

TOPICAL CURRENTS

Issues and Programs

THIRD QUARTER (JUL-SEP) 2017

Wed, JUL 05: Fort Lauderdale-based labor and employment attorney, Donna Ballman

Thu, JUL 06: Unity360, a series of facilitated race dialogues that provide people of all races and ethnicities an opportunity to discuss their anger, fears, experiences and confusion around race.

IN-STUDIO GUESTS

Tameka Bradley Hobbs, Assistant Professor of History, Interim Chair of the Department of Social Sciences, and University Historian for Florida Memorial University

Roni Bennett, Founder and Executive Director of Miami Shores People of Color (MSPOC)

Jordana Hart, immigration attorney and member of the Board of Directors of the Miami Shores People of Color, aka South Florida People of Color.

Food & Dining: **Federico** and **Carla Di Franco** of Bianco Gelato in Coconut Grove which was voted one of America's top 18 ice cream shops on Yahoo Food.

Restaurant news: Jen Karetnick, Miami Magazine Food Critic

Mon, JUL 10: Profile of Miami political blogger **Al Crespo**

Tue, JUL 11: Dale Carnegie South Florida training. How they teach elite customer service techniques, using the principle that it's possible to change other people's behavior by changing one's behavior toward them.

Scott Garvis, Owner and CEO, Dale Carnegie South Florida franchise

Christine Palleson, Vice-President, Dale Carnegie South Florida

Thu, JUL 13: Doreen's Deals: sales and shopping tips from S. FL Sun Sentinel consumer news columnist **Doreen Christensen**

Food & Dining: celebrating Bastille Day with French classics and pastries from Café Bonjour co-owner **Veronique Youbi**

Laine Doss, Miami Times Food editor

Mon, JUL 17: Composer, sound installation artist, and SUBTROPICS XXIV curator, **Gustavo Matamoros** talks about Miami's 24th Biennial of Experimental Music and Sound Art.

Tue, JUL 18: Native Tribes of Florida. Explores indigenous peoples from ancient times into the present communities.

IN STUDIO:

George Zamanillo, CEO, HistoryMiami.

Samuel Tommie, of the Seminole Community, Big Cypress Reservation, The Bird Clan. Artist, musician, Everglades activist.

William Cypress, of the Miccosukee Community, Tribal Language & Culture Teacher, member of Miccosukee Governing Council.

Wed, JUL 19: **Julie Klam**, author of **THE STARS IN OUR EYES: The Famous, The Infamous, and Why We Care Way Too Much About Them.**

Thu, JUL 20: The Miami winners of this year's Knight Cities Challenge who receive portions of a 5 million dollar pool for ideas that make communities more successful.

IN-STUDIO GUESTS

Matt Haggman, Miami Program Director for the Knight Foundation

Matt Haber, CivicPro

Tony Garcia, Miami-Dade Quickbuild Program

Rob Biskupic-Knight, Rep(resentative) MIA

Food & Dining: **Senetta Carter**, President of Rayfield Family Literacy and **Daniel Mencke**, manager of Exquisite Catering by Robert provide free food for 155 children's camps in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. The program is supported by the Children's Trust and paid for with Florida state funding.

Restaurant news: **Carlos Frias**, Miami Herald Food Editor

Mon, JUL 24: The Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) campaign to engage county residents and visitors in shaping the future of the County through the review and update of the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) known as the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).

IN-STUDIO GUESTS

Jerry Bell, Assistant Director, Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Planning Division

Katherine Hagemann, Program Manager, Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Office of Resilience

Aileen Boucle, Executive Director, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Tue, JUL 25: ***REBROADCAST FROM 5/16/2017*** Civic Leader, Job Coach, Sports Administrator and Protocol Expert Pauline Winnick, with Joe & Bonnie. Discussion of “Top 37 Things You’ll Regret When Your Old,” a list compiled on “Lessons Learned In Life,” which made its way around the internet

Wed, JUL 26: Roundup of underreported state and local stories with Florida Bulldog founder and editor, **Dan Christensen**, and Palm Beach Post staff writer, **Tony Doris**

Thu, JUL 27: South Florida Unclaimed Property. The Chief Financial Officer’s department has a billion dollars of assets, including money from dormant bank accounts, insurance and utility deposits, and unclaimed property from abandoned safe deposit boxes. There’s an unclaimed property auction in Fort Lauderdale, July 29, with preview July 28.

IN-STUDIO GUESTS:

Walter Graham, Dir. of Unclaimed Property Program, Florida Department of Financial Services.

Ashley Carr, Director of Communications, Florida Department of Financial Services

Jimmy Patronis, CFO of the State of Florida (former Florida House Member)

Food & Dining: What’s New from the Fancy Food Show. Linda talks about new food trends and brings her favorite picks to taste.

Restaurant Reviews: Laine Doss, Miami New Times Food Editor

Mon, JUL 31: 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

Tue, AUG 01: **Joan Mickelson**, author of **Joseph W. Young, Jr., and the City Beautiful: A Biography of the Founder of Hollywood, Florida**

Wed, AUG 02: The collaboration between the Miami-Dade Library System and the News Literacy Project to teach media literacy to students and members of the community.

GUESTS

Leila Khalil, Public Affairs Officer, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Karen Rundlet, News Literacy Program grant administrator, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

Damaso Reyes, New York Program Manager, The News Literacy Project

Thu, AUG 03: **Marjorie Waldo**, President & CEO of the Arts Garage, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit multi-media arts venue in downtown Delray Beach.

Food & Dining: **Bill Talbert**, President and CEO Greater Miami Convention and Business Bureau, and Chef **Danny Serfer** from Blue Collar and the two Mignonette restaurants give tips on how to navigate the offering for this year's Miami Spice.

Restaurant News: Matt Meltzer

Mon, AUG 07: **Alexis Sanfield**, owner & talent producer of the LUNA STAR CAFÉ & GALLERY, in North Miami, since 1996. It's become well-known for its divergent musical forms and "Open Mic Night," plus Saturday night poetry. **Live performance duo: singer, songwriter Diane Ward; guitarist Jack Shawde, plus singer, multi-instrumentalist Matthew Sabatella.**

Tue, AUG 08: Merrett Steirheim. Longtime Miami-Dade public servant and key administrator. He's served in seven decades, beginning in 1959, first serving as an Assistant County Manager of the City of Miami. He was (then) Dade County Manager from 1976 – 1986, after holding governmental posts in both the City of Clearwater and Pinellas County. In 1996 Steirheim served pro bono as City Manager of the City of Miami where he uncovered a \$68 million shortfall in a once approved bogus city budget. He returned as Miami-Dade County Manager 1998, and was the first Town Manager of Miami-Lakes after it was incorporated. Steirheim was the Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2001 – 2004. He has terms as the CEO of the Women's Tennis Association, and is a past President of the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Thu, AUG 10: Doreen's Deals: sales and shopping tips from S. FL Sun Sentinel consumer news columnist **Doreen Christensen.**

Food & Dining: Mary Ostlund, Director of Marketing at Brooks Tropicals discusses local fruits that are in season – such as dragonfruit, passionfruit, red guava – and how to use them. Restaurant news: Jen Karetnick

Mon, AUG 14: Discussion about development and habitat issues and their effect on the S. FL environment with **Matt Schwartz**, Executive Director, South Florida Wildlands Association.

Tue, AUG 15: Bandleader Tito Puente, Jr. son of “Mambo King,” Tito Puente, Sr. A profile of the Latin Jazz musician plus performance.

Wed, AUG 16: Buehler Planetarium and Observatory Director **Susan Barnett** discusses the August 21, 2017 Great American Eclipse and the offerings of the Broward College planetarium.

Ariel Gonzalez interviews historical novelist Thomas Mallon, who’s edited a collection of fiction written by Mary McCarthy author of “The Group” and “The Oasis.”

Thu, AUG 17: Lynn University Professor of American Studies, **Robert Watson**, discusses his latest book, **The Ghost Ship of Brooklyn: An Untold Story of the American Revolution**.

Food & Dining: **Penny Parham** Administrative Director for the Department of Food and Nutrition for Miami-Dade County Schools, and **Mary Mulder**, Director Food Nutrition Services for Broward, discuss new school meal programs and after school activities.

Restaurant Review: Jodi Milander Farrel

Mon, AUG 21: South Florida Crime History, with Resident Historian, HistoryMiami Museum and author Dr. Paul George.

Tue, AUG 22: South Florida Crime History II

Wed, AUG 23: South Florida Crime History III

Thu, AUG 24: Meteorologist and Weather Channel Senior Executive Director of Weather Content and Presentation and Senior Hurricane Specialist, **Brian Norcross**. Considered by many as one of the true heroes of Hurricane Andrew’s devastating South Florida landfall, on August 24, 1992. He’s written a book about his storm broadcast and experience.

Mon, AUG 28: **Andrea Askowitz** (executive producer, Writing Class Radio), **Allison Langer** (producer, Writing Class Radio), **Nicholas Garnett** (co-producer, Lip Service: True Stories Out Loud), and **Josephine Phoenix** (Lip Service storyteller) discuss the art of storytelling.

Tue, AUG 29: “Pervasive Persuasion” Techniques. Discussion with F-I-U Professor of Advertising and Communications and author, Margo Berman.

Wed, AUG 30: An examination of trauma, its relationship to addiction, and its effects on family members, with **Judy Crane**, author of **The Trauma Heart: Stories of Survival, Hope, and Healing**.

Thu, AUG 31: Food & Dining: Restaurant Roundabout – **Matt Meltzer**, the Miami editor for the Thrillist Media Group, and **Carlos Frias**, Miami Herald Food Editor, talk about the many new restaurant openings and closings and take calls from listeners about their favorite local restaurant.

Tue, SEP 05: CBS-4 Investigative Journalist, Jim Defede. With nearly 30 years of reporting in South Florida, we'll catch up with stories he's followed, including a documentary concerning last year's algae bloom in the Florida Everglades.

Thu, SEP 07: Bryan Norcross reports on Hurricane Irma from the Weather Channel

Mon, SEP 11 – Thu, SEP 14: ****Hurricane Irma**** Live coverage/call-in shows

Mon, SEP 18: South Florida Affordable Housing Crisis. With **Dr. Ned Murray**, **Associate Director of the Metropolitan Center at Florida International University**, **Matthew Rieger**, **President and CEO of the Housing Trust Group**, a developer of multifamily residential communities with over 40 years of experience in Florida and throughout the Southeastern United States and Arizona, and **Daniella Pierre**, a community columnist with the Miami Times and Housing Chair for the Miami Dade NAACP

Tue, SEP 19: HURRICANE IRMA INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS REPORT CARD. With South Florida administrator, executive and entrepreneur, Pauline Winnick. She was a co-founder of The Protocol Centre, which advised international corporate executives on appropriate customs and behaviors

Wed, SEP 20: The histories of R&B, soul, funk, and disco in Florida, as chronicled by University of Tampa journalism professor, **John Capouya**, author of **Florida Soul: From Ray Charles to KC and the Sunshine Band**.

Thu, SEP 21: Food & Dining Retrospective. Chef, author and syndicated columnist Linda Gassenheimer's final segments on Topical Currents. For more than 17 years, she produced over 900 programs, starting January 7, 1999.

Several call-ins, including Chef Allen Susser, Matt Meltzer and Suzanne Allen (restaurant owner, wife of former Miami Heat star Ray Allen)

Mon, SEP 25: Discussion about the challenges of motivating people to take on the demands of foster care with representatives of ChildNet, Broward and Palm Beach county's state designated lead child welfare agency.

Larry Rein, ChildNet Palm Beach, Executive Director

Kenny Brighton, ChildNet Director of Community Relations

Wendy Smith, ChildNet Dir. of Foster Home Recruitment and Licensing, foster/adoptive parent

Tue, SEP 26: Today's Journalism Education. With Dave Kurpius, Dean of the University of Missouri School of Journalism; and Randy Picht, Executive Director of the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute.

Wed, SEP 27: Discussion of the cultural and historical record of the Miami River with Florida State University history professor, **Andrew K. Frank**, author of **Before the Pioneers: Indians, Settlers, and the Founding of Miami**

Thu, SEP 28: Topical Currents program finale. Featuring musician/composer Michael Levine (composer of TC theme, In-Studio), with Joe and Bonnie.

Emilio San Pedro, London

Michael Putney, WPLG Senior Reporter: This Week in S. Florida With Michael Putney

Jim Defede, CBS4

Dan Ricker, Watchdog Report

Dan Christensen, Florida Bulldog

Dr. Paul George, historian

Arva Moore Parks, historian

Donna Berger, Condo/HOA issues attorney

Luis Hernandez, host of WLRN's Sundial