

Sundial Quarterly Report

Quarterly Report July 1st-September 31st 2020

Topics and Issues

Sundial Rundown 07.06-07.09

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Monday 07.06

Segment A: Broward County continues to see its Coronavirus cases tick upwards as mandatory mask wearing is now being enforced. The county has also developed a dashboard to track businesses where individuals can file complaints for not enforcing social distancing, lacking proper protective gear, etc. We speak with Broward County Mayor Dale Holness and take your calls.

SKYPE

Segment B: Two petitions have been filed to change names of Broward County and Plantation. Napoleon Broward was an avowed segregationist -- and plantation conjures names of slave plantations from the nation's past. Kyle Hill and Dharyl Auguste are behind the two proposals, they join Mayor Dale Holness to discuss.

PHONE/PHONE/SKYPE

Segment C: The Elevate Prize will be awarded to 10 recipients across the globe with visions to fundamentally change the world for the better. A total of 5 million dollars will be awarded to the winners from the newly started foundation in Miami-Dade County. We spoke with the Executive Director of the Foundation, Carolina Garcia Jayaram.

PRE-RECORD

Tuesday 07.07

Segment A: Restaurants must close their indoor dining in Miami-Dade County starting Thursday, according to a new order from Mayor Carlos Gimenez. Gyms were initially slated to be closed, but the county revised their ordinance to allow for gyms to open under the condition that people are wearing masks at all times while in the facility. We spoke with Carlos Frias and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava about the county's efforts to roll back on reopening.

Segment B: Kaiser Health News in partnership with the Guardian launched Lost on the Frontline last week. It tells the stories of 131 of the estimated 729 healthcare workers that have died as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. Melissa Bailey with KHN and Danielle Renwick with the Guardian wrote about healthcare workers in Miami that have died from the virus.

FACETIME AND PHONE

Segment C: Anthony Blackman founded Blackman Music Group, a record label here in Miami. He's an advocate for at-risk black youth having gone through the criminal justice system himself -- and he's a supporter of technical colleges as a means to get the skills you need to be successful.

FACETIME/PHONE

Wednesday 07.08

Segment A: Governor Ron DeSantis signed Alyssa's Law, a requirement that panic alarms be installed in all cell phones or computers. The law was enacted following the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas. Anna Fusco is the President of the Broward Teachers Union. We speak with Fusco about new safety requirements in schools and the plan for reopening in the fall.

FACETIME

Segment B: Delrish Moss is a former city of Miami Police Officer and was the chief of police in Ferguson, Missouri following the death of Michael Brown. He's now a captain in the FIU Police Department. We speak with Moss about police reform with black communities and what he's seen happening in South Florida in recent weeks.

FACETIME/SKYPE

Segment C: Mucho Mucho Amor is now streaming on Netflix. It tells the life story of Walter Mercado, the legendary Puerto Rican astrologer. Kareem Tabsch, co-founder of O'Kinema was one of the film's directors. He joins us to discuss the film and his experience spending 2 years with Walter.

FACETIME

Thursday 07.09

Segment A: After a six hour meeting on Wednesday, the Palm Beach County School Board unanimously agreed that classes would resume fully online in August. We spoke with Marra about the announcement and what the reopening process will look like in Palm Beach County schools.

Segment B: An eleven year old boy in Miami-Dade died from Coronavirus last week, becoming the youngest to die in the state. The research is still unclear how the virus impacts children, though children with underlying conditions remain the most vulnerable. We hear from a pediatrician about how parents are being advised with children.

FACETIME

Segment C: Brazil has the second most COVID-19 cases in the world next to the United States. Their president, Jair Bolsonaro – who claimed the virus was a hoax – has now been infected. Uruguay, on the other hand, has the smallest number of COVID-19 cases in all of Latin America. Uruguay borders Brazil, but has taken stringent measures to protect its residents, and has engaged in an extensive contact tracing and public information campaign. We spoke with WLRN Reporter Tim Padgett

Sundial Rundown 07.13-07.16

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Monday 07.13

Segment A: Florida's Coronavirus cases continue to surge, surpassing 15 thousand on Sunday. That's the highest for any state in the country since the start of the pandemic. Hospitals in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach are close to reaching capacity. The Miami Herald's David Neal joins us to discuss.

FACETIME

Segment B: Ft. Lauderdale's Police Chief has been removed from office. It comes after a protest in late May where one protester was shot in the face with a rubber foam bullet that fractured her eye socket and another protester was shoved to the ground. The interim police chief, Karen Dietrich responded to the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas. WLRN's Broward County Reporter Caitie Switalski joins us.

SKYPE

Segment C: The Instagram account "Names You Don't Know" tells the stories of blacks who have died at the hands of police officers in South Florida. It was started by Miami New Times freelance journalist Jess Swanson. She followed the story of Damian Martin, who drowned in a canal in Sunrise last year after being chased by Sunrise P.D. We spoke with Jess and Tequila Waters, mother of Damian Martin, about the story.

PRE-TAPE

Tuesday 07.14

Segment A: Congresswoman Donna Shalala has called for the state to mandate another two week stay at home order as Coronavirus cases continue to explode. We'll speak with her about the actions being taken locally to slow the spread of the virus and what support could be coming on a federal level. We'll also discuss the status of payment protection for those facing eviction.

FACETIME/PHONE

Segment B: Miami Homes for All recently announced a new affordable housing framework that proposes protections for those that face evictions, hundreds of millions of dollars for private landlords from the CARES ACT and the creation of thousands of new affordable housing units. Annie Lord, the group's Executive Director joins us. We'll also learn about a historic site in Little Havana that is being preserved and will be converted into 4 affordable housing units.

PHONE/FACETIME

Segment C: Tomorrow, Oolite Arts in conjunction with the Miami Film Festival is launching "Close Quarters." It's a series of short films (3 minutes in length) made at home while in quarantine. All films were created by Miami-based filmmakers. We hear from directors Juan Castaneda and Pamela Longsword -- who told stories about childbirth during COVID and COVID myths on social media.

PHONE/FACETIME

Wednesday 07.15 -- NO SHOW SCHOOL BOARD

Thursday 07.16

Segment A: Yesterday we spoke with University of Miami President Julio Frenk. UM is still determining their reopening plans for the fall as well as their plans for their sports program. We speak with Frenk about what safety precautions he thinks should be in place, the concerns facing international students and the funding for the University.

PRE-TAPE

Segment B: An investigation from the Florida Times-Union found that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has not increased their transparency despite being mandated by the state in 2018. The law would require FDLE to post information about inmates received, bond amounts and their charges -- it was lauded by American Bar Association and Wired Magazine that it would make FL the most transparent in the country. We speak with reporter Andrew Pantazi.

FACETIME

Segment C: Nationwide, requests for mail-in ballots have exploded. More than 300,000 mail-in ballots have been sent out in Broward County alone over the past two weeks. Next Monday, July 20, is the deadline to register to vote in Florida before the primary elections on Aug. 18. WLRN Digital Editor Lance Dixon joined us.

Sundial Rundown 07.20-07.23

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Monday 07.20

Segment A: State and municipal governments have spent tens of millions of dollars on one consulting firm throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. McKinsey landed the lucrative contracts, including more than 500,000 from Miami-Dade County back in February to help in the creation of the county's 'New Normal Reopening Guidelines.' Propublica Reporter Ian Macdougall joins us to discuss the contracts and the work McKinsey was doing.

FACETIME AUDIO

Segment B: Fantasy Fest in Key West has been cancelled as South Florida has become one of the global hotspots for the pandemic. Nadene Grossman Orr is the festival's director. She explains how the employees in the region's tourism driven economy are continuing to work and get support without major events.

PHONE/SKYPE

Segment C: What will the future of the American office space look like after the pandemic? Mario Cartaya is the President of Cartaya and Associates Architecture Firm in South Florida. His firm is already considering the design changes coming in the next several years -- including wider hallways, touchfree control of office appliances and a lot more video conferencing. He joins and we take calls.

FACETIME

Tuesday 07.21

Segment A: WLRN Reporter Daniel Rivero gives us an update on the Civilian Investigative Panel in Miami-Dade, which was vetoed by Mayor Gimenez. He also joins us to discuss the latest Supreme Court ruling on Amendment 4. The Supreme Court sided with the DeSantis administration in requiring former felons to pay back their fines and fees before securing their right to vote.

COMREX APP

Segment B: The Homestead Childhood Detention Facility, which shuttered its doors last year, faced 4 claims of child sex abuse after a 17 page document revealed staff **were not** vetted before hiring. It raises questions about the screening process for employees at other detention centers across the state. The Miami Herald's Monique Madan explains.

FACETIME

Segment C: The opioid crisis has been exacerbated by the global pandemic, estimates by the New York Times finds a 13% increase in drug overdoses compared to July of last year.

Luis Garcia knows the problem extensively, he's been administering NARCAN as a former Boynton Beach firefighter and has been teaching classes to large groups through a kickstarter campaign. Garcia has been forced to shift much of his efforts to PPE distribution during the pandemic but the work to combat overdoses continues.

FACETIME

Wednesday 07.22

Segment A: Over the past four months, 1.7 million Floridians have been receiving unemployment benefits from the federal government through the CARES Act, a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus package passed in late March. The assistance program has given \$600 a week to Americans out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kirby Wilson with the Tampa Bay Times and the Miami Herald joins us to discuss.

Segment B: Scammers have been exploiting the pandemic as an opportunity to steal personal information. Posing as contact tracers and health insurance companies, scammers are threatening to take away health benefits if their victims don't comply. Adding to the confusion, many phone companies are flagging the state's legitimate program for contact tracing, through the Florida Department of Health, as scammers. Nenette Day, Assistant Special Agent in Charge at the Department of Health and Human Services, spoke with us.

Segment C: The Youtube Original Documentary film Paper Children follows the experience of four unaccompanied children navigating the asylum system in Miami. The family escaped gang violence in Honduras. Director Alexandra Codina explained the challenges families face in navigating the immigration system in South Florida and how that's indicative of the problem nationwide.

PRE-TAPE

Thursday 07.23

Segment A: As COVID-19 cases increase throughout the state, Gov. Ron DeSantis said that teachers with underlying health conditions should be granted a choice when it comes to returning to a physical learning environment. However, he continues to stress the importance of returning to in-person schooling. "There is still anxiety in the air, but the delay has certainly given both parents, students, and staff more time to adjust to the changes" said Wilkine Brutus, WLRN's Palm Beach County reporter.

Segment B: There are at least 2,500 homeless people living in Broward County, according to the last Point in Time Count completed at the beginning of this year. Back in May there were 110 people experiencing homelessness who were taken off the streets and given a room at an Extended Stay hotel. The city of Fort Lauderdale paid for it with the expectation that they would eventually be reimbursed by the federal government. Jeff Weinberger, the founder of October 22 Alliance to End Homelessness and Susanah Bryan with the South Florida Sun Sentinel spoke with us.

Segment C: Gov. Ron DeSantis placed a moratorium on evictions in April and has extended it each month. It is currently unclear if he plans to do this for August. We spoke with Sean Rowley, the advocacy director of the Tenants Rights Unit at Greater Legal Services of Miami, and Kevin Fabrikant, who represents landlords through the law firm Fabrikant and Associates.

Sundial Rundown 07.27-07.30

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Monday 07.27 -- NO SHOW NPR SPECIAL COVERAGE

Tuesday 07.28

Segment A: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Miami Beach's party scene is quiet. Bars, nightclubs, and tourist attractions have remained closed throughout the pandemic. Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber sees the party scene's stillness as an opportunity to rebrand his city as a family-friendly cultural hub. He is scheduled to meet with the city commission Wednesday to discuss his proposals, which include imposing a midnight last call for alcohol and turning Ocean Drive into a pedestrian walkway.

Segment B: Dr. Erin Marcus works in a primary care clinic at Jackson Hospital through the University of Miami. She's seen firsthand how the Coronavirus pandemic is putting a stress on the healthcare system. Marcus recently wrote an Op-Ed in the Washington Post explaining why she doesn't see the pandemic getting better in South Florida anytime soon.

PRE-TAPE

Segment C1: This month we've been reading Black Miami in the Twentieth Century by FIU Historian Marvin Dunn. The book chronicles the legacy of blacks in South Florida dating back to the 1600s -- and explores their critical development of South Florida in the 20th century. We spoke with Dunn about the history and its ties to the social justice movement happening today.

PRE-TAPE

SEGMENT C2: We continue our conversation about black history in South Florida -- by hearing from a teacher in Miami-Dade Public Schools. Kaylen Lee, teacher at Miami Carol City Sr. high school is advocating for MDPS to update its curriculum to include more history from South Florida's black communities.

LIVE FACETIME

Wednesday 07.29

Segment A: Judges, lawyers, and court clerks have been forced to adapt to virtual courtrooms due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Aside from the hundreds of lawsuits filed by businesses and municipalities badly affected by the pandemic, the state's eviction moratorium is set to expire at the end of this week, which means courts could be facing a deluge of new cases. "They just did the entire jury selection process on zoom," said Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Nushin Sayfie. "But the trial was actually done live."

Segment B1: It's Hurricane season and the threat of storm surge and flooding is evermore present in South Florida. The American Flood Coalition has released a new free online tool that allows people to look up their home's flood risk. We speak with American Flood Coalition President Melissa Roberts about the tool and the issue of flood insurance.

LIVE FACETIME

Segment B2: The book Disposable City by Sun Sentinel Reporter Mario Ariza details the risks facing Miami-Dade County due to climate change and sea level rise. Ariza takes readers to the Florida Everglades, the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant to the high rises of Brickell to understand how real estate, climate change and gentrification all intersect.

PRE-TAPE

Segment C: High school sports in Florida will be delayed at least until the end of August as Coronavirus cases in the state continue to surge. Coaches at South Florida high school were fighting with the FHSAA about their refusal to delay the start of the season. We spoke with the Miami Herald's David Wilson about the new plans being discussed for the fall.

PRE-TAPE

Thursday 07.30

Segment A: WLRN's Daniel Rivero spent a year investigating the actions of Miami-Dade County State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle's Office -- and found thousands of dollars from defendants went to charitable organizations Rundle herself is connected to. We'll explain how this plays into the race for the Miami-Dade State Attorney.

FACETIME

Segment B: Students at the University of Miami have the option of taking classes in person, online or a hybrid of both, but many faculty say they were not given that option. Now, 588 members of the school's teaching staff have signed a petition calling for the university to give them similar options. Other members of the university's workforce have also spoken out about the reopening plan and say those who are in the frontlines were not consulted on the university's decisions. "We should include in the conversation the staff of the university as well," said Yolanda Martinez-San Miguel, a professor and chair at the university's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

Segment C: High school sports were scheduled to start this week. But after facing backlash, the Florida High School Athletic Association made the decision to push back the start of fall sports to late August. The decision worries schools in Miami-Dade and Broward counties — it means they might not be able to compete for state championships. “They [Miami-Dade and Broward Counties] know that they're the best region in the state and they have a lot of leverage over the FHSAA because if they're not competing in the state championships, no one feels like the best of the best are there,” said David Wilson, a Miami Herald sports reporter. The association will hold another meeting by Aug. 17 to update any policies before the start of practice, leaving many to wonder what will become of high school sports. We spoke with Wilson about the association’s plans for the fall.

Sundial Rundown 08.03-08.06

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Monday 08.03

Segment A1: We get an update on Tropical Storm Isaias and its impact on Palm Beach County over the weekend from WLRN’s Daniel Rivero.

PHONE

Segment A2: Democratic State Representative Shevrin Jones joins us to discuss how his family in the Bahamas was impacted by Tropical Storm Isaias. He also recently recovered from COVID-19 and is pushing for Governor Ron DeSantis to implement a statewide mask mandate.

FACETIME

Segment B: Tomorrow, Joaquin “Guac” Oliver would have turned 20 years old. He’s one of the 17 students and faculty that were killed in Marjory Stoneman Douglas in February of 2018. His family is hosting a Guac-a-thon on Facebook tomorrow to raise money for the Change-The-Ref non-profit -- which will include appearances from Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden, the Miami Heat’s Dwayne Wade, Nancy Pelosi and more. We spoke with Joaquin’s mother Patricia Oliver about the event.

FACETIME

Segment C: Dr. Harlan Selesnick has spent 32 years with the Miami Heat as their team doctor. He’s seen the team grow to a championship squad with the Big 3 and was part of their preparations for the NBA Bubble in Orlando now. We spoke with Selesnick about the bubble and his work with InterMiami, where he is also the team doctor.

PRE-TAPE

Tuesday 08.04 -- Teacher Panel

We are dedicating the full hour to a panel conversation with teachers about the start of the new school year. We have four teachers from across our school districts to discuss distance learning and the future for in person classes. Robert DeGennaro is a 5th Grade Teacher at Haygen Road Elementary, Maribel Pizzaro is at Palmetto Senior High, Brandon Boswell is at Cypress Bay High School in Broward and Melissa Welch at Coral Shores High School.

STREAMYARD

Wednesday 08.05

Segment A: There are a number of Congressional races facing primary challenges in South Florida. Florida's Fab 4 represents four of the progressive challengers to longtime representatives -- the candidates include Jen Perelman, an attorney challenging Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Guido Weiss challenging Lois Frankel, Activist Christine Olivo challenging Frederica Wilson and businesswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick challenging Alcee Hastings. We talk with them about the priorities for the progressive left this election.

Segment B: Part II of our conversation w/ Florida's Fab4.

Segment C: A conversation about the future of retail with Beth Azor, a long time businesswoman who owns six shopping complexes across South Florida. One of her clients is Brett Mitchell, who owns a Hurricane Swag shop. We discuss how retail stores are surviving the pandemic and take your calls.

Thursday 08.06

Segment A: The Sun Sentinel's Steve Bosquet on the race for Broward County's new State Attorney.

PHONE

Segment B: Sara Faulkner was one of only 3 women to ever become a member of the Coast Guard's elite swim rescue team. Over her two decades in the coast guard she rescued dozens of people from ship-wrecks to Hurricane Katrina. She's retired now and living in West Palm Beach working at an animal rescue. Faulkner is speaking out now about the sexual abuse she experienced -- and hearing from women continuing to undergo abuse today. Her story was featured in a recent McClatchy/Miami Herald investigation.

PRE-TAPE

Segment C: The Miami Herald's Jordan McPherson discusses the Miami Marlins COVID controversy and who's playing for the team now.

PHONE

Sundial Rundown 08.10-08.13

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Monday 08.10

Segment A: Mask enforcement across South Florida varies from county to county. Fines can range from 25 dollars to a thousand depending on the number of offenses and where you live. WLRN's Jenny Staletovich fills in the gaps on the mask requirements and enforcement.

FACETIME

Segment B: ProPublica recently investigated 68 viral videos of interactions between police and protests in cities across the country. They found police departments' willingness to release information about officers and reprimand them varied greatly from department to department. We spoke with Mollie Simon, research fellow at ProPublica about the story.

PHONE

Segment C: SaveOurStages was introduced in Congress next month -- the legislation would provide billions of dollars in grants to independent venues struggling financially. Adam Gersten is the owner of Gramps, a bar and music venue in Miami's Wynwood neighborhood. Christine Barclay runs Barclay Productions in West Boca. We discussed our live theater and music venues are struggling to get by and what this legislation would mean.

FACETIME AND PHONE

Tuesday 08.11

Segment A: Florida's August primaries are just a week away. We speak with University of South Florida Professor Susan MacManus about the influx of vote by mail ballots expected and what this election could foreshadow for Florida in November.

FACETIME

Segment B: The YWCA South Florida recently finished its 21 day race equity challenge. Over the course of the month, they asked businesses, nonprofits and colleges to reflect inward on their policies around hiring, inclusion and diversity. For 100 years, the organization has focused on empowering women and eliminating racism. We speak with CEO Kerry-Anne Royes about anti-racism, the major takeaways from the challenge and making sure individuals get out to vote for the August primary.

FACETIME

Segment C: Recent Black Lives Matter protests against police brutality have pushed the country into conversations about history and race. Black-owned bookstores have found themselves responding to a new wider audience and more demand. For many, it's an unexpected but welcome boost for business during a time when the economy is on a downward spiral because of the pandemic. We're talking with Shaka Akbar, owner and founder of Pyramid Books, one of the few Blackowned bookstores in South Florida.

PRE-TAPE

Wednesday 08.12 -- NO SHOW SCHOOL BOARD

Thursday 08.13

Segment A: The early voting period for Florida's August primary ends this Sunday and election day is less than a week away. There are local, state and federal elections on the ballot across South Florida, including in Key West, where three candidates are vying to become the mayor. Teri Johnston is the incumbent Democrat. Mark Rossi is a local bar owner and Rick Haskins is a real estate broker. The challengers are running on platforms of nostalgia. WLRN's Nan Klingener.

Segment B: We speak with the Miami Herald's Education Reporter Colleen Wright about the Miami-Dade School Board candidates up for election during the August primary.

PHONE

Segment C: On Tuesday, Former Vice President Joe Biden announced his running mate to be California Senator Kamala Harris. As the daughter of Jamaican and Indian immigrants, Senator Harris is the first Black woman, Asian-American, and Caribbean-American on a presidential ballot for a major party in the United States. Harris has also been outspoken about immigration, criminal justice reform and climate change — all issues impacting South Floridians. We heard from WLRN's America's Correspondent Tim Padgett.

Sundial Rundown 08.17-08.20

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Monday 08.17

Segment A1: WLRN Reporter Caitie Switalski on a few of the key races in Broward and election safety ahead of tomorrow's primary.

PHONE/FACETIME

Segment A2: ACLU Miami Attorney Carlene Sawyer discusses your voting rights before election day, the history of the Voting Rights Act and how to report voter suppression or intimidation on election day.

PHONE

Segment B: The University of Miami started in person classes for the fall semester today. Students have the option to take classes on campus or online -- professors and faculty aren't given those same options/ We spoke with Professor Yolanda-Martinez San-Miguel about her health concerns and concerns among faculty about the reopening.

PRE-TAPE

Segment C: The cruise industry has been shut down in the United States since a number of Coronavirus outbreaks back in the spring. But thousands of cruise ship members remain stranded out on boats, not receiving pay, while they wait for their home countries to accept them. We spoke with Gan Sungaralingum who works for Carnival and Taylor Dolven with the Miami Herald.

PRE-TAPE

Tuesday 08.18

Segment A: For the past several months, candidates have been forced to campaign online due to COVID-19. A record number of votes by mail ballots have been requested and returned this August, as many choose to avoid their polling places. "There are so many reasons why it makes sense to get that ballot to us as soon as possible, one of them is because in Florida now the law says if you forget to sign or your signature doesn't match we have to notify you of that and give you an opportunity to cure your ballot. So it's essentially giving you a second chance at it," said Christina White, Miami-Dade County's Supervisor of Elections.

Segment B: The city of Miami has enacted a new ordinance which explicitly prohibits the feeding of homeless in the streets. David Peery is chair of the advocacy committee of the Camillus Health Concern Consumer Advisory Board and was one of the lead plaintiffs in the Pottinger Agreement (a non-profit organization that serves the homeless.) We speak with him and hear from Miami City Commissioner Manolo Reyes about why he passed the ordinance.

PHONE

Segment C: This month's Sundial Book Club selections is Leslie Gray Streeter's Black Widow. The memoir details Streeter's experience of losing her husband suddenly while fostering a child -- and how family and a keen sense of humor helps her get through life. We speak with her about the book and hear tips of handling grief during this pandemic.

PRE-TAPE

Wednesday 08.19

Segment A: The Miami Herald's David Smiley joins us for a round-up and analysis of some of the key races from Florida's August primary. We also hear from WLRN Reporters across our 4 counties w/ more analysis from election day.

PHONE/FACETIME

Segment B: The new book Grifter's Club: Trump, Mar-A-Lago and the Selling of the Presidency, explores how the President has used his private club as a space for business negotiations, foreign diplomacy and more. Reporters Sarah Blaskey and Nicholas Nehamas also explored the security concerns surrounding the "Winter WhiteHouse" and who was able to gain access to the President's ear.

PRE-TAPE

Thursday 08.20

Segment A: Key West Mayor Teri Johnston faced two challengers in Tuesday's August primary election and still secured 59 percent of the vote as she won the mayoral contest. After securing another four years in office, she is now facing an even greater challenge as her community continues to battle the coronavirus pandemic.

Segment B: The University of Miami has partnered with the National Institute of Health and the private company Moderna for a COVID-19 trial. It's one of several occurring simultaneously at partner institutions across the country. Dr. Susanne Doblecki-Lewis is one of the leads on the vaccine trial and joins us to discuss their progress and how they will define success.

FACETIME

Segment C: The OutShine Film Festival launches this week with a series of films about the LGBTQ community. Because of COVID-19, films will be screened at Dezerland Park in North Miami. We speak with OutShine Film Festival Director Victor Gimenez and a South Florida based director about one of the short films being screened.

PHONE/SKYPE

Sundial Rundown 08.24-08.27

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Monday 08.24 -- No Show at 1 RNC Coverage, Show Broadcast at 8

Segment A: Miami-Dade County Commissioner Esteban "Steve" Bovo is facing fellow Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava to become the county's next Mayor. Bovo is running as the conservative candidate on the ballot and has connected himself to President Donald J. Trump, who was nominated today as the Republican candidate for President. We speak with Bovo about his candidacy and the ongoing Census efforts -- he's the Miami-Dade chair.

FACETIME

Segment B: High School sports can begin practice in South Florida today. It comes as school districts are continuing remote learning to start the school year. Dr. Thomas Best is a board certified family physician at the University of Miami Sports Medicine Institute. We spoke with him about the dangers of high school sports during the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of physical activity at this time.

PRE-TAPE

Segment C: College football is scheduled to start in Florida in early September, the only collegiate sport moving forward during the Coronavirus pandemic. It's unclear how the ACC, Big-12 and SEC plan to keep their players safe and coaches safe. Diane Roberts is a longtime Florida columnist and author of *Tribal: College Football and the Secret Heart of America*. She joins us to explain how the sport intersects politics, economics and culture at the heart of the state.

FACETIME

Tuesday 08.25

Segment A: The Coronavirus is killing young Floridians -- and hitting communities of color particularly hard. A New York Times investigation found more than 100 people aged 25-44 died in the month of July in Florida. Danielle Ivory is an investigative reporter for the New York Times. She explains how young Floridians have been contracting the virus and some misconceptions spreading about the virus by politicians.

PHONE/FACETIME

Segment B: We rebroadcast our conversation with Commissioner Esteban Bovo

Segment C: Florida's latest unemployment numbers paint a dark picture, 11% of Floridians remain out of work. The tourism industry has been hit incredibly hard, 20 percent of the jobs that existed in the tourism/service industry last year are gone. How will the pandemic reshape South Florida's economy? Richard Florida is a researcher and urbanist that's been studying the region for years. He joins us to discuss the future of South Florida's economy and where transformations could occur.

FACETIME

Wednesday 08.26

Segment A: More than a thousand lawyers in Florida are in limbo right now waiting to complete their Bar exam after numerous issues with the test. The test determines who is qualified to practice law in Florida. Normally, it's held twice a year in Tampa. This year, the July test was moved online because of COVID-19 concerns. It was first postponed to Aug. 18, but that coincided with the election. So it was moved to the next day — and then canceled again over cybersecurity concerns, just days before applicants were set to take the test.

Segment B: Alexandra Ayala and Sarah Leonardi are the youngest students to become members of the Broward and Palm Beach County School Boards. Traditionally school boards skew older in age -- Ayala is replacing 72 year old Chuck Shaw who chose not to run for re-election. We speak with Leonardi and Ayala about their priorities for the School Board during COVID-19 and take questions from callers.

STREAMYARD

Segment C: Loss is something no one wants to experience, but we're all likely to at some point in our lives. In some ways, it's now become a part of our collective consciousness, as many are grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19, loss of a business or loss of a way of life. "At one point she says, 'Did I even eat? Is it ok that I eat? Is it ok that I weigh my self? I don't even know.' And when you're in that stage it's hard to know what is the correct thing to do," Katalin Hanana, a licensed mental health counselor.

Thursday 08.27

Segment A: A year long investigation from Grist, an environmental news publication, examined the impact of sugarcane burning in rural Palm Beach County on lower-income communities. Reporter Gilda Di Carli found the Palm Beach County School District signed an agreement to allow U.S. Sugar to continue burning adjacent to the local schools. We hear from Di Carli and local activist Shanique Scott about the impact of burning, especially during the Coronavirus pandemic.

FACETIME/PHONE

Segment B: The Centner Academy in Miami-Dade reopens September 8th to hundreds of students. The private school is offering both in person classes and online services. Some parents have taken their children out of public schools so they can have in-person classes. We spoke with Leila Centner, the head of Centner Academy, about their decision to have in-person classes and what safety precautions are in place.

PRE-TAPE

Segment C: Parents and caregivers are having to make tough decisions as the school year is quickly approaching or already underway. In South Florida, public schools are all online — for now. But online schooling is not a viable option for parents and caregivers who can't work from home. The stress of these decisions and the lack of social interaction can create anxiety in the home and affect children's mental health. "The little ones, you want to look for any regressive behaviors, changes in appetites, sleep issues or walking in the middle of the night or outbursts," said Dr. Patricia Ares-Romero, Chief Medical Officer of Jackson Behavioral Health Hospital. "If they start withdrawing from the family or thematic complaints. If you see it going on for more than a week or two, you may want to speak with a pediatrician."

Sundial Rundown 08.31-09.03

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Monday 08.31 --

Segment A: The Miami Herald's Colleen Wright joins us to discuss the first day of school in Miami-Dade County. There have already been reported issues with the web platform used for virtual schooling.

FACETIME/PHONE

Segment B: Wanda Harris the President of the Miami area local 172 of the USPS Miami American Postal Workers Union. The USPS has been under siege by budget cuts and there have been reported delays in mail delivery -- raising concerns for the November election when an unprecedented number of Vote by Mail ballots are expected to be cast. We speak with Harris about the issues she's faced and hear from business owners.

FACETIME/PHONE

Segment C: Medical marijuana dispensaries will now be allowed to produce edibles, under new guidance from the Florida Department of Health. The Miami Herald's Samantha Gross explains what the new guidelines mean and the growth of medical marijuana during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PHONE

Segment D: Community fridges have begun sprouting up across South Florida in response to the unprecedented need for food. Sherina Jones started one in Liberty City. We speak with her about how community fridges work and ways in which the community can support these enterprises.

FACETIME/PHONE

Tuesday 09.01

Segment A: Miami-Dade College starts its first day of in-person classes today. The community college system is one of the largest in the country and is doing a mixture of in-person and remote learning. We hear from Interim President Rolando Montoya about the measures taken to ensure the virus doesn't spread on campus among students and faculty.

PHONE/SKYPE

Segment B: The Miami Heat played their first game of the semi-conference finals against the Milwaukee Bucks. It comes after last week's strike where the Bucks decided not to take the court following the violence in Wisconsin. We hear from the Miami Herald's John Devine about Heat player's responses to the social unrest.

PHONE

Segment C: Exile at Home is an ongoing project put on by the Miami-Book Fair and Miami Herald Photographer Carl Juste. They've been collecting videos, photos, writing submissions and more from individuals continuing to be creative during the pandemic -- they will be put on display virtually during the Miami Book Fair. We spoke with Juste and Lissette Mendez, Director of Programming at the Book Fair, about the project.

PRE-TAPE

Wednesday 09.02 -- Nursing Home Focus

Segment A: Restrictions on visitations to nursing homes and assisted living facilities are set to be lifted in early September. WLRN Reporter Veronica Zaragovia has been following the issue of nursing homes closely. Renee Garvin, Executive Director of Vi at Aventura discusses the safety precautions they've been taking and how they will approach the issue of visitations.

PHONE/FACETIME

Segment B: Peter Fuchs and his wife Veronica have been hosting Skype classes and playing music to help people within the Vi deal with social isolation. They explain how they've remained active virtually during the pandemic and dealt with isolation.

STREAMYARD

Segment C: WLRN Reporter Veronica Zaragovia has been following the issue of nursing homes closely. Renee Garvin, Executive Director of Vi at Aventura discusses the safety precautions they've been taking and how they will approach the issue of visitations.

Thursday 09.03

Segment A: Florida has cut ties with the medical lab, Quest Diagnostics after it reported a backlog of nearly 75,000 coronavirus test results that date all the way back to April. Quest is one of the largest COVID-19 testing labs in the country and accounted for 22 percent of all the tests conducted in Florida. State health officials say the delayed tests did not drastically distort the extent of the pandemic, but this proves errors in the number of cases that the state has been reporting. "It raises to me some questions about how reliable and trustworthy the data is that the state is providing us," said Mary Ellen Klas, the Miami Herald's Tallahassee bureau chief.

Segment B: Florida is seeing a decline in COVID-19 cases, infections and hospitalizations. The hard-hit areas of Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties are easing restrictions as their own coronavirus numbers continue to improve. Dr. Scott Atlas is a coronavirus adviser for the White House who spoke alongside Gov. Ron DeSantis in Tallahassee earlier this week. Atlas has previously advocated for the idea that the United States should adopt a "herd immunity" model, similar to Sweden, where a large enough percentage of the population gets infected by the virus to build a resistance to it. That proposal troubles Dr. Anthony Harris, Medical Director and Chief Innovation Officer at WorkCare, a national employee health company.

Segment C: Rental assistance during the pandemic.

Sundial Rundown 09.07-09.10

All Sundial segments are subject to change.

Monday 09.07 -- NO SHOW SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 09.08

SEGMENT A: Palm Beach County entered into phase two reopening Tuesday, so a lot more businesses will now be able to take customers. Social distancing and mask mandates are still in place. This phase allows movie theaters, libraries, museums, and other entertainment venues to open again at reduced capacity. We spoke with Palm Beach County Commissioner Hal Valeche and the Palm Beach Post's Jane Musgrave.

SEGMENT B: Pierre Martin was a 69-year-old architect living in Miami. He suffered from heart troubles and diabetes. He thought he had a common cold and wouldn't go to the hospital until it was too late. Martin was part of South Florida's Haitian diaspora, a community that's been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. "When you talk to community leaders they tell you that the outreach has been very disappointing," said Miami Herald reporter Jacqueline Charles, she adds that that has been a problem in getting the message out. "All of us in this community, when we've been looking at the news and we're looking at the updates — we heard translations in Spanish, but we did not hear the Creole."

SEGMENT C: One week after the first day of class, the University of Miami published a COVID-19 dashboard announcing that more than a hundred students had tested positive. The dashboard was criticized for being misleading because it only showed the weekly totals not the cumulative number of cases in the community. UM Professor Alberto Cairo.

Wednesday 09.09 -- NO SHOW SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday 09.10

SEGMENT A: Everglades Foundation CEO Erik Eikenberg and WLRN Reporter Jenny Staletovich on President Trump's visit to Jupiter Florida and Everglades Restoration.

SEGMENT B: Tomorrow marks 19 years since the September 11th terror attacks. Tens of thousands of survivors and first responders continue to struggle with health issues. "It shouldn't really surprise anybody that the 9/11 community is particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus because think about it, what were the most common 9/11 illnesses? They were respiratory illnesses like COPD, pulmonary fibrosis but also 68 cancers," said Attorney Michael Barasch, a managing partner of Barasch, McGarry. He has spent the past two decades representing more

than 20,000 members of the 9/11 community. About 2,000 of his clients live in Florida. Including Richard Yodice, a first responder working for CON Edison.

SEGMENT C: A conversation with the parents of Banana Dog, the dog that appears on the error page for the Miami-Dade Public Schools web platform as part of virtual schooling.

Sundial Rundown 09.14-09.17

All Sundial segments are subject to change.

Monday 09.14 -- NO SHOW MIAMI-DADE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 09.15 -- LUIS HERNANDEZ OFF, CAITIE SWITALSKI GUEST HOSTS

Segment A: Broward County Public School Teachers are set to get a raise this week -- the union reached a tentative agreement with the School Board to increase teacher salaries between 1,000-3,700 dollars. Not all teachers feel the increase is adequate -- and it comes as they struggle with the online school platform and prepare for in-person schooling. We hear from Broward Teachers Union President Anna Fusco and Anthony Schmeider from Pompano Beach Middle School.

PHONE AND FACETIME

Segment B: There's a constitutional amendment on this year's November ballot that you may not have heard of -- but would drastically change the process of civilian led ballot initiatives. From raising the minimum wage, to a ban on assault weapons to legalizing recreational marijuana, if Amendment 4 is passed these initiatives would require **two** statewide referendums before going into law. We speak with Jason Garcia of the Orlando Sentinel about the dark money being funneled into this campaign and its connections to Miami-Dade.

PRE-TAPE

Segment C: Small businesses make up a huge part of South Florida's economy, but many are struggling to navigate their models online as retail has been hit hard by the Coronavirus pandemic. At Florida Atlantic University, the Small Business Development Council has been working with entrepreneurs and small business owners to navigate these uncharted waters. We hear from Sandra Marin from the SBDC at FAU as well as Jennifer Kovach from the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship, which is offering free seminars for small business navigation. (Nicole Anyadike, CEO of Kidology Enterprises, received support from FAU and she joins as well.)

STREAMYARD

Wednesday 09.16

Segment A: Who gets the right to vote in Florida? Last week, Florida's 11th circuit court ruled that the state can require former felons to pay back their fines and fees before regaining their

voting rights. The fight against Amendment 4 is just a piece of the decades long process of voter suppression in the state -- explained in Dexter Filkins cover story of the September issue of the New Yorker.

SKYPE

Segment B1: Last week, the Veterans Affairs Administration announced at least 3,000 Vets nationwide have died this year from COVID-19. While the VA continues to expand telemedicine and access to prescription medication, many continue to fall through the cracks. We spoke with Jennifer MacDonald, Chief Consultant to the Deputy Undersecretary for Health at the Veterans Affairs Administration about the VA's work during the Coronavirus pandemic.

PRE-TAPE

Segment B2: We hear from Seth Eisenberg, We also get her response to the work being done by the VA.

PHONE/FACETIME

Segment C: Elysa Batista and Maria Barbist have both been working as artists in South Florida for years. They've both been fascinated by the diversity of artists that call this region home -- and so a few years ago they started the rocking chair podcast. The idea is simple, the artist comes to their home (or in one case they bring the rocking chair to them), for an intimate conversation about their work. We spoke with Elysa and Maria how they incorporate psychology into their discussions and hear excerpts of some of their more compelling interviews.

PRE-TAPE

Thursday 09.17 -- CHRIS REMINGTON OFF, ALEX GONZALEZ FILLS IN PRODUCING

Segment A: What is the Democrats' strategy for winning the election in Florida in November? Bill Nelson has some interesting perspective on this, for 18 years he was one of Florida's Representatives to the U.S. Senate. He lost his re-election bid to Senator Rick Scott in 2018 and in "retirement" he's working with the DNC in Joe Biden's election campaign. We get his take on the current state of politics, mail-in-voting and what it will be needed to win Florida for Dems in November.

FACETIME/SKYPE

Segment B: Palm Beach Post investigative Reporter Olivia Hitchcock examined a decade of the county's homicide records to extensively document the racial disparities in the criminal justice system of Florida's 3rd largest county. Furthermore, she detailed the stories of 9 different families and their experiences dealing with law enforcement.

PHONE/FACETIME

Segment C: George Clinton has revolutionized funk, R&B and hip-hop as a musician and producer for more than five decades. His group "Parliament Funkadelic" was inducted into the Rock N'Roll Hall of Fame for their lifetime achievement. Clinton is also a painter and has spent

much of the pandemic creating new work at his home studio in Tallahassee. He'll be talking about his artwork in a livestream with the Perez Art Museum Miami Thursday night.

PRE-TAPE

Sundial Rundown 09.21-09.24

All Sundial segments are subject to change.

Monday 09.21 -- NO SHOW MIAMI-DADE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 09.22

Segment A: Governor Ron DeSantis has announced new legislation that would crack down on "disorderly assemblies" in the state -- making it a felony if protesters are found blocking a road, toppling a monument or throwing objects at police. He also announced a plan to cut state funding to any municipality that has proposals to "defund" their police department. We hear from the Sun Sentinel's Mario Ariza about the latest proposals by the Governor.

FACETIME

Segment B: Palm Beach County Schools reopened the classrooms this week to a limited number of students and faculty. Karen Walter is a science teacher at Walter T Dwyer High School. She taught the limited number of students in her classroom and the remaining online for her first day back, she's also part of a class action lawsuit against the School District for requiring teachers to return into the classroom.

PRE-TAPE

Part II: We hear from Haygen Road Elementary School teacher Robert DeGennaro or Palm Beach County School Board Member Dr. Debra Robinson about the reopening thus far.

PHONE OR FACETIME

Segment C: The Last Train to Key West by Chanel Cleeton follows the story of three very different women in the Florida Keys at the time of the 1935 Labor Day Hurricane. The historical fiction novel explores how the women respond to the natural disaster, how it impacts the Veterans from the Great War and how everyone is surviving the Great Depression. The Last Train to Key West is Sundial's September Book Club Title.

PRE-TAPE

Wednesday 09.23 -- SHOW PENDING MIAMI DADE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Segment A: Jessica Bakeman on Miami-Dade School Board meeting vote to reopen classrooms.

Segment B: Most analysts predict that in order for President Trump to win re-election, taking Florida will be essential. Joe Gruters, a Sarasota Republican and Chair of the Florida GOP, is part of the President's reelection team. Last week we spoke with former Senator Bill Nelson about the Biden campaign's strategy for winning Florida -- Gruters explains the Trump campaign's plan.

FACETIME

Segment C: A nationwide survey conducted last week found some troubling statistics when it comes to young people's understanding of the Holocaust. Twenty-three percent of young people surveyed said they believed the Holocaust was a myth or had been exaggerated, 2/3rds said they didn't know that 6 million Jews died. State Senator Lauren Book co-sponsored HB-1213, which standardizes Holocaust education across the state.

PRE-TAPE

Part II: We hear from a student representative from Hillel in Broward/Palm Beach Counties about the role young people can play on college campuses in educating their peers about the Holocaust.

PHONE/FACETIME

Thursday 09.24 -- LUIS HERNANDEZ OFF, TIM PADGETT FILLS IN

Segment A: Thousands of leaked financial documents reveal a massive network of money laundering using some of the world's largest financial institutions. The FinCEN files were given to BuzzFeed News, who in cooperation with the International Consortium for Investigative Journalists and hundreds of reporters around the globe, pored through the documents and made significant connections. As with the Panama Papers four years ago, financiers and developers living in South Florida played an important role in the money laundering network. A team of journalists at the Miami Herald, El Nuevo Herald and McClatchy looked specifically at a number of Venezuelan expats living in South Florida who helped launder money from organized crime syndicates and kleptocrats in the Maduro regime into banks in South Florida.

Segment B: What does it mean to be LatinX? Earlier this week, Philip Carter at FIU moderated an online panel with LatinX speakers about the meaning behind the term and gender fluidity in Latin culture. We hear from Carter as well as student Gabriel Mayora and take questions from the audience.

STREAMYARD

Segment C: President Trump is expected to announce his pick to replace the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in the coming days. A candidate on the shortlist is Justice Barbara Lagoa. She was briefly named to the Florida Supreme Court before joining the 11th circuit court -- where she played a critical role in the recent Amendment 4 ruling. We hear from David Abraham, an

emeritus professor at the University of Miami School of Law about Lagoa's record in Miami and what she could bring to the Supreme Court if nominated.

FACETIME/PHONE

Sundial Rundown 09.28-10.01

All Sundial segments are subject to change.

Monday 09.28 --

SEGMENT A: The Miami Herald's Ana Ceballos spoke with us about Florida entering Phase III of reopening, as well as the struggle for college campuses to contain the Coronavirus.

FACETIME

SEGMENT B: A recent federal court case placed the temporary protected status for hundreds of thousands of immigrants from El Salvador, Haiti, Sudan and Nicaragua. Jose Miguel Cruz, Director of Research at the Latin America and Caribbean Center at FIU explained the complications facing immigrant families living here -- and the threats facing them if they're forced to return home.

SKYPE

SEGMENT B2: A look inside immigration court during the pandemic with Michael Vastine. He's a Professor of Law at St. Thomas Aquinas University and runs the schools law clinic. Vastine explains how immigrants being held in detention are in legal limbo -- and what could happen once federal immigration court reopens in downtown Miami in a couple of weeks.

PHONE

SEGMENT C: Jessica Pate is a researcher in Palm Beach County who spent the last three years studying Manta Rays. She found more than 50 are living just off the shoreline between Jupiter Inlet and Boynton Beach.

PRE-TAPE

Tuesday 09.29 -- MIAMI DADE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING/ SHOW IN PBC, KEYS AND ONLINE

Segment A: Raising the minimum wage, open primaries and more are on the November ballot -- there are six constitutional amendments. The Sun Sentinel's Skyler Swisher explains which you should be aware of and who is funding the campaigns.

FACETIME

Segment B: The Trump administration has introduced new economic sanctions against Cuba and new restrictions on the imports of Cuban rum and cigars (as well as limiting U.S. travel to

Cuba through hotel restrictions.) Michael J. Bustamante is an Assistant Professor of History at FIU, he joins Collin Laverty with Cuba Educational Travel to discuss.

PHONE/FACETIME

Segment C: The Last Train to Key West by Chanel Cleeton follows the story of three very different women in the Florida Keys at the time of the 1935 Labor Day Hurricane. Our panel conversation about the Sundial September collection with Keys historian William Dryer and WLRN's Florida Keys Reporter Nan Klingener.

KEYS TIELINE

Wednesday 09.30

Segment A: Broward County Superintendent Robert Runcie on the push by the state to reopen classrooms.

Segment B: Kathy Hebda is Florida's College System Chancellor. Higher education institutions have struggled to contain the spread of the Coronavirus on their campuses. We speak with Hebda about the approach from higher ups to COVID-19 -- as well as the push for workforce training initiatives.

PHONE

Segment C: Tonight, the Arsht Center is beginning its Black Heritage Project series. Over the next six months, a series of virtual "salons" with black artists will focus on the history of social justice, activism and Black art on the "mainstream consciousness." The event tonight is focused on songs of protests and we'll be hearing from jazz and gospel musician Brenda Alford.

PRE-TAPE

Thursday 10.01 -- START OF PLEDGE DRIVE, 2 SEGMENT SHOWS

Segment A: Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez joins us to discuss Florida's Phase III reopening, his Congressional race and the issue of protests. We take your questions via social media.

FACETIME

Segment B: 50 years ago this Sunday, PBS went on the air with its first broadcast, the French Chef Julia Child. Since that first broadcast, it's been a mainstay in millions of homes through iconic children's programming and dependable news "The NewsHour", "Frontline", etc. President and CEO Paula Kerger joins us to discuss some of that history.

PRE-TAPE

Segment C: A new drive thru Halloween experience in Miramar as haunted houses remain closed due to COVID-19.

PRE-TAPE

