

## **April 1- June 30, 2016 - WLRN Radio News Programs & Projects**

### ***The Florida Roundup***

Heard each Friday at noon and rebroadcast Saturday mornings at 6:00 a.m., *The Florida Roundup* continues to garner much acclaim and notice from listeners and the community at large. *The Florida Roundup* is a weekly roundtable devoted to discussion of the week's news items of interest to South Florida. Hosted by former *Nightly Business Report* host and WLRN Vice President of News, Tom Hudson, the program brings the most prominent South Florida journalists and some newsmakers to the WLRN microphones live each Friday at noon. Guests have included NPR's Greg Allen, NPR's Senior Washington Editor Ron Elving, reporters from the Miami Herald, South Florida Sun-Sentinel and Palm Beach Post newspapers and others. Alicia Zuckerman and Bridget O'Brien are the producers. Peter J. Maerz is the executive producer for WLRN.

- **Miami's Major Delrish Moss Becomes Top Cop in Ferguson (4/1)** Miami Maj. Delrish Moss is set to become the top cop in an American town that's become synonymous with racial tension between black youth and police officers. Officials in Ferguson, Missouri announced Thursday that Miami Police Maj. Delrish Moss will be its new police chief. The move puts a black officer in charge of a mostly white department that serves a town where African-Americans make up two-thirds of the residents.
- **The Panama Papers (4/8)** The Panama Papers have been making headlines around the world in just over a week. And while it may be surprising news for most people, industry insiders say offshore corporations have been guilty of wrongdoing for a long time. The leaked documents have raised the question of whether this scandal will finally change the way offshore companies operate and if regulators will push for more transparency.
- **Carnival's Cuba Policy, Broward Health, Modified Mosquitoes (4/18)** The Florida Roundup looks at Carnival's Cuba controversy, management trouble at Broward Health, and modified mosquitoes in the Keys. Cruise giant Carnival faces a lawsuit and protests over its plans to sail from Miami to Cuba starting May 1st - and its willingness to follow Cuban law by not allowing Cuban-born Americans to cruise.
- **Cuba Crises, Healthcare Costs, Immigration, Zookeeper's Death by Tiger (4/22)** Cuba has changed its policy and will allow anyone born there to return to the island on a cruise ship or merchant vessel. Carnival had threatened to postpone its maiden voyage from Miami to Cuba if the rule wasn't changed.
- **Opa Locka Corruption, FPL's Troubled Turkey Point, Cuban Baseball Smuggling, Dolphins Draft (5/2)** We begin The Florida Roundup with corruption in Opa-locka. The Miami Herald uncovered a months-long investigation by the FBI

that includes extortion and bribery in the city involving a commissioner, the city manager and a former cop.

- Homeless Funds Cut, Ride-Sharing, Dying Corals, Miami Beach Wages ( 5/6 )  
Two big news stories in Miami-Dade County this past week will impact transportation and the homeless. The federal program for housing cut millions of dollars that Miami-Dade programs were counting on in homeless funding. Up to 700 beds for homeless people are at risk.
- Miami-Dade Survey Results, Food Stamp Cuts, Death Penalty, Bob Marley (5/13) A new poll is out that looks at the attitudes of Miamians on numerous issues. The poll was commissioned by WLRN, el Nuevo Herald, the Miami Herald, and Univision 23.
- Transgender Toilets, Democrats' Friction, Fighting Zika (5/20) This week on The Florida Roundup: the White House directive to school districts about transgender students, political in-fighting among Democrats, the mobilization of Latino voters, and the Zika funding feud.
- Miami's Super Bowl or South Florida's? Sales Tax Increases, Venezuela's Crisis (5/27) The biggest game in sports is coming back to South Florida. The Miami Dolphins will host the Super Bowl in 2020, celebrating a century of the NFL. But is this Miami's game - or is it South Florida's game? Should the branding leave out Broward County?
- PGA Leaves Doral, Officer Arrested In Corey Jones' Death, State Takes Over Opa-Locka (6/3) The crown jewel in Donald Trump's resort hotel portfolio will not play host to a PGA tournament next year. After 54 years, the tournament is getting a new home in Mexico City. Organizers say the World Golf Classic at Trump National Doral is moving south of the border because of sponsorship money, but how did Trump's politics play into the decision?
- Trump University, Cuba & The Panama Papers, Illegal Condo Fees (6/10) Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi is under growing pressure thanks to a three year old, \$25 thousand contribution to her political action committee from a non-profit associated with Donald Trump. The money came as her office was considering whether to join an investigation of fraud allegations at Trump University.
- Life After The Orlando Shooting: LGBT Rights And Gun Control In Florida (6/17) The early Sunday morning mass shooting in an Orlando gay nightclub is a story everyone is trying to understand. Violence on this scale, concentrated in one place and perpetrated against private citizens, is difficult to comprehend. But it's a tragic story that also calls upon our deep-seated nature to confront, figure out

and learn from. This week's Florida Roundup tried to shed some light on key questions that linger in the aftermath of what has been described as the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

- SCOTUS' Immigration Deadlock, Rubio's Running & Another Look Into Orlando's shooting (6/24) Thursday, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a one sentence ruling announcing, in fact, that it couldn't make a decision on President Obama's executive action on immigration. The action, signed in 2014, would have granted temporary legal status and work permits to as many as 4 million parents of U.S. citizens who entered the U.S. illegally prior to 2010. For those millions waiting and hoping the court would rule in favor of the executive action, what happens now?

### ***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* airs Mondays at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on WLRN.

- The Everglades: Environment and Economics (4/17) The mix of organizations and agencies involved in the Everglades is about as complex as the ecosystem itself: the South Florida Water Management District, the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the federal departments of transportation, justice and agriculture and the Miccosukee and Seminole tribes are just some of them.
- Price Check: How Health Care Costs Can Impact Your Paycheck (4/27) Beginning in July, if you have health insurance and go to an in-network hospital but a doctor who is not in your insurance plan's network helps you, you aren't supposed to get a surprise bill. The law is designed to stop what's called balanced billing - the practice of charging a patient for medical care delivered by doctors outside their insurance network even when the care was performed at an in-network facility.
- Attracting Talent and Money to South Florida's Tech Industry (5/2) Kyle Carriedo is not a unicorn, but he represents the dreams of South Florida's small technology industry. He is a 35 year-old software engineer who spent five years working on the iTunes team at Apple. He willingly left the gold-standard of tech to move to Miami for a start-up. A high-skilled high-tech worker from the global high-tech capital, Silicon Valley, coming to South Florida to live and work will not move the needle on official employment statistics, but it is a symbol of Miami's hopes to establish itself as a hub for technology.

- **Uber in the Sunshine Economy (5/9)** A revolution in South Florida began in early June 2014. That revolution is due to end this week. It's a change in how we hire and pay someone we don't know to drive us someplace. It was almost two years ago that Uber launched its service in Miami-Dade County. Uber began three weeks after competitor Lyft started its own app-based transportation service, but quickly came to dominate the market throughout South Florida for both riders tapping on its app and drivers signing up to drive passengers in their own cars.
- **The Battle Against Brain Drain in South Florida (5/23)** Over 20,000 students received their undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees this spring from South Florida colleges and universities. Not all of these new degrees will wind up being put to work in South Florida's job market. Some will go back to school. Some will leave and some will stay. Why?
- **Is Florida Financially Ready for Hurricane Season? (6/6)** Florida and its big insurance companies are ready for a hurricane. That's the message from four people at the center of the financial preparedness of the state and the insurance industry serving Florida homeowners. In an exclusive interview, each of them expressed confidence that the state, the state-backed insurance provider Citizens Property Insurance, and private insurers have the financial wherewithal to withstand a major storm like Hurricane Andrew or a series of storms like the 2004-2005 seasons hitting the state.
- **Study: South Florida at a Crossroads (6/16)** "A critical inflection point." "Reached a crossroads." That's how a new study describes the South Florida economy. "If Miami continues to grow without a blueprint," said the study's co-author, FIU Visiting Fellow Richard Florida, "immigrants will still come, sun and fun will still attract tourists, but the growth will not generate a kind of prosperity that I think Miamians would want."

### ***The Latin America Report*** \

Tuesdays on WLRN are devoted to coverage of the politics, business and culture of our hemisphere. *The Latin America Report* airs during morning and afternoon drive times. Host Tim Padgett has covered Latin America for almost 25 years, for Newsweek as its Mexico City bureau chief from 1990 to 1996, and for Time as its Latin America bureau chief, first in Mexico from 1996 to 1999 and then in Miami, where he also covered Florida and the U.S. Southeast, from 1999 to 2013. WLRN Latin American coverage also includes NPR and its Latin America Correspondent, Lourdes Garcia-Navarro, based in Sao Paulo.

The 2015-2016 Latin America Report focused on Cuba as political and economic relations evolve with the Communist country; on Brazil as its economy tanks, its leader is impeached and Zika infections soar; on Venezuela's continuing meltdown; the

Panama Papers revelations; and producing an award-winning multi-platform reporting project about the Central American migration crisis, in partnership with the Miami Herald.

- Law Firm Leak A Wake-Up Call For Panama Authorities—And Florida Legislators? • APR 6

- Party Time In Cuba—With Marx, Not Mojitos. Here's What The Congress May Do • APR 12

- OAS Chief In Miami, Hopes U.S. And Cuba Keep Moving Normalization Ahead • APR 12

- As Rousseff Faces Impeachment In Brazil, The U.S. Follows A New Logic In Latin America • APR 13

- In Miami, Kerry Warns Carnival Against Accepting 'Discriminatory' Cuban Law • APR 15

- 'Two Friends' Veloso And Gil Bring Brazil's Tropicália Songs To Miami • APR 18

- Sunset Mansions Vs. Sunshine Laws: Do Shell Companies Darken Florida's Image? • APR 18

- Carnival Is A Cuba Cautionary Tale: It's Not About Business. It's About Politics • APR 20

- Cuba Changes Cruise Policy: Cuban-Born Expats Can Set Sail For The Island • APR 22

- WLRN Correspondent Eats Carnival Cuba Crow – But It Doesn't Taste All That Bad • APR 22

- Rollerblading Honduran Mentor Gets U.S. Honor — And A Skate Park • APR 25

- Vatican Picks New Havana Archbishop: Less Focus On Politics, More On Poverty? • APR 26

- Without The U.S. To Scapegoat, Latin America Discovers Its Inner Godzillas • APR 27

- The Art Of Normalization: Cuban And Cuban-American Artists Huddle In Miami • APR 28

- After Weeks Of Controversy, Carnival Sets Sail For Cuba On Schedule • MAY 2

- LGBTs Are Gaining Rights In Latin America – But Are They Getting Respect? • MAY 2
- Marco And Marxists: Political Dogma Keeps Puerto Ricans, Cubans Fleeing • MAY 4
- The Kardashians In Havana: Could Cuba Chic Finally Be Played Out? • MAY 6
- TV Star Diane Guerrero: Parental Deportations, Presidential Discussions • MAY 9
- Miami-Dade Poll: Big Majority Back Cuba Engagement, But Cubans Still Split • MAY 11
- Latin America's Anti-Corruption Wave Is A Good Thing. Except When It Isn't • MAY 17
- Let's Prepare To Treat Zika's Microcephaly Victims Like Kings, Not Castaways • MAY 18
- Sweet Micky Memoir: Ex-Haiti President Martelly On His New Book • MAY 19, 2016
- Hugo Cancio, The Man Who Straddles The Straits, Tells U.S. Business To Learn Cuba • MAY 23
- Miami-Dade Cops Go Global: State Department Training Program May Expand • MAY 24
- Making It Legal: Cuba's Entrepreneurs Get Some R-E-S-P-E-T-O • MAY 24
- Venezuela Is A Caribbean North Korea – But The Revolution Won't Exit Soon • MAY 25
- A Popular Culinary Couple Leave Miami-And Create A 'Peace Zone' In Venezuela • MAY 30
- Fox Vs. Trump: Former Mexican President On The Donald's Doral Golf Grief • JUN 1
- Trump-Chávez Comparisons Are Fashionable. They're Also Flawed. • JUN 2
- Donald Trump Faces The Mexican F-Bomb. As In, Fox • JUN 7
- Venezuela's Socialist Disaster Doesn't Nullify America's Social Democracy • JUN 9

- Young Pioneers: How Cuban Entrepreneurs Are 'InCubating' In Miami • JUN 20
- Port Director: Panama Expansion, Larger Ships Make Miami A 'Global Gateway' JUN 27

## **Education**

School Districts Pinched By Slow Recovery In State Education Funding • APR 4, 2016

Parents And Districts Spar Over Right To Opt Out Of Standardized Tests • APR 18, 2016

A School Field Trip, For Parents! • APR 28, 2016

Principal Cancels Longstanding Girls' Powderpuff Football Game: Students Revolt • APR 29, 2016

To Get Kids To Breakfast, Schools Try Take-Out • MAY 6, 2016

Middle School Students Take The Law Into Their Own Hands • MAY 17, 2016

Lawsuit: Collier County High School Refuses to Enroll Immigrant Students • MAY 23, 2016

Three Years Ago, a Drive-by Threatened His Life; This Week, He Graduates High School • JUN 2, 2016

Jeb Bush Is Back, Pushing Florida-Style Ed Reform For The Nation • JUN 13, 2016

People Like Me Don't Shake Hands Like You're Supposed To: Lessons From The Teenage Job Search • JUN 14, 2016

## Ending Out-Of-School Suspensions Is Still A Pending Assignment For Miami-Dade

• JUN 14, 2016

## Palm Beach School Administrator Pads Resume, Creates Firestorm as Incoming Pittsburgh Superintendent • JUN 22, 2016

### **Projects & Specials:**

#### ***WLRN Youth Radio (Summer 2016)***

*Four minority students from local high schools spend their summer in the WLRN newsroom learning how to tell the stories that interest them in an audio medium. Youth Radio 2016 is a partnership between WLRN News and Urgent, Inc.'s F.A.C.E Program.*

#### ***PriceCheck (April 2016 - ongoing)*** <http://wlrn.org/pricecheck>

PriceCheck is a health care cost transparency and audience engagement project involving Health News Florida, WLRN and WUSF, and ClearHealthCosts.com. The intent is to collect and report health-care prices and procedures from data provided by members of our communities. By revealing the actual price of everything including common colonoscopies and simple MRIs, consumers may make more informed decisions when choosing health care providers and procedures.

#### ***Zip Odes (Apr 2016)*** <http://wlrn.org/write-ode-your-zip-code> & <http://zipodes.tumblr.com/>

April is national poetry month and O, Miami and WLRN celebrated together for the fourth consecutive year with a second round of #ZipOdes! The rules were simple: create a poem with the number of words per line that match your 5-digit federal zip code. Samples were featured throughout the month. Dozens of selected submissions from the thousands received were read at WLRN and O, Miami's concluding event held at The Kampong in Coconut Grove on April 26.

#### ***Miami Stories (Ongoing)***

Miami Stories are memories of life in the Magic City and the greater Miami area collected as part of a partnership including HistoryMiami, WLRN, the Miami Herald Media Company and Michael Weiser, chairman of the National Conference on Citizenship. From panthers on the front porch to breaking the color barrier at Crandon park, Miami Stories reveal life as it was experienced through the eyes and voices of local residents.



***What's the Story*** (started March 2014) is our on-going audience-guided reporting on South Florida that is primarily for the online platform.

***Gun Violence*** (2015 - ongoing) WLRN's award-winning reporters are zeroing in on a key issue of import with extensive coverage about the on-going tragedy of gun violence in South Florida. <http://wlrn.org/term/gun-violence>

***The Florida Death penalty***, which was ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme court this winter, is another topic of special focus with a reporter traveling the state early in 2016 to cover how this issue has affected and still affects Floridians. Those reports are slated to air later this year.