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The Florida Roundup

Each week a panel of journalists and occasionally newsmakers from South Florida and around the state discuss the week in news. Broadcast Fridays at 12 noon and rebroadcast Saturday mornings, the hour-long program is moderated by Tom Hudson, Vice President of News at WLRN and former host of the Nightly Business Report. Listeners can join the conversation by telephone, email, posting to our Facebook page or tweeting @WLRN.

The Florida Roundup: Airbnb in South Florida, No Crime Found In Inmate's Death & Public Records MAR 26, 2017

Miami-Dade County [has inked a deal with](#) Airbnb for the home-sharing company to collect and pay hotel taxes. Yet, the city of Miami and Miami Beach continue to push back against the service [and its hosts](#). Tourism reporter for *The Miami Herald* Chabeli Herrera tells us more about the [ongoing fight](#) between Airbnb and Miami-Dade municipalities. We also asked our listeners whether they welcome the company in their neighborhoods.

In 2012, Darren Rainey, who suffered from mental illness, [died in a locked shower](#) at the Dade Correctional Institution. Nearly 5 years later, an investigation by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office [found no wrongdoing](#) in his death. *Miami Herald's* reporter Julie Brown discuss the case as well as other instances of [deadly abuse in Florida's prisons](#).

Read more: [Is There A Culture Of Abuse At Dade Correctional?](#)

Plus, we track the latest legislative effort to [cast shadows](#) on Florida's public transparency law with reporter for *WUFT-News* Caitie Switalski and executive editor of *News Service of Florida*, Jim Saunders.

Read more: [Access To Public Records In Florida May Change. Why Should You Care About It?](#)

The Florida Roundup: Banning Plastic Bags, Building A Mega Mall & A Cuba Travel Bubble • MAR 19, 2017

Coral Gables is [moving to become](#) the first city in Florida to ban plastic shopping bags. It did the same with Styrofoam only to be challenged by the state legislature and [taken to court](#). Should the "City Beautiful" ban plastic bags? Lance Dixon with *The Miami Herald* and editorial page editor of *The Sun-Sentinel* Rosemary O'Hara discuss whether other cities may follow suit.

A battle border is brewing between Broward and Miami-Dade [over plans for](#) a massive new shopping mall. [The American Dream Miami](#) project could be built just a mile south of the county border but [Broward worries](#) about a traffic nightmare. *The Miami Herald's* Doug Hanks joins Rosemary O'Hara to talk about the potential turf war.

Only six months after commercial passenger flights between the U.S. and Cuba resumed and many airlines are [reducing flights to Cuba](#). At the same time, the cruise industry is [ramping up](#) its travel.

Read more: [From Water Cannons To Cancelations: U.S. Airlines Cut Back Flights To Cuba](#)

We ask tourism reporter for *The Miami Herald* Chabeli Herrera and WLRN's Americas correspondent Tim Padgett if the increase in cruises to Cuba are a sign of growing demand?

The Florida Roundup: Schools As 'Safe Zones' For Undocumented Students & Health Care Reform MAR 12, 2017

The Broward County Public School District School Board [passed a formal resolution](#) that aims to protect students from executive immigration actions. Miami-Dade and [Palm Beach](#) County public schools have similar policies, but Broward is the first to adopt an official resolution.

Also, this week Republican Speaker of the House Paul Ryan [unveiled the American Health Care Act](#)—the GOP effort to repeal and replace Obamacare. What does this plan hold for Florida, the state with [the largest](#) number of sign-ups? We asked Christine Sexton of *Politico Florida* and editor of *Health News Florida* Julio Ochoa.

Plus, news director for [WFSU-News](#) Lynn Hatter and WLRN reporter Wilson Sayre join us from the state Capitol for a look at the first week of the 2017 Legislative session. We'll look at early bills including changes to the [death penalty](#), working to eliminate job incentives and [higher education](#) reforms.

The Florida Roundup: Miami-Dade Deportation Policy Found Unconstitutional, Threats To Jewish Centers• MAR 5, 2017

Miami-Dade County's new policy to help the Federal government detain undocumented immigrants faced its first legal challenge. The [practice was adopted](#) in late January by Mayor Carlos Gimenez following President Donald Trump's executive order threatening "sanctuary cities" with funding cuts.

Also, there have been a [half a dozen bomb](#) threats this year against South Florida Jewish groups. Although so far all of the threats were hoaxes, the rise in anti-Semitism in Florida and other states has heightened fears. Now, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security [is offering help](#) to Jewish Community Centers.

We discuss the impact these threats have made [locally](#) with Miami Beach Police Chief Daniel Oates, Broward Sheriff's Sergeant Mark Alexander and President & CEO of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County Michael Hoffman.

Plus, we preview radio plays inspired by the real stories reported by WLRN-News. Four South Florida playwrights created fictional radio plays for [RadioFest](#) at the Wolfsonian-FIU on Saturday, March 11th. We speak to playwrights Kenny Finkle and Vanessa Garcia about the project.

The Florida Roundup: Previewing The 2017 Legislative Session & The Borscht Film Festival Turns 10 FEB 26, 2017

With less than two weeks to go before the start of Florida's Legislative session, we look at some of the most hotly-debated issues in Tallahassee, from whether to eliminate Florida's ["gun-free" zones](#) to how to address the state's growing [opioid crisis](#). We speak with *Tampa Bay Times'* Tallahassee bureau chief Steve Bousquet, senior writer at The

News Service of Florida Dara Kam and investigative reporter for *The Palm Beach Post* Pat Beall.

Also, there's a [measure](#) making its way through the legislature that could threaten Florida's [open records law](#) and some lawmakers want to [limit enrollment](#) in bachelor's degree programs offered at community colleges--now called state colleges. WLRN's education reporter Rowan Moore Gerety joins the conversation.

Plus, the Borscht Film Festival is [celebrating its 10th anniversary](#). Not just with any party, but with a Viking funeral in the Everglades, a bring your-own-boat Jetski parade and more to complete your [Borscht Diez](#) experience. We're joined by chairman of the board for Borscht Corp. Brett Potter and film and entertainment reporter for *The Miami Herald* Rene Rodriguez.

The Florida Roundup: High-Priced Homes, Everglades Reach 'Tipping Point' & Venezuela FEB 19, 2017

Miami is the [second worst city](#) in the Country, next to San Francisco, when it comes to finding affordable housing. So if you're looking to buy a home in Miami-Dade, where do you go? *The Miami Herald* has a new [tool to help](#) people find homes to fit their price-range. We speak with the reporter behind the special report Nick Nehamaas.

Scientists have been studying the degradation of Florida's Everglades for decades. One [study](#) has tracked the ecosystem for over 16 years, with nearly 80 scientists and 29 organizations. What they report is alarming: the Everglades have reached a "[tipping point](#)." We speak about the study with lead researcher Dr. Evelyn Gaiser, from Florida International University (FIU) and ask environmental reporters Kate Stein, *WLRN* and Amy Green, *WMFE* (Orlando) how this research plays into the [plans of lawmakers](#) in Tallahassee.

The U.S. is [taking action against](#) Venezuela's Vice President Tarek El Aissami by adding him to the U.S. Treasury Department Foreign Narcotics Kingpin List, which automatically means freezing of his assets in the country . Venezuela has [retaliated against](#) international media's coverage of the events, particularly against CNN En Español. We get an update on what's happening with reporter for *el Nuevo Herald* Antonio Delgado and *WLRN*'s digital editor Teresa Frontado.

The Florida Roundup: Intersection of Immigration & Politics, Obamacare in Florida & The Miami Heat FEB 12, 2017

Both [Broward County](#) and the city of [Miami Beach](#) separately approved resolutions to express support for immigrants. These resolutions run counter to the Miami-Dade County mayor's [directive to county](#) jailers to hold undocumented immigrants if asked to by the federal government. We speak with Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief and Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine. Plus, Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, who voted against the resolution, joins.

Also, Florida has more people getting health care insurance through the Affordable Care Act than any other state...and [South Florida has the most](#) in the state. So what has

worked and what didn't work with [Obamacare in Florida](#)? We ask *The Miami Herald's* health reporter Daniel Chang and executive editor of the *News Service of Florida* Jim Saunders.

Are the [Marlins for sale](#)? And the hottest team in the NBA is The Miami Heat with [its winning streak](#) stretching to 12-games. How has the team built its momentum without any "superstars" this season? We check-in with John Devine, assistant sports editor at *The Miami Herald*.

The Florida Roundup: Local Pressure Over Immigration Order & Governor Scott Proposes Big Tax Cuts FEB 5, 2017

Miami-Dade County Major Carlos Gimenez's [decision to comply](#) with President Trump's immigration detention order has sparked [protests and calls](#) to put it to a County Commission vote. We speak with Esteban Bovo, Chairman of the County Commission, about that impending meeting.

From downtown Miami to Palm Beach County, parks to airports, [crowds have gathered](#) around South Florida voicing opposition to President Trump's immigration executive orders as well as other actions taken in the first two weeks of his administration. We talk to Miami Herald's Editorial Editor, Nancy Ancrum and Senior Editor from Politico, Sergio Bustos about the latest spark in local activism.

Plus, Governor Rick Scott wants to make larger cuts to state taxes and spend more money in his latest [budget proposal](#). However, his Republican colleagues in the Florida House may not be on the same page when it comes to spending setting up a budget battle for 2017. We ask reporter for the *Associated Press* Gary Fineout how this could shake-out in the upcoming session.

The Florida Roundup: WLRN's Young Survivors Series & Miami-Made Movie Shines JAN 27, 2017

In the past decade, more than 850 children and teenagers were rushed to Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Nine out of 10 of them survived. That means thousands of family members, friends, neighbors, classmates and coworkers have been touched by gun violence in our community. WLRN News looks into what happens to the young people who survive getting shot in the series [Young Survivors: The Unspoken Trauma of Gun Violence](#). We spoke with reporters Sammy Mack, Nadege Green and Rowan Moore Gerety about the project.

Plus, this year's Academy Awards brings Miami center stage with "*Moonlight*." The film [garnered eight Oscar nominations](#) including best picture, best director and best adapted screenplay. Told in three chapters, the story follows a young man growing up in Liberty City, where the film was also shot.

The nominations come as Florida's film and television production industry lags behind a lack of incentives. Could this boost Miami's filmmaking industry? We speak with co-founder of the [Borscht Film Festival](#) and co-producer of '*Moonlight*' Andrew Hevia along with Rene Rodriguez, film critic for *The Miami Herald*.

The Florida Roundup: Wet Foot, Dry Foot Ends, The Airport Shooting & Death Penalty Limbo JAN 16, 2017

The Obama administration [repealed the "wet foot, dry foot" policy](#) for Cubans. This ends a special privilege that allowed Cubans who make it to U.S. sand or soil to stay. Now, they will enter the immigration system on equal footing with other migrants hoping to stay in America. Associated Press News Director for the Caribbean Michael Weissenstein and WLRN's Americas Correspondent Tim Padgett discuss the change. Also, following the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International [Airport shooting](#), we speak with Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel on airport security and access to guns. Plus, the state's death penalty remains [in limbo](#). Florida currently has 384 inmates on death row, but court challenges and rulings have put capital punishment on hold. We preview WLRN's new documentary, *Cell 1: Florida's Death Penalty in Limbo* with the reporter and producer Wilson Sayre.

The Florida Roundup: Medical Marijuana, Health Study On 'Stand Your Ground' Law & Caribbean Update JAN 8, 2017

Amendment 2, the measure legalizing medical [marijuana went into effect this week](#). The amendment garnered more than 70 percent approval by the voters. But, the legislature must come up with the rules and regulations on how patients can use that medicine. We ask *Health News Florida's* [Abe Aboraya](#) and the *Tampa Bay Times* [Michael Auslen](#) the what to expect from lawmakers.

Also, a [recent study](#) from the *Journal of the American Medical Association* links the rise of homicides in Florida with the 'Stand Your Ground Law'. We'll hear from one of the report's authors, Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania Douglas Wiebe as well as WLRN's Health reporter Sammy Mack.

Plus, a look at the big stories in the Caribbean. Haiti has a new president and Puerto Rico's governor makes a big push for statehood. *The Miami Herald's* [Jacqueline Charles](#) and producer for NPR's [Radio Ambulante Luis Trelles](#) weigh-in on the latest.

The Sunshine Economy

Each week, host Tom Hudson explores businesses, large and small, public and private, which operate in and serve our South Florida community. Business owners, public officials and others weigh in as the program digs far below the headlines to explore our vibrant and unique economy. Topics often are supported with charts, graphs and photos on our website. The Sunshine Economy is on hiatus over the summer months. The rest of the year this hour long program airs Mondays at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on WLRN.

Trains, Tickets and Transit: Brightline in the Sunshine Economy

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • MAR 28, 2017

Brightline hasn't picked up a train passenger yet or even announced what fares will be when it does, but its former boss says the passenger train service won't lose money during its first full year in operation. Mike Reininger is executive director of Brightline's parent company Florida East Coast Industries. Until earlier this month he was the CEO of All Aboard Florida, which will operate Brightline. "We expect that we will be break even or profitable in 2018," he told WLRN's Sunshine Economy.

The Sunshine Economy: Technology, Cruising and a Booming Business

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • MAR 21, 2017

Big cruise companies like Royal Caribbean Cruises and Carnival Corp. are increasingly turning to technology to step up their passengers' on-board experiences and make boarding the ships more efficient in all aspects, including the design.

The Sunshine Economy: River of Grass, Dying of Thirst

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • MAR 15, 2017

The lingering nature of water through the Everglades has been matched by the slow progress toward the massive goal of reviving the region with more water and cleaner water. It's been 17 years since President Bill Clinton signed into law the bill that included the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. That began the modern day effort to restore the Everglades after a century of draining and redirecting the water to create today's South Florida. More than half way through the expected time frame for the work only a half dozen projects are underway.

The Sunshine Economy: Tax Money for Tourism

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • MAR 6, 2017

A Miami-based rapper. A second-tier English soccer club and a sports car racing team. What ties them together is Visit Florida, the state group that markets Florida to tourists across the country and across the globe. What also ties these three together is they provided the ammunition for opponents of using taxpayer money to promote tourism.

The Sunshine Economy: The Uncertainty Of Obamacare

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • FEB 28, 2017

Next year is almost here for American insurance companies wanting to sell plans on Healthcare.gov in 2018, assuming it survives the Obamacare repeal-and-replace effort. President Donald Trump and Republican governors met Monday and the top topic was the Affordable Care Act. The president and congressional Republican leaders have pledged to repeal and replace the federal health insurance law known as Obamacare.

Job Incentives In The Sunshine Economy

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • FEB 21, 2017

Over the past year, Florida has been second only to California in the number of new jobs created with just over a quarter of a million new jobs. But California's labor market is twice the size of Florida's. The rate of growth of Florida's job market also ranked second in the nation at 3.1 percent. (Oregon was No. 1.)

Banking Black in the Sunshine Economy

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • FEB 15, 2017

What started in part by a text in response to racial tension and police shootings of black men has turned into millions of dollars directed at economic development and investment in the black community. The bank black effort is an economic call to action as much as it is a social movement.

One local bank, OneUnited, has received millions of new dollars in deposits thanks to the bank black movement. The bank is based in Boston with branches in Los Angeles and in Miami's Liberty City neighborhood.

Airbnb In The Sunshine Economy

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • JAN 31, 2017

With record tourism comes big business, but you won't find a front desk at one of the largest lodging groups in the state - Airbnb.

The home-sharing network has almost 33,000 hosts in Florida, generating millions of dollars for it and the hosts, basically property owners who rent a room, home or a condo for a few days to a visitor. The company calls it a short-term rental and insists it is not in competition with the hotel business.

The traditional hotel business is growing in South Florida. Here's what 2016 looked like for hotels in Miami-Dade and Broward counties:

2017 Real Estate In The Sunshine Economy

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • JAN 24, 2017

South Florida home prices continued climbing in 2016 even as the pace of sales slowed, especially for condominiums.

Sunshine Economy: Florida's Finances

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • JAN 16, 2017

As the 2017 state legislative session approaches, lawmakers and Gov. Rick Scott already have been talking about their shopping lists of new ideas about how to spend taxpayers' money. There's a laundry list of big issues legislators will need to address during their session: the death penalty, concealed carry, gambling. But there is no larger issue than the budget. It's an \$82 billion-plus document that dictates how the state spends money.

The Sunshine Economy: After the Airport Attack

By [TOM HUDSON](#) • JAN 12, 2017

"We need to keep as many weapons out of the airport as possible."

Emilio González knows about weapons at airports. He's a military veteran. He's a concealed weapons permit holder. And he's the boss at Florida's busiest passenger airport -- Miami International Airport.

The Latin America Report

Brazilian investors buy Miami real estate. Haitian earthquake survivors attend South Florida schools. It's clear what happens in Latin America and the Caribbean has a profound effect on South Florida.

WLRN's coverage of the region is headed by Americas editor [Tim Padgett](#), a 23-year veteran of TIME and Newsweek magazines. He joins a team of reporters and editors at the Miami Herald, El Nuevo Herald and NPR to cover a region whose cultural wealth, environmental complexity, vast agricultural output and massive oil reserves offer no shortage of important and fascinating stories to tell.

The Latin America Report airs each Tuesday on WLRN.

South Florida Lawyers Fear Trump Administration Squeezing Asylum Seekers

By TIM PADGETT • MAR 28, 2017 4:39

Typically, when people are in the court system they want their cases heard as quickly as possible. But asylum requests are different. Building an asylum case usually involves the long and daunting task of gathering evidence from other countries. And here in South Florida that often means developing regions like Central America. So lawyers usually expect at least a few months if not a year or more to prepare.

Dictator's Demise: Noriega Languishes In Panama As Americas Ponder His Tragedy

By TIM PADGETT • MAR 20, 2017 4:45

Former Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega remains unconscious in a Panama hospital after brain tumor surgery. Doctors say his prognosis is not good.

Deportation Dread: South Florida Migrant Workers Feel 'More Hunted Than Usual'

By TIM PADGETT • MAR 6, 2017 4:31

In a field near Florida City, zucchini pickers are filling bushel basket after bushel basket as irrigation trucks shoot geysers into the sky behind them. Many if not most are Mexican and Central American. Many if not most are undocumented immigrants. When they empty a basket their badges are scanned to prove their productivity. It's a hot, backbreaking routine, and they're lucky if they earn \$9 to \$10 an hour. But right now they've got bigger worries.

As Venezuela Keeps Falling – Like Its Most Famous Skier – Expats Try To Stay Relevant

By TIM PADGETT • FEB 27, 2017 4:45

For some of his countrymen, Venezuelan cross-country skier Adrián Solano's performance in Finland last week was uplifting – even though it involved a lot of falling down. To others it was *mucha pena*. Really embarrassing.

Can A Good Puff Rival A Good Perfume? Cigars Get Popular For Valentine's Day

By TIM PADGETT • FEB 13, 2017 4:44

It's Valentine's Day. And once again, Latin America is front and center: Colombian roses. Venezuelan chocolate. Argentine tango. But here's another Latin love link guys like Erik Calviño want you to consider: Caribbean cigars.

Conde's Cuba Crisis: Padura's Maverick Havana Sleuth Comes To U.S. TV

By TIM PADGETT • FEB 6, 2017 4:45

Veteran actor Jorge Perugorría was a smart choice to play detective Mario Conde – if only because Perugorría is 51 years old.

From Caribbean To Capitol Hill, Folks Ask: Why Didn't Obama Pardon Marcus Garvey?

By TIM PADGETT • JAN 23, 2017 4:29

Most civil rights experts will tell you this: Before Martin Luther King Jr., before Malcolm X, before Nelson Mandela – there was Marcus Garvey, the Jamaican-born black empowerment leader who died in 1940.

“Marcus Garvey was before his time,” says Niyala Harrison, a Jamaican-American attorney in Miami and president-elect of the Miami-based Caribbean Bar Association. “He was speaking about things that had never been spoken about before when we’re talking about self-determination and the advancement of black and colored people.”

How Not To Do Cuba Like The Kardashians: Try Something Real With Your Rum

By [TIM PADGETT](#) • JAN 16, 2017 4:35

When Donald Trump becomes President on Friday, what we’ll be asking in South Florida is: Will he cancel normalized relations with Cuba? And will he still let Americans travel there? But here’s another question: If Trump does allow Americans to visit Cuba, will they reconsider *how* they visit the island? Will they think about something Cuban-American poet Richard Blanco told me a couple years ago...

Caribbean Mayberry: Why The U.S. Can Stay In Guantánamo Forever – Real Cheap

By [TIM PADGETT](#) • JAN 9, 2017 4:45

Among its demands for normalized relations, Cuba wants the U.S. to leave its naval station at Guantánamo Bay on the island’s southeastern tip. But the lease Cuba signed more than a century ago lets the U.S. stay there forever if it wants to.

REPORTING:

CULTURE:

Palm Beach Film Festival Keeps Locals In Focus

By [PETER HADEN](#) • MAR 31, 2017 :50

Cinefiles are zooming in to South Florida for the 22nd Annual Palm Beach International Film Festival. The five-day event features films from around the globe. But festival president Jeff Davis says there is a South Florida focus.

“We showcase and highlight local filmmakers and stories,” said Davis.

Miami City Ballet Star Patricia Delgado Gets Ready To Shake the Sand Out Of Her Pointe Shoes

By [ALICIA ZUCKERMAN](#) • MAR 30, 2017 6:02

Patricia Delgado was 11 years old the first time she walked into the Miami City Ballet studios to take class. Her sister Jeanette was nine. Now, she’s heading to New York.

Who Says There's No Money For Artists? The Knight Arts Challenge Is Listening (And Willing To Give)

By [ALICIA ZUCKERMAN](#) • MAR 28, 2017 4:01

Bridges, Not Walls: Dance Now Miami Sends A Political Message Through Dance

By [NADEGE GREEN](#) • MAR 23, 2017 3:55

Dance Now! Miami’s latest dance piece is a direct response to President Donald Trump. “Bridges Not Walls” was conceived during the presidential race when the then-presidential candidate Trump repeatedly declared that he would build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

“When Donald Trump came up and made those comments about immigrants, specifically coming from Mexico, we were at that time in the process of creating a collaboration with a Mexican [dance] company and so we thought that that was the moment to respond,” said Dance Now Co-Director Diego Salterini.

Miami's Conch Food Entrepreneurs Serve Daily Dose Of Deliciousness By NADEGE GREEN • MAR 17, 2017

Derrick Prater is "Dee Conchman." Every day he sets up in various parts of Miami hawking his specialty: conch.

A Women's Choir Gave South Florida A Taste Of Brazil

By PRISCILA SERRANO • FEB 27, 2017 1:21

Rhythms of samba, colorful and exotic costumes and a women's choir called Brazilian Voices gave South Florida a taste of the traditional Brazilian Carnival this weekend. Brazil celebrates its most popular annual event this time of year. In Broward County, the celebration took place next to a carousel at the Pompano Citi Center.

South Florida's Film Industry Is Dying. What Can Save It?

By CHRISTINE DIMATTEI • FEB 9, 2017 4:27

It's been a point of pride for many South Florida film lovers that "Moonlight," an Oscar-nominated coming-of-age movie set in Liberty City, was mostly shot in Miami. But it almost wasn't.

EDUCATION: <http://wlrn.org/category/education>

Education continues to be a highly valued beat at WLRN with a dedicated reporter and curated state and national stories addressing key topics and trends on air and online. This summer's WLRN generated stories included the impact of a for-profit college's closing, school start times versus students biological time, school board policy, poverty and school rankings, and more.

Gaps In Evaluation Report Make It Hard To Judge MDCPS' Alternatives To Suspension Program By ROWAN MOORE GERETY APR 3, 2017 4:07

Nearly two years into Miami-Dade Schools' signature alternative-to-suspension program, it's hard to measure the impact of the heavily touted Student Success Centers.

High School Math, Science, and Foreign Languages: At Risk from Computer Coding?

By ROWAN MOORE GERETY • MAR 30, 2017 2:47

Pembroke Pines sixth grader Ethan Greenberg traveled to Tallahassee last month to testify before the education committee of the Florida Senate about a bill he thinks can help him land his dream job. "I love Nintendo," he said. "I want to become a game programmer for Nintendo."

He thinks it could help a lot of kids find a path into one of the best-paid and fastest-growing sectors in the economy. "Currently, there are about [22,000 computing jobs](#) in Florida alone. Also, there are only 2000 computer science graduates," he said.

Miami-Dade Cops Pledge Gun Violence Prevention Pilot Program Focused On Services For Perpetrators By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • MAR 28, 2017 1:01

Representatives from law enforcement agencies across Miami-Dade County pledged Monday night to test out a model for reducing gun violence by focusing on providing services to a small number of perpetrators.

A Progressive Teen Who Welcomed Trump's Rise Reflects On The President's First 60 Days By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • MAR 27, 2017 3:26

Beltran and Casilda [had their parents' blessing](#) to skip class and go to the Bayfront Park Amphitheater to catch a bit of American history in real time, merely six days before the election. Time will tell if their hopes are vindicated by a surge in progressive activism that outlives the Trump administration, or dashed by a rightward lurch in the courts and federal agencies. Recently, WLRN caught up with Beltran to get a 17-year-old's perspective on the first two months of the Trump presidency.

Guatemalan Police Visit Miami To Pick Up Strategies On School Police Work By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • MAR 24, 2017 1:01

Police and government officials from Guatemala have been in Miami all week visiting schools and shadowing Miami-Dade schools police as part of a training program organized by the U.S. State department. On Friday, they stood by and observed as MDCPS schools police cued mock explosions, students in gory makeup and a canine unit as part of hostage scenario training drill unfolding at Treasure Island Elementary School in North Bay Village.

Fifth Graders Learn About The Importance Of Water In Florida On World Water Day By [AMANDA RABINES](#) • MAR 23, 2017 2:01

A group of fifth graders from Citrus Elementary School huddle around Dr. Julien Zaragoza, a teacher with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center in Key Biscayne. They're all standing in knee-deep water with seagrass at the bottom of their feet. Each student is getting a glimpse of a male pipefish, which falls under the same fish classification as seahorses.

MDC Turns to 'Weekend College' To Keep Students With Full-Time Jobs By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • MAR 21, 2017 3:55

When Yomaira Hidalgo set out for an associate's degree taking classes at ITT Tech three nights a week, it didn't take long to unravel the precarious routine she shared with her husband, her mother and three young children. In a word, she says, it was "miserable."

Through Jim Crow, Court-Ordered Bussing and I-95, Overtown School Celebrates 90 Years By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • MAR 18, 2017 1:43

When Booker T Washington Senior High School opened in 1927, says vice principal Kevin Lawrence, it was the only place in South Florida "where black students got the opportunity to earn high school diploma, going as far up as West Palm Beach and as far south as Key West." On Friday, the school celebrated its 90th birthday with a parade

through Overtown. From his perch in the back seat of a bright white convertible, Lawrence said he hoped his students would come away from the day with a better understanding of the school's history.

Little College Pursuing Big Plans — Despite State Pushback Against Expansions

By [NANCY KLINGENER](#) • MAR 14, 2017 3:55

Over the last 16 years, the vast majority of community colleges in Florida have expanded to become state colleges. That's so they can offer four-year degrees, not just the two-year associate degrees. Now Florida lawmakers are considering a bill that limits those expansions. And that move comes just as the smallest college in the state system, Florida Keys Community College, is taking its first steps toward offering four-year degrees.

Wellington Whiz Kid Competes In Top Science Talent Search By [PETER HADEN](#) • MAR 13, 2017 1:03

A South Florida high school student is one of 40 finalists competing in a talent search to find the most promising young scientists in the United States.

Florida Senate Votes Today On Bill To Change Standards For Colleges By [WILSON SAYRE](#) • MAR 8, 2017 1:17

A [massive higher education bill](#) became the first real piece of legislation heard by the full Florida Senate Wednesday.

The legislation would, among other things, change how the performance of state colleges and universities is calculated, something that according to critics would benefit of more traditional four-year universities.

These South Florida Robots Shoot Balls, Climb Ropes And Foster Lifetime Love Of Science By [LUIS HERNANDEZ](#) • MAR 2, 2017 4:48

There is a group of students from Miami Coral Park Senior High who are taking part in a major competition in West Palm Beach this week. It's not a baseball tournament or track and field event, but it has all the celebratory elements of a sporting event...cheerleaders, music and even the booming voice of the announcer. It's a robot competition. The students are part of the after-school program [RamTech 59](#) and they're participating in the annual [FIRST](#) competition in West Palm Beach.

Palm Beach County Superintendent: Our Schools Are Safe Harbors From Raids By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • MAR 1, 2017 2:02

The Trump administration has expanded what the federal government considers grounds for deportation in recent weeks with raids in a half dozen states: ICE has already [detained one Dreamer](#) and picked up [undocumented mothers](#) and fathers without criminal records as quote ["collateral"](#) while searching for immigrants with felony records.

Experts Alert About Risk of Lead Exposure in Florida; Suggest Testing Schools' Drinking Water By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • FEB 17, 2017 1:04

A new [report](#) by the advocacy group Environment Florida argues that water in Florida's schools and day cares may contain dangerous levels of lead, but that there is no way of knowing how widespread the problem is. Its release coincides with the launch of a nationwide campaign to 'Get the Lead Out.'

Sharp Debate Over Miami-Dade Public Schools' Alternative to Suspension Program By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • FEB 17, 2017 1:28

Sharp questions surfaced at a school board meeting Wednesday over the evaluation of an alternative to suspension program, launched in 2015 after the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system said it would eliminate out-of-school suspensions.

Florida Lawmakers Move To Cap Enrollment In BA Programs At State Colleges By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • FEB 14, 2017 4:02

Florida's community colleges, now called state colleges, can offer more than an associate's degree: students don't necessarily have to transfer to complete a bachelor's degree. However, one bill lawmakers will debate this session—[SB 374](#)—introduced by Dorothy Hukill, R-Brevard-Volusia, would limit upper-level courses at state colleges.

How A Student Made Manitowoc, Wisconsin A Magnet For Miami Soccer Talent By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • FEB 12, 2017 4:03

It's a rainy Saturday afternoon in Miami, and a couple dozen teenage soccer players are on the field behind Edison high school, in Little Haiti, trying to run a scrimmage in the mud.

Frederman Mendoza, or Freddy, a 23 year old who grew up in Honduras, stands at midfield with a whistle in his mouth, his clothes soaked through. "Nice halftime, nice play," he says. "We're gonna balance out the teams." Around him, a gaggle of his old high school classmates joke with one another in Haitian Creole.

Why Are University Students Flocking To Psychological Counseling? By [LISANN RAMOS](#) • FEB 10, 2017 3:54

Florida's public university students want more psychological counseling, but many of the state's schools can't keep up with this demand, according to a recent investigation by [The Tampa Bay Times](#) that also showed that some students are waiting up to a month for appointments with a school counselor because counseling centers are understaffed.

Let's Talk About Sex Ed In Miami-Dade, Say Activists

By [LISANN RAMOS](#) • JAN 26, 2017 7:06

A Miami-Dade low-income advocacy group is trying to expand sexual education for students in the county's schools.

The Miami Worker's Center launched a Sex Ed survey this week for Miami-Dade high school students. The survey is the first step in shaping and eventually implementing a comprehensive sexual education curriculum for students in Miami-Dade County.

Young Survivors: How Miami-Dade Public Schools System Responds To The Burden Of Youth Gun Violence By ROWAN MOORE GERETY • JAN 26, 2017 7:37

SPECIALS -including documentary, series or continuing coverage.

In this quarter, WLRN News produced and aired special coverage focusing on topics including the opioid epidemic; the death penalty in Florida; young survivors of gun violence; and the Everglades need for restoration.

SUNNY DAZE - Inside The South Florida Opioid Crisis <http://wlrn.org/opioid-crisis>

Palm Beach County is the epicenter of a South Florida overdose epidemic. Officials estimate 900 people died of opioid overdoses in 2016 – more than twice as many as the year before. Series BY Peter Haden Jan 4 through Mar 22, 2017 plus stories from Sep-Dec 2016

['Dime A Dozen,' Overdose Crisis Rages in South Florida](#)

[Chinese Fentanyl Fueling U.S., Florida Overdose Crisis](#)

['Is This A Sober Home Or A Drug Den?,' Compliance Group Denounces Abuses In Recovery Residences](#)

[Task Force Wants State To Oversee Sober Homes](#)

[Sober Home Detective: 'The Problem Is Humongous'](#)

[Opioid Overdose Continue To Rage In Delray Beach](#)

[Sober Homes Task Force Looks For Renewed Funding](#)

[Palm Beach County Sober Home Operators Charged In Kickback Scheme](#)

[Feds Give Cities Guidance On Sober Homes](#)

[Task Force Looking Into Further Regulations For Florida 'Sober Homes'](#)

River of Grass, Dying of Thirst By TOM HUDSON • MAR 15, 2017 47:59

The lingering nature of water through the Everglades has been matched by the slow progress toward the massive goal of reviving the region with more water and cleaner water. It's been 17 years since President Bill Clinton signed into law the bill that included the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. That began the modern day effort to restore the Everglades after a century of draining and redirecting the water to

create today's South Florida. More than half way through the expected time frame for the work only a half dozen projects are underway.

Everglades 101: Just How Does This Thing Work, Anyway?

By [KATE STEIN](#) • MAR 5, 2017 4:57

If you scoop a glassful of water from the heart of the Everglades, that water is as pure and clear as the water that flows from your tap. That's because chances are good your tap water comes from the Everglades. One in three Floridians -- more than eight million of us -- gets drinking water from the Biscayne Aquifer a few feet below the southeastern Everglades. The ecosystem acts as a natural filter, removing excess nutrients and keeping out seawater. But the Everglades are under siege. Half of 'the river of grass' already has been lost; more is dying off. And as the aboveground ecosystem slips away, so does our underground fresh water. To understand why, you have to understand how the Everglades used to work. Call it 'Everglades 101.'

What We Talk About When We Talk About Everglades Restoration

By [KATE STEIN](#) • MAR 5, 2017 4:56

Let's start with what we're losing: One of the most biologically diverse places on Earth, from sawgrass to cypress trees, apple snails to alligators. The historic home of Florida's Miccosukee and Seminole tribes. A national park. The ecosystem that ensures fresh drinking water for more than 8 million Floridians.

Everglades advocate Marjory Stoneman Douglas talked about all this in an interview in 1983. "It was a marvelous expanse of flat green land with its strangeness and its openness and its birds," she said. "So utterly unique, you see. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world."

Would Proposed Everglades Reservoir Create Jobs Or Eliminate Them? Studies Are Contradictory

By [KATE STEIN](#) • MAR 1, 2017

A proposal to build a water storage reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee could create more than 39,000 jobs, according to a [study](#) released Tuesday by the Everglades Foundation. That contradicts another [study](#) released last week by the conservative James Madison Institute, which says the reservoir would cost about 4,100 jobs.

The study released by the Everglades Foundation was conducted by researchers at Clemson University. They say building the reservoir would create some short-term jobs in construction. But the bigger benefit would come after the reservoir's finished. Its purpose is to reduce Lake Okeechobee water discharges that led to toxic blue-green algae blooms on Florida's coasts last summer. Among other economic impacts, the blooms drove down real estate values,

Young Survivors The Unspoken Trauma of Gun Violence

<http://youngsurvivors.wlrn.digital/> Continuing coverage airing from Jan-Mar 2917

By Sammy Mack, Nadege Green and Rowan Moore Gerety

In the past decade, more than 850 children and teenagers were rushed to Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.

Nine out of 10 of them survived. That means thousands of family members, friends, neighbors, classmates and coworkers have been touched by gun violence in our community. WLRN News looks into what happens to the young people who survive getting shot in the series [Young Survivors: The Unspoken Trauma of Gun Violence](#).

Young Survivors: How One Liberty City Family Has Been Shaped By Gun Violence By ROWAN MOORE GERETY • JAN 31, 2017 7:38

Young Survivors: Martwan and Martaevious, A Family Of Survivors By ROWAN MOORE GERETY • FEB 1, 2017 4:59

Cell 1: Florida's Death Penalty In Limbo <http://cellone.wlrn.digital/>

By Willson Sayre Documentary in 6 Parts 49:40 Airing January 2017

Cell 1 is the last cell Florida inmates stay in before they're executed. It's where they say their goodbyes, make peace with death or mount their final legal stands against death. It's where many hope their sentence will be delayed or commuted. Some inmates get pulled out of Cell 1 to return to Death Row; others meet their end in the execution chamber a few feet away. It's a place of uncertainty, the cell between life and death.

"That is the last cell. That is the cell in which every person who has been put to death in the state of Florida has been housed until they got moved to the execution chamber," says Mike Lambrix, a 33-year resident of Florida's Death Row.

Death Penalty Inching Its Way Back Onto Florida's Books

By WILSON SAYRE • JAN 27, 2017

Here's Where Death Penalty Legislation In Florida Stands

By WILSON SAYRE • FEB 9, 2017

Florida keeps inching closer to having a working death penalty in the state.

This week, the Senate Criminal Justice Committee overwhelmingly approved a measure that would now require a unanimous jury to sentence someone to death. The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee is slated to hear a similar bill on Feb. 15.

Death Row Inmate Mike Lambrix Loses Appeal, Opens Door For Execution

By WILSON SAYRE • MAR 9, 2017

Legislature Sends Unanimous Jury Death Penalty Bill To Governor For Signing

By WILSON SAYRE • MAR 9, 2017

UPDATED 3/10/2017 11:05 a.m. - This post has been updated with the most recent Senate vote, which means the new death penalty rules have passed the Florida legislature and will be sent to the governor's desk for signature.

One final piece of the puzzle that held up the death penalty in Florida for years is almost back in place.

POLITICS

Banning Guns On Planes Is Just One Option For Avoiding Future Airport Shootings, Officials Say By [KATE STEIN](#) • MAR 31, 2017

South Florida law enforcement and transportation officials met Friday with airline representatives and officials from the FBI and the Transportation Security Administration to continue analyzing the shooting at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in January. Five people were killed and six injured when a gunman opened fire in Terminal 2. Dozens more were hurt as they fled in panic from a supposed second shooter. There was only one gunman in the incident.

Your NCAA Bracket Pool Is Illegal, Especially In Florida

By [WILSON SAYRE](#) • MAR 31, 2017 2:37

Across the country, people have an estimated \$10 billion riding on the outcome of the men's NCAA basketball championship. Only a tiny part of that is being done legally, roughly 3 percent, according to the [American Gaming Association](#). And while some states' gambling laws are a bit gray, Florida's gambling laws don't leave a lot of questions on the matter.

Redistricting Legislation: Poke In The Eye Or Election Stability? By [WILSON SAYRE](#) • MAR 29, 2017 1:11

New rules on how legal challenges to newly drawn legislative districts would work cleared their first hurdle in the Florida House on Wednesday after the full Senate passed along its version of the same bill. The rules ([HB 953](#)) would suspend all legal proceedings questioning new maps after candidates qualify for an election. This comes after the [redistricting saga in 2015](#), when the Florida Legislature had to draw new congressional maps. That task turned into rounds and rounds of legal challenges and new map configurations when the courts found that party politics had come into play in drawing new lines. The proposed legislation would suspend any and all legal challenges 105 days before an election or whenever the candidate qualification period begins, whichever comes later.

Trump's Move Against Clean Power Plan Probably Won't Have Much Impact In Florida

By [KATE STEIN](#) • MAR 29, 2017 1:19

President Trump fulfilled one of his big campaign promises on Tuesday: He signed an executive order that directed the Environmental Protection Agency to roll back the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan.

That plan was intended to cut harmful carbon emissions by replacing coal-fired power plants with renewable energy sources. Trump wants to repeal it as a step towards boosting the struggling coal industry.

But in Florida and across the country, it's doubtful the rollback will have much impact -- positive or negative, says University of Miami economist David Kelly.

Tales From The Territories: The Not-Quite States Of America

By NANCY KLINGENER • MAR 29, 2017 3:51

One century ago — on March 31, 1917 — on the Caribbean islands of Saint Thomas and Saint Croix, Danish flags were lowered and the Stars and Stripes were raised. The U.S. had bought three of the Virgin Islands and they eventually became a territory. But what does it mean to be part of America — but not one of the 50 states?

Human Rights Watch Opens Office In Miami – But Not Just For Latin America

By TIM PADGETT • MAR 28, 2017 :57

new office in Miami on Tuesday night. But if you think it's here just to keep an eye on Latin America and the Caribbean – guess again.

Some might ask why it took the New York-based Human Rights Watch so long to come to Miami, given the hemisphere's chronic human rights issues, like this week's debate on the Venezuela crisis at the Organization of American States. HRW's executive director Ken Roth says he understands if people do ask.

"Ironically we don't have an office in Spanish-speaking Latin America," says Roth. "And that just was an anomaly that had to end. In many ways Miami is the capital of Latin America so this was the logical place to come."

But Roth – who is in Miami to inaugurate Human Rights Watch's new Brickell office – says its portfolio is intended to be domestic as well as international – especially given the wave of xenophobia in this country.

South Florida Lawyers Fear Trump Administration Squeezing Asylum Seekers By

TIM PADGETT • MAR 28, 2017 4:39

Typically, when people are in the court system they want their cases heard as quickly as possible. But asylum requests are different.

West Palm Beach Declares Itself 'Welcoming City' For Immigrants By PETER

HADEN • MAR 28, 2017 :58

West Palm Beach is officially a "Welcoming City" for immigrants.

The city commission passed a resolution Monday that bars city employees – including police – from inquiring into a person's immigration status, or disclosing it to others.

As Rainy Season Approaches, South Florida Officials Lay Out Zika Plan By

PRISCILA SERRANO • MAR 27, 2017 2:17

With the rainy season approaching and mosquitoes breeding at this time of year, Gov. Rick Scott and community leaders urged residents to remain aware and take necessary precautions against mosquitoes carrying the Zika virus.

At a community roundtable on Monday at the Department of Health in Miami, the governor stressed the importance of residents' actions to help prevent Zika-related infections.

South Florida Aid Group Urges Housing Aid For Haiti After Finding More Cave Dwellers

By TIM PADGETT • MAR 27, 2017 1:18

Last week workers for the Coconut Creek-based charity Food for the Poor came upon 240 people living in a cave in a mountainous area near Jérémie, Haiti. That's on the country's southwest peninsula, which was devastated last fall by Hurricane Matthew. Shortly after the October's hurricane, more than 500 Haitians had been found living in caves in that region. But last week's discovery was the most troubling sign yet that post-hurricane conditions are worsening in Haiti.

"Before we discovered these people, there were 13 deaths because they were eating things that were poisonous – because of the desperation of hunger," says Food for the Poor's executive director Angel Aloma as he returned from Haiti over the weekend. "Hurricane Matthew destroyed their crops and drowned their animals. Then they planted again, then a drought came. They're completely desperate," he said.

Aloma said he won't be surprised if relief workers find more cave dwellers there. And he added that the continuing cave crisis means housing aid is just as important as food aid for the half million people affected in that area. He urges Americans to donate to that now since the Haitian government lacks housing resources.

Decision Florida: Schools Flout Recess Requirements As Lawmakers Weigh New Bill By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • MAR 15, 2017 3:58

South Florida Republicans Vote To Block Bill For Release Of Trump's Tax Returns By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • FEB 28, 2017

South Florida Republicans voted to block House Democrats' efforts to force President Trump to release his tax returns last night.

Voters Pack Ros-Lehtinen's Office to Demand a Town Hall Meeting on Obamacare By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • FEB 21, 2017 1:39

Miami Mosques Answer Immigration Ban with Interfaith Prayer Services By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • FEB 3, 2017 1:20

You know you're in Miami when the call to prayer is delivered in a Guayabera. After the muezzin sang, Imam Nasir Ahmad approached the lectern at Masjid Al-Ansar on Northwest 54th Street to greet a hall full of Christians and Jews who responded to a call by MCCJ, the Miami Coalition of Christians and Jews, to join Friday prayers at a local mosque. "You outnumber my own congregation," he said with a chuckle.

South Florida Republicans Split Over GOP Move to Weaken Ethics Watchdog By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • JAN 3, 2017 :58

House Republicans abruptly reversed course Tuesday and abandoned a plan that would have gutted an independent office that investigates wrongdoing by representatives in Congress.

BREAKING NEWS

"You Cannot Go Around Life Terrified," Insights On Living With Threats Of 'Soft Target' Attacks By [ROWAN MOORE GERETY](#) • JAN 12, 2017 1:05

Marcelo Salup grew up in Spain in the last years of the Franco dictatorship, mindful of the state police and their long batons, and ETA, a Basque separatist group that waged an increasingly intense terror campaign from the 1960s until a ceasefire in 2010...For some security experts, Friday's mass shooting in Fort Lauderdale renewed the focus on attacks against so-called 'soft targets'—places that don't have high levels of security day to day.

Fort Lauderdale Airport Tragedy Gives Way to Familiar Back-and-Forth on Gun Control By ROWAN MOORE GERETY • JAN 9, 2017 1:16

When a gunman opened fire inside an airport terminal in Fort Lauderdale Friday, it was only a matter of time before tragedy gave way to a shockingly familiar political debate: are guns part of the problem, or aren't they?

MORE

After Two Suicides In 60 Days, Lawyer Says Florida's Privatization Of Foster Care Is A Failure By ROWAN MOORE GERETY • MAR 10, 2017

A preliminary hearing was held Thursday in the case of Naika Venant, the 14-year-old girl who broadcast her suicide on Facebook Live from her Miami Gardens foster home earlier this year. It was the second suicide of a teenager in foster care overseen by the agency Our Kids in less than 60 days. In December, 16-year-old Lauryn Martin hanged herself with a scarf in her room at the Florida Keys Children's Shelter on Plantation Key.

Aging Out Of Foster Care: How Am I Going to Make A Grocery List? By ROWAN MOORE GERETY • FEB 28, 2017 4:30

Environment <http://wlrn.org/term/environment>

Water, wind, wilderness, flora, fauna and food reflect South Florida's distinctive environment and ecosystem. This fall WLRN's environmental coverage addressed Miami International Airport's role in animal and animal product importation, treating toxic blue-green algae, king tides and much more. Selected state and national stories covered a Florida Panther expanding its territory, the Dakota Pipeline protest, and a sinkhole in Central Florida contaminating the aquifer with toxins from a fertilizer plant.

Meet Miami's Top Dog Inspector: He Sniffs Out Animal Trafficking
By KATE STEIN • DEC 21, 2016 3:52

Obama Designates Atlantic, Arctic Areas Off-Limits To Offshore Drilling
By MERRIT KENNEDY • DEC 20, 2016

Grant Helps Researchers Studying Toxin Stalking Florida Reef Fish
By MATTHEW F SMITH • DEC 19, 2016

Scientists Seek Re-Evaluation of Everglades Restoration

By AMY GREEN/WMFE • DEC 19, 2016

Local Communities To Federal Government: This Is How You Can Help Us Deal With Climate Change

By KATE STEIN • DEC 15, 2016

King Tides Are Down In December -- But That May Not Last

By KATE STEIN • DEC 13, 2016

Central Everglades Plan Headed To President Obama

By KATE STEIN • DEC 12, 2016

Gulf Whale Could Soon Be Listed As Endangered

By STEVE NEWBORN • DEC 12, 2016

First Finalist Named In \$10 Million Competition To Address Algae Blooms

By AMY GREEN • DEC 8, 2016 (follow up to the prize announcement 7/20)

Sabal Trail and Standing Rock: At FIU Panel, Qualms About Past And Future Of Native American Rights

By KATE STEIN • DEC 1, 2016 (supplemented national Dakota Pipeline stories)

A Trump Presidency Could Be Good News For The Everglades

By CHRISTINE DIMATTEI • NOV 29, 2016

How Much Will Trump's Energy Plans Impact Florida? Not A Lot, Says UM Economist

By KATE STEIN • NOV 28, 2016

Miami-Dade Joins Project To Increase Buildings' Energy Efficiency

By KATE STEIN • NOV 22, 2016

Mud From PortMiami Dredge Spurred Coral Die-Off, Study Finds

By JENNY STALETOVICH • NOV 22, 2016

Army Corps Says It's Prepared To Move Faster On Everglades Reservoir -- With Funding

By AMY GREEN • NOV 20, 2016

Big Year Reported For Loggerhead Sea Turtle Nesting

By NANCY KLINGENER • NOV 3, 2016

What Does Miami Share With Jack Black? A Climate Change TV Show

By KATE STEIN • NOV 3, 2016

Rare Subspecies Of Birder Found In South Florida: Counters. As In Bird Counters

By NANCY KLINGENER • NOV 1, 2016

Bus Tour Seeks Support To Clean Up Everglades

By PETER HADEN • OCT 31, 2016

Dispute Over Invasive Fern Threatens National Wildlife Refuge [Loxahatchee National Preserve in Palm Beach County]

By AMY GREEN • OCT 26, 2016

Also Damaged By Hurricane Matthew: Florida's Beaches

By AMY GREEN • OCT 11, 2016

Diverse Concerns, Halloween Costumes Highlight Miami Climate Rally

By KATE STEIN • OCT 23, 2016

Miami-Dade County Bans Fracking, Citing Multiple Environmental Concerns

By KATE STEIN • OCT 10, 2016

College Interns <http://wlrn.org/term/wlrn-interns>

WLRN invests in developing young journalists throughout the year by regularly interviewing and selecting college students interested in developing their skills in a newsroom that trains them as professional journalists in a few months. They are paid during their stint at the stations and emerge from the experience with increased confidence, skill, knowledge and portfolios of their work. Here are some samples of their work while they operated as part of the WLRN news team.

[Rebekah Entralgo](#)

[Miami Dade Transit Wants More Millenials | WLRN](#)

By Rebekah Entralgo • Sep 29, 2016. TweetShareGoogle+Email. As part of the campaign, The Prism Group has been experiment with different ways to make the ...

[Do You Know Where The Nearest Hurricane Shelter Is? Here Is ...](#)

Do You Know Where The Nearest Hurricane Shelter Is? Here Is How To Find It. By Rebekah Entralgo • Oct 4, 2016. TweetShareGoogle+Email. As Hurricane ...

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[But What About My Pets? These Emergency Shelters in South ...](#)

By Rebekah Entralgo • Oct 4, 2016. TweetShareGoogle+Email. Hurricane preparedness goes beyond boarding windows and stocking up on water. Should an ...

[South Florida Prepares for Hurricane Matthew | WLRN](#)

Oct 5, 2016 ... By Rebekah Entralgo • Oct 4, 2016. Florida Public Radio Emergency Network.

With the whole state on alert from Hurricane Matthew, it is ...

[Vessels Take Refuge In Key West as Hurricane Matthew ...](#)

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[Concern In Palm Beach County As Residents Ignore Evacuation ...](#)

Oct 6, 2016 ... By Rebekah Entralgo • Oct 4, 2016. As Hurricane Matthew makes its way through the Caribbean towards Florida, residents should prepare ...

[Pocket The Manatee Returns Home After More Than A Year of ...](#)

... Home After More Than A Year of Rehabilitation. By Rebekah Entralgo • Oct 19, 2016 ... the 800-pound manatee named Pocket. Rebekah Entralgo / WLRN ...

['Souls To The Polls' Brings Together Black Church Communities ...](#)

Oct 31, 2016 ... Rebekah Entralgo / WLRN. Members and pastors of the community's black churches gathered together in Miami Gardens on Sunday to go to ...

[A Museum 10 Years In The Making Emerges For Cuban Exiles ...](#)

... Years In The Making Emerges For Cuban Exiles. By Rebekah Entralgo • Nov 18, 2016 ... Those who have driven on Coral Way in ...

[Art Africa Miami: A Black Basel Away From Miami Beach | WLRN](#)

Art Africa Miami: A Black Basel Away From Miami Beach. By Rebekah

Entralgo • Dec 5, 2016... Credit Rebekah Entralgo / WLRN. With all the Art Basel attention ...

Kyle Holsten

[For-Profit College Closes Abruptly, Leaving A Stream of Anxious ...](#)

Sep 7, 2016 ... Credit Kyle Holsten. Mario Garcia, who recently completed an associate's degree in network security administration, which he described as ...

[Miami-Dade County Completed First Round Of Zika Spraying In ...](#)

Sep 9, 2016 ... Kyle Holsten / WLRN. Miami-Dade County trucks transporting the insecticide to be used in aerial spraying over Miami. View Slideshow 2 of 2.

[Zika Testing: Local Experts Talk Developments And Challenges ..](#)

Sep 9, 2016 ... Kyle Holsten / WLRN. A group of researchers and doctors convened in Miami this week to discuss how different specialists are responding to ...

[Aerial Naled Spraying: Should Miami Beach Residents Worry About ...](#)

Sep 15, 2016 ... Anti-naled protesters chanted, "If you're gonna spray, we want a say!" outside the Miami Beach City Center on Wednesday. Kyle Holsten ...

['I Got Showered With This Mist': Photojournalist Describes Naled ...](#)

Oct 4, 2016 ... Kyle Holsten / WLRN. Miami Herald photographer Carl Juste wanted the best possible shot of the mosquito control plane that was aerielly ...

[Al Gore Warns Hillary Supporters In Miami About Complacency ...](#)

... Warns Hillary Supporters In Miami About Complacency: 'Your Vote Really, Really Counts'. By Kate Stein & Teresa Frontado & Kyle Holsten • Oct 11, 2016

[Trump Rips The New York Times, Hillary Clinton At West Palm ...](#)

By Kate Stein & Katie Lepri & Kyle Holsten • Oct 13, 2016. TweetShareGoogle+ Email ... at a rally in West Palm Beach on October 13, 2016. Kyle Holsten / WLRN.

[Diverse Concerns, Halloween Costumes Highlight Miami Climate ...](#)

Oct 23, 2016 ... Kyle Holsten / WLRN. Artist Sarah Younger created papier mâché monster heads to express her frustration with Republican political candidates.

[Hillary Clinton Calls For Early Voting At Rally In Coconut Creek ...](#)

Oct 26, 2016 Hillary Clinton addresses South Floridians at voter rally at Broward College in Coconut Creek on October 25, 2016. Kyle Holsten / WLRN.

['I Feel Uneasy': Anti-Trump Protesters In South Florida Worry About ...](#)

Nov 12, 2016 Hate in Florida" at a demonstration against President-elect Donald Trump in downtown Miami on November 11, 2016. Kyle Holsten / WLRN.

[Lockdown Lifted At Key Biscayne Schools | WLRN](#)

Dec 2, 2016 ... Kyle Holsten (@Kehl_H) December 2, 2016. Key Biscayne Police Chief Charles Press said the home invasion suspect has not been captured, ...

Arthur F Burns Fellow -

WLRN was the beneficiary of a German reporter's two month stint in South Florida courtesy of the Arthur F. Burns Fellowship program. Now in its 28th year, this prestigious program offers highly skilled journalists from both sides of the Atlantic the opportunity to travel and report from each other's countries. Through this exchange, participants learn and share professional skills with one another, and gain experience working abroad as "foreign correspondents" for their home news organizations. Mareike Aden is a multi-lingual German freelance reporter for TV, radio and print media. She speaks Russian, Spanish and English as well as her native language. Mareike primarily works for the largest publicly funded broadcast outlet in Europe. This year she spent several weeks in London covering Brexit - the campaign, the referendum and its aftermath. Previously, Mareike was a Moscow-based correspondent for Deutsche Welle, Germany's international broadcast service, from post-Soviet countries. Working out of WLRN studios, Mareike filed stories for us as well as for her European outlets. Her final story for WLRN was about the last surviving Nuremberg prosecutor advocating for law over war. It aired twice this fall.

<http://wlrn.org/post/96-year-old-ben-ferencz-tried-nazi-mass-murderers-and-still-dreams-about-world-peace>

*We first published this story on September 28, 2016. We're bringing it back because Benjamin Ferencz will speak tomorrow (Tuesday, Dec. 13) in Boca Raton at a U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum public program at B'nai Torah Congregation. The discussion, *A Relentless Pursuit: Bringing Holocaust Perpetrators to Justice*, is free, but registration is required. [Click here to find out more information](#) or call 561-995-6773.*

