

Sundial

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Topics and Issues

March 2018

Monday, March 26th

-Special Agent in Charge of the Miami Field Office of IRS Criminal Investigation Kelly Jackson joined the program to share tips on how to prevent victimization during tax season.

-Dear Sugars is a popular podcast that offers "empathetic advice on love, relationships, politics and more,". Dear Sugar co-host Steve Almond joined us to speak about his new book, Bad Stories: What the Hell Just Happened to our Country. Almond, who was a reporter for the Miami New Times, touched on his career as a journalist, what he hopes to achieve with the podcast and his future projects.

Tuesday, March 27th

-WMFE Reporter Danielle Prieur has an update on the Pulse trial. The wife of the shooter, Noor Salman, was cleared of all charges in the case.

-The Miami City Ballet serves one of largest markets in the country and has been run by a woman since 2012. The company's Artistic Director, Lourdes Lopez, came to Miami from Cuba with her family when she was two years old. She discusses her experience running the ballet in a profession where men dominate management.

-A new exhibition at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center shows photographs of barbeque vendors in the Goulds neighborhood. The neighborhood is normally depicted in the media because of the ongoing violence. Symone Titania Major was a Knight Foundation recipient for her work.

Wednesday, March 28th

-Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber explains the overflow of people the city had to manage during St. Patrick's Day. He discusses their approach for Memorial Day weekend and other high tourist events.

-Author Andrew Friedman has a new book "Chefs, Drugs and Rock & Roll," about the evolution of American cuisine. He joined Norman Van Aiken who's new book is "Norman Van Aken's Florida Kitchen."

Thursday, March 29th

-Miami Police Chief Jorge Molina discusses public safety issues and a gun buyback program hosted by the city.

- The exhibit 'Dangerous Women' at the Florida International University's Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum features portraits of women from biblical stories by 16th and 17th-century artists. The museum's director, Jordana Pomeroy, joined the program to tell how the exhibit relates to modern-day women.

April 2018

Monday, April 2nd

-WMFE Reporter Danielle Prieur has another update on the Pulse trial. She joined the program to talk about the reaction to the not guilty verdict for Noor Salman and an anonymous statement made by the foreperson which explained how the jury reached their decision.

-Former congresswoman Gwen Graham announced her plans to run for the Florida Democratic Gubernatorial nomination in 2017. Graham is no stranger to the state's Governor's Mansion - she moved there as a high school junior when her father, Bob Graham became governor in 1978.

-Carlos Frias is a James Beard award finalist. The 2018 nominees have been announced and two members of the South Florida community are finalists in their respective categories. Brad Kilgore of the Wynwood restaurant, Alter is a Best Chef of the South nominee and Miami Herald Food and Dining editor Carlos Frias is a finalist for the Local Impact category.

Tuesday, April 3rd

-The city of Miami established the Sea-Level Rise Committee in 2015 to study the effects of sea-level rise on the city and recommend policy changes to help combat rising sea levels. Environmental reporter Kate Stein has an update.

-Florida was the first state to allow television broadcasts in the courtroom in 1975. More than 40 years later, it will be among the first few that use social media for [official live video](#). We replay conversation with Chief Justice Jorge Labarga.

-Adam 'Atomik' is a Miami native who has been drawing and painting for more than 20 years. He attended Palmetto Bay's Southwood Middle School art magnet program after his parents encouraged him to apply. He has a degree in graphic design, but has said that his street style of drawing is self-taught.

Wednesday, April 4th

-West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muio discusses the WPB “sanctuary city” policy and the legal whirlwind that ensued.

-Politico reporter Danny Vinik recently published an [article](#) that “shows a persistent double standard in the president’s handling of relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Maria.” He joined the program via phone to talk about his findings while conducting research for the piece.

-The Miami Maker Faire, dubbed by organizers as “the greatest show-and-tell on Earth,” is a venue where people can show their inventions, creations and hobbies to other curious and innovative minds. Frost Science exhibition designer James Herring and Tom Pupo of Moonlighter MakerSpace joined us in the studio to shed some light on the history of the “maker movement” and how the Faire has evolved over the last five years.

Thursday April 5th

-Broward County Superintendent Robert Runcie discusses the safety measures being adopted at county schools following the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

- The Young Leaders Summit is this weekend in South Florida. Nikita Leus-Oliva and Will Breslin of Coral Gables High School and Chris Badillo from Coral Reef High School helped organize the Young Leaders Summit. They joined us on the program to discuss their involvement and the importance of participating in politics.

-O, Miami is an organization that seeks to "[build community through literature](#)." P. Scott Cunningham is the founder of O, Miami. He joined the program to tell us about his organization and the [events](#) it has going on this month.

Monday, April 9th

-WLRN reporter Nadege Green has been spending time with students from [diverse backgrounds](#). She joined the program to discuss the [Black Lives Matter movement at Stoneman Douglas High](#) before the shooting and how students of color feel that their concerns about gun violence compare and contrast to the message being delivered by their peer.

-A conversation of city urban design following the FIU bridge collapse. Town planner Kenneth Garcia of the design firm Dover, Kohl & Partners discussed how the issue of pedestrian safety should be reconsidered. “Why was a bridge even an option in the first place?” said Garcia.

-Urban entomologist Thomas Chouvenc of the [University of Florida](#) joined the show to talk about an invasive species of termites plaguing South Florida. Asian subterranean termites have been present in South Florida for several decades, but Dr. Chouvenc has

recently discovered that this species of termites is affecting not only homes but the trees in our communities as well.

Tuesday, April 10th

-Politico Editor Sergio Bustos discusses Governor Rick Scotts' planned entry into the race for U.S. Senate facing incumbent Bill Nelson.

-The mother of Anita Karl made a decision that would save her life and the lives of her three daughters. They escaped from a ghetto in Nazi-occupied Poland and lived as Catholics for the remainder of the war. Karl is one of the youngest survivors of the Holocaust living in Miami.

-Vicki Huddleston represented the United States in Cuba for many years. She held a handful of different roles including principal officer of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana and deputy and coordinator of Cuban affairs. She recently published a memoir about her time in Cuba called, "Our Woman in Havana, A Diplomat's Chronicle of America's Long Struggle With Castro's Cuba."

Wednesday April 11th

-WLRN's Tim Padgett gives us a preview of the Summit of the Americas.

-[Raul Moas recently become the Miami director of the Knight Foundation](#). He shares his thoughts on why the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area has become the top spot in the country for startup companies and investors.

-The Ellies, a program launched today by [ArtCenter South Florida](#), will award grants to local visual artists in Miami-Dade ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000. The Ellies, which will give up to \$500,000 total, is the brainchild of ArtCenter's new President and CEO Dennis Scholl.

Thursday, April 12th

-Constitutional Commission member Tim Cerrio discusses the proposed amendments for this years ballot, narrowed down thousands of proposed amendments to 12. The Florida Constitution Revision Commission meets every 20 years to review proposals to the state's constitution.

-Kwame Alexander is a poet, educator and New York Times bestselling author. He is best known for the children's books "Crossover" and "Rebound," which are about family and the trials and tribulations of adolescence.

-Hyperrealism is a movement that began in the 1970s when artists began making sculptures that portrayed models in a life-like manner. One of the pioneers of the

movement is Carole Feuerman. She has created pieces that have been displayed all over the world in museums and in public in cities across the world. She's speaking in West Palm Beach this weekend.

Monday, April 16th

- The Human Rights Watch recently released a dispatch on a growing problem in Venezuela. Tamara Taraciuk Broner published her findings called [Kids Behind Bars in Venezuela](#). She said on Sundial that government officials had arrested more than 400 minors.

-The [Miami Dade College Museum of Art and Design](#) has a new director in Rina Carvajal and a new mission. We discussed a few of their latest exhibits still to come.

-[Puerto Rican flutist Nestor Torres](#) is a Grammy-Award winner and coming to Boca Raton, at the World Performing Arts Center on April 21 at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, April 17th

-[State Rep. Shevrin Jones, a South Broward Democrat](#), is running for reelection. He joins us to discuss his stance on gun legislation and how his platform has changed.

-[Amirah Sackett](#) wants to destroy stereotypes of Muslims. She's battling Islamophobia and she's doing it through dance and hip-hop. She's performing at this week's Hip Hoppa Locka.

-Humorist [James Judd](#) from NPR's Snap Judgment and [Nick Garnett of Lip Service](#) join us to discuss the art of storytelling.

Wednesday April 18th

-WLRNs Tim Padgett on the election of a new President in Cuba that doesn't have the name Castro.

-FIU Professor and Dr. Aileen Marty on the recent chemical weapons strike in Syria as well as her time combating Ebola in West Africa.

-The city of Miami and Miami-Dade County are suing the former owner of the Miami Marlins, and the new team owners are involved too. [Doug Hanks of the Miami Herald](#) tries to unravel the case for us.

-We also celebrate record Store Day with Lolo Reskin of Miami's [Sweat Records](#) and Natalie Martinez of [Radio-Active Records](#) in Fort Lauderdale.

Thursday, April 19th

-Dozens of students, parents and school staff in Broward County gathered for a discussion about campus safety with Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie and his top administrators. [WLRN's Jessica Bakeman was in attendance.](#)

-[eMerge Americas Summit](#) is a chance for tech leaders from Latin America, Europe, and North America to share ideas. One topic at this year's event is the effort to make the field more even for women and men. We talk with [Michelle Abbs from Babson College](#) Director of the WIN Lab in Miami, about the conference and the challenges of bringing more women into the technology field.

-[Raymond Jungles](#) -yes that's his real name - has created some of the most astounding landscapes around the world, but many of them are here in South Florida. He shares his experiences in a new book.

Monday, April 23rd

-The union that represents Broward County sheriff's deputies is holding a ["no confidence" vote](#) regarding Sheriff Scott Israel. The poll is an unprecedented measure, and the head of the union, Jeff Bell, has said the poll is partly a result of concerns on how Israel handled the Parkland Shooting. The sheriff's position is an elected one and Israel has said the vote is a political stunt. Miami Herald reporter Chuck Rabin joined the program from our studio in Doral to give us the latest update.

-Joshua Johnson is the host of the NPR show [1A](#). He was born and raised in West Palm Beach and began his public radio career at WLRN. Johnson is in town to host his show from the downtown studio and joined Sundial in the afternoon as a guest. He spoke about his brief stint in television, his rise in radio and the way he handles controversial topics on his show.

-The South Florida Sun Sentinel and the podcast company Wondery joined forces to create the true-crime podcast [Felonious Florida](#). It is produced by Lisa Arthur, David Schutz and Juan Ortega. Arthur and Ortega called in to the show to speak on how the podcast came to be.

Tuesday, April 24th

-Dr. Susan MacManus is a political analyst and teaches political science at the University of South Florida. She spoke on the reasons why some members of Congress are not running for reelection and gave some perspective on upcoming state and national elections.

-This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Tamiami Trail. It has been considered an engineering marvel, linking Miami to Naples on a 113-mile-long road that runs through

the Everglades. Our guest, Jonathan Ullman, created the exhibit [TrailBlazers](#) in Collier County that tries to encapsulate the history of the Tamiami Trail.

-The New World Symphony is preparing for the [Side By Side Concert](#) that will be taking place this weekend. The concert creates an opportunity for school-aged instrumentalists to perform alongside New World Fellows. French horn player Brianna Garcon and bassoonists Gabriel Iscuissati and Darren Hicks have been practicing for months to prepare for the concert.

Wednesday, April 25th

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Thursday, April 26th

-Harvard researcher Jesse Keenan discussing a new report that finds a correlation between declining real estate values in locations most vulnerable to sea level rise.

-Ana Gonzalez, with the venture capital fund 500 startups, discusses the explosion of new startup companies kicking off in South Florida.

-A Tony award-winning musical is now playing at the Arsht Center: Fun Home. The musical is an adaptation from a book by the same name about a woman discovering her sexuality and her relationship with her gay father. WLRN's editorial director Alicia Zuckerman joined the program with some members of the Zoetic Stage theater company that is performing the musical. Fun Home will run until May 13.

Monday, April 30th

-As the political and economic situation in Venezuela worsens, thousands of Venezuelans have sought refuge in Colombia. WLRN reporter Tim Padgett is in the border town of Cucuta, Colombia, where he recorded an interview to speak about how the mass migration is affecting both countries.

-Moishe Mana is a billionaire real estate investor that has brought property in Wynwood and Flagler Street. He talked to Sundial about his plans to make Miami into a tech and cultural hub that links South America and the Far East for business.

-The Boca Black Box Theater is gearing up for a production of Spring Awakening, a 1981 play that deals with themes still relevant for today's teenagers: sexuality, depression, and violence. The company's owner and play's director Christine Barclay joined the program along with performers Lee Torrelli and Giorgio Garcia.

May 2018

Tuesday, May 1st

-Dr. Donald Fennoy took over as the Palm Beach County School District's new superintendent this past March. He is the youngest superintendent in Palm Beach County history and is also the first African-American to hold the position. He joined the program to discuss teacher pay, school safety and his plans for the future of 11th largest school district in the country.

-Research has found that trees may play a role in reducing the effects of climate change and contribute to the resiliency of an area against natural disasters. Jad Daley, the vice president of conservation for American Forests, joined the program from Washington D.C., along with Miami Chief Resilience Officer Jane Gilbert to discuss how trees can impact climate change.

-Jorge Mejia is the president of Sony-ATV Music Publishing Latin America, a concert pianist and classical composer. He is releasing a memoir, "An Open Book: A Memoir in Music," an e-book in which Mejia composed music to reflect the text in each chapter.

Wednesday, May 2nd

-South Florida has not been spared in the nation's [opioid crisis](#). In Palm Beach County alone, there were 600 opioid related deaths last year. [Dr. Dennis Patin](#) specializes in anesthesiology and pain management. He joined the program to discuss what's fueling the opioid epidemic and alternative treatments for pain beyond prescribing medication.

-Danielle Bender is the 2017 Miami Foundation Public Space Challenge winner. She wanted to address the dwindling honey bee population, and proposed placing hives in public locations. She has now installed honey bee hives in three locations across Miami.

-Singer and songwriter Sonali Argade is a Marjory Stoneman Douglas alum and Parkland native. She will be performing ahead of Pitbull at the upcoming [SunFest](#) in West Palm Beach. In a previously recorded conversation she discussed growing up in Parkland, music and her Lyme Disease diagnosis.

-May is Haitian Heritage Month, and a number of [events will celebrate Haitian culture](#) throughout Miami. The [Little Haiti Book Festival](#) will feature authors from Haiti and the Haitian diaspora. Author Michele-Jessica Fievre is among the organizers.

Thursday, May 3rd

-The City of Miami Beach has proven vulnerable to sea level rise and increasingly powerful hurricanes. The roads are equally burdened with taking on millions of tourists

each year. The City's new Director of Public Works, Roy Coley, is tasked with overseeing these challenges.

-It has been over two years since the cargo ship El Faro sunk after going straight into Hurricane Joaquin. All 33 members of the crew died that day. On the same day, another ship, the Minouche, also sank but the crew was saved. Author Tristram Korten was transfixed by the tale of the two ships and started investigating the causes of each sinking.

-The Miami craft beer scene has expanded significantly over the last few years. J. Wakefield Brewing was one of the first breweries to open up in Wynwood and has produced some of the city's most coveted and creative beer flavors. In a previously recorded interview with the brewery's founder, Jonathan Wakefield and the head brewmaster Maria Cabre spoke about the Miami's budding brew scene and how it compares to other cities like Los Angeles and New York.

-WLRN Digital Intern Andrea Perdomo took a look into the uproar caused by a video released by Heinz announcing a premade mix of ketchup and mayonnaise called MayoChup.

Monday, May 7th

-The refugee crisis in Venezuela is putting pressure on neighboring countries, especially Colombia. WLRN's Americas Correspondent Tim Padgett was in Cucuta, Colombia to get a [closer view of the town where tens of thousands of Venezuelans are arriving once they cross the border](#).

-The Miami school [Rainbow Cultural Garden](#) shut its doors last month. According to reports, operators of the educational center for toddlers weren't licensed by the city. And now the center is being loosely linked to Keith Raniere, a self-help guru who was arrested and outed as the leader of the alleged sex cult called NXIVM.

-[Jack Davis is this year's winner of the Pulitzer Prize](#) for history for his book The Gulf. We discuss how the Gulf of Mexico helped shape U.S. history.

-The [Harlem Quartet](#) is bringing classical music and jazz to a diverse audience. They've performed in the White House and in schools across the country.

Tuesday, May 8th

-Ryan Petty is the father of Alaina Petty, one of the victims of the Parkland shooting. He sits on the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, which had its [first meeting](#) last month.

-Gaby Fernandez has been the host of Miami's The Moth StorySLAM for the past three years. She joins Sundial to talk about The Moth's first ever [Spanish StorySLAM](#) in Miami, under the theme "connections."

-Angela Hosteline Pozzi is the executive director of [Washed Ashore](#), an ongoing exhibit at the Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach. She illustrates the massive plastics waste problem through giant sculptures of sea creatures.

Wednesday, May 9th

-Leonard Pitts is a nationally syndicated columnist, and winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize. He spoke to Sundial about his recent columns about Sen. Marco Rubio including one, ["What, exactly, do you stand for, Sen. Rubio? It's hard to tell."](#) He shares how he feels about challenging politicians.

-Retired Vice Admiral Lee Gunn served in the U.S. Navy for 35 years. He is now on the Board of Directors of the [American Security Project](#), a non-partisan organization whose mission is to educate the public about the changing nature of national security in the 21st century. He explained the ongoing National Security threats posed by climate change.

-David Grabarkewitz is the director of Orchestra Miami's production of [Mozart's "The Magic Flute"](#) and actor Gabriel Preisser is a Florida actor who plays the role of Papageno in the production. There will be two versions of the production -- one with professional opera performers and a kids matinee featuring young, up-and-coming South Florida actors.

Thursday, May 10th

-Delaney Reynolds is an 18-year-old college freshman at University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science and a climate activist. Delaney is the lead youth in the [Reynolds v. State of Florida case](#), a lawsuit introduced by 18 Florida kids and teens against the state and Gov. Rick Scott over climate change. Guy Burns is the head attorney for the young plaintiffs and a lawyer based in Tampa.

-Mallory Fenn is the Outreach Coordinator for the [Florida Public Archeology Network](#) and her focus is on "archeoastronomy," the study of how ancient civilizations understood the stars. On Sundial, Fenn explains archeoastronomy and how researchers now use it to understand the development of ancient civilizations in Florida.

-Filmmakers Betsy West and Julie Cohen are the directors and producers of ["RBG," the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Documentary](#). They joined Sundial from NPR's New York City studios to discuss the making of the documentary, Justice Ginsburg life and how she became an icon for equal rights for women.

Monday, May 14th

-Miami Herald reporters Andres Viglucci and Nicholas Nehamas recently reported on significant cracks that were found in the Florida International University bridge's foundation 10 days before its collapse. They spoke on Sundial about their story, ["Cracks where FIU bridge buckled may have signaled 'imminent failure.'"](#)

-[David Gruber](#) is a marine biologist and a fellow at Harvard's Radcliffe Institute, who developed a [shark eye camera](#) that shows how sharks view their environment. He joined Sundial to talk about how seeing the ocean through the eyes of a shark can help us better understand their ecosystem and interactions with other sea animals.

-Local comedians Debbie Ann, Angela Nacca and Kim Huapaya joined Sundial to talk about the upcoming all female comedy show ["Broads: A Night of Stand Up Comedy."](#) inspired by the "Me Too" and "Times Up" movements.

Tuesday, May 15th

-How much do you know about your drinking water? Last week, WLRN reporters Danny Rivero and Caitie Switalski reported that [Florida may not be testing drinking water correctly.](#)

-Director Zack Myers, playwright Anna Victoria and artistic director John Watts joined Sundial to talk about their event, ["Inspired by WLRN News,"](#) a project with four local playwrights using WLRN news stories as inspiration for a new fictional radio play.

-Oman Pedreira is the music instructor and John Nichols is the music manager of [Miami Lighthouse for the Blind.](#) Together Pedreira and Nicholas are coordinating an orchestra of blind and visually impaired musicians to perform a new musical score to an iconic silent movie, "The Great Train Robbery."

Wednesday, May 16th

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Thursday, May 17th

-Hurricane season begins June 1 and director of the [National Hurricane Center](#) Ken Graham, who recently spoke at the [32nd Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference,](#) joins Sundial.

-Lena Jackson is a documentary filmmaker and reporter who recently partnered with the Miami Herald on a story [investigating the educational experiences of recently arrived](#)

[immigrant students in Miami-Dade Schools](#). She spoke to Sundial about the schools district's Spanish-language GED programs that are forced upon immigrant teens when they underperform in regular classrooms.

-Did you know that Miami hosted the East Coast's first ever rock festival, in 1968? Ken Davidoff photographed the [Miami Pop Festival](#) at Gulfstream Park, and talks to Sundial about photographing Jimi Hendrix there.

Monday, May 21st

-Miami Herald reporter Doug Hanks has been following closely the race to represent District 5 at the Miami-Dade County Commission. This is the first time in 20 years the seat has opened. Hanks talked to Sundial about the candidates, their platforms and the significance of this race.

-Ana Quiros is an attorney with Catholic Legal Services in Miami. She joins Sundial to talk about the Trump's administration decision to end temporary protected status for Hondurans and what are the options for people who want to stay in the U.S.

-Isanusi García Rodríguez is a former Miami City Ballet dancer who suffered a stroke in 2012. After his accident, he found a way to express himself through painting. García is now opening a new exhibit at the Design District.

Tuesday, May 22nd

-Late last year, Republican State Senator Denise Grimsley, who represents Florida's 26th District, filed legislation that would allow telecommunication providers to block robo-calls. ["The Florida Call-Blocking Act"](#) will go into effect July 1. Sen. Grimsley joined Sundial to talk about the dangers of robo-calls and where to sign up for the ["Do Not Call List."](#) to prevent at least some of these calls.

-Dutch journalist Hans Knoop exposed Peter Menten, the wealthiest and most notorious Nazi war criminal in the history of the Netherlands, more than 40 years ago. He talked to Sundial about Menten's atrocities and his new mini-drama series out of the Netherlands, titled ["The Menten Case."](#)

-Cuban singer-songwriter Elsten Torres joined Sundial to talk about his new song, ["Never Again,"](#) written in response to the Parkland shooting. He collaborated with students from [Guitars Over Guns](#), a local non-profit, and local high school student rapper Jakaree.

Wednesday, May 23rd

-There are nearly half a million cars in South Florida with faulty airbags from the Japanese airbag maker Takata. According to Florida Senator [Bill Nelson](#), the state has

seen the most deaths and injuries in the entire country due to the defective airbags, which may explode due to excessive heat and humidity. Heidi King is the Deputy Administrator for the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#).

-The University of Miami Medical Center recently released a [new study](#), which found the window for treatment for certain patients suffering from stroke has increased from six to 24 hours. Dr. Jose Romano, the Chief of the Stroke Division for the University of Miami and a stroke neurologist, joined Sundial to discuss new treatment options being explore at the University of Miami Medical Center.

-Haitian-American filmmakers Joshua Jean Baptiste and Edson Jean, the stars of the new Miami-based web-series [GROWN](#), joined Sundial with the series' actress Maria Corina Ramirez. GROWN follows two coming of age Haitian-American men as they navigate a transitional chapter in their lives.

Thursday, May 24th

-Jaye Abbate is the CEO of [ArtServe](#), a non-profit arts incubator that supports artists and cultural organizations in Broward County. Beth Clark is the CEO of [Young Singers](#) of the Palm Beaches. Grant money for the arts across Florida has been slashed year after year and in the newest state budget there will have a [90 percent decrease](#). Abbate and Clark joined Sundial to talk about how their organizations are working with the resources they have.

-Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner [Ben Sorenson](#) recently moved one of his offices to a homeless encampment. Sorenson joined Sundial to talk about why he decided to move his operations there and his plans to raise awareness to the homeless issue.

-Johanne Rahaman is a South Florida based documentary photographer. She is debuting her new photographic exhibit, called '[Water Rights: An Act of Resistance](#),' during Urban Beach Week in Miami Beach. The exhibit features a series of photographs documenting past Urban Beach Weeks -usually celebrated around Memorial Day weekend- from 2014 to 2016 and other photos from beaches and lakes in Florida.

Monday, May 28th

NO SHOW MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 29th

-Jeff Huffman is Chief Meteorologist for the Florida Public Radio Emergency Network in Gainesville. He provides weather coverage to public radio stations throughout Florida. Huffman joined Sundial to provide a quick update on subtropical storm Alberto and a preview to hurricane season.

-Michael Kirkland is the program director of the Python Elimination Program, a group of 25 python hunters hired by the South Florida Water Management District to eradicate the invasive species from the Everglades. Tom Rahill is a python hunter and volunteers his time at night to catch them. The Python Elimination Program recently captured their [1,000 python](#).

-Azhar Choughe is the Director of the non-profit Transit- Alliance. The organization has recently launched a new campaign called "[Where's my Bus?](#)" in efforts to push for better public transportation solutions in Miami-Dade County.

-Samantha Pratt teaches at Holmes Elementary School. After hearing many stories of gun violence and tragedy from her students Pratt developed a mental health app called [KlickEngage](#).

Wednesday, May 30th

-Nancy Klingener covers the Florida Keys for WLRN. George Neugent is the Monroe city commissioner. Stephanie Kaple is the director of the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition. Hurricane Season starts June 1 and Sundial talked to Klingener, Neugent and Kaple about Monroe County post Irma, recovery efforts and preparedness for the upcoming season.

-Maria Ilcheva is a senior researcher at the Metropolitan Center at Florida International University. According to a recent [report](#) from the center, "A growing number of Miami-Dade residents are experiencing declining economic opportunity, mobility, and equity."

-Jorge Carraballo Cordovez is a reporter for NPR's Spanish podcast, [Radio Ambulante](#). He is based in Medellin, Colombia. Carraballo recently went on a "Narco Tour," a tour that visits all the most famous landmarks related to drug lord Pablo Escobar.

Thursday, May 31st

-Nick Nehamas and David Ovalle are reporters for the Miami Herald. Dr. Peter Landman is a psychologist and author of the book "[School Shooters: Understanding High School, College, and Adult Perpetrators](#)." The Broward State Attorney's Office released three disturbing cellphone videos made by the confessed Parkland shooter Nikolas Cruz.

-Alastair Macleod is the CEO for [Teralytics](#), a company that has developed a map using smartphone data to track the migration of Puerto Ricans from August 2017 to February 2018. Florida received a population of about 150,000 Puerto Ricans, 15,000 of them in Miami-Dade County alone.

-[Summer Shorts](#), a collection of short theater plays showcasing Miami's diversity from different genres, is being hosted at the Adrienne Arsht Center For The Performing Arts this month. Susan Westfall is the Artistic Director for City Theater and has been a part of the Summer Shorts since its very beginning 23 years ago. Tom Wahl and Elizabeth Dimon are actors and have both performed in more than a dozen Summer Shorts productions.

June 2018

Monday, June 4th

-WLRN Education reporter Jessica Bakeman spent time talking to black students at [Miami Country Day School](#), a private institution with a predominantly white student body. According to the students, racism presents itself in many ways.

-Franklin Sirmans is the director of [The Perez Art Museum](#) and a huge soccer fan. In the lead up to the World Cup, he joined Sundial to talk about a new exhibit that looks at the role soccer plays in our lives, called [The World's Game: Fútbol and Contemporary Art](#).

-Mark Hart is the director of a record label based in Coral Gables called [Community Arts Program \(C.A.P.\)](#). He has been part of the program for 15 years. And [Amit Peled](#) is a Grammy nominated cellist and the first to release a record through the company.

Tuesday, June 5th

-Andrew Pollack is a school safety activist, a founder of Americans for Children's Lives and School Safety and father of Meadow Pollack, one of the 17 victims from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. Dr. Sandra Calvert is the Director of the Children's Digital Media Center and a child psychologist at Georgetown University. She was part of the [American Psychological Association in 2015](#) where she explored the impact of violent video games on children's brains.

-Tanzina Vega is the new host of ["The Takeaway"](#) and one of the very few latina hosts in public media. Her show is broadcasting this week from [WLRN studios in Miami](#), discussing many of the issues key to listeners in South Florida like climate change, gun violence and our region's rich diversity. Vega was formerly a top journalist at the New York Times and CNN, reporting on race, inequality and class in the United States.

-Lauren Groff is the author of bestsellers like "Arcadia" and "Fates and Furies" and a National Book Award Finalist. She recently published a collection of short stories titled ["Florida."](#) She joins Sundial to talk about her new book, her love/hate relationship for Florida and her [book tour](#).

Wednesday, June 6th

-Sun Sentinel reporter Megan O'Matz [recently reported](#) on new public information that the Broward Sheriff's office delayed the entrance of fire department medics into Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school during the February Parkland shooting. O'Matz joined Sundial with Michael Moser, the public information officer for the Coral Springs Police Department, to talk about the incident report filed by the deputy chief for Coral Springs fire-rescue after the shooting.

-Cognitive scientist Dr. Anthony Steven Dick and FIU Psychology Professor Dr. Jonathan Comer both found a [link between events like Hurricane Irma](#) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in children. They recently presented their findings to members of Congress and joined Sundial to talk about their research.

-Rhonda Smith is the founder of a specialty camp and non-profit called [Fit Kids of America](#); Lauren Butler is on the Education Division Board for the Urban League of Broward County, which hosts the [Summer Enrichment Program](#); Emily Cardenas is the director of communications at Miami-Dade's [The Children Trust](#). They joined Sundial to talk all about summer camp.

Thursday, June 7th

-Eileen Higgins, candidate for Miami-Dade County District 5 Commissioner, joined Sundial to discuss her proposals for addressing affordable housing, public transit and her progressive ideals.

-The Florida Keys prides itself as a place of diversity and inclusion, and a haven for people in the LGBTQ community. Beginning on Wednesday and through the weekend the Keys will celebrate Key West Pride. Monroe County Commissioner Heather Carruthers joined Sundial to talk about leaving New York for Key West, her experience running a women-only guest house there and her ties to Key West Pride.

-And sixth grader Simone Kaplan from Broward County was one of the 16 finalists in this year's Scripps Spelling Bee. She competed on the live broadcast and sat down with Sundial to talk about how she studies and her love for practicing spelling for hours each day.

Monday, June 11th

-PBS NewsHour White House Correspondent [Yamiche Alcindor](#) returns to South Florida to co-moderate this year's [Gubernatorial Democratic Primary](#) in the Miramar Cultural Center Monday. Sundial host [Luis Hernandez](#) will also moderate the debate. A Miami native, Alcindor joined Sundial to talk about what drives South Florida politics.

-Former U.S. Attorney for South Florida [Richard Gregorie](#) arrived in Miami in the 1980s, he said it was “the wild wild west.” Back then the city was caught in the crossfire of [the U.S. war on drugs](#). Gregorie was one of the top prosecutors tasked with reigning in the violence.

-June 12th marks two years since the massacre at Orlando's [Pulse Nightclub](#), where 49 people were shot and killed. Filmmaker [Charlie Minn](#) has focused much of his career on telling stories of violence victims, including the Las Vegas massacre and the Parkland shooting. His new documentary, [“49 Pulses.”](#) puts the Pulse survivors front and center to share what happened that night.

Tuesday, June 12th

-Thousands of scientists are working on research related to climate change and extreme weather. Dr. Tim Hall is one of them. Dr. Hall is a Senior Research Scientist with [NASA](#) and adjunct professor at Columbia University. He has been studying weather patterns and their correlations to climate change. He says wind, flooding and rainfall can affect the intensity of a hurricane.

-Keegan Hanks is a senior research analyst with [The Southern Poverty Law Center](#). The center just release a new report called [“Whose Heritage?”](#) identifying that nationwide there are still more than 1,700 publicly supported monuments and other tributes to the Confederacy.

-Peter Min is the [Villain Theater](#) co-founder. Josh Hamilton is an improv performer and part of a group called [YAAAS](#) at the theater community. Drag Queen [Miss Toto](#) is a Drag Queen and will be performing at the theatre on Sunday. The YAAAS LGBTQ improv team is part of the Villain Theater and two years ago, the troupe started a [‘No Fear. We’re Queer’](#) comedy night in response to the Pulse Night Club shooting.

Wednesday, June 13th

-We rebroadcast a one hour edited version of the WLRN moderated debate along with PBS Newshour White House Correspondent Yamiche Alcindor. The debate featured Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, former Congresswoman Gwen Graham, Orlando Businessman Chris King and former Miami Beach Mayor Phil Levine. The edited version of the debate included equal time responses from each of the candidates and included their answers to questions on minimum wage, gun control policy, climate change, senior citizens and education.

Thursday, June 14th

-Sundial spoke to [Zoraida Barreiro](#), who is running for the same Miami-Dade District 5 commissioner chair that her husband, [Bruno Barreiro](#), left vacant in March when he announced he was running for Congress. He held the seat for 20 years. Miamians living

in downtown, parts of Brickell, parts of Miami Beach and Little Havana will vote for [Eileen Higgins](#) or Barreiro in a [special runoff election June 19](#).

-Filmmakers [Billy Corben](#) and [Alfred Spellman](#) head the company [Rakontur](#), meaning one who tells stories with skill. They're known for the [Cocaine Cowboys documentary](#), exploring Miami's history during the cocaine trade of the 1980s, and the [ESPN 30 for 30 film "The U"](#) about the Miami Hurricanes during that same era. Sundial sat down with the filmmakers to discuss a new project they're working on - a television series called "A Sunny Place For Shady People."

-And finally, many soccer (*fútbol*) fans in South Florida don't care that the [U.S. didn't qualify for the World Cup](#). Because of the diverse and vibrant soccer scene in this part of the country, most fans have a team playing in Russia. Sundial spoke with the Miami Herald's sports writer [Michelle Kaufman](#) about what to expect for this year's event and how Miami and South Florida rank in soccer passion.

Monday, June 18th

-Miami-Dade commissioners [will vote Wednesday](#) on the controversial 836 extension - a project to prolong the highway for 14 miles south of its current location and west of Kendall. Many people who live in Kendall and commute downtown have expressed support for the project. Those in opposition say the extension could wind into the Everglades. Sundial sat down with Tere Garcia from the [Miami-Dade Expressway Authority](#) to discuss the proposal.

-After Hurricane Maria's devastation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency ([FEMA](#)) offered more than 2,000 displaced Puerto Rican families temporary shelter assistance nationwide, with 400 of those families in Florida. The aid will be cut-off on June 30. Sundial spoke with Father Jose Rodriguez, from [Vamos4PR](#), a non-profit network of organizations supporting Puerto Rican families in the United States and the ongoing recovery in their territory.

-Charlie Cinnamon was an instrumental figure in Miami's arts and culture scene in the 20th century and continued working in the field until his death in 2016. Cinnamon preferred to use the term press agent for his title as he felt it best encapsulated his relationship with journalists and passion in the field. Now the [Jewish Museum of Florida FIU is honoring Cinnamon](#) with an exhibit, "Charlie Cinnamon, Legendary Press Agent." Susan Gladstone, executive director of the Jewish Museum, and Pauline Winick, a former executive vice president of the Miami Heat and friend of Cinnamon, joined Sundial.

Tuesday, June 19th

-Miami-Dade County commissioners will [vote on the future of an 836 highway extension](#) on Wednesday as tensions brew over traffic congestion in South Florida. This extension

will add a 14-mile stretch of highway from the western portion of the 836, moving south along the Urban Boundary Development line west of Kendall. [Sierra Club of South Florida](#) representative [Diana Umpierre](#) joined Sundial to talk about this threat to the Everglades.

-The Florida orange is an iconic crop, responsible for [employing nearly 76,000 Floridians in the \\$9 billion industry](#). But as summer approaches, so does the end of the worst citrus growing season seen in decades. The citrus greening disease epidemic combined with impacts of Hurricane Irma meant that only 45 million boxes were produced this year - that matches the output at the start of World War II. Sundial sat down with [Michael Rogers](#), the Director at the University of Florida Center for Citrus.

-Many of President Obama's foreign policy achievements were memorialized in major speeches broadcasted around the globe. Think back to the [speech he made from the Oval Office](#) following the killing of Osama Bin Laden and the [speech in Havana](#) announcing the normalization of relations between the U.S. and Cuba. [Ben Rhodes](#) - President Obama's speechwriter and one of his advisors on national security, joined Sundial via Skype from Dallas. Rhodes will also be at Books and Books in Coral Gables on Wednesday, June 20 to discuss his new book, "[The World As It Is: A Memoir of the Obama White House.](#)"

Wednesday, June 20th

NO SHOW SCHOOL BOARD

Thursday, June 21st

-Just a few months before the August gubernatorial primary, real estate billionaire [Jeff Greene](#) recently joined the Florida Democratic race for governor. He joins Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, former Congresswoman Gwen Graham, former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine and Orlando businessman Chris King in the race. Greene has been an outspoken critic of the Trump administration and a new television ad shows [Greene arguing with Trump at his Mar-a-Lago club](#) where Greene is a member.

-Florida has long been known as a retirement paradise: one out of five Floridians is 65 or older. But [Chris Farrell](#), the economics editor for Marketplace Money, says ideas around retirement continue to change. He sat down with Sundial to discuss his new book, "Unretirement: How Baby Boomers are Changing the Way We Think About Work, Community and the Good Life."

-There's a new collection of photographs and artifacts at the [Historic Lyric Theater in Overtown](#) that tells the story of black healthcare in Miami-Dade. It shows the racial barriers and how black healthcare evolved going back to 1896. Part of that history looks at Jackson Memorial Hospital on its centennial - an institution that struggled with Jim Crow laws and segregation. Florida's first black board-certified general surgeon, Dr.

George Simpson, sat down with Sundial. He was joined by Dr. Dorothy Jenkins Fields, a Public Historian and founder of the Black Archives.