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He sparred with Trump, fed Puerto Rico. Now a vocal Republican discusses his new book

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He sparred with President Trump. He fed more people in Puerto Rico than FEMA.

And now chef José Andrés will discuss his new book — which was published by his friend, the late Anthony Bourdain — with Ana Navarro, a vocal conservative commentator who is one of the president's harshest critics.

This should be interesting.

Andrés served more than 3 million meals in Puerto Rico through his relief organization World Central Kitchen. It amounted to nearly 100,000 meals a day that his mobile outposts cooked and served throughout the island at time when clean water and electricity were in short supply.

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That led to his book, “We Fed an Island: The True Story of Rebuilding Puerto Rico, One Meal at a Time,” which was one of the first books published through Ecco, an imprint Bourdain started through HarperCollins. It will be release Sept. 11, and a portion of the proceeds will go toward World Central Kitchen for continued relief efforts in Puerto Rico and beyond.



Chef José Andrés and Republican political commentator Ana Navarro will be in conversation Sept. 24 at Miami Dade College, discussing, among other things, Andrés' new book, “We Fed an Island,” which was published by his friend, the late Anthony Bourdain.

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Now, add Navarro to the mix. The thoughtful and outspoken Navarro, a one-time supporter of Sen. Marco Rubio but critic of the president, is as big of a draw as the chef. They will be in conversation Sept. 24 at Miami Dade College's downtown Wolfson Campus. Purchasing the book (\$32.51) also reserves two tickets to the event.

What topics will they discuss?

Count on the focus being his book — since, to paraphrase Michael Jordan, Republicans also buy books. But Andrés has never held his tongue on issues he's passionate about.

He pulled his restaurant out of one of President' Trump's hotels in Washington D.C., where Andrés makes his home, sparking a \$10 million lawsuit that was eventually settled.

He famously ripped off his chefs coat during a \$500-a-person meal in his honor at the South Beach Wine & Food Festival to reveal a T-shirt that read, "I am an immigrant." He went on to defend immigrant rights and counter the president's policies.



Anthony Bourdain talks about chef Jose Andres during a South Beach Wine and Food Festival event.

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Also count on them discussing his close friend, Bourdain, who emceed that event, and said later, "José risked everything to take a principled stand. And I don't think he can be admired enough for that."

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José Andrés in conversation with Ana Navarro

When: Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus Auditorium, 300 NE 2nd Ave., Bldg 1, 2nd Floor, downtown Miami

Tickets: \$32.50, including a copy of Andrés' book. Available online at this link.

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