

# TOPICAL CURRENTS

## Issues and Programs 2016

FIRST QUARTER (JAN-MAR) 2016

Mon, JAN 04: **Jake Halpern**, author of “**Bad Paper: Inside the Secret World of Debt Collectors.**”

Tues, JAN 05: “Seniors vs. Crime” – Senior volunteers and police departments work together to protect senior citizens from fraud, scams and crime. With Senior Citizen Volunteer Alan Campbell and North Miami Beach Police Crime Prevention Officer, John Philome

Wed, JAN 06: **Adam Levin**, author of “**Swiped: How to Protect Yourself in a World Full of Scammers, Phishers, and Identity Thieves.**”

Thurs, JAN 07: Michael Spring, Director of the Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs and Senior Advisor for the County’s Cultural Affairs and Recreation portfolio, including the arts, parks and libraries. Food & Dining: Biltmore Hotel, Executive Chef **David Hackett** and Public Relations Manager **Philippe Parodi** talk about the hotel’s history and the evolution of the food options there.

Mon, JAN 11: Discussion about regional transportation issues and the use of technology to improve mass transit.

### GUESTS

**Mitchell Bierman**, Chairman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, **Jack Stephens**, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, **Mike Reininger**, President, All Aboard Florida, **Francis Suarez**, City of Miami Commissioner, District 4

Tues, JAN 12: – **At Your Service: Pet Care** – helping a new pet adjust and training your dog.

### GUESTS

**Ian Kupkee**, DVM, **Edel Miedes**, Dog Trainer and Behaviorist

- Thurs, JAN 14: Miami-Dade Public Schools and its award-winning **Design and Architecture Senior High School**. It offers courses in architecture, industrial design, entertainment technology, fashion design, visual communications and fine arts in the Miami Design District. With principal, **Dr. Stacy Mancuso**.  
Food & Dining: DIRT restaurant General Manager **Jeff Latulippe** and Chef **Nicole Votano** give tips on how to create great food that happens to be healthy, too. Their restaurant serves fresh “farm-to-counter” food quickly and affordably.
- Tues, JAN 19: **Jeff Wilser**, author of “**The Good News About What’s Bad For You ... The Bad News About What’s Good For You.**”
- Wed, JAN 20: All in a Day’s Work: Paramedics DALET: TC ARCHIVES from July 14, 2015  
GUESTS:  
**Kevin Grange**, paramedic, National Park Service.  
**Tim Durham**, paramedic, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
- Thurs, JAN 21: **Cleaning Up Neighborhoods, Shorelines and Waterways... volunteercleanup.org DARA SCHOENWALD**  
  
Food & Dining: **Richard Campbell**, Fairchild Garden Director of Horticulture talks about this weekend’s Chocolate Festival and gives a thumbnail sketch of what it takes to grow and refine chocolate. Chef **Allen Susser** gives us his secrets for choosing, tasting and cooking with chocolate. He will be giving a chocolate cooking demonstration at the festival.
- Mon, JAN 25: Retirement (In)Security: how and why much of the populace hasn’t saved enough for retirement, understanding the consequences of that, and what can be done about it.  
**Max Richtman**, President and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.  
**Dr. Karen Holden**, Professor Emeritus of Public Affairs and Consumer Science Faculty Affiliate, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty.  
**Jane Bryant Quinn**, author of “**How to Make Your Money Last: The Indispensable Retirement Guide.**”
- Tues, JAN 26: Historian and author **Arva Moore Parks** discusses her latest book, “George Merrick, Son of the South Wind: Visionary Creator of Coral Gables.”

Wed, JAN 27: At Your Service: Consumer protection laws and agencies in Miami-Dade County.

GUESTS:

**Michael Schiff**, consumer law attorney

**Holly Beth Billington**, Miami-Dade County Consumer Advocate

Thurs, JAN 28: FOOD & DINING, FULL HOUR. 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, FEB 01: R. Douglas Fields, author of "Why We Snap: Understanding the Rage Circuit in Your Brain."

Tues, FEB 02: **Gregg Easterbrook**, author of "**The Game's Not Over: In Defense of Football.**"

Thurs, FEB 04: "**Revitalizing Opa-locka,**" with designer **Germane Barnes** and Opa-locka Arts & Creative Industry Manager at the Community Development Corporation, **Aileen Alon**. They've help build community arts space, reinvigorated a blighted park, and sparked work on a new urban farm.

Food & Dining: Chef **Tanner Gill** and sommelier, **Heath Porter**, from Uvaggio Wine Bar with suggestions for your Super Bowl bash.

Mon, FEB 08: **Eric Weiner**, author of "**The Geography of Genius: A Search for the World's Most Creative Places, from Ancient Athens to Silicon Valley.**"

Tues, FEB 09: **Jim Auchmutey**, author of "**The Class of '65: A Student, a Divided Town, and the Long Road to Forgiveness.**"

Wed, FEB 10: Seraphic Fire. South Florida's nationally recognized choral orchestral chamber ensemble. From Gregorian chant and baroque masterpieces, to Mahler and newly commissioned works by this country's leading composers, the group receives raves reviews for its performances.

With **Artistic Director and Conductor Patrick Dupre Quigley** and **Dr. James K. Bass**, bass soloist, **Associate Conductor and Director Education.**

Thurs, FEB 11: *The New Yorker* Radio Hour, a co-production of the magazine and WNYC Public Radio. With editor David Remnick

Food & Dining: Celebrity Chef, **Rick Bayless**, famous for his authentic Mexican cuisine, gives tips for hot and spicy Valentine's dinners.

Mon, FEB 15: **Ronald Feinman**, author of “**Assassinations, Threats, and the American Presidency: From Andrew Jackson to Barack Obama.**”

Tues, FEB 16: Elders & Long Term Care Insurance. With Attorney Steven Dunn. Literary contributor Ariel Gonzalez and novelist, essayist and law professor Thane Rosenbaum. His newest novel is “How Sweet It Is.”

Wed, FEB 17: Miami Music Project. Bonnie, solo, with its Founder acclaimed conductor, Maestro James Judd and its Director of Educational Programming, Steven Liu. Kelsy Milian, violinist and alumna of MMP and Martin Mayo currently with MMP- oboist

Thurs, FEB 18: NatureLinks for Life Long Learning – Empowering Youth with Intellectual Disabilities

#### IN-STUDIO GUESTS

**Gregory Bush**, President and Founder of Nature Links and father of an intellectually disabled daughter

**Michael Alessandri**, Associate Director of the University of Miami-Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

**Robin Matusow**, Rehabilitation Instructional Specialist, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Food & Dining: Chefs **Adrian Sanchez** and **Cesar Zapata**, participants in the South Beach Food and Wine Festival Burger Bash, bring their burgers for us to taste.

Mon, FEB 22: **James Walsh**, author of “**Playing Against the House: The Dramatic World of an Undercover Union Organizer.**”

Tues, FEB 23: Discussion about Florida’s criminal justice system and youth incarceration with **Jennifer Lutz**, staff attorney for the Center for Children's Law and Policy.

Reducing the mass incarceration of the mentally ill. George Mallinckrodt, psychotherapist and author of “Getting Away with Murder,” his account of the treatment of the mentally ill that he witnessed while working in the state prison psychiatric ward.

Wed, FEB 24: The Siege of Miami. Seawater is creeping to everyday life on Miami Beach. With The New Yorker staff writer Elizabeth Kolbert; and University of Miami Geological Sciences Professor and Department Chair, Dr. Harold Wanless

Thurs, FEB 25: **Michelle Brody**, author of “**Stop the Fight! How to Break Free from the 12 Most Common Arguments and Build a Relationship That Lasts.**”

Food & Dining

Mon, FEB 29: **David Pogue**, author of “**Pogue’s Basics: Life: Essential Tips and Shortcuts (That No One Bothers to Tell You) for Simplifying Your Day.**”

Tues, MAR 01: “Cinema Paradiso” – Independent locally owned cinema facilities in Hollywood, Florida. With President and CEO Gregory von Hausen.

Literary Contributor Ariel Gonzalez with writer Jon Meacham, about his new biography, *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George H.W. Bush, the 41<sup>st</sup> President.*

Wed, MAR 02: **Rick Shenkman**, author of “**Political Animals: How Our Stone-Age Brain Gets in the Way of Smart Politics.**”

Thurs, MAR 03: Food & Dining: Restaurant Roundabout with **Matt Meltzer**, Miami editor of the Thrillist Media Group, covering Broward County  
**Jen Karetnick**, Miami Magazine restaurant critic;  
**Laine Doss**, food editor for Miami New Times

Mon, MAR 07: **Guy Lawson**, author of **Arms and the Dudes: How Three Stoners from Miami Beach Became the Most Unlikely Gunrunners in History.**

Tues, MAR 08: Bonnie’s recorded interview with attorney and author David Windecher. Post-interview update...Jay Van Vechten, founder & executive director of the Annual Boating and Beach Bash For People With Disabilities, as well as the Chairman of the American Disabilities Foundation. It’s “the largest free event for kids, adults and wounded warriors” in the nation.

Thur, MAR 10: Novelist and short-story author Edwidge Danticat  
Food & Dining. Linda Gassenheimer & Supermarket Guru, Phil Lempert

Wed, MAR 16: Ruth Shack. Longtime figure in South Florida politics, philanthropy and the arts. Recently awarded the Cultural Champion 2016 Award.

- Thurs, MAR 17: **Gregory Martin, M.D.**, author of **Education 4Knees: Everything You Need to Know for Happy, Healthy and Pain-Free Knees.**  
Food & Dining: **Della Heiman** Founder of Wynwood Yard, a new food hub in Miami and launch pad for new concepts
- Mon, MAR 21: South Florida History Quiz with **Paul George**, Professor of History, Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus
- Tues, MAR 22: Ways to alleviate the hardships highway congestion and roadwork impose on motorists in Miami-Dade County with Transit and Public Works Dept. Dir. Alice Bravo and MPO Exec. Dir. Aileen Boucle Also, Manuel Garcia, Assistant Director of Construction and Maintenance for the Department of Transportation and Public Works
- Wed, MAR 23: **David Kushner**, author of **Alligator Candy: A Memoir**
- Thurs, MAR 24: **Neil Pasricha**, author of **The Happiness Equation: Want Nothing + Do Anything = Have Everything.**  
  
Food & Dining: interview with **Dana Gunders** author of **Waste Free Kitchen Handbook: A Guide to Eating Well and Saving Money By Wasting Less Food.**
- Mon, MAR 28: 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, MAR 29: Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami School of Medicine, Dr. Stephen Nimer, Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Discussion of Cancer MoonShot 2020 Program, which seeks to find cancer cures by the year 2020.
- Wed, MAR 30: City of Coral Gables Mayor Jim Cason.  
He's had a long career in Foreign Service, was U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay, headed the U.S Interests Section in Cuba and was Deputy Chief of Mission in Honduras and Jamaica.
- Thurs, MAR 31: Tax Topics 2015 with enrolled agent, accountant, and tax professional, **Steven Weil**, Pres., RMS Accounting.  
Food & Dining: **Gino Paparella**, owner of Gino's Italian Market and Bakery talks about how to buy the best Parmesan cheese, olive oil, and how to make homemade mozzarella cheese.