

## **WLRN News Oct. 1- Dec. 31, 2016**

### ***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.

### **Dec 30 - What's To Come In 2017? 48:53**

2016 was the year that defied predictions, but that won't stop our panel of journalists from making some forecasts for the upcoming year.

On January 20th, Donald Trump will move into the White House, putting a [part-time](#) Florida resident in the Oval Office.

State lawmakers have a [budget deficit](#) to face in the next 18 months. Health care and education spending are bound to be targets in the budget battle.

But also, gun rights, medical marijuana, and fighting the opioid addiction crisis are on the agenda.

Plus, there have been big plans discussed to address the gridlock traffic and public transportation tie-up throughout South Florida. Will there be real action in the year ahead?

We ask the [Sun-Sentinel's](#) Rosemary O'Hara, Gary Fineout with [The Associated Press](#) and [News Service of Florida's](#) Dara Kam to look ahead on 2017.

### **Dec 23 - A Look Back at 2016 48:53**

2016 was a big year. It played host to a long contentious and historic election with Donald Trump winning the presidency--with a big hand from Florida.

His one-time presidential competitor, Marco Rubio, won reelection to the Senate, as did Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz to the House despite controversy following her leadership of the Democratic National Committee.

Florida also saw green sluggish algae take over the Treasure Coast and its decade-long hurricane-free streak come to an end. Also, the Zika virus was a persistent and unwelcome visitor.

Plus, Fidel Castro's death brought loud celebration in the streets of Miami. And Haiti held a groundbreaking election despite massive devastation from Hurricane Matthew.

To breakdown the year's biggest news, we have senior editor for [Politico](#), Sergio Bustos; executive editor for [el Nuevo Herald](#), Myriam Marquez; and editorial page editor for the [Sun-Sentinel](#), Rosemary O'Hara.

### **Dec 18 - Bias On The Bench, Visit Florida's Pitbull Bill & Hyperinflation In Venezuela 49:41**

An investigation into Florida's sentencing system uncovers a racial bias in the courts. [The Sarasota Herald-Tribune's special project](#) examined 12 years worth of criminal

cases to find Florida judges routinely give [longer sentences](#) to black defendants than to white defendants for crimes like robbery, burglary and felony drug crimes. We speak with the paper's investigative reporter Josh Salzman and Capital Bureau Chief for [The Miami Herald](#) Mary Ellen Klas about the reports findings.

Also, a political battle over tax money for tourism sparks over the high price for 'Mr. Worldwide' aka rapper Pitbull to sing "[Sexy Beaches](#)" for the state's tourism agency, Visit Florida. The Speaker of the [Florida House Richard Corcoran](#) sued Pitbull's production company after the company refused to make public the details of the deal, claiming they were trade secrets. Now, thanks to the rapper's Twitter account, the 1-million dollar secret is out. Mary Ellen Klas with [The Miami Herald](#) weighs in on the state's spending.

Plus, Venezuela's government [banned the 100-bolivar](#) note this week causing the already bad economic conditions to [worsen](#). Now, the country is struggling with hyperinflation and prices are going up, sometimes within the hour. We have [The Miami Herald](#) reporter Jim Wyss and journalist for [Reuters](#) [Girish Gupta](#) on to address that growing crisis.

## **Dec. 11 - [Miami-Dade's Gender Wage Gap, Mental Illness in Broward Jails & Zika](#)** **48:02**

A [new study done by Florida International University's Metropolitan Center](#) has found that despite steady wage increases for women in Miami-Dade County, women still make less in the workplace.

The study is called [The Status of Women in Miami-Dade County](#). It shows women in Miami-Dade earn 87 cents for every dollar men earn. That pay gap is less than the national average--79 cents on the dollar--and has been narrowing over the years. Still, despite improvements significant gaps persist and the study finds women are more likely to live in poverty than men.

Dr. Maria Ilcheva, lead investigator of the report joins Senator Oscar Brayton to discuss the report's findings and explore legislation initiatives to address the inequality. Also, a [Sun-Sentinel investigation](#) discovers that some mentally ill inmates in Broward County Jail were not protected by the private health care company paid to do so. Reporter Stephen Hobbs and Lieutenant Colonel Keith Neely discuss the newspapers report.

Governor Rick Scott visited Miami Beach on Friday make a big announcement: [the last Zika-zone on South Beach has been lifted](#).

South Beach was the final remaining of the four Zika-zones in Miami-Dade County: Wynwood, South Beach, Mid-Beach and Little River. All four have now been cleared. But, does that mean South Florida is Zika-free? We ask [The Miami Herald's](#) health reporter Dan Chang.

## **Dec. 2 - [The Death Of Fidel Castro](#)** 49:14

News of the death of Fidel Castro set in motion celebrations in the streets on Miami, but it also gave rise to complex emotions across generations for Cuban-Americans and

others in South Florida. We look at the reactions, as well as how South Florida media prepared for years to cover this story.

As his ashes make his way from Havana to Santiago, we speak with WLRN's Americas correspondent Tim Padgett about reactions to Fidel's death in the island.

We also discuss what changes, if any, will come from the new administration of Donald Trump, who hours after the announcement of Fidel's death threatened to cancel changes made under President Obama unless the terms of the deal are renegotiated. Joining the conversation are El Nuevo Herald Executive Editor Myriam Marquez; Lizette Alvarez, Miami bureau chief for The New York Times; Manny Garcia, East Region executive editor for the USA TODAY Network; Daniel Rivero, reporter and producer for Fusion; and WLRN's Americas correspondent Tim Padgett.

And finally, we pay tribute to [Alan Tomlinson](#), award-winning journalist and WLRN's director of television programming and production.

Alan passed away on Nov. 26 after complications with a minor medical procedure. He leaves behind many friends not only at WLRN but in the journalistic community.

### **Nov. 20 - From The Book Fair: Dave Barry, Maria Chicué, Craig Pittman & Bruce Turkel 49:47**

WLRN's Tom Hudson was live from the Miami Book Fair with a panel of authors from across the state to ponder a future in the age of Trump.

Dave Barry, *Greatest. State. Ever.*

Craig Pittman, *Oh, Florida!*

María Carla Chicué, *Achieve The College Dream*

Bruce Turkel, *All About Them*

We also heard from participants in the 6 Words Miami project. They read their stories in English and Spanish.

### **Nov. 11 - Sales Tax, Latin America Under A Trump Presidency & Remembering Janet Reno 49:13**

On Election Day, Broward voters rejected a ballot measure that would have raised the sales tax from its current 6 percent to 7 percent. It was crafted for transportation projects. Now that the measure has failed, where will Broward find the funds to improve public transit? And on the same day, Palm Beach County voters approved a similar referendum. What does that mean for public schools? The Sun-Sentinel's Brittany Wallman joins Greg Stuart, the executive director of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Palm Beach County School Superintendent Robert Avossa.

Also, it's still too early to tell what effect a Trump presidency will have on U.S. relations with some of our country's closest geographical neighbors. But as South Florida, for decades, has served as a gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean, whatever happens there affects us and vice versa. So we ask the experts to speculate--WLRN's Tim Padgett, The Miami Herald's Jacqueline Charles and David Adams, senior editor for Univision Digital.

Plus, a look at the life and career of Miami native Janet Reno. Reno was the first woman to become U.S. attorney general and during the eight years she served in that

role, she had some tough calls to make. Before that, she cut her teeth as Miami-Dade County state attorney. John Dorschner was a journalist at The Miami-Herald then. He joins Amy Driscoll, a current editor at The Miami Herald, to reflect.

#### **Nov. 4 - Miami Beach's Light Rail Project, Broward's Sales Tax Referendum & Amendment 1 49:52**

A plan for a [Miami Beach light rail gets a bit lighter](#) due to high costs and pushback from the community. We discuss the challenges faced in funding public transit projects with Miami Beach City Manager Jimmy Morales and The Miami Herald's reporter [Joey Flechas](#).

Also, Broward County has its own struggles with traffic congestion it's trying to address with a sales tax referendum. On Nov. 8, [Broward voters will be asked to decide on a measure](#) that would raise the sales tax from the current 6 percent to 7 percent to pay for a wide range of transportation and infrastructure projects. But this plan has drawn some critics, so what are the chances that the tax hike will pass? We ask [Rosemary O'Hara](#), editorial page editor of the Sun-Sentinel, and WLRN's [Kate Stein](#).

Plus, we try to find out why a solar energy amendment on the Florida ballot -- Amendment 1 -- is turning out to be one of the [hottest controversies](#) this election, with [Mary Ellen Klas](#) of the Miami Herald.

#### **Oct. 28 - Zika Fight Gets Political, Early Voting in Florida & Screwworms 49:16**

The State of Florida has budgeted about 12 million dollars to help Miami-Dade County in its efforts to battle Zika and the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. Now, Florida's Surgeon General is requesting a comprehensive Zika action plan from the county to detail spending. Mayor Gimenez says he will comply. Does this signify a rift between the state and the county? WLRN's Sammy Mack and The Miami Herald's Daniel Chang fill us in on the latest.

The countdown until the election is on, but it's there have already been a few bumps along the road. There's a Broward County ballot controversy and arrests made in Miami-Dade County for election fraud. The Miami Herald's Amy Sherman and Politico's Sergio Bustos give us a look at the races.

Plus, we will go to The Florida Keys to take a look at a potentially dangerous outbreak of flesh-eating screwworms. We'll hear from the U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as our WLRN's Nancy Klingener with Veterinarian Dr. Doug Mader from our southernmost bureau.

#### **Oct. 21 - Wading Through King Tides, Capital Punishment in Florida & Cuban Cigars & Rum 49:12**

King Tides are a natural, seasonal occurrence when the sun and moon align to pull the tides higher than normal, typically by a couple of feet. But, with sea-level rise caused by climate change, this seasonal event may become a regular occurrence. So, how should we begin preparing for it in South Florida? WLRN's Kate Stein, Miami Herald reporter Jenny Staletovich and Broward County's Chief Climate Resilience Officer Dr. Jennifer Jurado address this concern.

Also, Florida's Supreme Court recently ruled against the state's death penalty law, saying juries should be unanimous in imposing a death sentence--something the recently revamped law does not require. We look at the future of punishment moving forward and dig into why the cost of death penalty trials in Miami-Dade are more expensive than anywhere in the state. WLRN's Wilson Sayre and The Miami Herald's David Ovalle weigh in.

Plus, President Obama's administration issued a directive that once again loosens more sanctions, this time lifting the 100-dollar limit on Cuban cigars and Cuban rum. Is it working to improve relations between the two nations? WLRN's Tim Padgett and el Nuevo Herald's Nora Gámez Torres discuss.

### **Oct. 16 - Miami's New Zika Zone, Campus Safety In Public Schools & Haiti Relief 35:84**

On Thursday, Governor Rick Scott announced that at least five people had contracted the Zika virus in Miami's Little River neighborhood. Now, there's a [new Zika zone](#) in the county, between Northwest 79th and 63rd Streets from Northwest 10th Avenue to North Miami Avenue. We get the latest from WLRN's health reporter [Sammy Mack](#).

Also, three teenagers in Broward County were [taken into custody](#) for potentially threatening the lives of other high school students. One of those teens had a terror journal in which he bragged about becoming the most famous mass shooter in U.S. history. We examine the question of campus safety in public schools with the Sun-Sentinel's [Tonya Alanez](#).

Plus, we look at [relief efforts in Haiti](#) after Hurricane Matthew's devastation. Joining us is Univision's [David Adams](#).

### **Oct 9 - Hurricane Matthew 49:07**

Hurricane Matthew is the first Category 5 Atlantic hurricane since Hurricane Felix in 2007. Fortunately, dire predictions for South Florida did not come to pass on Thursday as the storm stayed off shore. We check in with FPL and WLRN's correspondents out in the field to see what the aftermath looks like.

Also, Governor Rick Scott has been a constant presence for the past week with up-to-date forecasts and evacuation announcements. Have political leaders spoken like this before? Are these warnings necessary to get our attention? The Miami Herald's Mary Ellen Klas, Steve Bousquet with the Tampa Bay Times and former director of FEMA David Paulison weigh in.

Plus, On his way to Florida, the first land Hurricane Matthew hit was Haiti. He was a major category four storm at the time, dumping rain and bringing damaging winds. The death toll is in the hundreds and has been climbing. How does Haiti move forward? And in Cuba, Matthew hit Baracoa on the eastern tip of the island. Roads were washed out by 24 foot waves. The power grid has left thousands in the dark and portions of the city lay in rubble. What do the new relations between the US and Cuba mean for any assistance? CNN's Havana correspondent Patrick Oppmann joins WLRN's Tim Padgett and Rowan Moore Gerety to discuss.

## **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.

### **Dec 21 - How The State Spends Your Money 48:01**

The Florida [economy may be humming](#) along, but there is a budget problem looming for state lawmakers. In about a year and a half, the state is forecast to see a \$1 billion difference between what it collects in taxes and fees and what it spends. That is a [\\$1.3 billion budget hole](#). Legislators will start tackling the anticipated budget shortfall in their next session before the red ink starts.

WLRN spoke with the top Republican and top Democrat on the Florida House Appropriations Committee, Carlos Trujillo and Jared Moskowitz, about state spending priorities, including health care, education, tourism and economic development.

### **Dec 12 - Changing Cuba 48:12**

What started with a phone call two years ago may end in a tweet early next year. The changes in the relationship between the U-S and Cuba have been dramatic and quiet, slow and significant since Dec. 17, 2014 when President Barack Obama began a new strategy of engagement with Cuba.

Travel restrictions on Americans visiting the island have been relaxed. The amount and type of stuff that can be imported and exported to and from the island have been expanded. Limitations on who can send remittances to Cuba have been removed. And even banking restrictions have been reduced. The U.S. now allows Cubans to open bank accounts in America.

In the span of two and a half weeks last month, the future of U-S Cuba relations went from knotty to unknown. First, Donald Trump was elected president in the United States with the help of Cuban-American voters. More than half of them in Florida supported Trump, according to exit polls conducted by Edison Research.

The second event that may change the relationship -- the death of Fidel Castro. While he hadn't been in power for a decade, the economic and political systems remain his constructs. His ideological DNA remains embedded throughout the policies and practices of bureaucrats responsible for the official Cuban economy even as Cubans stretch the boundaries of past reforms.

The future of the relationship is uncertain, to say the least.

### **Dec. 6 - Art And The Business At Art Basel 47:53**

If you walk through the right breezeway on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach and into a small courtyard, you'll see on your right a spiral concrete staircase. It's painted pink. You can't miss it. It leads to a single doorway. Inside is about 2,000 square feet split into four rooms. This is home the Gavlak Gallery.



Sarah Gavlak began her gallery in 2005 and was chosen to show works at the next Art Basel (2006) in a shipping container on the beach. She has been back every year since, including the fair that wrapped up this past Sunday.

On Lincoln Road, in the building that houses Zara and a Starbucks, is the home of the David Castillo Gallery. You won't see it among the storefronts though. You have to enter the historic building, check in with a security guard and take an elevator to the second floor. Castillo moved his gallery here after 10 years in Wynwood. He says he moved because while his art openings in Wynwood were well-attended, there were few buyers. That hasn't been the case since moving to this building designed by Art Deco master architect Albert Anis.

Castillo returned to Art Basel Miami Beach this year for the first time since 2011, marking his fourth appearance at the art fair.

Castillo and Gavlak are two of the three South Florida-based art galleries that showed their artists' work at 15th annual Art Basel Miami Beach. We spoke with them about their galleries and the business they do at Basel.

### **Nov. 28 Cuba & Commerce After Fidel Castro 49:10**

Fidel Castro may be dead, but his shadow lurks over the Cuban economy even as it absorbs -- oftentimes resists -- the biggest changes in its relationship with the U.S. in more than a half century. At the same time, a new American president-elect has promised to extract more freedoms and restitution from Cuba if the new economic engagement is to continue. The Sunshine Economy looks at this double challenge in the economic dealings between South Florida and the island.

### **Nov 21 Royal Caribbean International CEO: Cruising, Customers and Cuba 48:00**

During the Great Recession, the cruise industry canceled or postponed building and introducing new cruise liners trying to conserve cash as passenger traffic was hurt by the sour economy. Now, those ships are entering the oceans and many of them have South Florida ports of call.

Royal Caribbean International's Harmony of the Seas is the biggest of the new fleet. It docks at Terminal 18 at Port Everglades. Holland America Line's biggest and newest ship, the MS Koningsdam also will call Port Everglades home. The Vista from Carnival and Regent's Seven Seas Explorer are scheduled to dock in a few weeks at PortMiami. It is a lot of activity for what already are the world's leading cruise ports.

The Harmony of the Seas cost Royal Caribbean more than \$1 billion. And while it conducted a few preview cruises in Europe -- where it was built -- it sailed into South Florida in early November and has just arrived to its home port in Ft. Lauderdale.

That's where WLRN spoke with Royal Caribbean International CEO Michael Bayley. He describes business as "great" as he sits inside his company's biggest bet yet on the American cruise market. It sets sail as the American economy prepares for a new president, the Latin American economy has seen tough times and the Chinese economy, an important new market for cruise operators, is uncertain.

### **Nov 14 What Voters Say About Trump's Election 47:58**

While America has experienced a peaceful transition between presidents 44 times, there has never been a president-elect quite like Donald Trump. For his supporters, including the 4.6 million Floridians who voted for him, Trump represents a change. Not just a change in which political party controls the White House, but a repudiation of decades of the political class on both sides of the aisle. It's clear in talking with Trump voters that some of them saw him as a protest vote, others looked at Trump as a re-affirmation of their ideal America: strong, capable, decisive, resolute. They voted to make America great again because they don't think America is great anymore and they've experienced it in stagnant paychecks, higher living expenses, temporary jobs and widening income gaps.

### **Nov 7 The Cost of Health Coverage in the Sunshine Economy 48:00**

Like mangoes, snowbirds and hurricanes, even health insurance has a season and this is it -- open enrollment season. This is the time many companies give their employees a window to check out any changes to health care insurance plans, including how much more it will cost. It's also the time Obamacare health insurance plans open on the federal government's Healthcare.gov site for the 28 states using it, including Florida. Health insurance is a major expense for most people. It comes out of your paycheck or out of your bank account each month. Along with it come the direct out-of-pocket expenses like co-pays to see a doctor and deductibles. Like all insurance, for that money, you are buying to transfer some of the financial risk of paying for escalating health care costs to an insurance company.

In Florida, the biggest is Florida Blue. About 2 of every 5 Floridians with individual health insurance get it through Florida Blue. One in three with insurance through a small employer gets it through Florida Blue. More than half of big employers use Florida Blue. WLRN spoke with Penny Shafer, company's leader in South Florida about the Affordable Care Act, the employer-based health insurance market, pricing, costs and how all of this impacts our regional economy.

### **Oct 31 The Sunshine Economy in the Age of Zika 48:00**

An adult aedes aegypti mosquito measures about six millimeters. That's roughly a quarter of an inch. Yet for weeks this summer, it looked to threaten a \$26 billion a year industry that underpins the South Florida economy -- tourism.

The bug remains a big public health worry -- so much so the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still recommends that pregnant women stay away from all of Miami-Dade County -- but it in its early months, hasn't hurt tourism.

But try telling that to Donald Goldberg, manager of the Wynwood Diner.

"Brutal. Completely brutal," is how he described business days after the July 29 Zika zone declaration by the Florida Department of Public Health. "One day it just dried up." Goldberg estimates his business dropped almost 50 percent during the weeks of the Zika zone in Wynwood. That designation was lifted in mid-September. Since then, diners have returned, though he says his crowds remain about 10 to 15 percent below where they were before Zika.



### **Oct 24 - Haiti, Help And Hurricane Matthew 48:31**

Drive down on Lucy Street in Homestead, take a right at a school painted pink, then a left at the stop sign and you will find yourself surrounded by Haitians in a horseshoe-shaped apartment complex. They've come to Homestead, most of them from Southern Haiti, the same mountainous peninsula that was hit by Hurricane Matthew Oct. 4. Inside Ilorieuse Rodney's apartment sacks of rice are stacked in her living room. They are among the items she's trying to send back home to Pestel. She says she doesn't want to donate it to a relief organization because she worries it won't make it to her family. Instead, she says she needs \$300 to send it directly in a shipping container. Rodney's Homestead apartment complex, where multiple residents lost loved ones and houses in the storm, is a reminder that even here, more than 600 miles away, Hurricane Matthew's impact is highly concentrated.

### **Oct. 24 The 2016 State of the Sunshine Economy 22:15**

Through all the tawdry talk, accusations and innuendo during this election American voters have been consistent in saying the economy is their big issue.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, which includes South Florida in its territory, quizzed 200 companies throughout the region. One out of three of them said the election was having an effect on their business decisions such as investing in their companies or hiring new workers.

"We took that to be a material number," said President and CEO of the Atlanta Fed Dennis Lockhart when we spoke with him earlier this month. "Business people may be holding off on certain kinds of decisions because of uncertainty related to the election."

### **Oct 10 Anxiety and Opportunity In The Sunshine Economy 49:45**

Floridians are anxious. Even after several years of job growth, most are worried about the economy. Two out of three Floridians say they are financially stressed. For those with a child at home, or living in South Florida, odds are even higher.

And the biggest threat to the economy according to Floridians? Low paying jobs, shows a new statewide [Sunshine State Survey](#). The results of what Floridians report about their own economics mirror what Florida International University (FIU) found in its [State of Working Florida](#) report released last month. That report found a shrinking middle class here.

WLRN spoke with Susan MacManus, director of the Sunshine State Survey and a political science professor at the University of South Florida, and Ali Bustamante, author of the FIU report.

### **Oct 4 Voter Voices: What Issues Are Guiding Your Choice 48:00**

There is no Election Day. Between mail-in ballots, early voting and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, Florida voters have almost a month to make their decisions and cast their ballots.

Despite -- or because of -- all that time, Florida voters are hot commodities for the campaigns. About 130 million votes may be cast nationwide in this election. There could be around 9 million in Florida. And the margin of victory here could be slim.

So we set out to find out what are the issues that move South Florida voters. We interviewed a sample of 7 individuals from diverse backgrounds and with different political inclinations: Leann Barber, Kent Bonde, Juan Tomas Sanchez, Ellen Wachter, Charles Walter, Ann Reece and Andy Haraldson. And, we encouraged our audience to chime in too, telling them how to participate via a video clip embedded on our website.

### ***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.

### **Dec 19 - 2016 A Year Of Historic Highs And Lows For Latin America & The Caribbean 4:45**

2016 was a year of historic highs and lows for Latin America and the Caribbean. A U.S. president visited Cuba – for the first time in 78 years. A Brazilian president was impeached. A Colombian president won the Nobel Peace Prize. And Haiti finally elected a president.

WLRN's Tim Padgett sat down with Miami Herald deputy editorial page editor and veteran Latin America correspondent Juan Vasquez – who is retiring this week after a career of more than 50 years – to look back on the region's top stories.

### **Dec 12 - Why Cuba's First Indie Video Game Is Finding Its Crowdfunding 'Saviors' 4:57**

HAVANA – At a relative's house in Miami's Coconut Grove, Cuban artist Josuhe Pagliery is showing me something on his laptop that looks what he calls "super cool." (That's the English translation. I can't print the Spanish expression.)

A petite robed figure is squaring off with monsters against an eerie backdrop of jagged peaks and mystical music. It's a scene from a video game Pagliery is developing called "Savior." More important, it's Cuba's first independent video game. As in, not produced by Cuba's communist government. And the stakes are high.

"If our game goes really bad, maybe it's like we close the door for developing independent games in Cuba," says Pagliery, who is 35. "But if our game goes well, I think a lot of young people in Cuba will say, 'Hey, we want to try that too.'"

The international "gamer" community seems to think "Savior" can be a hit. This year Pagliery has promoted his project in Miami and New York – and raised more than \$10,000 in crowdfunding to finish the game's demo.

Along the way, "Savior" is pushing the boundaries of Cuban art, computer tech – and private entrepreneurship.

## **Dec 6 - Caught Between Trump's Rise And Fidel's Demise, Younger Cubans Voice Anxiety 4:44**

HAVANA – In a eulogy last week in Havana for his brother Fidel Castro, Cuban President Raúl Castro often saluted *los jóvenes* – young people. But it couldn't hide the fact that communist Cuba is still run by much older people. Like Raúl, who's 85.

Raúl has pushed limited economic reforms. But until he and his comrades known as "*los históricos*" are gone, deeper change in Cuba is likely to be slow – as Cubans like Kariel González are all too aware.

"We have to change. We have to evolve," says González, a 35-year-old accounting professor at the University of Havana.

"I mean, the world has changed. Many young people here in Cuba they want to have a new, fresh revolution: freedom to speak freely, freedom to gather, the freedom of business, especially for the entrepreneurs – and access to the Internet. But they're not allowed. The historical leaders are paralyzing the process."

## **Nov 29 - Miami-Havana 'Connection' At Risk: After Fidel, U.S.-Cuba Ties Grounded Again? 4:343**

*Hear Tim Padgett's interview with former CIA analyst Brian Latell*  
HAVANA - When the first commercial flight between the U.S. and Cuba in more than half a century touched down in Santa Clara in August, the JetBlue plane from Fort Lauderdale was met with cheers and water-cannon salutes.

When the first commercial flight between Miami and Havana in more than half a century landed at José Martí International Airport Monday morning, the American Airlines 737 taxied quietly to the terminal and unloaded 125 passengers wearing complimentary straw fedoras.

No confetti. No music. And it felt remarkably fitting. That's not because the Miami-Havana flight wasn't historic. In fact, it was more momentous than the JetBlue trip – certainly richer in symbolism – given the bitter animosity between Miami and Havana ever since the Cuban Revolution took power in 1959 and forced millions of Cubans into exile in South Florida.

"This flight for me represents a much more important connection," Cuban exile Belkys Martinez, who still has family in Havana, told me as we boarded American 17 at Miami International Airport. "These are the two cities that normalization has to reconcile." But the celebration of that flight, and hopes for the reconciliation Martinez spoke of, were significantly tamped down by two developments over the weekend: first, the death of Cuban Revolution founder Fidel Castro Friday night at age 90; second, remarks by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's camp that he definitely plans to undo normalized relations between the U.S. and the communist island.

## **Nov 21 - Communists. Trump. B&Bs: Richard Feinberg On Where Cuba And U.S. Ties Headed 4:45**

Next month marks the second anniversary of normalized relations between the U.S. and Cuba – and things couldn't look more uncertain. President-elect Donald Trump has pledged to cancel normalization unless Cuba delivers more democratic reform. But even before Trump's election, Cuba seemed to be closing rather than opening the door to U.S. business.

Richard Feinberg's new book is ["Open For Business: Building the New Cuban Economy"](#) (Brookings Institution Press, 2016), and it brings some clarity to the murky Cuba picture. Feinberg is an economics professor at the University of California-San Diego and a former White House director of inter-American affairs, as well as a Brookings Institution fellow. He presented "Open For Business" at the Miami Book Fair International last weekend. (The fair ended Sunday). And he spoke with WLRN's Tim Padgett about where he thinks Cuba – and U.S.-Cuba economic ties – are headed.

### **Nov 15 - 'Running Through History': Havana Marathon Attracts U.S. Runners – And Business 4:49**

Last month they ran the Key Biscayne Half Marathon – with a big new prize.

"They said, 'You're gonna go to Cuba,'" says Elliott Mason, who won the race and gets a paid trip to run in the Havana Marathon this Sunday. "I had no idea that Havana had a marathon."

But like a growing number of U.S. runners, now that he knows, he wants to get to the starting line.

### **Oct 24 - Boricua Boom: Can Puerto Ricans Become The New Cubans Of South Florida Politics? 5:00**

Before Wynwood was the heart of hipster Miami, it was a Puerto Rican enclave. So Puerto Rican community leaders and business owners recently gathered there at Jimmy's Kitchen for a campaign fundraiser.

Puerto Ricans – or Boricuas, as they call themselves – are South Florida's fastest-growing Latino group. Economic crisis in Puerto Rico is pushing migration to Florida – and the state now has more than a million Puerto Ricans. A third of them live in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

South Florida is seeing more Puerto Rican pride parades, hearing more reggaeton during Puerto Rican heritage nights at Marlins Park and eating at more Puerto Rican restaurants like Casa Borinquen in Pembroke Pines.

### **Oct 18 - Boricua Boom: Will Puerto Ricans Change South Florida's Latino Landscape? 4:54**

On Labor Day there was a good Puerto Rican party on Hollywood Beach – classic Willie Colón salsa music playing on the boom box – hosted by a South Florida group called Boricuas Realengos. Boricua means Puerto Rican, and so the group's name translates to "Far-Flung Puerto Ricans."

Boricuas Realengos started just two years ago – but it already has 4,000 members. That's because one of its missions is to help Puerto Ricans migrating to the U.S. mainland from their Caribbean island, which is a U.S. commonwealth.

“The situation is very bad in Puerto Rico,” says Angie Flores, a Boricuas Realengos director and an industrial engineer in Miramar who left Puerto Rico 21 years ago. “It’s very hard to live there. So we want people from Puerto Rico to feel that family touch here and tell them, you know, how the system works.” One of the worst economic crises in Puerto Rico’s history is driving tens of thousands of people from the island each year. All of them are U.S. citizens – and most are coming to Florida. The state’s Puerto Rican population has grown 110 percent since 2000 to more than a million.

### **Oct 10 - Haiti Again Faces 'Pure Devastation.' But Will Recovery Be Different This Time? 4:55**

Some of Hurricane Matthew's most gut-wrenching stories are coming out of the coastal city of Jérémie on Haiti’s southwest peninsula – the region hardest hit. Miami Herald reporter Jacqueline Charles heard too many of them last Thursday when she visited there two days after the Category 4 storm tore through... After Haiti’s last epic disaster – the 2010 earthquake – the Haitian government ceded control of the recovery effort to international non-profits. And those organizations largely botched the project – from building new homes to fostering new businesses... But whoever goes to Haiti will have to find solutions to this new onslaught of pure devastation. *The Latin America Report then listed Haiti-related relief organizations with their web sites.*

### **Oct 3 - Haitian Expats, Long Dissed By Haiti, Set To Play Key Role In Sunday's Election 4:43**

Back in July, State Department spokesman John Kirby confirmed the U.S. had “suspended its assistance toward completion of the presidential electoral process” in Haiti. Which means: Uncle Sam is not helping to pay for the presidential election being held in Haiti this coming Sunday. Nor will it help with the likely run-off election scheduled for January. Other international donors, like Canada, have also cut off election aid. Simply put, they’re fed up with Haiti’s political leaders.

### ***DECISION FLORIDA - a new presidential election year program***

<http://wlrn.org/programs/decision-florida>

Even by Florida standards this election season has been unprecedented. From the panhandle down the peninsula, the Sunshine State’s politics are as hot as the weather. Trump vs. Clinton. The race for the U.S. Senate. New political boundaries and familiar issues: the economy, water, education, guns. The last time someone was elected President of the United States without winning Florida was 24 years ago. Since then, the state’s population has grown by 50 percent. Its economy has more than doubled. And we’ve added a third NFL team.

Each Friday from Sept. 9 through Nov. 11 between 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. ET, Decision Florida brings the candidates, their political operatives and the top political journalists together to discuss live the 2016 election and hear from Florida voters.

Nov. 8th, WLRN hosted a live election returns program.

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[WLRN](#), [WJCT](#), [WUSF](#), [WFSU](#), [WQCS](#), [WUFT](#), [WMFE](#), [WUWF](#) and [WGCU](#).

### **Nov 6 - Decision Florida: Turnout For Early Voting Has Broken Records. Are We Ready For Election Day? 49:16**

Preliminary numbers show record participation in early voting in Florida. In fact, according to the latest figures from the Florida Department of State, close to 5.3 million residents of the state have already cast their ballots. Decision Florida looks at how electoral authorities are dealing with reports of irregularities and how Florida is getting ready for expected historic turnout on Nov. 8.

Hosts Melissa Ross, from WJCT in Jacksonville, and Tom Hudson, from WLRN, look at the heavy turnout and claims of "rigged elections" in a conversation with Brian Corley, supervisor of elections of Pasco County, and Ion Sancho, supervisor of elections of Leon County.

Decision Florida also talks with Jessica Huseman, from ProPublica's project ElectionLand, and reporter Jim Ash, from WFSU, about reports of irregularities in several polling stations.

Finally: Who are Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump counting on to win the Sunshine State? Reporters AG Gancarski, from Florida Politics, and Steve Newborn, from WUSF, talk about the last-minute campaigning in Florida and the groups that the candidates are targeting with these rallies.

### **Oct 28 - Decision Florida: Gary Johnson, The Rubio-Murphy Race And The Coming Debate Over Guns 49:09**

This week on Decision Florida, hosts Matthew Peddie, from WMFE, and Tom Hudson, from WLRN, talk with former New Mexico governor and Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson, who rejected the term "spoiler candidate."

Patricia Mazzei from the Miami Herald and Josh Gillin from Politifact join the conversation to talk about Florida's "split ticket factor," where Hillary Clinton is winning the presidential debate but Marco Rubio is still leading the polls for Senate. Gillin explains Politifact's fact checking process and its ratings of both Marco Rubio and opponent Patrick Murphy's statements, particularly during their last debate.

After the Pulse nightclub massacre, how could this election influence any response from Florida lawmakers about who can own guns and where they can carry them? Peddie and Hudson talk to reporters Renata Sago, from WMFE, and Gray Rohrer, from the Orlando Sentinel about the debate on firearms availability and licensing in our state.

### **Oct 21 - Decision Florida: Is Your Vote Safe? 49:29**

This week in Decision Florida, hosts Melissa Ross from WJCT and Tom Hudson from WLRN talk about voter access in light of the Donald Trump campaign's claims of a



rigged election, how November's results will impact education in our state and the controversy around solar amendment 1.

With early voting starting on Monday October 24th, Susan Bucher, Supervisor of Elections in Palm Beach County, discuss the effects of extending the registration deadline one more week and how the County has been preparing for elections. Reporters Jessica Bakeman of POLITICO and Lindsey Kilbride of WJCT join the discussion about the politics of education in Florida, the big testing debate and how to attract new teachers. Decision Florida also tackled the controversy around solar Amendment 1, after a leaked audio from Sal Nuzzo, policy director of the James Madison Institute, revealed alleged maneuvering from utility companies to manipulate voters with the language of the proposal. Reporters Mary Ellen Klas from the Miami Herald, Wilson Sayre from WLRN, and Ryan Benk from WJCT, join the discussion.

### **Oct 19 - Hillary Outpaces Trump, Rubio Ties Murphy In Latest Miami-Dade Poll**

Hillary Clinton is far outpacing Donald Trump by historic margins among likely Miami-Dade County voters, according to a new WLRN/Univision 23 poll released today. The poll finds that Clinton could come away with one of the widest margin of victory in Florida's biggest county for a modern presidential election. She has a 30 point lead over her Republican challenger Donald Trump, with 58 percent of Miami-Dade residents polled saying they would vote for the Democratic presidential candidate.

The Miami-Dade County Local Issues poll was conducted Oct. 15 and 16, 2016 by the firm Bendixen & Amandi at the request of WLRN and Univision 23. It is based on a sample of 600 Miami-Dade registered voters, who answered questions in English and Spanish. The margin of error is 3.99 percentage points.

### **Oct 19 - Fault Lines: Exploring Race, Language & Candidate Favorability In Miami-Dade County**

A new WLRN/Univision 23 survey finds Hillary Clinton is viewed better among registered Miami-Dade County voters than she is nationwide and Donald Trump's efforts to appeal to black voters has fallen flat. It also shows Hispanic voters are divided regarding Clinton, but not regarding Trump.

Here are the results of the survey for president conducted in English and Spanish of 600 Miami-Dade County registered voters.

*SCROLL DOWN FOR U.S. SENATE RACE RESULTS*

### **Oct 16 - Will Florida Female Voters Sway The Elections? 52:52**

This week on Decision Florida, Melissa Ross from WJCT and Tom Hudson from WLRN talk about the gender gap in the presidential race and how could Donald Trump tapes impact races in our state.

Recent polling shows a massive gender gap in the presidential race. The website [538](#) finds that if only men could vote, Trump would win in a landslide. [If only women could, Hillary Clinton would win](#) by an even bigger margin.

Reporter David Bauerlein of the *Florida Times-Union* in Jacksonville; Sergio Bustos, senior editor of *Politico* and Alexandra Glorioso from the *Naples Daily News*, join the conversation about how Florida female voters' take on election issues might diverge



from the view of their male counterparts. How will they influence the ultimate outcome in this swing state? Will they split their votes on Election Day?

Also, Floridians have filed thousands of insurance claims for millions of dollars for damage caused by Hurricane Matthew. What about government aid? Decision Florida discusses the politics of disaster relief dollars.

### **Oct 7 - Drill Down Into The Presidential Candidates' Economic Proposals 49:30**

Research has shown again and again that economic issues have the power to define elections. So this week on Decision Florida hosts Matthew Peddie from WMFE and Tom Hudson from WLRN drill down into the economic concerns of Floridians as they face the 2016 election and how the presidential candidates are planning to address them.

Boris Epshteyn, finance attorney and a senior advisor to the Donald Trump campaign, described the economic policies that the Republican candidate would put in place in case of being elected. "It is all about [the government] spending smartly," said Epshteyn.

Austan Goolsbee, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors and advisor for the Hillary Clinton campaign, explained why the Democrat's candidate is emphasizing equal pay as a key economic issue. "The Clinton tax plan is about trying to get more money into the hands of American workers, getting wages up," said Goolsbee.

### **Sep 30 - Health Care And The Elections; Green Candidate Jill Stein Discusses Her Platform 49:30**

This week on Decision Florida, hosts Melissa Ross, from WJCT, and Tom Hudson, from WLRN, discuss how the 2016 election can affect health care in Florida.

But first, our hosts interview Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein. In a tight race for the state, could she be the spoiler candidate for either Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton?

WFSU reporter Nick Evans and the Associated Press' Gary Fineout discuss the campaign in favor and against Amendment 2, the latest effort to legalize marijuana for medical use in the state.

Fineout then joins WLRN reporter Sammy Mack and Daylina Miller from WUSF to talk about how this election can change health care in Florida.

## **REPORTING**

### **Election Night**

<http://wlrn.org/post/election-night-2016-npr-live-blog>

**Election** <http://wlrn.org/term/election-2016>

What Now? Miami's 'Living Room Project' Go Into What The 2016 Election Revealed About Black Voters By KATE STEIN • NOV 20, 2016

Black and African-American voters played a key role in electing Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012 -- but didn't turn out with the same enthusiasm in 2016. That has a Miami-area group getting together to talk through what's next. They call themselves the [Living Room Project](#).

### Officials Say They'll Review Failed Broward Penny Surtax

By KATE STEIN • NOV 9, 2016

Broward County rejected a proposed sales tax hike on Tuesday when voters decided against one of two intertwined tax increases.

Voters decided in favor of a tax increase for transportation improvements, but rejected another proposal to increase taxes to pay for infrastructure upgrades.

### Marco Rubio Defeats Patrick Murphy, Calls For 'Better Example' Among Politicians By PETER HADEN & KATE STEIN • NOV 8, 2016

Marco Rubio decisively defeated Patrick Murphy on Tuesday night, earning a second term in the U.S. Senate by a margin of about 51 percent to 45 percent.

### Solar Amendment Defeated, Medical Marijuana Goes Into Florida Constitution

By WILSON SAYRE • NOV 8, 2016

More than 70% of Florida voters gave their support to constitutional Amendment 2, allowing the use of medical marijuana for debilitating conditions in the state. Backers of Amendment 1 did not have the same luck: the proposal failed to reach the 60 percent of support required for it to pass.

### In Little Havana, Some Voters Complain Of Not Enough Spanish-Speaking Poll Workers

By TERESA FRONTADO • NOV 8, 2016

Some South Florida voters took to social media to complain that there weren't enough Spanish speakers working at the polls in neighborhoods that needed them the most. Roger Lords was voting at Precinct 669 in Little Havana at Miami Central Seventh Day Adventist Church when he noticed that older voters were asking poll workers questions in Spanish and the questions were not being answered adequately. He posted to social media about it and WLRN received the tip through [ProPublica's ElectionLand Project](#).

### For Out-Of-State Florida Voters, Missing Absentee Ballots Mean Last-Minute Flights, Anger And Tears

By NADEGE GREEN • NOV 8, 2016

Edwin Sutton, 29, resigned himself to not voting in what he considers to be the most important election of his lifetime.

He's from Miami, but currently lives in New York where he works as an actor, singer and drag queen. Sutton said his absentee ballot never came in the mail.

"I was just devastated," said Sutton. "I felt powerless."

After posting on Facebook about his frustration, a fellow member of The New York City Gay Men's Chorus unexpectedly bought him a one-day round trip ticket to Miami.

## Florida Third-Party Voters 'Trade' Votes With Hillary Clinton Supporters in Other States

By NADEGE GREEN • NOV 7, 2016

Jasmen Rogers is a Florida voter who begrudgingly voted for Hillary Clinton. Rogers knew early on that her preferred candidate for president was Green Party candidate Jill Stein, but with Florida being a swing state and ever important in the road to clinching the presidency Rogers considered whether a vote for Stein could lead to a Donald Trump presidency.

## At Obama Rally, Voters Say They Foresee Backlash Against Women If Clinton's Elected

By KATE STEIN • NOV 6, 2016

Anthony Grady waited for more than an hour in a blocks-long line to hear President Obama speak on Thursday at Florida International University. The president was campaigning for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, but Grady said he was more interested in the president's legacy than his campaign message. "I'm sort of a pessimist; we may not see another African-American president for a while," Grady said.

## In Very Wet Pembroke Pines Appearance, Clinton Emphasizes Her Work For Families

By KATE STEIN • NOV 5, 2016

The Broward Teachers Union welcomed Hillary Clinton to Pembroke Pines on Saturday for a last-minute appearance cut very short by heavy rainfall. "You're a hearty bunch," Clinton told supporters huddled under umbrellas. "God bless you."

## Is The Election "Rigged"? That Might Be Too Strong A Term, Some Trump Supporters Say

By KATE STEIN • NOV 4, 2016

Donald Trump has repeatedly said the 2016 presidential election is "rigged." There's little evidence to support that claim, and both Democratic and [Republican leaders have criticized Trump for making it](#). But he said it again Wednesday in a [speech at Miami's Bayfront Park](#).

## They're Not Here For A Haircut: In Miami Salon, BarberShop Speaks Group Talks Politics

By KATE STEIN • NOV 3, 2016

When Jeff Noël was getting his hair cut recently, he noticed something about the barbershop. "People are here to talk; they're not here for a haircut," he said. "We're here to share our opinion and we're looking for a place where we can speak with candor."

## JLo Campaigns For Hillary At Bayfront Concert In Miami

By KATE STEIN • OCT 30, 2016

What better way to spend a Saturday night in Miami than at a free Jennifer Lopez concert? There's none -- for Hillary Clinton, at least.

It was a fun-filled evening for most of the 7,500 people who attended the get-out-the-vote, pro-Clinton concert in Miami's Bayfront Park. Clinton spoke briefly, but much of the excitement surrounded actress/singer Lopez, singer Marc Anthony, the group Gente de Zona and other Latin music personalities who took the stage.

At Rubio-Murphy Debate, Group Makes Cancer A Political Issue

By KATE STEIN • OCT 27, 2016

Diverse Concerns, Halloween Costumes Highlight Miami Climate Rally

By KATE STEIN • OCT 23, 2016

What do climate change and Halloween have in common? They're both pretty scary, according to people at a climate rally Sunday in downtown Miami.

'Repealing Obamacare Is Not The Answer,' Says Obama At Miami Dade College

By WILSON SAYRE • OCT 20, 2016

Obamacare's namesake came to Miami-Dade County Thursday afternoon to talk about the Affordable Care Act, just a few weeks before the program's fourth open enrollment period starts. President Barack Obama, before heading to a Hillary Clinton campaign rally in Miami Gardens, spoke to a large crowd of mostly students at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus.

Hillary Outpaces Trump, Rubio Ties Murphy In Latest Miami-Dade Poll

By WILSON SAYRE • OCT 19, 2016

Hillary Clinton is far outpacing Donald Trump by historic margins among likely Miami-Dade County voters, according to a new WLRN/Univision 23 poll released today.

Elections 2016: The Tug Of War Over Florida's Affordable Housing Fund

By GINA JORDAN • OCT 3, 2016

"Everything went well," Jesse Scott said with relief as he walked out of his interview at CareerSource Capital Region, an employment and training center in Tallahassee.

"There's a lot of people that live on [the] edge. Many Floridians do base their livelihood on making a 40-hour work week each week," Scott said. "If something interrupts that, you can fall between the cracks."

### **Hurricane Matthew**

Late in hurricane season it looked like South Florida would be hit by Hurricane Matthew, which had devastated Haiti and damaged Cuba. WLRN stayed in close touch with the Florida Public Radio Emergency Network (FPREN) closely following developments while airing stories and posting web articles covering preparations, the storm and

people, and the aftermath in the Caribbean and Florida. WLRN Reporter Rowan Moore Gerety went to Haiti to cover the devastation there. A sample of early hurricane stories is below. More can be found on the website and in the Interns section of this document.

<http://wlrn.org/post/florida-governor-scott-take-storm-seriously> by PETER HADEN

<http://wlrn.org/post/palm-beach-and-broward-counties-under-hurricane-warning>-FPREN

<http://wlrn.org/post/are-you-evacuation-zone-here-how-know> - TERESA FRONTADO

<http://wlrn.org/post/do-you-know-where-nearest-hurricane-shelter-here-how-find-it>  
by Rebekah Entralgo

<http://wlrn.org/post/south-florida-prepares-hurricane-matthew> - WLRN Staff

<http://wlrn.org/post/tenants-rights-face-storm> by WILSON SAYRE

<http://wlrn.org/post/weather-channel-meteorologist-apologizes-haitian-children-eat-trees-comment> by NADEGE GREEN

<http://wlrn.org/post/boaters-batten-down-hatches-ahead-hurricane-matthew> by SAMMY MACK

<http://wlrn.org/post/vessels-take-refuge-key-west-hurricane-matthew-approaches-florida>

<http://wlrn.org/post/hurricane-matthew-potentially-bad-news-fight-against-zika-mosquitoes> by SAMMY MACK

<http://wlrn.org/post/neighbors-near-construction-sites-worry-hurricane-matthew-approaches> by NADEGE GREEN

<http://wlrn.org/post/haiti-hurricane-aftermath-more-catastrophic-devastation-more-visible>  
by TIM PADGETT

<http://wlrn.org/post/not-even-freaking-flood-hurricane-matthew-draws-mixed-reactions-dania-beach> by ROWAN MOORE GERETY

<http://wlrn.org/post/cuba-task-cleaning-after-hurricane-matthew-has-begun> MiamiHerald

<http://wlrn.org/post/pet-owners-grateful-animal-friendly-storm-shelter> by PETER HADEN

<http://wlrn.org/post/stop-evacuate-and-listen-hurricane-matthew-through-eyes-vanilla-ice>

<http://wlrn.org/post/thousands-without-power-hurricane-matthew-moves-through>

<http://wlrn.org/post/hurricane-leaves-delray-beach-family-grateful-worried> by PETER HADEN

<http://wlrn.org/post/hurricane-matthew-largely-spared-south-florida-scrapes-along-atlantic-coast>

<http://wlrn.org/post/haiti-again-faces-pure-devastation-will-recovery-be-different-time> by TIM PADGETT and ROWAN MOORE GERETY

<http://wlrn.org/post/haitian-town-rebuilds-after-hurricane> by ROWAN MOORE GERETY

**Zika** <http://wlrn.org/topic/zika-south-florida>

South Florida's summer story was clearly Zika once the mosquito-borne virus arrived and began replicating in Miami neighborhoods popular with locals and tourists alike. Coverage of the disease; its symptoms, consequences, testing and treatment as well as efforts to halt transmission, stop mosquitoes from breeding, or whether to deploy GMO mosquitos from the Keys to the Treasure Coast all were part of our reporting. Listeners were kept up to date on government activities and failures, secrecy and announcements, as the health scare evolved and one of our pregnant reporters was at risk of having contracted the disease. Reaction to chemical spraying, mosquito trap locations that revealed new Zika sites, reports of its economic effect plus a case of locally-acquired dengue, another mosquito-transmitted disease, continued through the fall. Dec 9th, Gov. Scott announced the lifting of the last Zika zone identified in Miami Dade County on Miami Beach. The state Department of Health clears a Zika zone neighborhood once 45 days have passed without any new local cases in the area.

**Gun Violence** <http://wlrn.org/term/gun-violence>

WLRN is looking at the impact of gun violence, particularly on children and teens killed by guns in Miami-Dade County, through the voices of some of the people most affected. Coverage also addresses access to guns and survivors.

10/16 - The Florida Roundup spent nearly a quarter hour discussing safety in the public schools with the Sun-Sentinel's [Tonya Alanez](#) after three teenagers in Broward County were [taken into custody](#) for potentially threatening the lives of other high school students. One of those teens had a terror journal in which he bragged about becoming the most famous mass shooter in U.S. history.

10/21 - Racial Split On Key Issues Remains In Miami-Dade County, According To Poll  
The economy and youth gun violence remain the top local issues according to a poll of

Miami-Dade County voters. This year, a Sweet 16 birthday party came under fire leaving six teens injured. The youngest was 13. A 15-year old boy was killed at a wake in North Miami-Dade. [Six-year-old King Carter was gunned down as he was walking to go buy candy.](#)

In this new poll, black voters said youth gun violence was the most important local issue -- 35 percent said so. For white and Hispanic voters, the top issue was the economy. Traffic congestion was ranked among the top issues for white voters while it ranked as one of the lowest among blacks.

This sharp split on racial grounds over the most important issue in Miami-Dade County mirrors what was found in a similar poll in May. By more than a 2-1 margin, black voters identified youth gun violence as the top worry.

Women also mentioned youth gun violence more often than any other local issue. Men ranked the economy and government corruption as the most pressing issues.

Curated state and national stories round out our coverage.

**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.

<http://wlrn.org/post/south-florida-graduation-rates-continue-improve> 12/19

South Florida school districts continue to make gains in graduation rates, according to [state data](#) released Friday. Gains in 2015-2016 represent an all time high for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, even as South Florida graduation rates remain slightly below the state average of 80.7 percent, with Palm Beach County the exception. Broward (78.7 percent) , Miami-Dade (80.4 percent), Monroe (77.9 percent) and Palm Beach County (82.3 percent) schools have graduation rates up at least five percentage points over the last five years, with more than three out of four students graduating high school in all four districts.

<http://wlrn.org/post/what-miami-dade-college-president-eduardo-padr-n-would-tell-donald-trump> 12/15

Eduardo Padrón has been the president of Miami-Dade College for more than 21 years. In that time, he expanded the college to offer hundreds of degrees to tens of thousands of students, especially for immigrant students, all while keeping education affordable. Padron recently received the highest award presented to a civilian, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. And we spoke to him about the opportunity to receive the award in the White House from President Barack Obama.

We also asked him about his support of DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and what he would tell president-elect Donald Trump if he had the opportunity to meet him. MDC has seen the number of DACA students, known as Dreamers, increase five



fold in the past few years. There is fear among the Dreamers that the protections that they have had these past few years may be overturned under the new administration that takes power in January of 2017.

<http://wlrn.org/post/teachers-say-it-s-getting-harder-get-good-evaluation-school-district-d-isagrees> 12/12

In the weeks after teacher evaluations for the 2015-16 school year were distributed, Miami-Dade teachers flooded social media with questions and complaints. Teachers reported...stories of being evaluated based on test scores in subjects they don't teach and not being able to get a clear explanation from school administrators. In dozens of Facebook posts, they described feeling confused, frustrated and worried. Teachers risk losing their jobs if they get a series of low evaluations, and some [stand to gain pay raises](#) and a [bonus of up to \\$10,000](#) if they get top marks.

<http://wlrn.org/post/charter-schools-say-theyll-return-illegal-loans-made-outside-miami-dade-county> 12/7

Representatives for two charter schools that illegally loaned public money to schools outside Miami-Dade County gave their word to the MDCPS School Board Tuesday that they plan to get it back.

Representatives for Keys Gate Charter School, in Homestead and SMART Management, the company that operates Bridgeprep Academy in Miami, did not go so far as putting that promise in writing. [They have until March 15, 2017 to get it back.] This story is the follow up to the story that ran 12/5: [Two Miami-Dade Charter Schools Loaned \\$900K In Taxpayer Funds To Sister Schools](#)

<http://wlrn.org/post/report-points-questionable-data-miamis-school-suspensions-overhaul> 12/6

For the past year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has touted the success of an alternative-to-suspension program designed to provide counseling and academic support to students who act out, instead of suspending them from school altogether. When the school district announced a move to eliminate traditional outdoor suspensions before the 2015-2016 school year, it also introduced "Student Success Centers," (SSC) a network of 10 sites (the number has since grown to 11) staffed by teachers and school counselors where misbehaving students can go instead of being suspended and sent home.

But a new report evaluating the centers in their first year suggests there are important gaps in the program's implementation, and raises questions about the integrity of school district's data on suspensions.

<http://wlrn.org/post/bill-would-deny-tuition-undocumented-immigrant-student>12/1

A newly elected state senator has filed legislation that would undo a 2014 law allowing in-state tuition for some undocumented immigrant students, potentially reopening an emotionally charged debate in the wake of Donald Trump's presidential win.

Sen. [Greg Steube](#), R-Sarasota, filed the bill (SB 82) less than three years after the Legislature approved the original proposal authorizing the lower, in-state tuition rates for immigrants who have attended secondary school in Florida for three years before graduating from high school.

<http://wlrn.org/post/attention-students-enrolling-school-or-taking-out-loans-check-out-database> 11/27

New data from the Department of Education shows that students at hundreds of for-profit certificate and degree programs around the country end up earning the equivalent of less than the federal minimum wage after they graduate, even at programs that carry the possibility of tens of thousands of dollars in student debt.

The data, released as part of the Obama administration's efforts to develop a 'debt to earnings' ratio for individual colleges and universities under its [College Scorecard](#) initiative, also serves to highlight the value of more affordable community college programs...

In particular, the dataset sheds light on dozens of storefront colleges in South Florida with generic names like "Advance Science Institute" and "Florida Career College." WLRN combined the new earnings data with geographic information and figures on how much debt the "median" or middle-of-the-road student takes on to give you a financial snapshot of programs around the country. If you're thinking of enrolling in a professional program or taking out loans to go back to school, we hope the database provided here can inform your search.

<http://wlrn.org/post/education-secretary-urges-states-including-florida-stop-paddling-students> 11/22

Education Secretary John King addressed a letter to school administrators around the country Monday urging them to abandon corporal punishment of students. Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia prohibit corporal punishment in school altogether, while seven do not address it directly in statute: Florida is one of 15 states with laws explicitly permitting corporal punishment, largely in the form of striking students on the rear with a wooden paddle.

<http://wlrn.org/post/meet-teenagers-who-skipped-class-attend-trump-rally> 11/2

It's 12 noon on a school day in November: 12th grader Beltran Arellanes should be in his AP government class at MAST Academy, a magnet school and one of the highest-ranked high schools in Florida. Instead, he's walking into a Donald Trump rally at Bayfront Park Amphitheater in Miami, along with his ninth grade sister Casilda. "I pitched this to my parents," Beltran says. "My parents despise Donald Trump. I mean, I don't like him either," Beltran explains. "I just thought it would be interesting to hear him speak."

"A good experience," Casilda chimes in. Neither of them is much encouraged by the field in the election. "Both candidates are terrible," Beltran says. "Really, all four are no good. Gary Johnson's an idiot, and Jill Stein's a boring lady."

<http://wlrn.org/post/youre-dealing-one-call-close-how-itt-tech-sold-itself-students> 10/30  
Before he moved to Miami, Watter Teruel sold antiques and life insurance in New York. Working as a recruiter at ITT Technical Institute in Hialeah was a welcome change. “I mean, if you’re a salesperson, you have to lie through your teeth,” he said, “but in this case, it’s one of the sales where you actually don’t have to lie at some point.”

<http://wlrn.org/post/haiti-after-matthew-damaged-schools-families-no-place-live> 10/24  
Thirteen-year-old Ivana Fenelon walked up to me outside a church and primary school in Camp Perrin the week after Hurricane Matthew had leveled most of the homes in Pérénie, the rural hamlet where she lives with her family, a three-hour walk into the mountains. “I want to talk too,” she said, as I finished an interview about the hurricane with a farmer from another nearby town.  
“What he’s saying is important,” she explained. “There must be some things that are very painful for him that he’s telling you about, so I’ll talk too.”

<http://wlrn.org/post/school-suspensions-continue-spite-miami-dades-no-suspension-policy> 10/16  
A year ago, Miami-Dade County Public Schools made a splash by eliminating out-of-school suspensions. At the time, Superintendent Alberto Carvalho cited research saying sending kids home made them fall behind in school and made them more likely to get into trouble again.

<http://wlrn.org/post/latino-students-portrait-numbers> 10/8  
Latinos are by far the fastest growing chunk of the U.S. school population. A [new report](#) by the National Council of La Raza gives a fascinating snapshot of this fast-growing population.

<http://wlrn.org/post/12th-graders-get-three-month-head-start-financial-aid> 10/4  
High school seniors started applying for financial aid three months early this year, thanks to changes introduced by the Department of Education to give families more time weigh their options.  
At G. Holmes Braddock High School in Kendall, college advisor Maria Mendoza is walking a group of 12th graders through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. “If you don’t have a FAFSA ID, you’re going to request two: one for you and one for your parents,” she says, making the rounds as students input information on laptops.

<http://wlrn.org/post/how-fcat-helped-deplete-miami-s-high-school-marching-bands> 10/2  
For a week this past summer, the football field at Booker T. Washington High School was home to a marching band larger than any the school itself had seen in years... Last year’s seniors got offers for nearly \$1 million in music scholarships. Performing arts supervisor Bill Reaney said the district is eager to restore what’s been lost. “We need to fix this,” Reaney said. “When I was hired in February, my directive was ‘how could I bring back these programs?’ ”

Reaney said the pendulum is already swinging the other way: Two middle school band programs were re-booted in August as part of a pilot program called the Harmony Project, and the district is planning a benefit concert later this month to support 15 high school marching bands.

**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

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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 Millennials | 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 ...

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[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 ...

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### [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 ...

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### [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 ...

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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.

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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 aerially ...

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

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

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### [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-ried-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.*