastructure projects update with WLRN Reporter Wilkine Brutus

**ZOOM**

**SEG B + C:** In two parts we will hear from NPR Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me panelist, Paula Poundstone. Luis spoke with Paula ahead of an upcoming performance in Fort Lauderdale looking back at her decades in comedy. The second part of their conversation focuses on the future of comedy in the age of social media. And what to say when comedy gets political.

**PRE-TAPE**

## **Thursday 12.9**

**SEG A:** St. Thomas University College of Law partnered with famed social justice attorney Ben Crump opened a social justice center at its Miami Gardens Law School. We spoke to Tamara Lawson, the dean of the St. Thomas University College of Law about several high profile cases he's handled in South Florida and the need for more resources for aspiring Black lawyers.

### **ZOOM**

**SEG B:** The college football season is almost over and all that's left are the bowl games. But, in Miami, two very different stories are unfolding. At the University of Miami, the school just hired a new head football coach, Mario Cristobal, who is being received like a hero. We speak with Susan Miller Degnan, who covers UM football for the Miami Herald, about how the community reacted to Cristobal's arrival. Plus, Florida International University, the school recently hired a new athletic director — Scott Carr from the University of Central Florida. We also speak with Walter Villa, who covers FIU for the Miami Herald.

### **ZOOM**

**SEG C:** The Colombian guerrilla group known as the FARC, or the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces, has been removed from the United States' list of terrorist organizations. We speak with WLRN's Americas editor Tim Padgett.

### **In-Studio**

## **Sundial Rundown 12.13 - 12.16 2021**

### **Monday 12.13**

**SEG A:** We speak with the president of the teachers' union and Steve Gallon, Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Public School Board about the departure of Miami-Dade Superintendent Alberto Carvahlo, to L.A. What his leaving Miami means for the school district here, what it was like to work with him, and what qualities his successor needs to have for success.

### **ZOOM**

**SEG B:** The Mayor of Pembroke Park, Geoffrey Jacobs, answers to the delay of his small town creating their own police department. Pembroke Park is one of many BSO contract cities that have been meeting to air grievances about BSO's increasing costs for police and fire services. Cities like Pembroke Park, although it is the first, are also trying to figure out if they can afford to stay or afford to break away.

### **PRETAPE**

**SEG C:** We talk with [Raquel Coronell-Uribe](#), a former Spring 2021 radio news intern, has become the first LatinX president in the 148 year history of the Harvard student newspaper, The Harvard Crimson. We ask her about her family's history in Colombia, what her work here in Miami with WLRN was like, and how she plans to cover certain stories at the helm of such an old and prestigious media publication while she finishes her degree.

**PRE-TAPE**

**Tuesday 12.14**

**SEG A:** School board meetings — generally perceived as dull and bureaucratic — have become volatile and even the site of violence. In Palm Beach County, school board members are considering changes to the rules for public speaking at meetings. We speak with Andrew Marra, an education reporter for the Palm Beach Post about the proposed policy changes.

**ZOOM**

**SEG B:** The Vizcaya estate has launched a three-part podcast about the role Bahamians played in forming Coconut Grove. We speak with one of the producers who also hosts the mini-series, about why the museum and gardens wanted to gather oral histories from longtime residents of the area. Leslie Ovalle conducted this interview about how the estate and residents see issues affecting the area, including gentrification and the idea there really is no "West Grove."

**PRETAPE**

**SEG C:** As the holidays get closer we talk with [Emily Wood](#), Director of Broward's Animal Care and Adoption Division, about the rush of people who may adopt puppies and kittens to give as Christmas gifts, but many of which will return the pets come January. We discuss the Do's and Don'ts of pet adoption, as well as the position the shelter is in at this point of the pandemic. What are its needs and plans in 2022?

**Zoom**

**Wednesday 12.15**

**NO SHOW -- School Board Meeting**

**Thursday 12.16**

**SEG A+ B:** We sit down with a panel about holiday travel, wages and worker hours. One panelist from MIA joins us, as well as one from TSA, police and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. We talk about unruly passengers, the biggest ways to make holiday travel safe

and smooth with COVID this year, what the agencies are expecting and also we plan to ask about wages, hours and airport security.

**PRETAPE**

**SEG C:** We talk with a local memory guru--who just became a Guinness World Records holder. Also a mountain climber and a UM professor, he shares his tips on how you can keep your memory sharp, build memory palaces and why brain training can help you keep your brain healthy as you age. .

**PRETAPE**

**KICKER:** We also played this week's Latin America report about the Christmas tradition of Las Posadas that's making a comeback in Homestead.

**Sundial Rundown 12.20 - 12.23 2021**

**All Sundial Segments this week (and next) are Best Of shows, pre-taped**

**Monday 12.20**

**SEG A:** Ileana Garcia is currently in Tokyo competing in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. She's an FIU graduate and a part of the International refugee team -- she was a refugee from Cuba. She talks about her leadership role on the team and her experience competing in the 2012 London Paralympics.

**SEG B:** A panel conversation about the experience of dating in the course of our "New Normal." We hear from matchmakers working with both LGBTQ and hetero-normative couples.

**SEG C:** Mark Rowlands is a professor and chair of the Philosophy Department in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Miami. He has written a range of books exploring animal sensitivity and awareness. We talk about how our pets have gotten used to having us home during the pandemic and what that transition will be like now that some of us are planning to return to work in the office.

**Tuesday 12.21**

**SEG A:** We're rebroadcasting some of our favorite conversations from 2021. Including - Eulois Cleckley. He came to lead transit in Miami from Denver, Colorado earlier this year. And, looking ahead to the new year, he hopes to change the way we use buses around South Florida.

**SEG B:** Two South Florida moms - and best friends - that use podcasting to share their experiences raising their sons who happen to be on the Autism spectrum. It's called the 'Disorderly Blondes' Podcast.

**SEG C:** The Key West Inspired music behind Adrienne Z - in our Live From The 305 series about artists and how they contribute vibrancy to South Florida: 'Live From The 305:' Adrienne Z.

### **Wednesday 12.22**

**SEG A:** Robotic Cats could make a difference for people dealing with memory loss diseases. We hear from Dr. Lisa Kirk Wiese, an associate professor at Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. She shares her research about the impacts of using interactive robotic cats as a means of therapeutic companionship for people who aren't able to care for real animals.

**SEG B :** We talked to pop star Jason Derulo about growing up in Miramar and going to school in South Florida -- and the effect that has had on his music so far.

**SEG C:** We spoke with Voting Rights Leader Desmond Meade. Once a convicted felon, now he's known as one of the most prominent voting rights activists in the country. He was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow for this year, too. In this conversation we spoke with him about the impact of Amendment Four in Florida.

### **Thursday 12.23**

**SEG A:** Miami Herald Food Reporter Carlos Frias on 'Ball & Chain'  
The historical nightclub Ball and Chain reopened on Calle Ocho. It had been shuttered for more than a year due to the pandemic. But, owners of the site claim it was more than just COVID, but efforts by certain politicians to hurt their business for giving money to opposing candidates in the last election.

**SEG B :** Author Carl Hiaasen

Carl Hiaasen has used the colorful characters and criminals of South Florida as inspiration for his novels. In his latest, Squeeze Me, he looks at the opulent life of the super wealthy in Palm Beach, and combines it with the destruction of the state's natural resources by one species, the python.

**SEG C:** 'Live From The 305:' Christmas Music

Kevin Marcus and Wilner Baptiste started as friends at Dillard High School for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale. Back then they were just two kids playing violins. Today, they are the Grammy-nominated duo called Black Violin.

## **Sundial Rundown 12.27 - 12.30 2021**

**All Sundial Segments this week are Best Of shows, pre-taped**

### **Monday 12.27**

**SEG A:** We spoke with UM Professor Xavier Cortada on COP26 and his performance art there. He spoke with a tree at the global climate conference, to try to raise awareness about the need for human action to prevent the damages of climate change.

**SEG B:** Scientists in Miami have discovered a nursery of Hammerheads in Biscayne. Why did they decide to settle there and what challenges are they facing trying to survive? Also, what is so unique about Hammerhead sharks? Catherine Macdonald, director of Florida Field School.

**SEG C:** In our continued series Live from the 305, we bring you our conversation with the Cuban musical duo Afrobeta. The electronic group has been a Miami mainstay for more than a decade. They recently released the album Illusion Motel and are out with a film focused on their trip to Cuba.

### **Tuesday 12.28**

**SEG A:** 'Confederate Currency: The Color of Money' exhibit: Many people don't know that money from the confederate South featured hidden images of enslaved people. African-American artist John W. Jones recreated those images into beautiful, colorful paintings with the goal to provide a sense of dignity for those enslaved people — and shed new light on the relationship between slavery and America's economic power. The paintings are now on display at the African-American Research Library And Cultural Center in Broward County.

**SEG B:** We talk with the director and co-writer behind the dramedy short film Gringa

**SEG C:** We rebroadcast a beloved conversation from season three of Live From the 305. We talk with local jazz singer Nicole Henry, and learn how she launched her career on Miami Beach.

### **Wednesday 12.29**

**SEG A:** We sit down with WLRN Americas Editor Tim Padgett looking back at the biggest news stories of 2021 out of Latin America and The Caribbean -- from the assassination of Haiti's president to its latest Earthquake and beyond in the region. Plus, Tim tells us what he is already watching early in 2022 as it pertains to COVID and political stability.

**SEG B:** Author Craig Pittman talks about weird Florida stories

**SEG C:** Flies in Your Food: What actually happens when a fly lands on your lunch? Because of a question from curious kids in Miami, we spoke to two FIU researchers who study flies.

### **Thursday 12.30**

**SEG A:** We sit down with WLRN Environment Reporter Jenny Staletovich looking back at the biggest climate, hurricane, heat and water news stories of 2021, plus what she is looking ahead and planning to cover in 2022 as it pertains to our South Florida Environment.

**SEG B:** Astrophysicist and author Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson hosted "The Cosmic Perspective," an event at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, in November. He joined Sundial to discuss his critiques on science education in public schools and why some people deny the science around vaccines and climate change.

**SEG C:** Liz Olszewski grew up in a household where substance abuse was present. She eventually launched Horses Healing Hearts, a group where kids who grew up with substance abuse in the home can find healing by learning how to ride and care for horses. There's a documentary called "Without Wings" that focuses on Olszewski's story and the kids she's helped. That film premiered earlier this year at the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival.

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