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A 100-WORD SHORT STORY



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MELTING IN FLORIDA SUN
POINTING AT STATUES." - A. HAIKU**

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FIGUREHEAD MUSIC & MAYHEM IN ORLANDO'S UNDERGROUND



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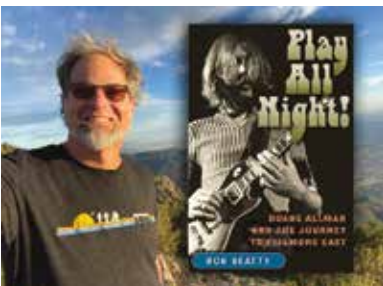
THE MAYHEM CONTINUES!

Between 1985 and 2001, the Orlando concert promoter Figurehead invigorated the musical landscape in Central Florida. Catch a glimpse into what made this time in the Central Florida music scene so memorable – the bands and the clubs, the community and the chaos.

BRECHNER LECTURE SERIES

Play All Night! Duane Allman and the Journey to Fillmore East
Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m.

Join historian Bob Beatty to dive deep into the motivations and musical background of Allman Brothers Band founder Duane Allman to tell the story the band's 1971 album *At Fillmore East*, one of the most important live rock albums in history. Admission is free. Please RSVP.



HOME SCHOOL DAY

Order in the Court!

Friday, April 7, 1 – 3 p.m.

Learn about the different careers of people who work in our country's courtrooms and have an opportunity to try them out as we host a mock trial in our 1927 courtroom.

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COMING AND GROWING: WHAT'S CLOSED AND OPENED?

FROM THE EDITOR:

Last month, a principal at a school in Tallahassee was forced to resign when three parents complained about a lesson that included a photo of Michaelangelo's "David." The statue is one of the most famous works in Western history, and depicts David, from the freaking bible, going to fight Goliath with a sling thrown over his shoulder and his faith in God in his heart.

The teacher was talking about the Renaissance, which goes hand-in-paint-splattered-hand with Michaelangelo, but the parents were upset that they weren't informed that a nude sculpture would be shown in class. With one of the parents going so far as to call it "pornographic." They sound like the type of person who showers with their bathing suit on.

Mistaking art for pornography seems to be par for the course in America right now and I don't think it's too far a leap to say the same thing is happening with drag queens. The sexualization of art by main stream audiences is on the rise but there are nude sculptures to be found in institutions around the country (and the world), should museums post warnings on their doors for ignorant parents who could be offended by a chiseled physique? I host a weekly drag bingo at a local brewery and we've had to post notices on the doorways for parents to keep their kids out after 7 p.m. so I don't get arrested and thrown in jail for having fake tits on in front of a minor. Censorship of art is a slippery slope and often a sign of greater societal degradation.

- Brendan O'Connor, Editor, Bungalower Media

College Park is getting a new Irish Pub in a storefront that used to house a similar tenant back in the day called **Scruffy Murphy's**. The new spot is called **The Castle Irish Pub and Restaurant** and it'll be run by **Fiddler's Green Irish Pub** veterans, Shayne and Katie Hoyne.

The Foreigner just opened at 2816 Corrine Drive by Redlight Redlight in Audubon Park. The new chef's table experience is run by pop-up restaurant king, Bruno Fonseca, and specializes in multi-plate meals ranging from seven to ten courses. We went to one and it's amazing.

Winter Park Village is getting a new **Tommy Bahama-themed bar and restaurant** that will be located in the middle of a clothing shop. The new hybrid bar/restaurant/retail concept is something the brand has been leaning into lately and is part of a national rise in sip-and-shop retail concepts. Because people buy more when they're tipsy.

In burger news, **Papi Smash** opened in downtown Orlando and the

Graffiti Junktion in College Park closed suddenly last month.

Speaking of sudden closures, OG Mexican taco shop, **MX Taco**, in the Milk District, closed up shop as well, with no real explanation from the owner.

It's not all bad news though, Shaquille O'Neal is opening a fried chicken concept in town later this year called **"Big Chicken."**



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE ALL OF THE "COMING AND GOING" POSTS ONLINE

EVENTS!

08 EASTER BONNET JAMBOREE

Every year, a gaggle of locals put on their fanciest hats and crawl from bar to bar in Ivanhoe Village in the spirit of Easter, Spring, and being gay. In both the early sense of the word and the more modern, under-siege meaning as well. Last year someone wore a pool.

8 P.M. | SAVOY ORLANDO, 1913 N. ORANGE AVENUE | IVANHOE VILLAGE | FREE | BUNGALOWER.COM

14 FLORIDA FILMFEST

Celebrate opening night of the 2023 Florida Film Festival with the film premiere before heading over to the Winter Park Events Center's Tiedtke Amphitheater and Belvedere for the legendary annual Opening Night Party. The fest features 160+ films over 10 days in Maitland and Winter Park.

8:30 P.M. | WINTER PARK EVENTS CENTER | WINTER PARK | VARIOUS PRICES | ENZIAN.ORG

15 FLORIDA GROVES FEST

This festival did so well last year they came back and added a whole second day of programming. Celebrate art, music, and cannabis with local artists, popular music acts, and tons of fun educational activities and workshops centered around cannabis. Headliners include Thievery Corporation, Inner Circle, Bumping Uglies, Ballyhoo!, Kash'd Out, Artikal, Schwayze, and more.

TWO DAYS | CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIR-GROUNDS, 4603 W. COLONIAL DRIVE | WEST ORLANDO | FLORIDAGROVES.COM

20 DARKSIDE OF THE SWAMP

Join some stoners while they sync the "Shrek" movie with Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon" at Ivanhoe Park Brewing. There will be food. There will be fun. There will undoubtedly be people sparking up in the bushes. Happy 4/20.

6:30 P.M. IVANHOE PARK BREWING CO., 1300 ALDEN ROAD | IVANHOE VILLAGE | FREE | @CHOLODOGS

29 POTTERY FESTIVAL

This annual market is Central Florida's largest celebration of ceramic art, featuring handmade items from over 50 talented local artists that are perfect for the home, garden, or to give away to someone you love. It features hobbyists, professionals, and emerging artists and always has some amazing finds.

9 A.M.-5 P.M. | FLORIDA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, 2809 S. FERNCREEK AVENUE | ORLANDOPOTTERYFESTIVAL.ORG

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS:

EVERY TUESDAY - BUNGALOWER DRAG BINGO @ TACTICAL BREW
3/30 - MEGACON ORLANDO @ CONVENTION CENTER
4/14 - DINO NIGHT @ LEU GARDENS
4/14 - SIDELINE WINE AND DINE @ CAMPING WORLD
4/15 - 4TH ANNUAL ROTARY CRAFT BEER FEST @ AVALON PARK
4/15 - FLORIDA GROVES FESTIVAL @ CFL FAIRGROUNDS
4/15 - FORT CHRISTMAS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
4/15 - JAZZ AND BLUES CONCERT @ LEU GARDENS
4/16 - INDIGO GIRLS @ PLAZA LIVE
4/17 - NATIONAL BEARDED EMPRESS PAGEANT @ DPAC
4/19 - JAMES BEARD BENEFITS DINNER @ THE MONROE
4/20 - HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME CONCERT @ DPAC
4/21 - JOURNALISM SAFETY SUMMIT @ HISTORY CENTER
4/22 - ORLANDO TACO FESTIVAL @ ICON PARK
4/22 - RUN FOR THE TREES @ GENIUS PRESERVE
4/22 - CENTRAL FLORIDA EARTH DAY @ LAKE EOLA PARK
4/22 - SODO AFTER DARK @ ROCKPIT BREWING
4/23 - WINTER PARK PAINT OUT @ POLASEK MUSEUM
4/27 - TASTE OF BALDWIN PARK FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL
4/29 - 12TH ANNUAL PAWS FOR PEACE WALK @ BLUE JACKET
4/29 - LA MASCHERA: ALICE IN WONDERLAND @ CITYARTS
4/29 - STEVE MARTIN AND MARTIN SHORT @ DPAC
4/29 - VIRGINIA DRIVE LIVE @ IVANHOE VILLAGE
4/30 - SIMPLY CLEAN EXPO @ ORLANDO SCIENCE CENTER
5/3 - STATE OF THE VILLAGE @ THE HALL ON THE YARD
5/5 - FREEDOM FLOP @ TACTICAL BREWING
5/11 - ECHOLAND FESTIVAL @ SUWANNEE MUSIC PARK
5/16-29 - ORLANDO FRINGE @ LOCH HAVEN PARK
5/20 - MARGARET CHO @ PLAZA LIVE
5/23 - STEVIE NICKS @ AMWAY
5/24 - STATE OF THE CITY @ ORLANDO BALLET
5/28 - ORLANDO CARNIVAL DOWNTOWN @ LORNA DOONE
6/10 - THE GAME OF SHROOMS @ AUDUBON PARK

FOR MORE INFO ON THESE SELECTIONS, VISIT BUNGALOWER.COM/EVENTS



DARK SIDE OF THE SWAMP

SHREK X DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

IVANHOE PARK BREWING | 6:30 PM

RED PANDA NOODLE • CHILL IN TACOS • CHOLO DOGS

FRANCO'S FLOP FEST

**EARTH'S PREMIERE
BELLY FLOP CONTEST**

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**2-6 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 6
TACTICAL BREWING**

HEADLINE WORD SEARCH

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BUNGALOWER AND THE BUS

SOUNDS OF THE CITY BEAUTIFUL | REAL RADIO 104.1 FM

Tune in to Real Radio 104.1 every Friday at 8 p.m. to hear Bungalower Media's editor, Brendan O'Connor, and former Orlando Sentinel and WESH 2 reporter/Orlando lover, Jon Busdeker, talk their way through the week's hyper-local headlines, one beer at a time.

This month, the boys were invited to sample cheese at the newly opened Formaggio and Friends in Gatlin Plaza, they hopped over to the new Park Avenue Tavern in Winter Park, visited their old friends at Deadwords Brewing, and then hosted a party at Ivanhoe Park Brewing.

Every episode of Bungalower and The Bus is available in podcast form on your favorite podcasting platforms, or scan the code below to get our Soundcloud page. If you'd like to host Jon and Brendan at your business, shoot us an email at sales@bungalower.com and tell us what you're thinking.



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A close-up photograph of a woman with blonde hair, looking down at a smartphone she is holding. The lighting is soft, and the background is dark.

STORIED ORLANDO

CHAPTER 103: TONIGHT

By Scottie Campbell

His explanation for staying with her was simple, not that anyone ever asked. He loved to see her smile. Every night seemed like Groundhog Day. After she got off work at the bar, a circle of her friends would stay and drink while playing pool. Somewhere south of 4 a.m. she'd text typos with incongruous emojis. Dutifully, he would drive his shitty truck to Fairbanks to lock up for her. For an hour or so after getting home, she would break up with him in a yelling rage. She'd pass out. Silence. No memory of it next morning. Smile. Repeat.

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- EACH STORY IS 100 WORDS OR LESS. YOU CAN
FIND MORE OF THIS MICRO-LITERATURE PROJECT AT
THOROUGHLYUSEDUP.WORDPRESS.COM**

A stylized, high-contrast illustration of a woman's face. Her eyes are large and expressive, with long, dark eyelashes. She is wearing bright pink sunglasses. The overall aesthetic is graphic and modern.

BUNGALOWER BINGO

**TUESDAYS @ 7 P.M.
TACTICAL BREWING**



A FIREFIGHTER AND HIS FRIENDS GOT PINCHED FOR TAGGING LOCAL BUSINESSES

A Seminole County firefighter/medic was placed on unpaid leave when a video was shared that showed him and a group of friends allegedly tagging businesses with anti-law enforcement stickers.

A surveillance video from a tattoo parlor on Virginia Drive shows Seminole County Firefighter Brian Baine with his fiancée, local hairstylist Miranda Buzzella, walking with two other individuals as they tagged businesses with vinyl stickers that feature the word "ACAB"; an acronym that stands for "All Cops Are Bastards." Baine and Buzzella are not seen placing any stickers during the clip, which you can watch on the WFTV 9 website.

Orlando Police are investigating the pair and their friends for also possibly vandalizing a mural with the same stickers on the Orlando Urban Trail painted by Commissioner Patty Sheehan, and another one nearby that had been defaced in August 2021.

Seminole County Fire Chief Matt Kinley has shared the following statement: "We proudly work together with our fellow first responder families in law enforcement every day to serve our community. If there is evidence to support that this individual took any actions regarding vandalism that involved anti-law enforcement hate messaging — make no mistake, it has absolutely no place in our organization."





THE CITY OF ORLANDO PASSED STRICT NEW BAR ORDINANCES

City Commissioners voted to approve two contentious ordinances last month that severely restrict the sale of alcohol in the Central Business District/Downtown Entertainment Area.

The ordinances passed their first reading with the City of Orlando after being workshopped with downtown operators for just a week before hitting City Council. Many operators said they were blindsided by the new rules and asked for more time with city staff to make them less top-down but the mayor's office ignored the call for more time and passed them unanimously.

One ordinance placed a moratorium on any new bars or nightclubs opening downtown over a six-month period, and the other requires bars that serve liquor after midnight with occupancies of at least 125 people to have a special late-night operating permit and to hire off-duty police officers and licensed security guards at their own expense to qualify.

These ordinances are seen as needed changes by the City of Orlando in shifting the downtown core away from nighttime bar uses and the higher crime they allegedly attract. But they also will shift the cost of added police officers away from the Community Redevelopment Agency and onto downtown late-night operators instead.

Some of the larger clubs with higher capacities will be required to hire three off-duty officers at a rate of \$90/hour, which adds up quickly.

The Downtown Orlando Partnership, essentially a business association concentrated on the downtown core, issued a Business Assessment survey in mid-February to solicit feedback on the proposed ordinances and found that 70% of its respondents supported a temporary moratorium on new nightclub and bar licenses and 72% supported the implementation of the after-midnight alcohol sales permit.

But just 34% of those participants in the survey were classified as business owners, with the majority being employees who are in the downtown core from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. on weekdays and admittedly did not spend time downtown in the evenings.

The City District Main Street shared a similar survey, though opened to the public, and geared it towards overall perceptions of safety downtown. The City District Main Street Safety Survey saw that there were two top concerns among business owners, residents, and downtown workers; safety and homelessness. According to survey results, all respondents felt unsafe downtown between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

City staff will review the impact of the ordinances after 18 months, but commissioners all agreed that they will put a number of bars out of business.



CRIME AT 55 WEST CONTINUES TO CAUSE PROBLEMS DOWNTOWN

Orlando Sentinel's Trevor Fraser shared a fantastic piece in late February about a particular apartment building in downtown Orlando that has been making a name for itself for all the wrong reasons.

Fraser's story shared some troubling testimonials from people who live at 55 West in the Church Street District, painting vivid pictures of people living in the stairwells, strangers masturbating by apartment doors, and hallways full of dog waste. And yet, the occupancy rates are high because there just aren't enough affordable units downtown.

A TikTok user by the name of @55westboy has been documenting some of the issues on his page and had roughly 1000 followers at the time of our story.



**SCAN THE QR
CODE TO SEE
@55WESTBOY
ON TIKTOK FOR
YOURSELF**

The 32-story tower was purchased in 2022 by Mexican firm, HASTA Capital for \$144 million, and despite the change in management, it raked in 643 police calls last year ranging from theft and battery to trespassing and "deviant sexual activities."

Not all of those calls are for issues within the building, as we learned while reporting on a similar issue back in 2015, where it had been reported that 500 calls were made that year – which was seven years before the property sold to HASTA.

Although, to be fair, Orlando Police told us in 2015, a large number of those calls were for suspicious persons and homeless individuals in the right-of-way around the building or nearby bar-goers, not just residents and things that were happening within 55 West.

Studio apartments at 55 West start at \$1,623 a month and can go up to over \$2,000 based on square footage (683 SF vs. 952). A 1,808 SF three-bedroom apartment, based on the website, can go for \$3,020.

It's not all doom and gloom though. Orlando Police Chief Eric Smith recently shared that in the past six months, shootings have decreased 12%, and violent crimes have gone down by 8%.

However, during that time, violence committed by youths increased by 22%. And if you look at the demographics of the building, they skew pretty young. Building management did not respond to requests for comment.



PHOTO BY LEWIS FAGG

TRY BEFORE YOU DIE

While Orlando's signature dish is undoubtedly a turkey leg there are a number of other local, iconic foods that should be on everyone's Orlando Foodie Bucket List, including:

- **FLORIDA STRAWBERRIES** - The Florida strawberry season runs from Thanksgiving to Easter, because Jesus clearly loves strawberries. The two most popular varieties are "Florida Brilliance" and "Sweet Sensation."
- **FRESH FISH** - The most popular Florida fishes are undoubtedly Black and Red Grouper because of their sweet, chunky flakes of meat.
- **DOLE WHIP** - Everyone loves Dole Whip, and the fact that they're really only available at Disney World makes them that much more special for visitors and locals.
- **SOUR ORANGE PIE** - Key lime pie is for the pirates down south. We like things a bit more civilized up here, which is why Sour Orange Pie should be on your list of things to shove in your, well, pie hole. They use the same setup as a Key Lime with the graham cracker crust and crown of peaked meringue, but the custard of tart, tangy orange is an experience all its own.
- **GIDEONS BAKEHOUSE** - Gideon's Bakehouse is a treasure and they're managing to do something that Visit Orlando and City Hall have been trying to do for years; they're getting vacationers to leave the Disney bubble and come downtown. They specialize in massive, ingredient-smothered cookies that weigh in at almost half a pound. Gideon's has captured a little bit of magic in its cookies and it's sending out ripples into the larger Orlando community. Now that's iconic.

THUMBS UP/ THUMBS DOWN



A NEW LISTENING LOUNGE WILL OPEN IN DOWNTOWN ORLANDO THIS MONTH, FOCUSING ON CHILL VIBES AND VINYL RECORDS. THE COCKTAIL PROGRAM WAS CREATED BY RENE NGUYEN OF HANSON'S SHOE REPAIR, SO YOU KNOW THEY'VE GOT THAT CLINCHED. THE CONCEPT IS A DEPARTURE FROM THE THUMPA-THUMPA CLUB SCENE THE CITY IS FIGHTING AGAINST BUT ONLY IF THE DJS CAN REFRAIN FROM TURNING UP THE VOLUME.



BEEFY KING WAS THE VICTIM OF AN ONLINE IMPERSONATOR LAST MONTH. SOMEONE LAUNCHED A DOPPELGÄNGER ACCOUNT ON UBEREATS AND PRETENDED TO BE THE LANDMARK STEAMED SANDWICH VENDOR ONLINE, DOWN TO THE LOGO AND ADDRESS. SINCE BEEFY KING HATES DELIVERY APPS, THEY DIDN'T HAVE AN ACCOUNT WITH WHICH TO LAUNCH A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE COMPANY AND HAVE THE IMPOSTER REMOVED. SO WE HELPED THEM BY RAISING A BIG STINK.



NEW LAWS PROHIBITING DRAG IN PUBLIC PLACES ARE COMING SOON TO HELP CONSERVATIVES SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT. IF A QUEEN WANTS TO WALK TO A GIG, THEY'LL LIKELY HAVE TO WEAR A BURKA AND REMOVE THEIR FAKE TITS TO AVOID GOING TO JAIL OR GETTING FINED \$1,000 IN THE NEAR FUTURE TOO. THE REAL ISSUE THOUGH, IS FOR TRANS AND NON-BINARY HUMANS WHO PRESENT AS "OTHER" BEING CALLED OUT WHEN IN PUBLIC, JUST LIVING THEIR LIVES. IT HARKENS BACK THE OLD "MASQUERADE LAWS" OF THE MID-19TH CENTURY.



GETTING TO KNOW BRENDAN HALL

Editor Brendan O'Connor had a chance to chat with filmmaker Brendan Hall via phone, about his documentary, "Out There: A National Parks Story" which is screening at this year's Florida Film Festival.

His film documents a 10,000-mile road trip he took with his childhood best friend on the 100-year celebration of the creation of the National Park Service and the people they met along the way.

"Out There: A National Parks Story" will screen during the festival on Sunday, April 16, at 6:15 p.m. and again on Thursday, April 20, at 3:30 p.m.

If you scan the QR code below, you'll be treated to an audio interview between the two Brendans that talks about Hall's adventures with Russian woolly mammoth hunters and the debate over implanting modified embryos in intelligent, matriarchal animals like Asian elephants, the joys and sorrows of temporary Burning Man architecture, sunsets in Montana, and Hall's pending trip around the moon with a Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa on his dearMoon expedition.



**SCAN THE
CODE TO HEAR
THE COMPLETE
INTERVIEW.**



TOP TEN THINGS TO KNOW

- 1) "Crime at 55 West continues to cause problems downtown."
- 2) "Florida Groves Festival expands to two days in 2023."
- 3) "7 Orlando foods to try before you die."
- 4) "New Listening Lounge opening downtown."
- 5) "College Park Graffiti Junktion closing this weekend."

ICYMI

(IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)



BUFFALO BILLS MOVES OUT

Buffalo Bills Shooting Store has moved out of its longtime Mills Avenue home at 1503 N. Mills Avenue, across the street from Mills Park.

The shop, which has been open since 1978, specializes in black powder/muzzleloading sporting equipment, which uses old-school guns where the projectile and the propellant (black powder) are loaded into the muzzle of the gun and can apply to anything from pistols to cannons. The space is currently for rent for an undisclosed amount. Buffalo Bills vacated its home on Mills Avenue in favor of a new space in Sanford at 501 S. French Avenue, near downtown, which feels a bit more Wild West anyway.

MEGA CON WAS A HOOT

MegaCon, the weekend-long celebration of all things nerd culture was back at the Orange County Convention Center at the beginning of the month and they invited us out to have some fun. You'll need to check out our video tour of the convention to see it for yourself but if you're triggered by Star Trek-inspired drag queens, just go ahead and skip it. We don't need any more death threats than we've gotten already.

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FOR INSTA
VIDEO



NEW ROOFTOP POOL BAR

The Grand Bohemian Hotel just opened its newly rebranded and refurbished rooftop bar called Altira that is open to the public - well, the bar is open to the public but if you want to take a dip you'll have to rent a room. The new lounge is only one of the latest updates to the ritzy downtown hotel, including a revamp of the onsite restaurant and bar on the main level. Justin Williams, the equally as trendy general manager of the luxury hotel, is leading the charge to make the hotel part of a downtown renaissance of sorts. He was recognized by Orlando Business Journal with a Diversity in Business award and a Men of Honor award from ONYX Magazine.



NEW MURAL GOING UP DOWNTOWN

Visit Orlando and the Orlando Economic Partnership will unveil a new mural in downtown Orlando on April 7 at 10:30 a.m. to kick off this year's #407Day programming. The mural, which was designed by local creator Clark Orr (of Hellcats USA fame), and painted by muralist Kristi Burke, is part of the new "Unbelievably Real" brand initiative put forth by Visit Orlando and Orlando Economic Partnership last year. The #407Day celebration, inspired by Orlando's longtime area code, has evolved through the years to encourage residents to support and celebrate their favorite local businesses by sharing posts and photos on their social media channels using #407Day. The new mural will be unveiled at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 7, at the corner of Pine Street and Orange Avenue. We love the looks of the mural already but we're still not sure about that slogan.



NEVER MISS A STORY AGAIN AND SUBSCRIBE TO OUR E-NEWSLETTER.
WE'LL SEND YOU THREE ROUNDUPS A WEEK OF HYPER-LOCAL NEWS!

- 6) "Seminole firefighter and friends in trouble for tagging Ivanhoe shops."
- 7) "Chicanery and Buffoonery: That's not Beefy King on UberEats."
- 8) "Milk District's tiniest building gets new retail tenant."
- 9) "Papi Smash Burger now open downtown."
- 10) "Buffalo Bills Shooting Store has moved out of Mills 50."

**MOST-READ
BUNGALOWER
HEADLINES OF
MARCH 2023**

FLORIDA GROVES

MUSIC, ART & CANNABIS

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SUNDAY
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CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS - 4603 W COLONIAL DR ORLANDO, FL



PHOTO VIA ORLANDO PRIDE

ORLANDO PRIDE RELEASES AWESOME NEW KIT DESIGN

Orlando Pride just released a new kit design inspired by Mary Ann Carroll, a legendary Black artist, and trailblazer.

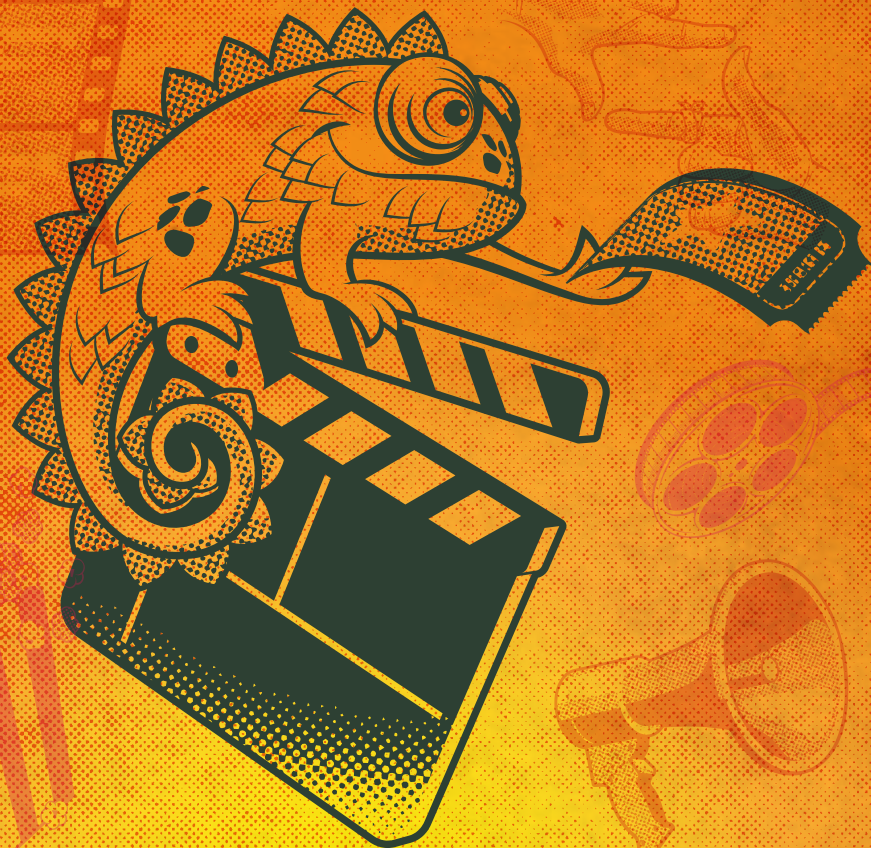
Carroll was the only woman in a group of 26 Black American artists known as the Florida Highwaymen who sold landscape paintings of Florida in the Jim Crow South of the 1950s and 60s.

They were self-taught artists and entrepreneurs who often sold their work door-to-door and from the trunks of their cars because they weren't allowed to work in the galleries. Their work has become ubiquitous with Florida and are highly sought after by collectors.

The new "Highway Woman" design features a dark purple base with a lighter purple brushstroke pattern inspired by Carroll's landscape painting work, and it also features an embellishment of a silhouette of a Royal Poinciana tree, which was a regular motif in her works and her signature.

Carroll's daughter was in attendance at a kit reveal party held on Wednesday, March 23, at 1010 West in Parramore, which featured her work hanging on the walls in honor of the reveal.

It's a smart and wonderful move by our local team. Slow clap.



2023 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL APRIL 14-23

Now in its 32nd year, the Florida Film Festival is an Oscar®-qualifying festival, premiering the best in current, independent, and international cinema. Through 10 days of 160+ films and first-class events, film lovers mingle with filmmakers and celebrities over hand-crafted cocktails and a delicious menu at Eden Bar and inside Enzian Theater.

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The Florida Film Festival is presented by Enzian, Central Florida's full-time, not-for-profit independent cinema, which seeks to entertain, inspire, educate, and connect the community through film.

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