

## TROPICAL LIFE



PHILLY CHEESE STEAK: Get one at Steak 954.



ROBIN MILLER: Author at Books & Books Friday.



MARIO TOLENTINO: New chef de cuisine at BLT Steak

### NIBBLES & BITS

## Art, food, auction at DASH's Taste of Design

**Miami's Design and Architecture Senior High (DASH)** invites art and business leaders to its "Taste of Design" on Nov. 11 to raise money for the school's PTSA. The night will include art, music, a silent auction and food from famed restaurants including Novecento, Soyka, Sra. Martinez, Harry's Pizzeria, Buena Vista Café, Sustain Restaurant/Bar and Fratelli Lyon Triade. The event will be from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Moore Building, 4040 NE Second Ave., Miami. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at [www.dashschool.org](http://www.dashschool.org) or by calling 786-320-5426.

### WINE AND FOOD

**Steve Martorano**, owner of Café Martorano and Mar-

torano, will be the grand marshal at the Seminole Hard Rock Wine and Food Festival. The event will feature more than 300 wines and will be from noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$85 including the 12-1 p.m. VIP hour, at local Walgreen's stores or at the [wineandfoodfestival.com](http://wineandfoodfestival.com). The event will be held at the Seminole Paradise lot at 1 Seminole Way in Hollywood.

### CUPCAKE CHALLENGE

Calling all cupcake lovers: "Miami's Top Cupcake Challenge" invites participants to submit an original recipe of their favorite cupcake concept. All entries must be sent to [CMarquez@simon.com](mailto:CMarquez@simon.com) by 5 p.m. Friday. Finalists will

be asked to prepare their cupcake, which will be judged by a panel of judges at Sunset Place in December. The winner will receive a \$200 Simon American Express Gift Card.

### BURGERS & BEER

The first **Burgerlicious** festival will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday at Coral Gables' Ponce Circle/Fred B. Hartnett Park, 2810 Ponce de Leon Blvd.

Burgers will be served from a number of Coral Ga-

bles restaurants. Attendees can either purchase the \$25 package, which includes three sliders and two Sam Adams beers or the \$50 package, which includes 3 sliders, 2 beers and access to the VIP Lounge.

### STEAK IT OUT

**Steak 954**, 401 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., is now serving Philly cheese steaks for lunch. The cheese steak is made with 5 oz. of choice rib eye, caramelized onions, sautéed green pep-

pers, fresh thyme and American cheese sauce. For a limited time, it costs \$9.54.

### NAME DROPPING

- **Robin Miller** will discuss and sign her new health-conscious cookbook, *Robin Takes 5*, at 8 p.m. Friday at Books & Books 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables.

- **Mario Tolentino** was named the new Chef de Cuisine at BLT Steak at the Betsy South Beach, 1440 Ocean Dr., Miami Beach. Tolentino is a recent winner on the Food Network's popular cooking competition show, *Chopped*.

- Celebrity Chef **Michelle Bernstein** will make an appearance Friday at the Winn Dixie at 3725 SW 22nd St. in Coral Gables. Bernstein will lead cooking demon-

strations to guests in the store for free. The event runs from 5-6 p.m.

### COMPETITIONS

- *MasterChef Season 3* will hold an open casting call from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Le Cordon Bleu, 3321 Enterprise Way, Miramar. More information is available at [masterchefcasting.com](http://masterchefcasting.com).

- The **National Deli and Jaxson's Ice Cream Hot Dog Eating Contest** is from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday at Jaxson's Ice Cream Parlor, 128 S. Federal Hwy., Dania Beach. The event celebrates Jaxson's 55th anniversary; all proceeds from the event will go to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Want to be a contestant? E-mail [jaxsonsicecream@hotmail.com](mailto:jaxsonsicecream@hotmail.com).

### Food & Wine Calendar

Our events calendar is at [MiamiHerald.com/events](http://MiamiHerald.com/events). Choose "Food & Wine" from the list on the left. To submit a listing, click "add to our events" on the upper right.