

TOPICAL CURRENTS

Issues and Programs 2016

SECOND QUARTER (APR-JUN) 2016

- Mon, APR 04: **Matthew Schwartz**, Executive Director of South Florida Wildlands Association updates the status of what's going on in the Greater Everglades with regard to energy projects.
- Tues, APR 05: **Marta Zaraska**, author of **MEATHOOKED: The History and Science of Our 2.5-Million-Year Obsession with Meat.**
- Wed, APR 06: **RECORDED PLEDGE EDITION** Seraphic Fire Profile. Edited from Feb. 10.
- Thurs, APR 07: **LIVE PLEDGE EDITION** Diabetes awareness with **Lory Gonzalez** from the Diabetes Research Institute (DRI) at the University of Miami. She'll talk about the latest research news and diabetes management.
- Mon, APR 11: **LIVE PLEDGE EDITION** – Florida Keys History, with historian and blogger Tom Hambricht of the Monroe County Public Library.
- Tues, APR 12: **LIVE PLEDGE EDITION** “Members Only,” with Joe and Bonnie.
- Thurs, APR 14: **PLEDGE EDITION** Food & Dining. Linda, Fred, Joe & Bonnie with an “Ask Linda” segment, with answers for cooking and cuisine questions.
- Mon, APR 18: **Colin Woodard**, author of **AMERICAN CHARACTER: A History of the Epic Struggle between Individual Liberty and the Common Good.**
- Tues, APR 19: At Your Service: workplace issues and employment law with labor and employment law attorney, **Donna Ballman**
- Wed, APR 20: At Your Service: Closing online accounts of the deceased and other elder affairs with Elder Law attorney, **David Slonim**

Thurs, APR 21: Knight Cities Challenge 2016 winning projects in Miami.
Matt Haggman/Knight Found. Pgm. Dir., Meg Daly/Friends of the Underline, Rebekah Monson/Code for Miami.

Food & Dining: University of Miami School of Architecture
Assoc. Professor, **Carmen Guerrer** gives tips on how we can make our kitchens eco-friendly.

Mon, APR 25: **Barbara Bradley Hagerty**, author of **LIFE REIMAGINED: The Science, Art, and Opportunity of Midlife**.

Tues, APR 26: **At Your Service: Pet Care** – springtime allergies, a lot of neurotic, obsessive behaviors like over grooming and self-mutilation are linked to allergies. **Ian Kupkee**, DVM **Edel Miedes**, Dog Trainer and Behaviorist

Wed, APR 27: Education assistance programs for at-risk youth and children in foster care. **Steve Rios**, EdD, President, Rios Research & Evaluation, Co-founder, Florida Reach; **Fran Allegra**, President of The SEED School of Miami.

FL Reach mentee **Racquell Perry**, who just passed the Florida bar and is now a Graduate Fellow with Educate Tomorrow, Inc.

Luna Otero, SEED School of Miami's Director of Admissions.

Thurs, APR 28: **Mark Cole**, Exec. Dir. of the Miami Dade College Foundation, a local program that provides resources to help families pay for college.

Food & Dining: **Shannon Allen**, co-owner with her husband Ray Allen (ex-Miami Heat) of Grown, a fast, casual, healthy restaurant in Pinecrest.

Mon, MAY 02: **Farai Chideya**, author of **The Episodic Career: How to Thrive at Work in the Age of Disruption**.

Tues, MAY 03: At Your Service: Community Association Law attorney **Donna Berger** of Becker & Poliakoff discusses the latest legal developments for condo/HOAs.

Wed, MAY 04: **Thomas Swick**, author of **The Joys of Travel: And Stories That Illuminate Them**.

Thurs, MAY 05: Legal Services of Miami celebrates 50 years of championing the legal rights of the less fortunate in greater Miami.

Evian White, Attorney at Law, Legal Services of Greater Miami
Glovia Jay, former client, Legal Services of Greater Miami
Felix Cepeda, current client, Legal Services of Greater Miami

Food & Dining: Linda w/Lee Brian Schragger, author of AMERICA'S BEST BREAKFASTS.

Mon, MAY 09: **Bill DeYoung**, author of *Skyway: The True Story of Tampa Bay's Signature Bridge and the Man Who Brought it Down*.
Senator Bob Graham.

Tues, MAY 10: **"Robots & the Law."** With U-M Distinguished Professor of Law and co-editor of the book, **Dr. A. Michael Fromkin**, ROBOT LAW. AND **Dr. Ian Kerr** : Canada research Chair in Ethics, Law & Technology at the University of Ottawa, Canada

Thurs, MAY 12: **Grant Brenner MD**, Assistant Clinical Professor at Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Department of Psychiatry and coauthor of **IRRELATIONSHIP: How We Use Dysfunctional Relationships to Hide from Intimacy**.

Food & Dining: Burgers and Beer with **Laurie Gratsy**, Director of Operations for Kush and LoKal popular burger restaurants, and **David Rodiriguez**, Missionary of Beer for the Wynnwood Brewery.

Mon, MAY 16: **Pamela Haag**, author of **THE GUNNING OF AMERICA: Business and the Making of American Gun Culture**.

Tues, MAY 17: Dr. Gregory Martin, and EDUCATION 4-KNEES.
Literary Contributor Ariel Gonzalez and novelist Jeanette Winterson, who's written a book based on the Shakespeare play, *The Winter's Tale*.
The novel is THE GAP OF TIME

Wed, MAY 18: At Your Service: Tech Law with technology law expert and attorney, **Mark Grossman**, who will talk about the recent controversy over whether Apple should hack its own operating system to allow the FBI access to information on a phone that belonged to an alleged terrorist.

Thurs, MAY 19: **Sophie Egan**, author of **Devoured: From Chicken Wings to Kale Smoothies – How What We Eat Defines Us**.

Mon, MAY 23: **Michael Patrick Lynch**, author of **The Internet of Us: Knowing More And Understanding Less in the Age of Big Data**.

- Tues, MAY 24: Physical therapist Bill Norris, author of *PAIN, SET & MATCH: Keeping Players On Court*, By the man who has treated the stars from Rod Laver to Roger Federer.
- Wed, MAY 25: At Your Service: Consumer protection laws and the role of arbitration in consumer contracts, how to file a claim in the County's Small Claims Court.
Michael Schiff, consumer law attorney
Holly Beth Billington, Miami-Dade County Consumer Advocate
- Thurs, MAY 26: Free and discounted fun around South Florida for Memorial Day weekend from S. FL Sun Sentinel consumer news columnist
Doreen Christensen.
Food & Dining: **Sandra Guitierrez** author of *Empanadas: The Hand Held Pies of Latin America* explains the different types and their cultural significance.
- Tues, MAY 31: **South Florida and Zika**. As South Florida's rainy season commences, Miami-Dade leads Florida in number of virus cases.
With University of Miami professor of medicine and Chief of Infectious Diseases, **Dr. Mario Stevenson**. He'll address the State of the Science, Public Health Safety and Ethics of the virus.
And Miami-Dade County Mosquito Control Manager **Chalmers Vasquez**. His department seeks to destroy the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito's breeding grounds. Also: South Miami Mayor and F-I-U professor of biology **Phillip Stoddard**, to discuss his and the South Miami Commission's desire for a "more nuanced" mosquito control policy.
- Wed, JUN 01: At Your Service: Florida licensed contractor **Kia Ricchi** talks about how to strengthen your home before a hurricane, avoid scams after a hurricane strikes, and other construction related matters.
- Thurs, JUN 02: REPEAT FROM 2-11-16 *The New Yorker* Radio Hour, a co-production of the magazine and WNYC Public Radio. With editor David Remnick, Food & Dining: Le Bernardin (Bern a dan) Michelin 3-star chef and television celebrity, **Eric Ripert** (ree pear) talks about how he developed his passion for food and created one of New York's top restaurants.
- Mon, JUN 06: **Dr. Daniel Shapiro**, founder and director of the Harvard International Negotiations Program, associate professor in psychology at Harvard Medical School/McLean Hospital, affiliate faculty member at the Program on Negotiations at Harvard Law, author of **Negotiating the Nonnegotiable: How to Resolve Your Most Emotionally Charged Conflicts**

- Tues, JUN 07: Hospital Price Transparency. The move to provide public all-payer claims databases for consumer access. In April, WLRN, WUSF and Health News Florida launched **PriceCheck**, a reporting project aimed at bringing clarity to the cost of health care in Florida. WLRN Health care policy reporter, Sammy Mack. South Florida Hospital & Healthcare Association President, Linda Quick.
- Wed, JUN 08: **Barry Meier**, author of **Missing Man: The American Spy Who Vanished in Iran**.
- Thurs, JUN 09: Food & Dining: Restaurant Roundabout with **Jen Karetnick**, Miami Magazine Restaurant Critic, **Laine Doss**, Food Editor for Miami New Times, **Matt Meltzer**, Miami Editor of the Thrillist Media Group.
- Mon, JUN 13: At Your Service: S. FL Gardening with **John Pipoly**, Urban Horticulture Agent, Broward County Parks and Recreation Division, and **Teri Goldsmith**, President, Florida Master Gardeners of Broward County.
- Tues, JUN 14: “**Pet Detective**” -- **Jamie Katz**. Licensed Private Investigator, reuniting lost pets with their loved ones. Katz has traveled across the country at a moment’s notice and successfully found missing animals in rural towns as well as in big cities. Some are even held for ransom.
- Wed, JUN 15: University of California/Berkeley psychologist **Dacher Keltner**,] and his book, ***THE POWER PARADOX: How We Gain and Lose Influence***.
- Thurs, JUN 16: [REPEAT FROM JANUARY 28, 2016](#) FOOD & DINING
Restaurant Noise. With Adele Sandberg, founder of Earpeace — Save Your Hearing Foundation and Sherilyn Adlen, Earpeace Foundation Executive Director. Are restaurant’s concerned about lower noise levels while keeping “the vibe?”
- Mon, JUN 20: Journalist Melody Warnick, author of **THIS IS WHERE YOU BELONG: The Art & Science of Loving the Place You Live**.
- Tues, JUN 21: **SOUTH FLORIDA THEATER SCENE** -- Theater critic Christine Dolan & Longtime GableStage Producing Director Joseph Adler, a longtime figure in South Florida film and theater. He’s involved with the restoration of productions at the historic Coconut Grove Playhouse.
- Wed JUN 22: School Board

- Thurs, JUN 23: **Gary Belsky**, coauthor of **On The Origins of Sports: The Early History and Original Rules of Everybody's Favorite Games**.
Food & Dining: **David Ventura**, Whole Foods Florida Regional Seafood Coordinator, and **Yasmany Perez**, Store Leader, talk about selling Lionfish and creating Lionfish recipes.
- Mon, JUN 27: **Walter Benn Michaels**, author of **The Trouble With Diversity: How We Learned to Love Identity and Ignore Inequality**.
- Tues, JUN 28: Miami-Dade College President Eduardo Padron. In the post since 1995, Padron heads the largest higher educational institution in the U.S.
- Wed, JUN 29: **Scott Woolley**, author of **The Network: The Battle for the Airwaves and the Birth of the Communication Age**.
- Thurs, JUN 30: **Kim Briesemeister** and **Chris Brown**, co-founders of Redevelopment Management Associates' talk about strategies for reinventing your city

Food & Dining: Modern East Mediterranean food with ZUUK Mediterranean Kitchen, Executive Chef and co-owner, **Danny Ganem**.

