

WLRN News April 1 - June 30, 2017

WLRN News

Two dozen times each weekday, our news team reports on the stories that affect all of us here in South Florida. This multiple award winning team is led by Vice President of News Tom Hudson, News Director Terence Shepherd, Editorial Director Alicia Zuckerman and Digital Director Teresa Frontado. WLRN continues to partner with the Miami Herald news organization.

The Florida News Exchange

Founded and managed by WLRN, this cloud-based exchange platform continues to serve as a nexus for Florida news as partner public radio stations across the state share their coverage with each other broadening listener's knowledge and awareness.

ONGOING WLRN PROGRAMS

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 hosted 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.

APR 2 - Florida Bay, Police Caught In Ambush Shooting & Goodbye To A Miami Ballet Star 37:30

APR 10 - Miami-Dade & Broward Counties Ink Deals With Airbnb 50:30

APR 17 - A New View Of Police-Involved Shootings & Taxing President Trump's Visits 50:11

APR 23 - A State Senator Resigns, Violence In Venezuela & Manatees Off Endangered List 50:46

APR 30 - The Concentration Of Gun Violence In Miami & Gambling Expansion In Florida 50:23

MAY 7 - Wrapping Up The 2017 Legislative Session 50:01

MAY 14 - Gables' Bag Ban, Football's Toll On Former Players & Haitians Fear End To TPS 50:44

MAY 21 - Cuba, Education Spending & Medical Marijuana 51:56

JUN 2 - Special Session Called, World OutGames & Proposed Changes On South Beach 50:19

JUN 9 - Special Session Of 'Special Deals' & The Pulse Massacre One Year Later 50:51

JUN 18 - What's Actually Changed In Trump's New Cuba Policy? 51:48

JUN 23 - How Will The Senate's Effort To Overhaul Healthcare Impact South Florida? 49:15

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. 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.

APR 4 -Why Are Housing Prices So High? Is There A Limit To Rent Hikes? Questions About The Sunshine Economy 21:00

APR 18 - The Budget Battle In The Sunshine Economy 49:24

APR 25 - PriceCheck: The Cost Of Health Care In The Sunshine Economy 47:58

MAY 2 - The State Budget And The Sunshine Economy: Process, Priorities and Politics 48:36

MAY 8 - How Many Immigrants? Impact On Prices If The Undocumented Are Deported? Sunshine Economy Questions 49:00

MAY 23 - Flooding and Finance 48:00

JUN 6 - The State of Entrepreneurship In The Sunshine Economy 47:55

JUN 12 - Dr. Phillip Frost Talks About Climate Change, The Science Museum And Doing Business In Sunshine Economy 47:19

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.

APR 3 - Colombian Ambassador: We Have To Make Our Peace Case To Trump, U.S. Congress 4:45

APR 10 - Trump And TPS: Will He Extend Haitians' Stay Here Or Send Them Back? 4:45

APR 24 - OAS Chief: Venezuela Regime's Behavior Is 'Criminal – Everything Is Collapsed' 4:45

MAY 1 - Malbec, Miami, Millennials: How Argentina Fermented A Wine Movement 4:45

MAY 15 - U Miami's MBA En Español Students Voice Fears, Hopes About Trump, Latin America 4:45

MAY 22 - Puerto Rico Governor: Florida Diaspora Will Be 'Critical' To Statehood Effort 4:45

MAY 30 - Dictator's Demise: Noriega Dies In Panama As The Americas Ponder His Tragedy 4:45

JUN 6 - Venezuela's Crisis Leads To Political Witch Hunts In South Florida 4:44

JUN 13 - Puerto Rico votes for statehood 4:45

JUN 20 - Did President Trump Lay Out A Cuba Case In Miami – Or A Cuba Con? 4:45

JUN 27 - Balseros By Air? Venezuelan Immigrants Increasingly Poorer, More Desperate 4:45

General Reporting

Environment & Transportation -

Coverage in this quarter focused on climate change, sea level rise and South Florida's support for the Paris climate accord; the resumption of mosquito spraying using Naled; the new styrofoam ban; the proposed expansion of the 836 expressway; Everglades water flow restoration; disappearing rare pine rockland; manatees no longer endangered; python hunters on the payroll; and Keys crocodiles being named and / or relocated.

Education -

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos visited FIU as part of a tour of educational institutions. WLRN reporters covered her reception by the school's students.

In other education news, WLRN examined whether schools are getting a fair deal on property insurance and covered middle-schoolers visiting appellate court plus the issue of bilingualism.

Miami-Dade Public Schools data showed unusual changes. WLRN's education reporter found that instead of suspensions there's now a huge, unexplained increase in the number of absences. And, thousands of in-school fights reported each year have dropped to near zero with no explanation.

School Board meetings were the subject of reports including a group of high school students suggesting that meetings would be improved if they were held after school, plus how no parents got a chance to address the Board at a meeting of the Broward County School Board.

Other enterprising reporting included an elementary school teacher who couldn't find art books that connected with her multi-cultural students so she wrote her own; a teacher reflecting on integrating an all-white school 49 years ago; and Jewish schools getting security help from the state as anti-semitic incidents rise.

Politics, the opioid crisis, baseball and soccer teams plus medical marijuana are just some of the many topics WLRN reporters addressed this past quarter.

#Friday Reads is an engaging weekly report of what books local readers are perusing each week in South Florida.

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 station and emerge from the experience with increased confidence, skill, knowledge and portfolios of their work. Four students are reporting over the summer term.

AWARDS

WLRN consistently produces award-winning content recognized on national, regional and statewide levels in both digital and broadcast categories. The awards below are for work completed in 2016. We rose to the top in a variety of areas including politics, arts, sports, investigations, public affairs, continuing coverage, newscasts and breaking news.

National awards

The **National Headliner Awards** program is one of the oldest and largest annual contests. WLRN competes against public and commercial media outlets across the country.

- 4 awards

Public Radio News Directors Inc. awards honor the very best in local public radio.

- 5 awards

Regional

Edward R. Murrow Regional Awards - Radio Television Digital News Association

Nine regional Murrow awards - the most of any large market radio station in Region 13, which comprises Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Regional winners are automatically entered into the national competition with those winners typically announced in the fall. This continues an unprecedented string of recognition for WLRN News:

- winning the regional Murrow for hard news for four consecutive years.
- winning the regional Murrow for sports three years in a row.
- winning regional Murrows for feature, news series and best overall two years running.
- winning a cumulative 19 regional Murrows in the past three years

Green Eyeshade awards - The region includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

- 10 station / staff awards plus a shared healthcare award

State

Sunshine State Awards - WLRN News is a finalist in nine categories. These journalism awards are statewide and very competitive. Several categories stretch across media to include newspaper, magazine, TV, online and radio. Three entries named as finalists were collaborations between WLRN and the Miami Herald. First, second and third-place finishers will be announced at an SPJ Florida event July 22, 2017.