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THUMBS UP/ THUMBS DOWN

Sometimes reading is hard and you just want someone to tell you what to think about something (hopefully not how to vote, but you do you)

So here's our monthly list of Thumbs Ups and Thumbs Down. These aren't up for debate. They're just accepted truths.



The Acre Orlando is now open to the public on certain days.

The new soccer stadium name sounds too much like our rivals in Miami.





A group of Ivanhoe businesses launched a loyalty card.





FROM THE EDITOR



Thank you to everyone who helped to make this past month our best January ever in the history of Bungalower Media (especially our amazing Partnerships Director, Mike Donohue).

We launched a series of new projects last month, including an attention-grabbing collaboration with our new friends at Cookies Cannabis called YogaHigh. Our first workshop

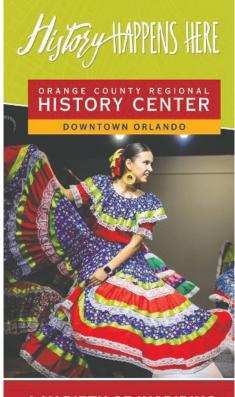
was hosted on January 24 at the bucolic The Acre Orlando, with about 45 attendees enjoying their state-approved medicine under the guidance of Medical Marijuana Mentor Mandy Harlan and yoga teacher Sarah Burnett. It was a beautiful night full of skunky scents and good vibes and we can't wait until the next one on February 7.

I'll personally be emceeing the Paws in the Park pet costume contest on February 10th and I hope to see some Bungalower readers in attendance to cheer on all of the humiliated animals in attendance. We're also ramping up our online merch presence in the coming months as well so keep your eyes peeled for some fun wearables very soon! Yes, even some Brenda from Bithlo merch.

--- Brendan O'Connor

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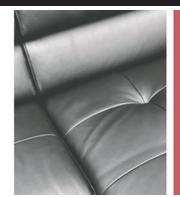
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THE TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW THIS WEEK
YOUR WEEKLY DOSE OF ORLANDO'S BIGGEST NEWS STORIES

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OPINION: PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THIS IS A BIKE LANE. THAT'S PRETTY SCARY

We don't normally do opinion pieces at Bungalower, but we had some interesting interactions last month with our social media followers that beg to be addressed in a straight-on fashion.

I happened to be pedaling through Audubon Park after leaving the "A Mediocre Time with Tom and Dan" recording studios in Baldwin Park. I thought I'd take a run at the recently installed protected bike lanes along Corrine Drive to see what the rider experience was like and was surprised to find so many obstacles along the way.

It's no secret that Orlando drivers have a deadly relationship with pedestrians and cyclists, with the City Beautiful regularly placing at the top for pedestrian fatality rates in the country – which is why Mayor Dyer's team has been investing so much in cycling infrastructure programs over the past few years.* But it seems like there's still a lot of work to do.

Comments started flooding in sharing that the layout was confusing, that the curb wasn't clearly yellow, or that there was nowhere else to park nearby so the driver had a right to park there. So we did a quick survey.

Over 2,000 people saw the Instagram Story survey while it was shared Saturday evening through Sunday. According to those who chose to participate in the survey, 53% shared that they could not tell the lane in the photograph was a designated bike lane.

A friendly post to social media sharing a photograph of a car parked in a bike lane in Audubon Park with a reminder that it's not a "cool" thing to do quickly revealed that not only do not all people agree on the overall usefulness of bike lanes, a large percentage of those commenting couldn't even tell us what a bike lane was supposed to look like.

We were asked a few follow-up questions including the following so we thought we'd share some answers too.



How am I supposed to know if this is a bike path or not? Well, you'll get a few clues that let you know your car shouldn't be parked there. One is that the lane is green and in this case, green does not mean go. The curb is also painted yellow, which means you can't park there. And lanes will also have cyclist symbols painted on top of the lane in white bold lines. That means it's for bikes. This one even has a fence along certain segments to separate drivers from riders.

Why are the lines dashed? Painted bike lanes stay solid along the majority of their route to mark that they're just to be used for bikes. The dashed segments are used at intersections and bus stops to indicate shared spaces with motorists who need to pass through, almost like they're permeable membranes.

Are all bike lanes painted green? Not all bike lanes in Orlando are painted green, but it is a fairly normal thing around the country to mark lanes with a different color, to help drivers recognize it as a part of the road that's different than the travel lanes they should be using. The city of Orlando started adding more green designated lanes back in 2017 as a way to increase the visibility of cyclists and discourage illegal parking.

The incident raises more questions about the overall safety and effectiveness of bike lanes in Orlando if such a large number of residents can't recognize what a bike lane even looks like. Do you feel safer using a bike lane when it's only separated from passing traffic by a painted line, knowing that now? Because that's something I'm asking myself now before I put my safety in the hands of local drivers.

Especially if one of those hands is holding a cell phone or a vape pen. Do yourself a favor, Orlando. Stick to your lane, use your blinker, and please don't park in bike lanes – whether you believe in them or not. Maybe the only way to ultimately reduce pedestrian fatalities is to demand regular driver's tests every few years, so people can tell what a bike lane looks like.

***VISION ZERO 2040**

Since 2018, the City of Orlando has put into action a series of tools to "increase safety and mobility for all roadway users," known as Vision Zero. The initiative, which was first implemented in Sweden in the 1990s aims to completely eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2040.

Learn more at Orlando.gov/Initiatives

PET ALLIANCE HOSTING PAWS IN THE PARK ON FEBRUARY 10

The Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando will once again host its annual pet festival and parade Paws in the Park event in Lake Eola Park on Saturday, February 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The free event will kick off at 10 a.m. the signature Pet Costume Contest with "celebrity" judges and hosted by our editor. This year's costume themes include: Show Your Orlando Pride, Stars of Film and TV, and Fun With Food. Participants and their dogs can register online and invite their friends and family to join them for the special award ceremony, costume contest, and festivities.

Other event activities include the return of the dock diving pop-up pool for dogs, lure courses, a beer garden, a variety of food trucks and shopping, as well as pet adoption opportunities. Pet Alliance's mobile vet unit will also on-site providing free vaccines.

Paws in the Park supports the mission of Pet Alliance to educate, shelter, place, and heal pets and their families, and funds raised from the event is estimated to help Pet Alliance save over 4,000 dogs and cats this year.

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ORLANDO CITY ANNOUNCES NEW STADIUM NAMING PARTNER

We told you last month that Orlando City SC and Orlando Pride would be announcing their new naming rights partner for their downtown stadium, and that time has finally arrived.

The new name for the 25,000-seat downtown stadium is now Inter&Co Stadium. in recognition of the team's new relationship with Brazil-based financial and digital commerce company, Inter&Co. This is the first time a financial institution with roots in Latin America has had the naming rights of a major American stadium in the United States.

The Brazilian company already has relationships with several soccer entities, including Athletica Paranaense, Fortaleza Esporte Club, and the MRV Arena, which is home to Clube Atletico Mineiro.

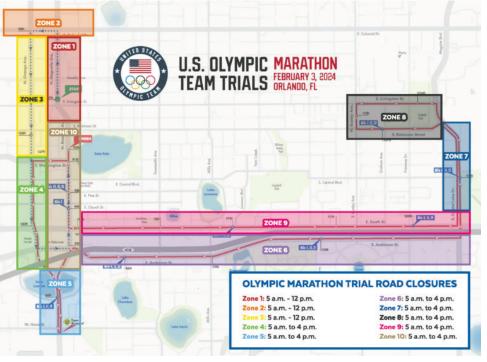


ORLANDO CITY SOCCER CLUB

ORLANDO HOSTING **OLYMPIC MARATHON TRIALS** THIS MONTH

The City of Orlando will host the best runners in the country for the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon next month, for a chance to join Team USA at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. The trials are scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 3, at 10 a.m. with a course running through downtown Orlando. The course consists of a 2.2-mile loop and three 8-mile loops, consisting of a start line on Rosalind Avenue near Amelia Street and a finish line on Rosalind Avenue near Washington Street at Lake Eola. This is the first time a Florida city has been awarded the opportunity to host the event, and the race will be televised on NBC and Peacock. on Apple TV.

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CITY OF ORLANDO

WINTER PARK OFFERING **REBATE TO RESIDENTS TO** PURCHASE ELECTRIC LEAF **BLOWERS**

The Winter Park City Commission recently approved an amendment to its noise ordinances that prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers, effective July 2024.

The ordinance was originally passed in January 2022 and to help ease residents into the electric leaf blower lifestyle, they issued a \$50 rebate offer to applicable households within city limits.

According to a press release issued by the City of Winter Park late last month, the decision to ban gas-powered blowers was based on their considerable noise and environmental impact. The City of Winter Park also requires that any yard debris blown into the public right of way must be removed within 30 minutes. Residents now have under six months to notify their landscape companies of the ban and to replace their gas-powered blowers with electric alternatives, or to do so themselves if they care for their lawns themselves. But it's Winter Park.

The City of Winter Park has also replaced 98% of its own leaf blowers with electric alternatives and purchased two zero-turn lawn mowers, and three electric utility carts.

Mayor Phil Anderson was forced to call a special meeting on January 30 to discuss some public concerns with the City Commission. Despite the 30-month compliance window, landscape companies are complaining that they didn't know about the ban and that they think the impacts of using battery-powered equipment will be "overly burdensome" on their businesses. Those same companies spend over \$1,000 on gas-powered blowers and say the \$50 rebate isn't even worth their time showing up to file the paperwork.



ATW STOCK

CITY DROPS CHARGES AGAINST HOMELESS MAN CAUGHT SITTING ON SIDEWALK DOWNTOWN

The City of Orlando has dropped its charge against a homeless Orlando man who was found violating a recently passed city ordinance, by sitting on a downtown sidewalk.

62-year-old Paul Clark was arrested on January 8 for sitting on a sidewalk outside of the downtown Taco Bell Cantina. At the time, Orlando Police stated that the arrest was in response to its updated Disorderly Conduct code, which makes obstructing sidewalks and roadways a crime. At the second reading of the code, the mayor stated on the record that the ordinance was not meant to police the homeless, but was really meant to be a tool when clearing the downtown corridor when the bars close.

According to the OPD, Clark became upset and hit his head repeatedly against the plastic prisoner compartment in his transport vehicle.

Orlando City Prosecutor, Alex Weaver, dropped the charge against Clark on January 11. asking that his record be cleared of the incident.

Ivanhoe CLUB **GNARLY BARLEY**

IVANHOE VILLAGE LAUNCHES CLUB CARD TO HELP BUSINESSES HURTING FROM ROAD CONSTRUCTION

A group of local businesses in Ivanhoe Village has banded together to launch a special initiative to help raise awareness, and much-needed funds, as a result of ongoing road construction in the district that's locked down the major neighborhood crossroad of Orange Avenue and Virginia Drive.

Concerned and supportive Orlandoans can purchase a special Ivanhoe Construction Club Card for \$10, which will unlock 10% off your tab at participating businesses.

The promotion will run through March 11 and the cards can be purchased at any of the above businesses during normal operating hours. The discount can not be combined with other existing discounts and offers and is only applicable to the card carrier's bill.



PUBLIX

NEW PACKING DISTRICT PUBLIX ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY OPENING

A new Publix is set to open on February 22 in the under-construction Packing District development, near the intersection of Princeton and Orange Blossom Trail.

The new grocery store has been in the works since 2021 when we first reported that it was part of the new \$700 million Packing District project.

The new store is roughly 27,512 SF and tucked away behind the soon-to-open replica juice stand, which is home to Ravenous Pig Brewery, Kelly's Homemade Ice Cream, and Foxtail Coffee.

SOUTH STREET TO BECOME TWO-WAY STREET UNDER I-4

The Florida Department of Transportation will be reconfiguring South Street under Interstate 4 into a two-way street. Construction on the project is expected to start on January 21, with a completion date of sometime in March. FDOT will be adding an eastbound lane on South Street to help motorists enter and exit I-4 Express, which currently only allows for westbound travel at the interchange. The project will also add larger pedestrian refuge areas to improve the cross signal and reduce the risk of conflicts with passing vehicles. Overnight closures may be necessary to complete the work over the next six to eight weeks.



AUTHOR NICHOLAS SPARKS ONCE SAID THAT "LOVE IS LIKE THE WIND, YOU CAN'T SEE IT BUT YOU CAN FEEL IT."

That's stupid. Valentine's Day is a commercial exercise and degrees of affection can only be expressed through the amount of money spent on material gifts. Love should be what you can see, feel, and smell. To that end, we've put together this list of local gifts priced to express a variety of levels of affection.



CHOCOLATE COVERED POPCORN FROM PETERBROOKE CHOCLATIER

This one sort of speaks for itself; just a big old jug of sweet and savory goodness. Great when shared, but even better when you keep it all for yourself.

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BUNGALOWER BUDDY MEMBERSHIP

Nothing says love more than giving your SO the gift of Bungalower! For just \$20 a year, you'll receive discounts to over 90 local businesses, including most of the ones we've listed in this gift guide. PLUS, you'll also get exclusive access to our monthly Buddy newsletter which comes jam-packed with exclusive offers and Buddy-only event invites.

\$20 | BUNGALOWER.COM/SUPPORT-US



VALENTINE'S COLLECTION FROM FREEHAND GOODS

Freehand Goods launched 9 new products - including a candle, greeting card (pictured above) - just in time for the holiday. Apparently, they have an extremely limited quantity so get over there as soon as you can.

ASSORTED PRICES | FREEHANDGOODS.COM



FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FROM THE HEAVY

Intentionally crafted by the green thumbs over at The Heavy in Winter Park, these Valentine's day themed assortments are sure to wow. Arrangements are available both fresh and dried

\$44 - \$108 | THEHEAVYWP.COM



JAPANESE BONDAGE ROPE FROM FAIRVILLA

According to Fairvilla, "this Japanese style treat is a must have for any playful couple." The rope itself is a full 32 feet of soft cotton that will not rub or chafe the skin. Apparently, The super long length gives you lots of freedom to do what you will- you can bind up the wrists or ankles before attaching the rope to a headboard, or you can create your own bondage designs like, I don't know, the Eiffel Tower or something.

\$23.56 | FAIRVILLA.COM BUNGALOWER BUDDIES RECEIVE 15% OFF SPECIAL DISCOUNT CODE



ASSORTED ITEMS FROM LAFAYETTE & RUSHFORD

Lafayette & Rushford in Baldwin Park are fully stocked with fun, artsy Valentine's gifts including the DIY Fake Cake Kit pictured above. Check out their website for just a small preview of their current stock. Or better yet, go visit the store in person - you won't regret it.

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GREEN AVENTURINE FROM RARE EARTH GIFT

For a more holistic gift, consider some Green Aventurine from our friends over at Rare Earth Gift in Ivanhoe Village. Apparently, it is a stone of prosperity, luck, stability, and love and helpful in matters of romance and relationships. Let's face it, you could use all the help you can get.

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SEASONAL CLOTHING FROM THE HOUSE ON LANG

The ladies over at the House on Lang have confidently announced they're stocked with more than enough of their trademark bohemian/vintage-style clothing to accomodate the demands of the Valentine's season. Let's put that to the test. If you've never been to House on Lang, its definitely worth the trip over to their spot along the Mills 50/Ivanhoe Village DMZ (1308 Lang Avenue).

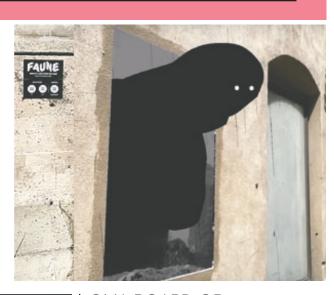
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ART/CULTURE









COOL JOB ALERT: ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR FOR ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

After 23 years of employment with Orange County Government, Terry Olson is poised to step down from his longtime role as the Arts and Cultural Affairs Administrator this spring.

Olson is expected to retire this May, after being hired in November 2011 as the first-ever administrator of the Arts and Cultural Affairs office, a role he often referred to as "Chief Art Instigator" and applications are already open. According to the job description, the role is responsible for facilitating collaborations and initiatives with numerous arts and cultural organizations, supporting and enhancing the arts and cultural infrastructure of Orange County, and advocating for financial investment from private and public entities. They oversee the Tourist Development Tax dollar initiatives, support arts and cultural incubator programs, act as a staff liaison with the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council, and oversee and support FusionFest and other cultural programming. The annual pay is \$89,336-\$116,147 per year.

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LOCAL GROUP STAGING OPERA INSPIRED BY SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Local opera company Opera del Sol will be performing a contemporary opera by Derrick Wang, based on the real-life friendship between Supreme Court justices Antonin Scala and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Scalia/Ginsburg is a one-act operatic comedy between the two Justices and a "pivotal moment that would change the Supreme Court for years to come." The production will feature musicians from the Alterity Orchestra, under the direction of collaborative pianist, Philip King. The production will open on Friday, March 14, to commemorate Justice Ginsburg's 91st birthday and feature only three performances at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts



The Plaza Live activated its newly restored historic tower on top of its Milk District venue at 425 N. Bumby Avenue on January 10.

The Plaza Live is one of Orlando's oldest theaters and has been undergoing extensive renovation since last year to the tune of \$10 million. The performance venue, which is also home to the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, is getting almost completely overhauled with a long list of projects including a new rotunda

in the front lobby, an expanded main bar, a new additional bar that serves the lobby, the front parking lot, and a new private VIP room that's available for pre-game/event rentals, and a whopping new air conditioning system that representatives told Bungalower would be a "game changer."

The spire that sits atop the building was removed in early August 2023 and shipped out-of-state to be cleaned up and rewired with LED lighting and for a long-overdue tuneup. The spire was reinstalled two weeks ago has yet to be publicly turned on.



OMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHARES STATEMENT ON STATE OF MUSEUM LEGAL BATTLES

Mark Elliott, the current chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Orlando Museum of Art issued a statement on January 19 concerning the state of the Loch Haven-based art museum and its legal struggles in the wake of the 2022 "Basqui-not" exhibition scandal.

The statement comes after a report from Orlando Sentinel's Matt Palm shared that the museum was feeling a "financial crunch" caused by its ongoing legal battles and struggles to comply with four separate grand jury subpoenas related to exhibiting artworks that were falsely attributed to Jean-Michel Basquiat – which is labeled as a Federal crime.

The statement shares that Orlando Museum of Art will be dismissing its claims against several defendants, including Pierce O'Donnell, John Leo Mangan III, William Michael Force, Taryn Burns, the Basquiat Venice Collection Group, and the MJL Family Trust while maintaining its claims against former museum Aaron De Groft.

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UNITED ARTS LAUNCHES NEW CULTURAL TOURISM DEPARTMENT IN CONCERT WITH VISIT ORLANDO

United Arts of Central Florida has just announced the addition of two new cultural tourism directors to its staff, to help support the formation of a new Cultural Tourism Department, in partnership with Visit Orlando.

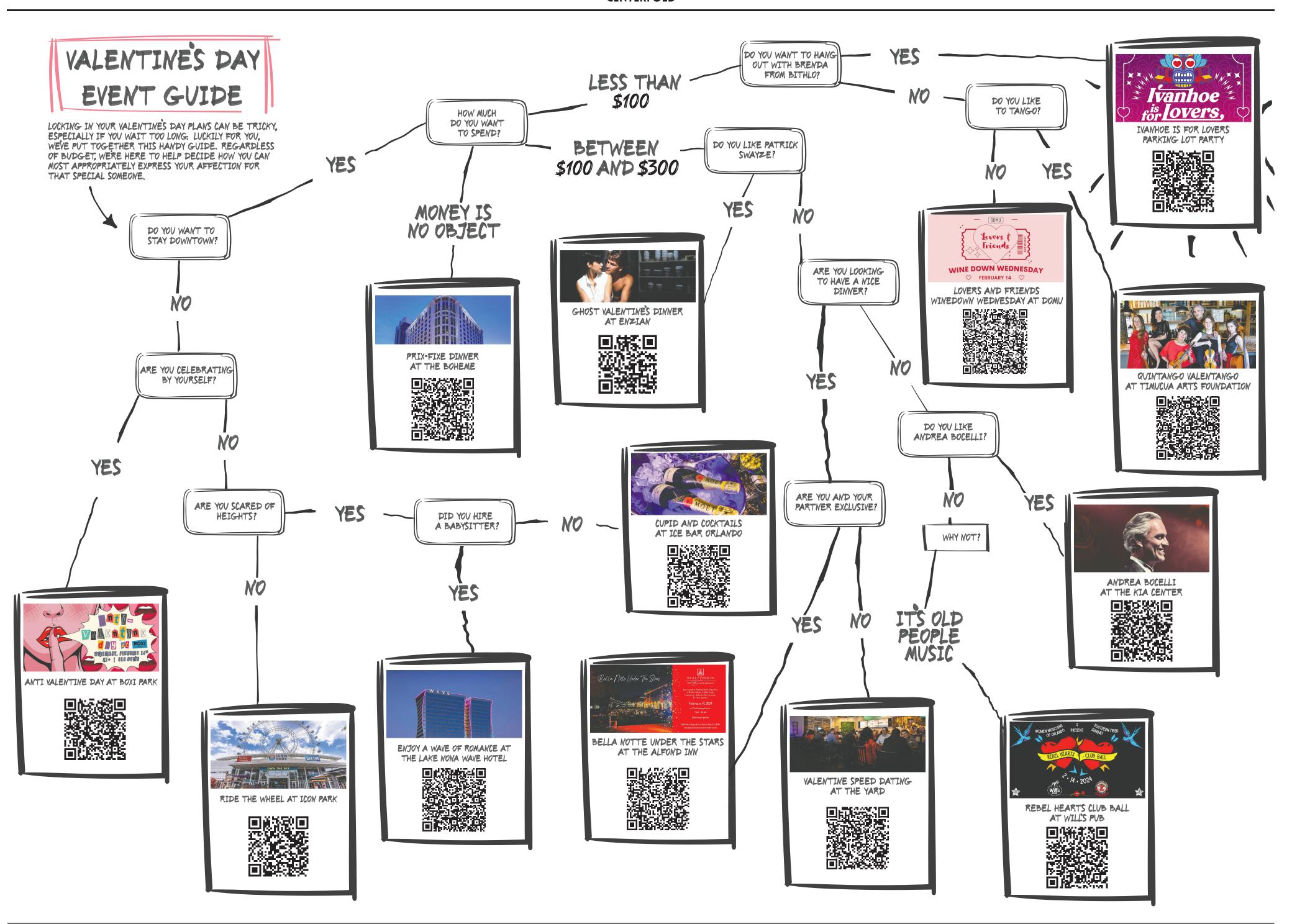
According to the United Nations World Tourism Organization, "cultural tourism" means travel that is primarily related to cultural motivations like the performing arts, festivals, historic sites and monuments, nature, art, and pilgrimages.

Visit Orlando invested over \$500,000 in 2023 to capture videos of more than 25 regional cultural organizations that will be used as part of a new marketing initiative abroad.

United Arts hired Deanna Kotch, the former director of marketing for Visit Orlando, and Thali Sugisawa, former director of Orange County's FusionFest, to lead the new department.

An Opera by Derrick Wang







In a pickle? You're in luck; our resident advice expert, Brenda from Bithlo, has a TON of experience with pickles. Remember, if you've got troubles with money, love, or wigs, don't just tuck them away, Ask Brenda!

BRENDA, I HAD THAT NASTY FLU THAT WAS GOING AROUND - I THINK YOU HAD IT TOO - AND WHEN I WAS SICK, MY GIRLFRIEND DIDN'T REALLY HELP ME THAT MUCH. IN FACT, SHE WENT OUT A LOT AND GOT DRUNK WITH HER FRIENDS AND WOULD PASS OUT ON THE COUCH AND I'D HAVE TO WALK THE DOG. IS IT OKAY THAT THAT HURTS MY FEELINGS?

- SAD SAM

Feelings are feelings, baby. Don't feel dumb for having them, feel dumb for not listening to them. Your girlfriend's life doesn't have to stop because you're sick, but you'd think that maybe she'd rather be home in case you needed any help. This year's flu is no joke and complications can happen. You know what, I'm just gonna say it. Your girlfriend sounds awful. You had to shuffle down the street and walk your dog because she was too drunk to step up and help? Uh-uh, honey. You're not married, but you should let her know that you're taking notes. You don't want to be stuck with someone who won't have your back in sickness and in health and leaves you holding the shit while they're out doing god knows what with god knows who.

BRENDA, I THINK I'M ONLY ATTRACTED TO BROS AND I'M WORRIED THAT MAKES ME TRASH.

- BASIC BETTY

Baby, sometimes you want a burger because a steak is just too fancy. But you can't eat burgers every day, girlfriend, because they make you fat. And they can give you cancer. And they probably sleep around with their dumb friends and they guaranteed have herpes. Bros are fun, and pretty, and usually great in bed, and usually have access to money, but ... wait, what was I saying? It doesn't make you trash to like bros, baby girl. It just makes you kind of boring. Have fun and stop worrying about it. You'll need to bring your own condoms though. Bros hate condoms.

I REALLY WANT MY MAN TO TAKE ME OUT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY BUT HE GETS SO ANXIOUS ABOUT CHOOSING A RESTAURANT I'LL LIKE. WHAT SHOULD I DO TO MAKE SURE THIS YEAR'S VDAY IS A REAL SUCCESS?

- NEEDY NANCY

Honey-baby, all I heard is that you've given your man a complex complaining about his restaurant choices in the past so that he never wants to pick another one again and have to listen to you chirp about how shitty it was. If you don't like his choices, you try making one for a change. It's his Valentine's Day too, homie. Maybe this year, make it all about him and do something you know he loves. We've got a whole roundup of Valentine's Day options for you in this issue too if you're feeling lazy. Or just go to the nude beach in Titusville and eat grapes off of each other. I dunno. I'm gonna take my man to the masseuse so I don't have to touch him myself and then pay off his parking tickets. Everyone's different.

NEW VINTAGE SHOP NOW OPEN IN THORNTON PARK'S VERANDA

A new vintage shop called Honey House Vintage has opened in Thornton Park's Veranda campus, at 115 N. Summerlin Avenue, across from Anthony's Thornton Park.

The shop, owned by Nicole Escobar, offers a selection of curated vintage items, home decor, women's clothing, and collectibles that were made by local artisans and women-owned businesses.

The shop started as a pop-up in 2020, participating in events like Mellow Market and Milk Mart, before opening its first brick-and-mortar on Friday, December 15.

Honey House Vintage is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday through Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.



LAST MONTH ON BUNGALOWER & THE BUS



Bungalower and the Bus is the weekly podcast dedicated to Orlando's top headlines, new restaurants, and upcoming events. The show is co-hosted by Jon Busdeker and Bungalower's own, Brendan O'Connor. Tune in to Bungalower and the Bus every Friday on Real Radio 104.1 FM.

Episode 360 - Pig Floyd's Urban Barbakoa

Jon Busdeker and Brendan O'Connor were invited to join local restaurateur, Thomas Ward, at his flagship restaurant, Pig Floyd's Urban Barbakoa. This episode includes a story about human remains found by Walt Disney World, a new Florida Bill to fight cashless transactions. seating options at Exploria Stadium, and a new home for Blue Bamboo.

Episode 361 - The Vineyard Wine

Brendan and Jon head to Lake
Mary to check out The Vineyard
Wine Co., a fancy wine restaurant
that their friend Big Rick works at.
Along for the ride is the official show
lawyer, attorney Moe DeWitt. This
episode includes an update on the
newly passed Disorderly Conduct
Ordinance in Orlando, a proposed
ban on cruising in the left lane on the
highway, and Dunkin' Donuts being
sued for an exploding toilet.

Episode 362 - Brewlando with Orlando Science Center

Brendan and Jon are invited to visit Brewlando, Orlando's largest brewery, with their friends from Orlando Science Center. This week's topics include a name change for the soccer stadium, IKEA bringing back their Swedish restaurant, financials at Orlando Museum of Art, and opinions on bike lanes.

Episode 363 - The Acre OrlandoBrendan and Jon head to The Acre

Orlando for YogaHigh, the new event series Bungalower Media has launched in partnership with Cookies Cannabis. The week's topics include two young dorks who got arrested for driving almost 200 mph on the Turnpike, Tourist Tax decisions, and houses of macaroni.

Want to host Bungalower & the Bus at your restaurant or business for a future episode? Email us at sales@bungalower.com!

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If cooking is your love language, there's no sweeter three-word phrase than:

This recipe first came to us by way of the now closed Ace Cafe and was originally published on Bungalower back in 2019, but time and circumstance have certainly not dulled the flavor of this classic Florida dish.

By Misty White Photos by Kimberly Jefcoat

Before it closed in May 2023, Ace Cafe was located at 100 W. Livingston Street, in downtown Orlando. In the early 1990s, the location was home to the Edge nightclub, an alternative music venue that hosted the likes of Nine Inch Nails, Beastie Boys, The Ramones, Foo Fighters, and Hole. Sadly, the Edge failed and transitioned into the shortlived 8 Seconds. Which is a laughable name knowing how long it managed to stay open.

While open, Ace Cafe Orlando tried to operate as a pit stop for motorcycle and car enthusiasts traveling the adjacent interstate. Ace Cafe housed a full-service restaurant and bar led by Chef David Jordan, with a menu of "loud food" and hearty fare with a few nods to their London roots.

One dish that is dear to Chef David's heart is his surprisingly light and refreshing key lime pie. This dessert is a family recipe that was passed down by his grandmother and he'd been making the pie for over 40 years before sharing the recipe with us for this column.

Graham Cracker Crust

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs 1/3 cup plain white sugar 6 Tbsp melted butter, unsalted Combine the crumbs and sugar in a bowl. Add the melted butter and combine well until the mixture resembles the texture of wet sand. Pat into a nine-inch pie pan and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Let the crust cool before adding your filling.

Key Lime Pie

1 can sweetened condensed milk

4 egg yolks

1/2 cup fresh key lime juice (fresh is the key, no reconstituted junk)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Combine all ingredients until smooth and pour into your cooled graham cracker crust. Now, bake it all for 20 minutes. Let rest until cooled.

Whipped Cream Topping

1 cup heavy whipping cream, cold

1 bsp powdered sugar

1 tsp vanilla

1 lime for garnishing

In a large bowl, whip the cream until stiff peaks are just about to form. Beat in sugar until peaks form. Make sure not to overbeat or your cream will become lumpy and butter-like. How embarrassing.

Cut and serve with whipped cream (dollop, pipe, get fancy - it's your pie so do what you want). Enjoy!









MICHELIN-STARRED CHEF OPENING RESTAURANT IN WINTER PARK

A new restaurant will be opening in the former home of Sushi Pop at 115 E. Lyman Avenue in Winter Park.

The new concept is called ÔMO by JÔNT and is led by Hive Hospitality and award-winning chef, Ryan Ratino, who is behind the Michelin-starred Bresca restaurant and two-star concept, JONT.

The new 15-seat restaurant was designed by Make Design Studios (Website), the group behind Soseki, Camille, and Zaru, and will feature three dining areas that guests will move through during their dining experience; the Living Room where they will enjoy snacks and champagne, the Savory Counter for dinner and beverages, and the Pastry Parlor for sweets and mignardises/petit four.

Dining packages are expected to start at \$195 without beverage pairings and \$155-\$170 for Saturday lunch service. Dinner service will be available at 5:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Sushi Pop closed its Winter Park restaurant back in November 2022.

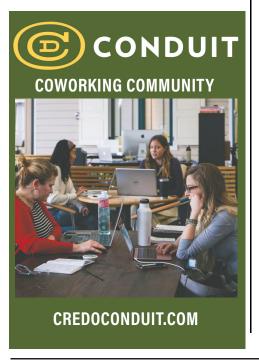
TOMMY BAHAMA MARLIN BAR OPENS IN WINTER PARK

We told you back in March 2023 that a new Tommy Bahama-themed bar and restaurant would be opening in Winter Park Village.

The new 8,100 SF bar/restaurant/retail combo opened on January 31 and features the brand's trademark dad-wear/divorced boat captain chic alongside a special indoor/outdoor seating area where you can order drinks and food. This is Tommy Bahama's 10th location in the state, and the sixth location to feature a bar. All orders must be made at the bar, with servers delivering drinks and food to wherever you've chosen to sit.

The menu will feature locally sourced dishes including coconut shrimp, blackened mahi mahi or filet mignon tacos, Nashville hot chicken sliders, key lime pie, and more. They will also offer zero-proof cocktails alongside martinis, wine, and beer.

The Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar will be open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and host a daily happy hour from 3-6 p.m.





ICONIC JUICE STAND REPLICA OPENS

A newly erected replica of a former iconic juice stand building at the corner of Princeton and Orange Blossom Trail opened its doors to the public on January 22, 2024.

The new 1,800 SF building was inspired by an iconic piece of the early Dr. Phillips citrus operations in the mid-1900s on the same property and was built using remnant materials from other buildings in the Packing District development in the juice stand's countertops and outside benches.

We told you back in 2022 that the nostalgic building would be home to Foxtail Coffee Co., Kelly's Homemade Ice Cream, and Ravenous Pig Brewing Co. A private ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in late January.

The exact location of the juice stand is 1795 West Princeton Avenue.

REDLIGHT REDLIGHT'S NEW KITCHEN HAS FINALLY OPENED

We told you in February 2022 that Audubon Park-based brewery Redlight Redlight would be opening a kitchen and the time has finally arrived. The kitchen opened in time for the brewery's New Year's Eve Party just over a week ago, with a rotating menu of seasonal pub food-inspired dishes with dinner service Wednesday through Sunday and brunch on Sundays, led by Chef Jes Tantalo. Last month's brunch menu featured cauliflower gratin, fried smoked mullet, American carbonara, spaghetti with garlic, olive oil, and basil, a beef chili and cheese quesadilla with avocado salad, sour cream, and pink beans, a veggie ribollita soup, salt-brined fries, pavlova, and more.

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RESTAURANT PLACES IN YELP'S TOP 100 US RESTAURANTS FOR 2024

Yelp has just released a list of the Top 100 restaurants in the country, as ranked by its users. Last year, Orlando succeeded in placing three (very) different restaurants in the top 100; Kadence, Selam Ethiopian and Eritrean Cuisine, and Hungry Pants (which closed last December). This year, just one Orlando restaurant managed to place on the illustrious list; Edoboy, the eight-person standing sushi bar in Mills 50, which came in at #44. Edoboy offers just 48 reservations for dinner, and caps how many pieces of sushi you can down during your visit to 12. And it earned a Michelin Guide mention after a year of operation.

NEW PITA CONCEPT COMING TO DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

A new fast-casual pita restaurant is coming to downtown Orlando in the former home of Pokeworks at 20 N. Orange Avenue, next door to Mecatos Bakery and Cafe.

Rolled Pita Bar is still under construction and an opening date has not been made public at this time. The concept focuses primarily on grab-and-go and delivery options but will also have some limited on-site seating and will serve a menu of made-to-order pita wraps, salads, and smoothies.

Pokeworks closed in 2023 after five years of business.

Rolled Pita BAR Pita BAR Astronomy Continue Co

HOUSE OF MAC CLOSES ORLANDO RESTAURANT

Miami-based World Famous House of Mac announced on January 23 they would be closing its Orlando restaurant location, effective immediately. The original restaurant in Miami was founded by Pitbull's former manager, Derrick Turton, and is known as a regular haunt for big-ticket celebs like Serena Williams, Rihanna, ASAP Rocky, and of course, Pit Bull. The Orlando location opened in March 2022 in a former Pizza Hut at 2435 S. Orange Avenue [GMap], to lots of fanfare and was known for its over-the-top macaroni and cheese dishes and chicken wings.



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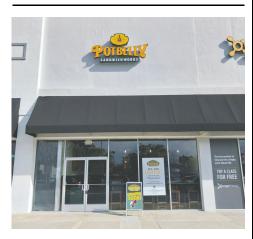


SOLAR BEARS HOSTING CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL ON MARCH 1

The Orlando Solar Bears will host a special craft beer festival on Friday, March 1, ahead of its match against the Jacksonville Icemen at the newly-named Kia Center. The event will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and feature more than fourteen craft breweries.

All vendors will be serving free sample-sized beers to all attendees over the age of 21, on Church Street, in front of the stadium. Puck drop is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Tickets to the pre-game beer fest are \$30 and include a ticket to the hockey game.



POTBELLY'S SANDWICH SHOP OPENS

We told you in June 2023 that Chicago-based Potbelly Sandwich Works would open a new Orlando location, and that time has come.

The restaurant opened in the Colonial Landing shopping plaza at 2714 E. Colonial Drive on Tuesday, January 23.

Potbelly's menu features hot subs, salads, macaroni and cheese, soups, coffee, shakes, and breakfast sandwiches, and the name was inspired by the original potbelly stove used to toast the sandwiches at the flagship location.



GENTRY'S BBQ IS NOW PROUD SOULS BBQ AND PROVISIONS

Winter Park-based Gentry's BBQ was recently acquired by a Denver-based grill and smoker showroom company, which has plans to expand its footprint here locally.

Proud Souls Barbecue and Provisions specializes in equipment needed for smoking, grilling, searing, and roasting as well as topbrand cookers, accessories, fuels, spices, sauces, and meats.

Proud Souls will be hosting BBQ classes led by champion pitmasters at the new Winter Park location as well as courses ranging from the basics of BBQ to advanced outdoor cooking techniques.

Gentry's BBQ General Store was founded by award-winning pitmaster Christ Gentry in 2019 in Ivanhoe Village ahead of its move to Winter Park in 2022. Gentry has stayed on to manage the store under Proud Souls Barbecue and Provisions.

This is the fourth Proud Souls store, with locations in Denver and Littleton, CO, and Kansas City, MO.toast the sandwiches at the flagship location.

NEW BARBECUE CONCEPT COMING TO EAST END MARKET

In January, we told you that Farm and Haus would be stepping away from its longtime stall at East End Market to focus on its brick-and-mortar restaurant in Winter Park. At the time, a new occupant for the food hall spot had yet to be revealed but we learned something fun:

Matt Hinckley of Hinckley's Fancy Meats took to social media this weekend to share that he would be opening a new 6-month popup concept called Boxer and Clover (Instagram) in the stall to test the waters and see if he'd like to keep it going as something more permanent – either at East End or someplace larger. The concept will also be popping up at locations around town.

The concept is named after the horses from George Orwell's much-studied Animal Farm, and will feature a menu of Southern-inspired barbecue like ribs, collards, chicken thigh, and briskets.

Boxer and Clover is expected to open sometime in March, following the opening of his new College Park restaurant, Mid-Drive Dive, sometime in mid-February.





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EVENT CALENDAR



FEB. 1

DINING IN THE DARK

Lighthouse Central Florida is hosting its 4th annual Dining in the Dark, bringing this unique sensory experience back to Orlando after a pause since the pandemic.

6 p.m. | Sheraton Orlando North, 600 N. Lake Destiny Road | Maitland | pricy

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Jaleo Disney Springs is bringing back its Festival de Fresas, in partnership with Central Florida's beloved Southern Hill Farms.

11 a.m.-11 p.m. | Disney Springs, 1486 Buena Vista Drive | Out of Bounds | \$5-\$13 | jaleo.org

— FEB. 2

"THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME"

The story of a gifted boy called Christopher. He investigates the killing of his neighbor's dog and in doing so has an adventure of self-discovery.

7:30 p.m. | Fringe ArtSpace, 54 W. Church Street | Church Street | \$22 | fringe.org

GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATION AT AIRPORT LANES SANFORD

Get ready because Airport Lanes is back and better than ever with a whole weekend of community events to celebrate.

10 a.m.-10 p.m. | Airport Lanes, 190 E. Airport Boulevard | Sanford | \$1-\$20 | @airportlanes

MOVIE NIGHT AT LEU GARDENS: "GROUNDHOG DAY"

Enjoy an outdoor movie in Orlando's most beautiful garden. Pack a picnic and seating, alcohol is permitted. This movie is rated PG, weather permitting.

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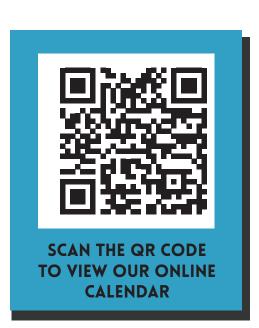
7:30 p.m. | Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue | Audubon Park | \$8 | leugardens.org

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SCREAM, BLACKULA, SCREAM

50th Anniversary Screening! "The name is Blacula!" When the Mama Loa of a voodoo cult dies, there is an argument over who will succeed her. When the popular vote is for Lisa Fortier [Pam Grier, Foxy Brown, Coffy], cult member Willis [Richard Lawson, Sugar Hill, Poltergeist] vows revenge. In a misguided attempt to gain power over his enemies, he acquires the bones of Prince Mamuwalde, aka "Blacula" [William Marshall], and resurrects the vampire.

Midnight | Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Avenue | Maitland | \$11 | enzian.org



- FEB. 3

2024 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS

All roads lead to somewhere but this weekend, most of the downtown ones will be deadends, with Track Shack hosting Olympic runners from across the country.

Noon-6 p.m. | Downtown and Milk District | FREE to watch | cityoforlando.net

4TH ANNUAL BEERLYMPICS AT ROCKPIT

This is an incredibly fun team event featuring beer-related games that will test your handeye coordination, strength, and, of course, beer consumption skills. Bungalower won gold two years ago, so anything is possible.

1-5 p.m. | Rockpit Brewing, 10 W. Illiana Street | SoDo | FREE | rockpitbrewing.com

— FEB. 4

HOOTERS AND HOT RODS

Enjoy wings and beer on the outside patio overlooking the show. Over 100 Classic Cars trucks and Bikes! DJ Don will play the best mix of classic rock n roll, 80's Rock and Country hits.

11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Hooters, 550 Towne Center Circle | Sanford | Various prices

ORLANDO MAGIC 5K

Celebrate the Orlando Magic's 35th anniversary season at the Orlando Magic 5k, 1 Mile and Kids' Run presented by AdventHealth! Put your basketball sneakers on hold and grab your running shoes! Run/walk through the streets of downtown Orlando and enjoy post-race festivities at iconic Lake Eola Park.

7:30 a.m. | Lake Eola Park | Downtown | Various prices | trackshack.com

INTERNTIONAL RECORD CONVENTION

Over 200+ tables of vinyl records and music memorabilia with vendors from all over the country and even the world.

9 a.m. | Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Drive | West Orlando | Various prices | @orlandorecordshow



PRO BOWL GAMES

The reimagined NFL Pro Bowl Games presented by Verizon are back! For the first time in three years, the NFL will return to Orlando to celebrate the league's best players as they compete in a multi-day AFC vs. NFC competition with skills showdowns and a highly anticipated flag football game.

3 p.m. | Camping World Stadium, 1 Citrus Bowl Place | West Lakes | \$39-999 | nfl.com

— FEB. 8

POPCORN FLICKS: "THE PRINCESS BRIDE"

A high-spirited adventure that pits true love against inconceivable odds, The Princess Bride has charmed legions of fans with its irreverent gags, eccentric ensemble, and dazzling swordplay.

7 p.m. | Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Avenue | Maitland | FREE | enzian.org

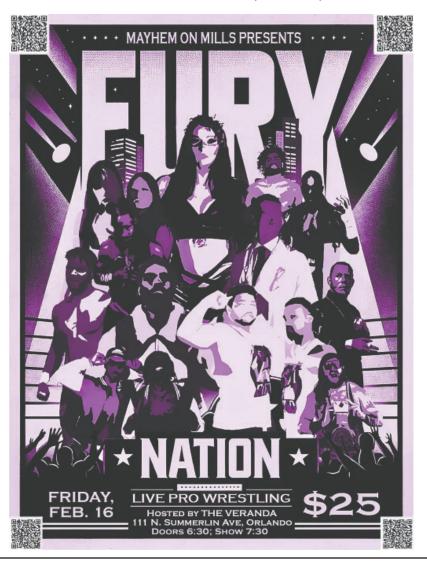
Bring your friends and hit the brick-lined streets of Thornton Park for a fun-filled evening of art and wine.

6:30 p.m. | Thornton Park | \$10-\$15 | eventbrite.com

PURPLE PRIDE 5K

Get your season off to a running start at the ninth annual Purple Pride 5K. With Exploria Stadium as the backdrop, runners will start the race outside of Exploria Stadium, running through the local community, before finishing on the sideline of the field inside the stadium.

8 a.m. | Exploria Stadium, 655 W. Church Street | Parramore | downtownorlando.com



PAWS IN THE PARK PET FESTIVAL

Join us at Lake Eola Park in support of Pet Alliance, the region's oldest animal welfare agency, including a fabulous pet costume contest, dock diving, and lure courses for dogs of all sizes. There will also be an expansive vendor marketplace with plenty of tasty food trucks.

10 a.m. | Lake Eola Park | Downtown | FREE | pawsinthepark.org



VIRGINIA DRIVE LIVE!

Ivanhoe Village and Mills50 team up to host Virginia Drive Live!, a long-standing event in Ivanhoe Village. During Virginia Drive Live!, vendors are placed along Virginia Drive from Orange Avenue to Mills Avenue. Vendors consist of artists, retail, food and music. Guests can purchase \$5 wristbands at Ten10 Brewing and near The Yard at Ivanhoe, which allow access to specials at select locations throughout the event.

5 p.m. | Virginia Drive Corridor | Ivanhoe Village | \$5 | ivanhoe.org

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY GALA

Join us in celebrating community and culture as you indulge in an extraordinary, fun-filled night alongside your partner, friends, and loved ones.

7 p.m. | Winter Park Library, 1052 W. Morse Boulevard | Winter Park | Various prices | winterparklibrary.org

DIANA KRALL

Diana Krall is the only jazz singer to have eight albums debut at the top of the Billboard Jazz Albums chart, and to date, her albums have garnered two GRAMMY Awards, ten Juno Awards and have earned nine Gold, three Platinum, and seven multi-Platinum albums. And she has amazing hair.

8 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$45 | drphillipscenter.org

- FEB. 16

BEETLEJUICE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The infamous Halloween-themed bar is hosting a Beetlejuice-themed party with special entertainment scheduled for all night long.

7 p.m. | Cocktails and Screams, 29 W. Pine Street | Downtown | Various prices | cocktailsandscreams.com

JUDSON'S LIVE: KEB' MO'

Born and raised in Compton, Keb' began his remarkable journey at the age of 21, when he landed his first major gig playing with Jefferson Airplane violinist Papa John Creach.

7 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$92.50 | drphillipscenter.org

MAYHEM ON MILLS: FURY NATION

The high-flying, death-defying action of Mayhem on Mills returns to Orlando this month to crown a brand new champion.

7:30 p.m. | The Veranda at Thornton Park, 111 N. Summerlin Avenue | Thornton Park | \$25 | @mayhemonmills

FEB. 17

CUPID'S UNDIE RUN

Cupid's Undie Run kicks off with drinking and dancing, then we jog it out with a mile(ish) run and end it all with an epic dance party - all while wearing just a cute pair of undies.

Noon | Elixir, 9 W. Washington Street | Downtown | \$40 | cupids.org

ANDREA BOCELLI: 2024 VALENTINE TOUR

As one of the most recognizable voices in the entertainment industry and revered by fans internationally, Andrea Bocelli has been entertaining audiences for 30 years, counting nearly 90 million records sold worldwide. The night will feature performances from Bocelli's beloved repertoire, including music to celebrate Valentine's in February along with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

8 p.m. | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$81-\$361 | drphillipscenter.org

— FEB. 19

RICKY MONTGOMERY

The Los Angeles native recently surpassed 1 billion global streams thanks to Platinum indie-pop hits "Mr. Loverman" and "Line Without a Hook."

8 p.m. | The Plaza Live, 425 N. Bumby Avenue | Milk District | \$43 | theplazaliveorlando. org



BIANCA DEL RIO - DEAD INSIDE TOUR

Everyone's favorite "clown in a gown", Bianca Del Rio, is returning to the stage with a new comedy show, aptly titled "Dead Inside". This will be the seasoned comic's sixth, worldwide stand-up comedy tour.

8 p.m. | Hard Rock Cafe, 6050 Universal Boulevard | Out of Bounds | \$40-\$50 | thebiancadelrio.com

FEB. 21



NAPOLEON DYNAMITE LIVE!

This unique evening includes a full screening of "Napoleon Dynamite" followed by a lively, freewheeling, discussion with fan-favorite cast members: Jon Heder (Napoleon Dynamite), Efren Ramirez (Pedro) and Jon Gries (Uncle Rico).

7 p.m. | Plaza Live, 425 N. Bumby Avenue | Milk District | \$35-\$125 | plazaliveorlando.org

- FEB. 22

Come and meet author Bob Kealing and celebrate the launch of his latest book, "Good Day Sunshine State: How the Beatles Rocked FL."

6:30 p.m. | Winter Park Library, Edyth Bush Theatre, 1052 W. Morse Boulevard | Winter Park | FREE | Eventbrite.com

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FEB. 24

ORLANDO MINIFEST

An evening of music, art, and community in a festival-style atmosphere! Come support top-notch local and touring acts, visual artists and more.

5:45 p.m. | Conduit, 6700 Aloma Avenue | Winter Park | \$24-\$29 | bridgingmusic.com

ORLANDO CITY SC VS. MONTREAL

Come cheer on Orlando's MLS team in their season opener game against CF Montreal at the newly-named Inter&Co Stadium. The match kicks off at 7:30 p.m. and will be available on Apple TV to stream from home.

7:30 p.m. | Inter&Co Stadium, 655 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$27-\$185 | orlandocity.

SANFORD PORCHFEST MUSIC FESTIVAL

Celebrating more than \$131,000 donated to the arts community in Seminole County, the producers of Sanford Porchfest invite you to celebrate peace, love, and commUNITY in historic Sanford.

Take in 70+ performances by Central Florida's best artists at any of the 18 porches located throughout the historic district.

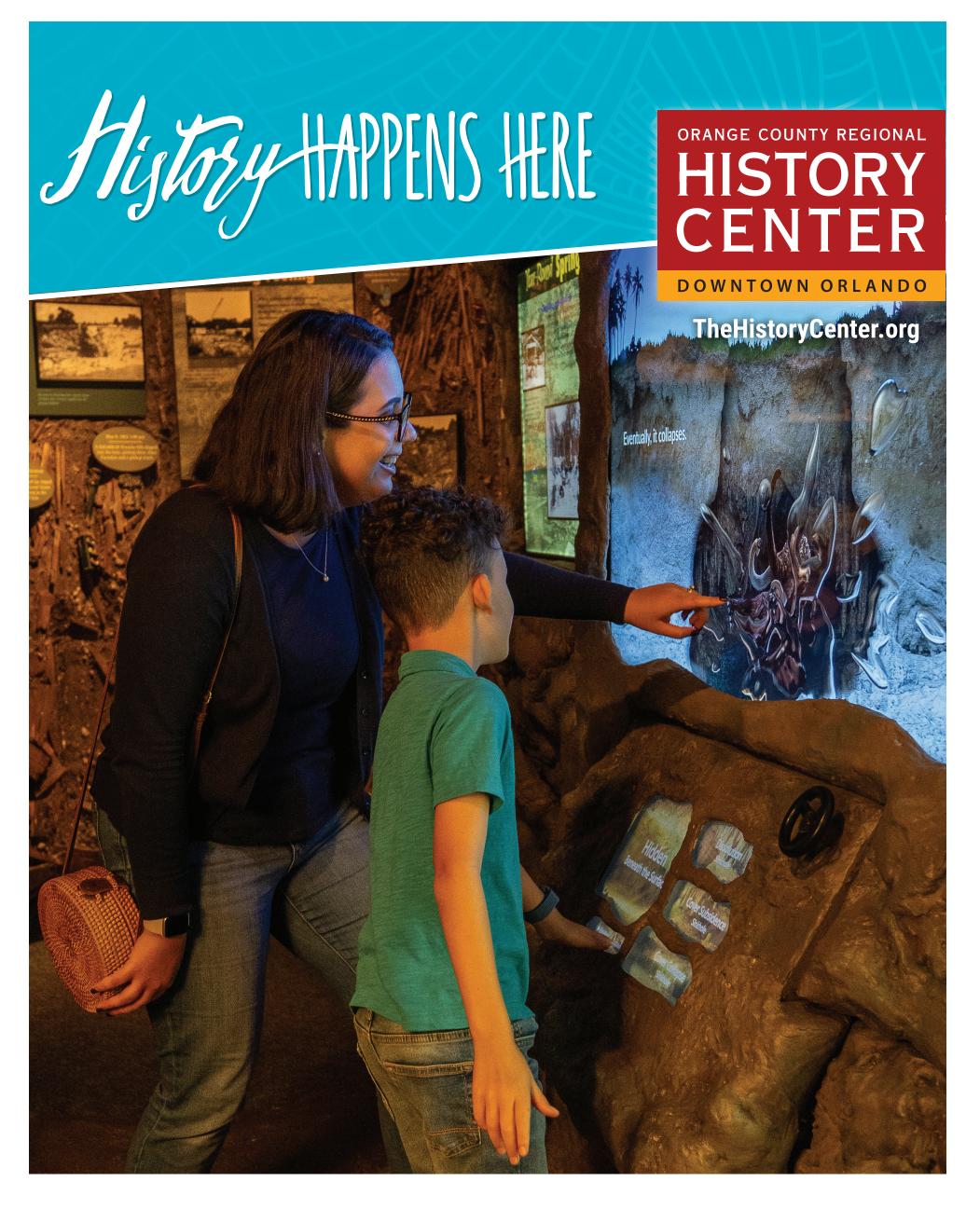
Load up your chairs, blankets, and friends and walk from performance to performance while enjoying the aforementioned live music, art, food vendors, and fun surprises around every corner.

Bungalower Media friends from "A Mediocre Time With Tom and Dan" will be hosting a stage at this year's event too so be sure to stop by to say hello.

11 a.m.-7:45 p.m. | Centennial Park, 400 Park Avenue | Sanford | FREE | sanfordporch-fest.org.







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