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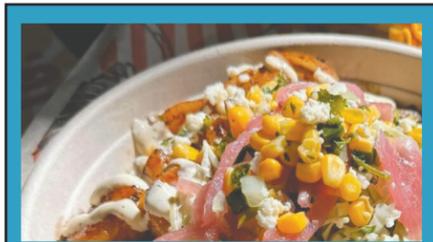
### NEWS

Ex-Commissioner Regina Hill appeals injunction restricting access to constituent's property.



### ART/CULTURE

Orlando Fringe takes place May 13-27 in Loch Haven Park with over 1,000 ticketed performances.



### FOOD/DRINK

Central Florida-based Tijuana Flats files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, closes 11 locations.



THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE SIGN ON THE FORMER M LOUNGE BUILDING

## PARLIAMENT HOUSE OWNER OPENING TWO LOCATIONS

A new sign went up last month at the vacant M Lounge property located at 2000 N. Orange Avenue, in Ivanhoe Village, bearing a familiar name. The sign reads "Parliament House Ivanhoe" and according to local business owners, people have been coming and going from the property for weeks.

M Lounge closed back in 2022 amidst some tax hullabaloo with the owner, Tim Majors. At the time, the building was allegedly seized by one of the lenders, with some of the vehicles on display inside being sold to private investors. The building has sat empty since.

We told you back in July 2021 that long-time Parliament House owner, Don Granatstein, was looking to open a new location for the shuttered (and beloved) Parliament House brand in the heart of downtown Orlando, in partnership with Tim Garito, owner of Game Room and Sly Fox. The duo set their sights on the former home of the CityArts Factory at 29 S. Orange Avenue, at the corner of Pine Street and Orange Avenue, but the project stalled shortly after remodeling began.

Recently, we were informed that construction has now ramped back up and the club could be open as early as this July.

The original building permit for the downtown Parliament House project expired on July 26, 2023, and according to a Parliament House rep, it took some time to line up new approvals from the City, given the current moratorium on new nightclubs in the downtown. The downtown project will include the recently vacated SAK Comedy Lab space as the new home of the Footlight Theater (the name of the theater space at the original Parliament House location which hosted regular theatrical productions and drag shows). Plans also call for a rooftop bar on the third and fourth floors of the building. Pom Moongauklang, the award-winning owner of Pom Pom's Sandwicheria and Teahouse, has shared that she is in talks for leading the food programming at both locations.

A larger timeline for the new Ivanhoe project is still not public, with Granatstein sharing publicly that his team may have been too hasty in the erection of the sign.



PHOTO VIA THE ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER

## P-HOUSE: THE RISE AND DEMISE OF A LEGENDARY GAY RESORT

This article an excerpt from a long-form piece detailing the history of Parliament House, written by Brendan O'Connor and Scottie Campbell. Scan the QR code to read the original piece in its entirety.



The million-dollar Parliament House motor inn was designed by architect Alan Berman and Hodes and Cummin and, at the time, was seen as a major win for Orlando and the surrounding neighborhoods. It was the only motel within city limits to have a swimming pool, a cabana club and putting greens, a lakefront beach, an onsite restaurant, and a cocktail lounge and when it opened on January 15, 1962, there were hundreds of people lining up to tour the property, according to reports by Orlando Evening Star.

Parliament House was the first in what was expected to be a national chain of hotels along the lines of Holiday Inn but hit a mouse-shaped roadblock in 1971 when Walt Disney opened his theme parks outside of city limits. The parks completely shifted

tourists out of downtown Orlando and over to Lake Buena Vista, where hundreds of new hotels were popping up faster than greedy seagulls at a beachside picnic.

In the shadow of The Mouse, Orange Blossom Trail fast became an out-of-the-way periphery of the family-friendly tourist corridor, where more illicit activities could thrive. The smell of orange blossoms was replaced by the smell of car exhaust and cheap cologne, and Parliament House slumped into disrepair, like a fat old man asleep in his recliner, covered in crumbs and regret. Yet, miraculously, the hotel was purchased by Michael Hodge and Bill Miller in 1975, wealthy queer investors who saw potential in transforming the sad hotel property into a fabulous new gay-gearred venue.

Under their stewardship, Parliament House went from a bankrupt hotel to a thriving gay resort and entertainment hub, with multiple bars onsite and a disco room. The hotel rooms went from hosting vacationing families in the '70s to closeted businessmen and people looking for a good, albeit quick, time.



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**FROM THE EDITOR**



April was a big month for me. I celebrated my last official drag bingo night at Tactical Brewing with a room full of people I'm happy to call my friends (after spending every Tuesday with them for almost two years). I took the gig after the death of my friend Doug Bowser, who many people knew as his drag alter ego, Taffy Pinkerbox. We sponsored a number of Doug's bingos over the years and had just set him up at Tactical Brewing for a new weekly series before he went and had a heart attack and left us for a bigger and better party in the afterlife. I stepped in to host just for a few months, until we found someone better, but it quickly became a way for me to celebrate my memories of Doug while simultaneously feeding my ego with the drunken applause of strangers. I was lucky enough to grace the labels of two separate beer cans, one of which I helped to brew, host tons of crazy events, and hit on more than a few husbands and boyfriends. It was something I'll always look back on fondly and I can't wait

to return there for special events in the near future. But mama needed a break and losing a whole Tuesday to being in a dress was a major roadbump for our tiny newsroom.

Other highlights of the month included hosting a staff celebration at the Orange County Regional History Center for my departing friend, director Pam Schwartz, co-hosting our ongoing medical marijuana-infused YogaHigh series at The Acre in College Park, actually getting my taxes done with a week to spare, and wrapping up filming for my new show on Very Local, "On The Job," which premieres May 15th.

—Brendan O'Connor  
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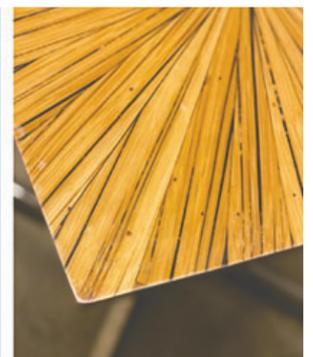
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**THUMBS UP/  
THUMBS DOWN**

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 Downs. These aren't up for debate. They're just accepted truths.



Winter Park elected its first Black Commissioner.



The Acre added an oyster shack.



Too many people are speeding in downtown neighborhoods.



The rent is too damn high and we're losing Creatives.



The animals at Lake Eola don't have enough enrichment.



**Be prepared.**



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# WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE LOVEBUGS?



Lovebugs (*Plecia nearctica*), sometimes called honeymoon flies or “yuck, it’s in my mouth,” are a species of Bibionidae or march fly that live in some parts of Central America and the southeastern United States.

Lovebugs are small, black flies with red thoraxes that measure about 1/4-inch long and they’re related to mosquitoes and gnats, but aren’t the best fliers which is why you’ll mostly see them haphazardly clinging to any surface they land on. Like your coffee cup or hairy leg.

Lovebugs traditionally appear twice a year, in clouds, joined at the abdomen, in a last-minute orgy of epic proportions. And people hate them. The reason people aren’t really starting a lovebug fan page any time soon is that semi-annually, these harmless little black and red specs can swarm in the millions, joined butt-to-butt, flying around between April and May, like massive, flittering, orgiastic clouds.

They are spread over a large geographical area, in a range of habitats from the southern tip of Mexico and Central America, around the Gulf across the southern states and into Florida.

The larvae eat rotten vegetation and the adults feed on nectar, from plants like golden-rod, Brazilian pepper, and sweet clover, but they only tend to live three or four days when fully grown.

Their bodies become super acidic if left to stew on your car, and can leave pits and marks in car paint if not removed quickly. And they’re oddly attracted to car fumes and hot asphalt, which makes roads and highways the perfect place to find them.

Nobody can really agree on where they came from but despite a pervasive urban myth, they did not, in fact, originate in a lab as a result of some randy insect scientist experiment, but rather migrated into Florida from our neighboring southerly states.

Lovebugs don’t really do anything to anyone besides indiscriminately screw on your face, hair, and in your glass of wine (or where

ever they happen to land) and they don’t bite or sting humans. They don’t carry disease either. They just like to get it on in the road and die in large numbers in the spring so you have to wash your car every day; which is why they’re not really a high priority for the State to step in and try to control their numbers like they do with mosquitoes.

But this year, the bugs were nowhere to be seen, and people can’t seem to agree on an explanation.

Scientists and institutions are finding it almost impossible to find funding for a study, to look into the lovebug disappearance, as the bugs don’t really have any sort of palpable impact on the Florida ecosystem. They don’t really compete against any endemic insects for food or habitat, and they don’t really have any benefits either. They don’t bite or sting. Changes in climate has been ruled out as Florida has incredibly diverse micro-climates across the state and they seem to have vanished equally in all of them.

Some fingers are pointing at some unknown parasite or illness, but without funding to dissect and study the remaining population, there’s not much that can be done.

Some scientists are pointing to an overall Insect Apocalypse, citing that 40% of all insect species are in decline around the world.

## THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ENDANGERED INSECTS TO BE FOUND IN FLORIDA

Insects are a vital part of the planet’s ecosystems, and their decline could harm the entire structure of the natural world, by shifting entire food chains.

Insects are the most diverse group of animals on Earth, making up 80% of all animal life. However, their numbers and diversity are declining due to climate change, pollution, and habitat loss.

Insects are responsible for important tasks like:

- **POLLINATION** -- Most plants and animals rely on food that has been pollinated by insects.
- **PEST CONTROL** - Predatory insects like ladybugs and wasps eat pesky insects that can damage crops.

There are a handful of endangered insects that call Florida home, including the Miami Blue Butterfly (below), the Schaus Swallowtail Butterfly, and the intertidal firefly.



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PHOTO VIA CITY OF WINTER PARK

## WINTER PARK CRA OFFERING STUDENT WORK PROGRAM WITH LOCAL NON-PROFITS

The City of Winter Park’s Community Redevelopment Agency has just launched its 2024 Summer Youth Enrichment Program that places students in paid internships with local, non-profit organizations to gain hands-on work experience while giving back to the community.

This program is offered to high school-aged students who live within the Community Redevelopment Agency district. Access the CRA Boundary map to check your address for eligibility. Students interested in participating must be a high school student between the ages of 14-18 and have written approval from a parent or guardian.

Interns work an eight-week period and are paid a maximum of 20 hours per week, with duties changing depending on the participating organization. All required paperwork must be submitted to the Winter Park Community Center by Friday, April 26, at 5 p.m.



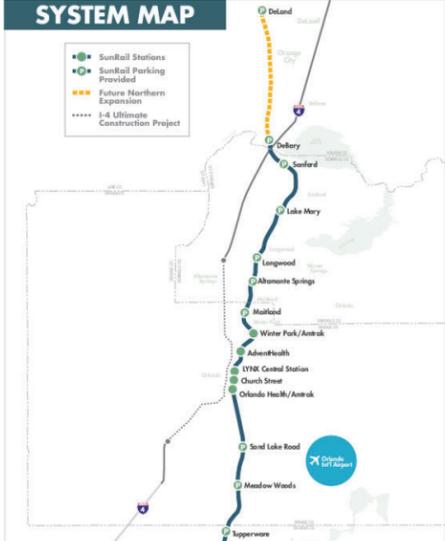
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## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES INCENTIVES FOR NEW ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Orlando Magic has been planning to build a massive entertainment district project adjacent to the Kia Center since 2011, and they say if they get enough incentives from the City of Orlando, they could begin construction by the end of the year.

The ambitious \$500 million, 8.4-acre mixed-use project calls for a 260-room full-service hotel with 16,000 SF of Class A office space, 270 residential units, 125,000 SF of retail, a 3,500-person live event venue, a town square, and 1,100 new parking spaces.

Orlando City Council voted on the proposed incentive agreement that would grant them \$2.5 million for building a new conference center and up to \$40 million in returned property taxes over ten years through the Community Redevelopment Agency, for the project’s first phase of development. It must include 10 affordable housing units and a Parramore business incubator to qualify.



## FDOT IS HANDING OVER SUNRAIL FINANCIALS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The Florida Department of Transportation will be handing over the financial responsibility of running SunRail to Orlando and the counties it serves by December 31, 2024.

Transitioning the financial burden of operating SunRail has been the plan since its conception, with each government serviced by the train to pay a share based on the number of stations and how many passengers are boarding and leaving them, a plan that leaves Orlando paying for about a third of the costs.

When SunRail first launched, operation costs were estimated to be around \$8 million a year. Since the launch, those costs have risen dramatically. The 2022-23 fiscal year saw the service bring in roughly \$40.8 million with a cost of roughly \$76 million.

LYNX is scheduled to take control of SunRail operations by the end of 2027, under the auspices of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission – formed by Volusia, Seminole, Orange, and Osceola counties and the City of Orlando.



## REGINA HILL APPEALS INJUNCTION AGAINST HER LOSES

Suspended City Commissioner, Regina Hill, is appealing a judge’s decision to restrict her access to an elderly constituent’s finances after being accused of exploiting the private funds for her personal benefit.

Hill was suspended from her seat on Orlando City Council following a felony indictment on seven charges related to fraud and elder abuse, to which she pleaded not guilty.

Hill is accused of exploiting a 96-year-old woman in her district and allegedly spending over \$100,000 of her savings on things like makeup, new teeth, vitamin injections, a facelift, a trip to Miami, and using her as a co-signer on a new home. An Orange County judge ordered a permanent injunction to keep Hill away from the woman’s property and finances late last month.

The judge denied Hill’s appeal for a rehearing.

Hill is scheduled to stand trial for criminal charges on July 22.



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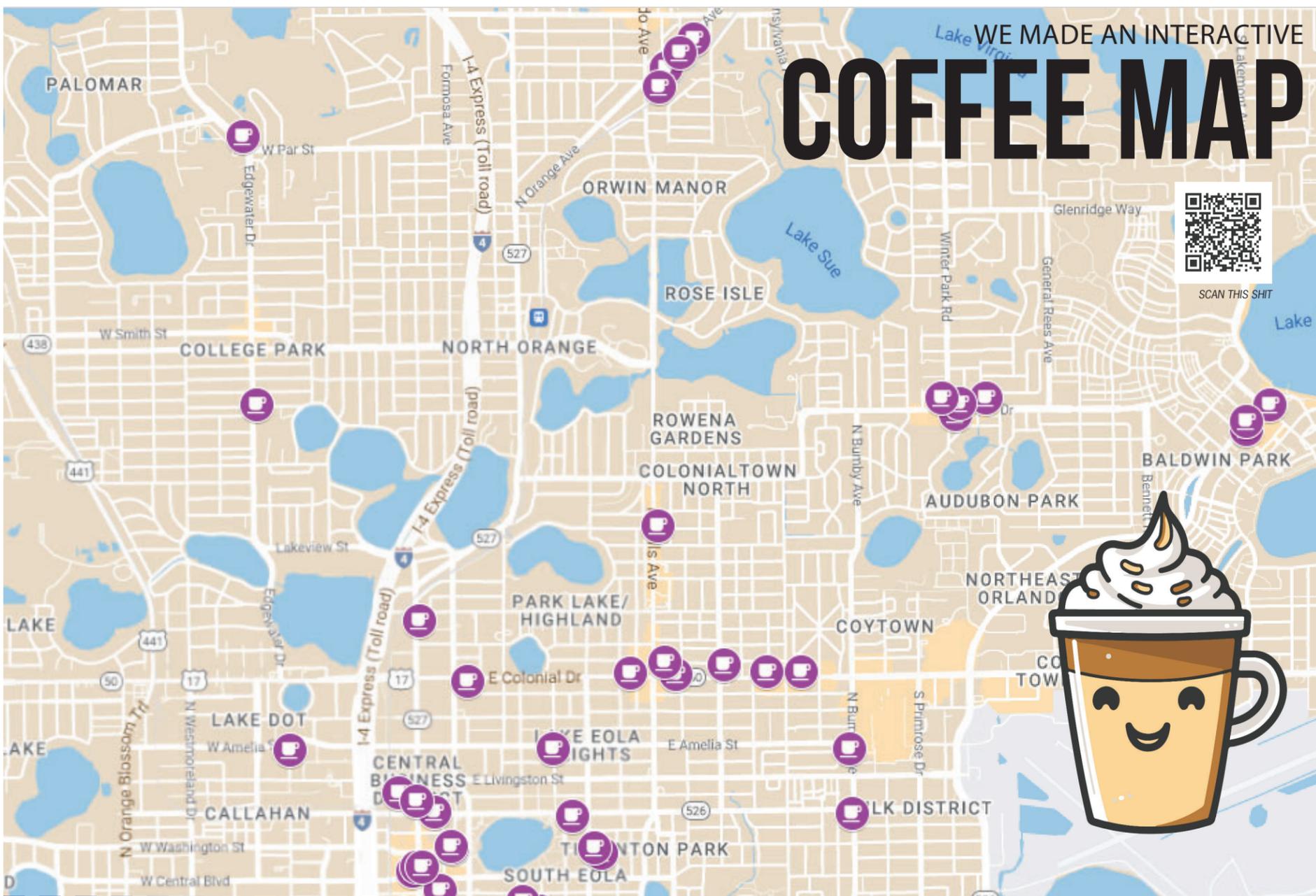
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## PARADE OF HOMES 2024 RETURNS TO ORLANDO MAY 4-12

The Greater Orlando Builders Association (GOBA), an organization that specializes in , education and promoting the local housing and building industry, will host its 71st annual Parade of Homes Orlando May 4 through May 12 this year.

Central Floridians are invited to experience the “best of the best homes” and apartment communities throughout greater Orlando during the event, via free, self-guided tours of over 80 featured homes.

Parade of Homes Orlando showcases Central Florida’s most inspiring homebuilders, designers, and apartment communities, and lets prospective home buyers and investors (of a certain income range) discover innovations in homebuilding, architectural design, energy efficiency, smart homes, outdoor living, interior style, remodeling, and pool design, first-hand.

Whether you’re looking for a new home or apartment, wish to re-imagine your current space, or are searching for a spark of inspiration, the 71st annual Parade of Homes Orlando is open to everyone interested and enthused by stylish home design. In partnership with the Apartment Association of Greater Orlando (AAGO), apartment communities are included in the Parade offering an array of amenities and impressive floorplans throughout Central Florida.

We toured this year’s showcase home, The Vereena, which was built by Valdara Custom Homes in one of Winter Park’s most sought-after neighborhoods, Virginia



Heights, just around the corner from Rollins College.

This contemporary-styled home boasts five bedrooms and six bathrooms with 4,950 SF of living space. Valdara Custom Homes, a member of the Master Custom Builder Council, only takes a few clients a year so they can really focus on creating gorgeous product.

In the Vereena, the 10-foot steel pivot front entry door sets the tone for the

many custom features inside.

You can even talk to it through your Smart Home network. The floating staircase features solid walnut underlit treads and a seamless steel center spine. The 30-foot wide floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door overlooks a one-of-a-kind pool and entertaining space, making it an ideal place to host events or just catch a sportsball game in your underwear.



THE VEREENA SHOWCASE HOME BY VALDARA CUSTOM HOMES

Scan the QR Code to see a video tour of the Parade of Homes Orlando Showcase Home



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### “STRANGER THINGS”-INSPIRED MUSICAL COMING THIS FALL

Get your calendars ready, a “Stranger Things”-inspired musical called “Stranger Sings” is coming to the Dr. Phillips Center of the Performing Arts this Halloween.

Join all of your favorite Hawkins alumni, including Mike, Lucas, Dustin, and Eleven, as they deal with pubescent angst, poor parenting, dancing monsters, and convoluted love triangles set to heavy synth soundtracks. We hear Barb even makes a musical appearance too. It’s giving Fringe Festival, but with better parking options. Tickets start at \$45.

Don’t know what we’re even talking about? “Stranger Things” is a hit sci-fi/horror show set in 1980s Indiana. A time when parents didn’t know what the hell their kids were doing all day and came home to empty houses and didn’t call the police because they loved the sound of a childless home, for just a few extra hours. The show has a cult following that loves the actors as much as the crazy closed captions. Google it.



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### LOCAL GALLERY PULLS ART FROM SHOW FOLLOWING PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The team at City Arts in downtown Orlando were in hot water this past week when it became public that a piece of art submitted to a group show there was not created by the artist but rather, it was made using artificial intelligence. The piece, titled “Mick Jagger,” was submitted to The Art of Rock and Roll show, with a price tag of \$3,500. The medium was described as “handmade digital art” but once it became apparent to other participating artists in the show that “handmade” meant “handtyped” word got out. Comments in social media drew the attention of City Arts staff who joined in on online forums to say they were not aware that the piece wasn’t human-made and the decision was made to remove the piece from the show. A video of the piece’s removal from the wall was also posted on social media for added veracity. Some artists are asking that CityArts officially ban any AI submissions from future shows.



Top row, left to right: Bernadette Despujols, Boy Kong, Mona Bozorgi, Francesco Lo Castro, Onajide Shabaka  
Bottom row, left to right: Jason Seife, Carol Prusa, Njeri Kinuthia, Sheila Goloborotko, Yanira Collado

### OMA’S 2024 FLORIDA PRIZE EXHIBITION OPENS MAY 31

This year’s Florida Prize in Contemporary Art at Orlando Museum of Art is scheduled to open on May 31 for the tenth consecutive year.

The Florida Prize in Contemporary Art, organized by the Orlando Museum of Art (OMA), brings new recognition to the state’s most progressive artists. Each year, OMA’s curatorial team surveys artists working throughout the State before inviting ten to participate. One artist will receive a \$20,000 award made possible with the generous support of local philanthropists Gail and Michael Winn. The artist selected to receive the Prize will be announced at the opening party. Guests will have the opportunity to cast a “People’s Choice” vote for their favorite artist, which includes a \$2,500 award.

The selected artists for the 2024 exhibition include Mona Bozorgi, Tallahassee, FL; Yanira Collado, Miami, FL; Bernadette Despujols,

Miami, FL; Sheila Goloborotko, Jacksonville, FL; Njeri Kinuthia, Orlando, FL; Boy Kong, Orlando, FL; Francesco Lo Castro, Miami, FL; Carol Prusa, Miami, FL; Jason Seifeat th, Miami, FL; Onajide Shabaka, Miami, FL.

Artists range from emerging to mid-career, often with distinguished records of exhibitions and awards that reflect recognition at national and international levels. In all cases, they are artists who explore significant ideas of art and culture in original and visually exciting ways.

The exhibition opening Preview Party will be on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 6-9 p.m. featuring a sampling of Central Florida’s most popular caterers, with dishes that were inspired by one of the ten Florida Prize artists.

Get there early if you want to skip the lines though, this is one of the busiest events in the museum’s calendar.

The closer to parking area 13, the more interesting the debris.



(she's not like the other moms)

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

**BRENDA, I DON'T THINK MY MAN WANTS MORE FROM LIFE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

**- I WANNA BE WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE**

Baby girl. The only way you're going to find out if you want the same thing is if you talk about it. If you're asking me, it's because you already know what he's gonna say and you're just not ready to hear it. You need to figure out what you're ready for in life. 'Cuz if he says he wants to move to Alaska to be a salmon farmer and grow a thick mustache, you're gonna need to figure out if what you want is bigger and better, or if what you really want is to be with him. Freezing your ass off in the North waving at the Russians from your house. Learning how to go curling and shit. And laughing at how you used to wanna leave him and become a realtor in Orlando.

**HEY, BOO. LOVE THE COLUMN. I'M FEELING A BIT STUCK IN MY CAREER. HOW CAN I SHAKE IT OFF AND PURSUE MY PASSION?**

**- DESPERATE IN DELANEY**

Well, Desperate in Delaney, great name. You had me drop a Reeses out of my mouth. It's so good to take a minute and ask yourself if you're happy with what you're doing in life. Because in a few decades, honey, you're gonna be too old to do much but watch X-Men '97 reruns in your underwear. A good way to start thinking about things is to go forward and work your way back. Where would you like to see yourself in 10 years? Then work your way back to now and establish the steps you'll need to take along the way. Sometimes looking at the horizon is easier than figuring out where to take the first step. Keep it to yourself for a bit, live with your plan, and then fold people in as you see fit. Support yourself first before asking for the help of others. And if all that fails, maybe ask your boss if they have anything different you could try today.

**I WANT TO TRY A NEW HOBBY BUT I'M EXTREMELY AFRAID OF FAILURE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

**- CAN'T FAIL IF I DON'T TRY**

You fragile little beautyberry, you. What has life done to you to make you so afraid to fail that you can't even try to knit a pair of baby booties for Nemours that you just sit on your hands and sigh into your Raisin Bran? Is there something you could do with a friend to take the edge off? Like smoking weed and going bird watching? Or maybe something completely solo that nobody would ever know about except you and the god that weighs your soul when you die, like worm grunting. Or stone skipping. Something that builds your confidence bit by bit like pushing over kids at playgrounds or sitting in a dog park with peanut butter on your ears. I picked up a hobby of making insect hotels with the tubes from my dog's poop bag rolls. Just set the bar low.

Have a question for Brenda? Message us on Instagram at @OrlandoBungalower and we'll try our best to get it answered for you. No promises!

**LAST MONTH ON BUNGALOWER & THE BUS**



EPISODE 369

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 night at 8 p.m. on Real Radio 104.1 FM, or stream it wherever podcasts are found.

**EPISODE 372 - SOLAR BEARS**

Brendan and Jon head to the Kia Center to catch an Orlando Solar Bears game. There are only four games left unless they make the playoffs. This week's topics include the arrest of Commissioner Regina Hill, the loss of some big talent on Real Radio 104.1 FM, Pulse leaving another surprise bill for the county, and the resurrection of Black Bottom House of Prayer.

**EPISODE 373 - KAYA ORLANDO**

Brendan and Jon went to Kaya, the beautiful Filipino restaurant in the former Dandelion Communita Cafe space in Mills 50 to celebrate their being named as a finalist in this year's James Beard Awards. Official show lawyer Moses DeWitt comes along too to try pancit for the first time. This week's topics include the suspension of Regina Hill, an oil spill in Lake Ivanhoe, and a new food truck bar.

**EPISODE 374 - DELANEY'S**

Brendan and Jon are joined by SoDo executive director, Misty Heath, to chat about the upcoming SoDo After Dark at RockPit Brewing over dinner at Delaney's Tavern. This week's topics include a special election for District 5, the dip in Tourist Tax collections, a missing GOP director who was found trashing his Kissimmee hotel room, Parramore, and the impact of road construction projects.

**EPISODE 375 - STEFANO'S**

In honor of National Chicken Parmesan Day (April 19), we took attorney Moe Dewitt to Stefano's Trattoria in Winter Springs to record episode 375. Brendan was out of town, so Mike Donohue took over and subbed in.

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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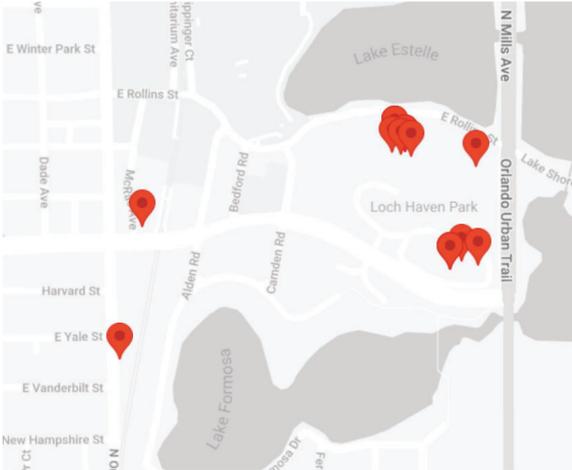
# THE 2024 ORLANDO FRINGE FESTIVAL

The Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival is annual 14-day cultural event that takes place in Loch Haven Park and nearby venues, and features over 2,000 ticketed performances across genres. The fest also includes free programming like an outdoor beer garden and music festival, Visual Fringe, and Kids Fringe for the wee ones.

The 2024 festival will take place from May 15–27, with a ribbon cutting and ceremony on May 14. The festival includes a Local Artist Teaser Show on April 15, and a Patrons Pick Day and Closing Ceremonies on May 27.

The fest is a marathon of creativity with performers and storytellers from around the world descending on Ivanhoe Village. It can be overwhelming for newbies to dive in and find a rhythm, but the best thing to do, at least according to the Bungalow offices, is to head to the two-week food truck/beer garden in the heart of Loch Haven Park, grab a drink, and have a seat at one of the cheap plastic tables covered in theater flyers. There are free outdoor performances on the outdoor stage most nights and some amazing festival food, like from our friends at Jimmy Bear's BBQ. Ask people about their favorite shows and take it from there.

But in the effort of empowering you with as much knowledge as possible, here are some Fringe tips and a roundup of some of shows that have caught our attention - SOME DESCRIPTIONS ARE TAKEN FROM THE FRINGE GUIDE.



Loch Haven Park is home to a number of arts institutions like The Shakes, Orlando Family Stage, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando Garden Club, and Orlando Science Center. The museum, the Garden Club, and the two theatrical companies in the park all house performances throughout the festival but the main hub and ticketing center is located at The Shakes.

Even if you are familiar with the campus, all of the names of the venues are changed for the Fest and are color-coded. Each individual theater in the buildings is given a specific color and you'll need to know that to find your corresponding show. Luckily

Offsite venues this year include the Renaissance Theatre Company, located at 415 E. Princeton Street next to Advent Health, The Starlite Room at Savoy Orlando on Orange Avenue, Stardust Lounge, and CityArts.

## ABSURD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE: PAUL STRICKLAND

2018 Critic's Choice Award Winner for BEST SHOW, 2019 Critic's Choice Award Winner for Best Solo Show-Comedy, 2023 National Storytelling Festival Featured Teller and 2024 International Storytelling Center Teller-in-Residence Paul Strickland returns to Orlando Fringe with a new surreally funny, absurdly poetic acoustic-blues-infused concoction of story and song.



## A CITY BEAUTIFUL STORY: TRAGEDY AT HOTEL SAN JUAN

The Blacklist Babes bring you a new chapter of Orlando's past, this time focusing on the downtown landmark you've likely never heard of: Hotel San Juan. From ambitious beginnings to the scene of multiple murder plots to the town's gayest disco to ash and rubble.



## CHASE PADGETT: GRAB BAG CABARET

Beloved Fringe Fest favorite Chase Padgett (6 Guitars, Nashville Hurricane, Lucky Break) presents a brand new show showcasing his prodigious skills as a guitarist, singer, storyteller, and comedian. Chase has toured extensively all over the US and Canada.



## COCAINE BEAR: THE OPERA

In 1985, a drug smuggler dropped a shipment of cocaine from his plane. In *Cocaine Bear: The Opera*, an only moderately dramatized version of events, the aforementioned bear then proceeds to enjoy a drug-fueled rampage filled with murder, mayhem, and Mozart.



## COLLABORATIVE CLOTHING

Join in with the folks at Play Date as they lead you through how to revamp old clothing into unique new pieces. Everyone who attends this free event will be able to leave with a finished new piece of clothing to wear around the festival, to school to pick up their dumb kids, or to Trader Joe's so people stay out of your way.

You can also bring extra clothing to drop off and they'll all be donated to Out of the Closet, a locally-run LGBTQ+ thrift store just up the street in the Mills 50 District.

The fun will all take place at the Courtyard Stage at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19. And it is completely free to attend and take advantage of.



## ITS ALIVE! A MONSTER BURLESQUE COMEDY

Jonathan Harker has been summoned back to Transylvania under mysterious pretenses. His memory of his previous visit is foggy at best, and he's hoping to find answers. From the Count's brides themselves to the famous opera ghost, a mummy scorned by Hollywood and so many more creatures of the night, this scripted burlesque show is sure to take you on a laugh worthy, campy adventure.



## A WOMAN'S GUIDE TO PEEING OUTSIDE

Ever wondered how to perform the "Assisted Pee Over Water"? Holly M. Brinkman brings her award-winning solo storytelling show that recounts the events and misadventures which led to her internationally acclaimed, best-selling handbook, *A Woman's Guide to Peeing Outside*. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll try not to pee your pants.



## THE MANDO-LARODY

The Mandalorian is sent to pick up his latest bounty, but little does he know, the bounty is the cutest and most marketable baby Jedi in any galaxy! Will he turn him into the Empire? Will The Child choose to become a Jedi or a Mandalorian? Plus the music of Journey, Oingo Boingo, Michael Jackson, and many more. If you love Star Wars this is the musical for you. If you hate or don't even know about Star Wars this is also the musical for you.



## BRENNER SINGS EVERYTHING IN NEW ORLEANS IS A GOOD IDEA

Can a city save your soul? Or destroy it? Can it change your life forever? International Cabaret sensation Bremner sings a touching and hilarious love letter to the beauty, the darkness and the life changing magic of New Orleans.

## DON'T MISS IT BRUCE RYAN COSTELLA'S: MUTTNIK

Orlando-based storyteller and part-time tearjerker, Bruce Ryan Costella, is reprising his award-winning production of *Muttnik* this year and you cannot miss it.

Costella penned this piece himself a few years ago and performed it to sold-out crowds of bawling adults who ran home to pet their dogs and gaze into the stars.

The story is set in 1957, Soviet Russia, when scientists sent the first living thing into outer space. A stray dog, *Muttnik* meditates on what those days must have been like from the perspective of the dog, alone in space, looking down on a world it had left behind and would never see again.



## BREAKNECK MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

This show promises to give you as much anxiety as it does laughs, as six people struggle to play all of the rolls in Shakespeare's summertime romance classic. Iambic pentameter be damned.



## BARBENHEIMER: THE MUSICAL

Barbie and J. Robert Oppenheimer join forces in a time-bending musical adventure set against the music of Matchbox Twenty and Rob Thomas. This pop-culture-inspired show takes you from Barbie's Dreamhouse to the historical depths of the Manhattan Project.



## A NERDY GAY JUGGLING SHOW

Eccentric juggler, Jacob D'Eustachio asks, "What do you do when you began juggling to express your queer longings as a closeted teen, but are now out of the closet? Why keep juggling?" Find the answer and more at this though-provoking mish-mash of ideas.



## DUNGEONS AND DRAG QUEENS: SECOND EDITION

The daring adventures of Tabletop RPG collide with the whimsical world of drag in this hilarious parody, featuring a stunning original score. Get ready to journey to the fierce fantasy world of Slaughter and join six drag adventurers to save the realm.



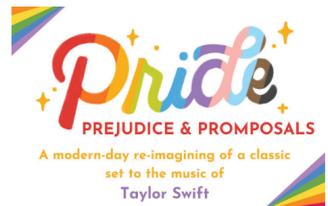
## 24HR INESCAPABLE BY MARTIN DOCKERY

For 24-hours straight, these two actors will play as two friends who are "trying to escape a party as a lifetime of secrets are exposed just as quickly as their inability to remember them." It sounds insane. Let's do shrooms and bring some blankets.



## 1,001 RED FLAGS

When Shereen wins a date with a white Jewish firefighter on Real Radio 104.1's Dating Game Show, she is swept off her feet by his charming red flags. Get ready for a rollercoaster journey as Shereen navigates societal expectations, diverse backgrounds, and searching for love in your 30s.



## PRIDE, PREJUDICE & PROMPOSALS - A MODERN-DAY RE-IMAGINING OF A CLASSIC SET TO THE MUSIC OF TAYLOR SWIFT

Imagine Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy as high school students today living inside a Taylor Swift jukebox musical. That's this show. Are you a swiftie? Or that person who can't help but sing along when watching a musical? Then be sure to go to the May 22 performance at 9:45 p.m. because it'll be an official sing-along.



## THE AFTERS

Let all the squares go home and join the Haus of Ren for a sexy drag after party. Indulge in a feast for the senses as the show unfolds, featuring seductive dance numbers, extravagant costumes, themed cocktails and moments of playful intimacy. Must be over the age of 18 to attend.



## HUMAN PARTY: STARRING ALIEN VIOLINIST

What if a real Alien actually came to Earth? What if this Alien decided to appear in the form of a Concert Violinist? What if she had one hour to explore all of life on Earth, and wanted to spend it with you: with the violin as her chosen instrument of translation?



## JAGGED LITTLE LIVE '95

Jagged Little Live '95 is a tribute to the music of Alanis Morissette. It is not only a tribute to Alanis' Grammy award-winning album "Jagged Little Pill" but also, a recreation of the raw, live, concert experience that Alanis and her band brought to audiences worldwide.



## 10 SKETCHES WITH RAUCE AND JOEL

In what is sure to be one of the biggest hits this year, Rauce Padgett and Joel Warren take the stage to debut a series of ten new sketches, touching on astronauts, pirates, cowboys, and more. The duo is known for their viral online content and their recent podcast launch, "Good Sauce with Rauce and Joel," which premiered on Real Radio last month.

The podcast follows Padgett's recent departure from Real Radio 104.1 FM amid a tsunami of public and listener support. Tom Vann and Daniel Dennis of "A Mediocre Time with Tom and Dan," and "A Corporate Time with Tom and Dan," themselves no strangers to the fickle nature of broadcast radio, donated their Wednesday slot to Padgett and Warren, in a heart-warming show of class. We expect to see throngs of Sauce-heads in the crowds this year to help cheer on this dynamic duo.



## TIGER DAUGHTER OR: HOW I BROUGHT MY IMMIGRANT MOTHER ULTIMATE SHAME

*Tiger Daughter* is a new one-person comedy show by actor and musician Charlene Kaye (*Succession*, *Starkid*, *SNL*) about what happens when you rebel against your immigrant Chinese Tiger Mom's dreams of you playing Carnegie Hall by time you're 12, and instead become her worst nightmare: a slutty shredder in an all girl Guns N' Roses cover band called Guns N' Hoses (with the slogan "Welcome to the Vajungle!")—among other questionable life choices.

The show is an uninged, shocking and heartfelt journey exploring the tension between Charlene and her mother, Lily, as Lily offers unsolicited advice on how Charlene should live her life, and Charlene fights for her mother's respect as an Asian American rock star—carrying inherited baggage along the way.

**ENZIAN THEATER IS CELEBRATING ONE WHOLE WEEK OF GENE WILDER AWESOMENESS**

Fresh on the tail of their recent Florida Film Festival, Enzian Theater will be hosting a loving tribute to Gene Wilder to celebrate his life and legacy as the comic genius behind an extraordinary string of film roles, from his first collaboration with Mel Brooks in *The Producers*, to the enigmatic title role in the original *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, to his inspired on-screen partnership with Richard Pryor in movies like *Silver Streak*.

The week kicks off with a screening of *Remembering Gene Wilder*, for an all-encompassing look at his storied career. The doc is illustrated by a bevy of touching and hilarious clips and outtakes, never-before-seen home movies, narration from Wilder's audiobook memoir, and interviews with a roster of brilliant friends and collaborators like Mel Brooks, Alan Alda, and Carol Kane.

Don't miss *Willy Wonka* on May 4 and 5, *Young Frankenstein* on May 5 and 8. Check [Enzian.org](http://Enzian.org) for showtimes.



GENE WILDER IN "YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN"



**June 1 - July 28**

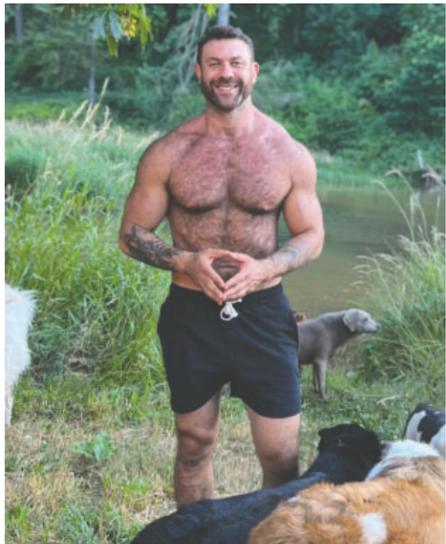


PHOTO VIA ASHER HOUSE FACEBOOK PAGE

**DOG-LOVING MUSCULAR HUNK HEADED TO ORLANDO**

Often shirtless animal rescue icon Lee Asher will be heading to the Sunshine State as part of his Unlock Your Super Power Tour and one of the three Florida stops is Orlando.

Asher came to national attention via social media, where he posts regularly about his 70-dog pack in Estacada, Oregon. Asher saves dogs from shelters across the country, rehabilitates them on his property, and uses his platform to find them new homes – or sometimes they just stay with him. And I can't blame them.

According to his tour announcement, the event will feature plenty of first-hand stories of "overcoming adversity, heartfelt anecdotes about embracing growth out of tragedy, and knowledge learned from the world of animal rescue."

The Orlando stop will be hosted at Hard Rock Live Orlando at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30. Tickets start at \$42.

If you see him hanging around town after, be sure to tell him our editor is a great cuddler and loves puppies.



COMMON AMERICAN WILDCAT - JOHN JAMES AUDUBON

**TWO NEW EXHIBITIONS OPENING AT MENNELLO**

The Mennello Museum of American Art will open two new exhibitions from May 31-September 8; *The Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*, which is organized by the Huntsville Museum of Art and Mark Messersmith: *Long Summer*, organized the Mennello Museum of American Art and curated by Katherine Page, Curator, Art and Education.

*Viviparous Quadrupeds* shares a collection of works by John James Audubon, who along with his son, John Woodhouse Audubon, created over 150 drawings of mammals they encountered on their travels around North America, from squirrels to buffalo. The exhibition shares 34 original prints from the private collection of Mr and Mrs. William H. Told, Jr. of New York and Palm Beach, who have been collecting the prints for almost four decades.

Messersmith specializes in large-scale oil paintings of Florida's wild landscapes, framed with carvings of animals along the edges, and the occasional reliquary of found objects and vintage odds and ends. Messersmith has served as a professor at Florida State University.



**MUSIC in MILLS**

Get ready to enjoy *Music in Mills* from 7pm until 9pm each Wednesday from April 3 through May 8!

**April 3** Beth McKee & Her Funky Time Band  
Quantum Leap Winery

**April 10** Big Ron Betts  
Ten 10 Brewery's "B Side"

**April 17** The Gazebros  
The Patio at Pizzeria

**April 24** Fo'i Molech  
Bites & Bubbles

**May 1** The Oak Hill Drifters  
Backyard at The House on Lang

**May 8** Jordan Foley & Tyler Hood  
Zymerium Meadery



*Music in Mills has been made possible through a community vibrancy grant from United Arts.*

"The fuck is wrong with people?" he yelled at the ocean, causing sandpipers to scurry.



PHOTO VIA TIJUANA FLATS.COM

## CENTRAL FLORIDA-BASED TIJUANA FLATS FILES FOR CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY

**"Today's Tex-Mex is overengineered with too many options. Tasty, simple, made-to-order is what started it all for our family."**

- JAKE WHEELER

Tijuana Flats, a Central Florida-based Tex-Mex brand, has announced that it had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The company also coupled the announcement with the news that it would be closing 11 of its restaurants almost immediately, one of which was located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and another ten in Florida, including some in Jacksonville, Boynton Beach, and Orlando – though the exact stores are yet to be announced.

The company's new owners, Flatheads, LLC., shared in a statement that the decision to declare bankruptcy and cut low-performing locations was made in order to "preserve the organization," saying "immediate action was needed."

Tijuana Flats opened its first location in Winter Park in 1995 and currently has over 91 restaurants in four states.

Former CEO Brian Wheeler sold the company back in 2015, and has since launched a new concept with his son that he's called "Big Taco." The flagship location is expected to open in Casselberry this November.

Big Taco is expected to be a made-to-order Tex Mex restaurant serving made-to-order tacos, tostada salads, chimichangas, and more, with a nugget of the magic Wheeler created in the early days of Tijuana Flats.

Once open, the concept will fall to Wheeler's son Jake, who has been working with the family's Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen for the past few years.

The new 2,000 SF flagship Big Taco restaurant will be located at 1455 State Road 436, Unit 117, and is expected to have an "old Las Vegas" feel. Hiring is expected to start this October.



PHOTO VIA TIJUANA FLATS FACEBOOK

## RAVENOUS PIG RENOVATIONS ARE FINALLY COMPLETE

The Ravenous Pig in Winter Park launched an ambitious renovation last June that was expected to last just the summer but almost one full year later, the work has finally been completed.

The Michelin-recognized restaurant was almost completely redone by South Florida design firm, Anna Woodman Interior Design and Blankenship Architects.

Updates and additions include a new custom artpiece by Local Arts and Mojo Metalworks near the front entrance, new leather-wrapped dining booths, a gallery wall with nods to the history of the restaurant, custom carpeting, chandeliers, and more. The bar has been resurfaced with a Cambria quartz countertop with brass alloy veining, and the bathrooms now sport new custom wallpaper, and dark wood finishes.



PHOTO VIA THE RAVENOUS PIG

## COMING AND GOING

### CHRONIC GURU

A new dispensary and bar combo concept has opened in the former home of *Orlando Weekly* in the historic Tinker Building at 16 W. Pine Street late last month. Chronic Guru has moved into the bottom floor of the building and hosted a grand opening earlier in the month, with lines around the block. The shop also features a Cannabis Lounge bar area that is open to the general public, no medical marijuana card needed, where they serve Delta-THC-infused cocktails and gummies.

### DOLCE IS CLOSED

Dolce, a "Roaring 20's-themed dessert bar and restaurant," opened in November 2021 in the former home of Eden's Fresh at 500 E. Central Boulevard by Lake Eola Park.

The restaurant hosted us for our 281st episode of "Bungalow and The Bus" in July 2022, but went silent in November 2023. At the time, we reached out to the owner, Christopher Buxton, who told us that, "Dolce has not closed permanently. All I can say at the moment is we are correcting some issues to open back up."

Fast-forward this spring, when Buxton confirmed that the restaurant has indeed closed, with the following message.

**"It is with a heavy heart that we announce the closure of Dolce in Thornton Park. This decision was not made lightly, and we want to express our deep gratitude to our loyal customers, dedicated staff, and the community that embraced us over the past couple of years. Running a restaurant has always been a labor of love for us. Unfortunately, several factors have converged, making it increasingly difficult to sustain our business in this challenging environment. We want to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible staff, whose hard work and dedication defined the essence of Dolce Thornton Park. To our patrons, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives and for creating a vibrant community around our tables"**

### A LA CART 2 NOW OPEN

A La Cart, the popular food truck/craft beer garden in The Milk District, has opened a sister space on Michigan south of downtown Orlando. The new venue has seven trucks at the moment, multiple bars, way more seating, and air-conditioned bathrooms. Get there before all the young families take it over.

### WE LOVE THE NEW CAFE IN CITY HALL

The former home of 4 Rivers Smokehouse in the bottom floor of City Hall has a newish tenant that we forgot to tell you about. The new City Beautiful Cafe, owned by AJ Campofiore of Bem Bom on Corrine, is knocking out some amazing lunch options in his new home that everyone should carve out some time to try for themselves. They're only open for breakfast and lunch service and close at 3 p.m.

They serve a variety of easy breakfast items like breakfast tacos, pancakes, and vegan burritos, but their Cali Style sandwich with chicken cutlets, avocado, and alleged pixie dust is something you need to try for yourself.

**ORLANDO RESTAURATEURS AND FOODPRENEURS ARE RAKING IN THE AWARDS THIS SEASON**

California-based travel guide company Fodor's Travel (not to be confused with the saddest Game of Thrones character ever) has just released its top 10 favorite Orlando restaurants in 2024, drawing even more attention to local stars like Kaya, Prato, Soseki, Kabooki Sushi, and Bombay Street Kitchen, among others.

Fodor writer Terry Ward summed up their experience of The City Beautiful by saying,

**"From fine dining spots at five-star resorts near Walt Disney World and Universal Orlando that have earned their Michelin stars to hideaways in the city's Mills 50 district—a hotbed for Southeast Asian and omakase—it's all about being surprised by the breadth and depth of Orlando's cuisine scene."**

Ward isn't alone in his appreciation either. Kaya, the casual fine dining Filipino restaurant and bar in Mills 50 earned itself a place in the finals for this year's James Beard Awards too, for Best New Restaurant - along with 30 other restaurants across the country. And while we have to wait until June 10 to hear if they win, this is the first time an Orlando restaurant has ever made the James Beard Finals in any category, let alone Best New Restaurant. And new they are; they only opened in 2022.

And then there's the Michelin Guide, right? Michelin Guide added four new starred venues to its growing list of recognized Orlando restaurants last month, including Camille, Natsu, Papa Llama, and Victoria and Albert's.

**"With 7 starred, 11 Bib Gourmand and 30 Recommended Restaurants in the 2024 MICHELIN Guide, Orlando continues to drive culinary innovation forward,"**



PHOTO VIA KAYA FACEBOOK PAGE

said President and CEO of Visit Orlando, Cassandra Matej. Which she should say, and quite often, as her organization wrote them a big fat check to do just that.

Soseki Modern Omakase, Capa Steakhouse and Bar, and Kadence all retained their pre-awarded one-stars as well. Additional 2024 honors include an Exceptional Cocktails Award for Justin Levaughn of Otto's High Dive, a Michelin Service Award to Israel Perez, the maitre d'hotel and sommelier of Victoria and Albert's, and a Michelin Green Star for Michelin-recommended Kaya, for recognition of exceptional sustainable dining without sacrificing flavor.

Visit Orlando announced that it would be leveraging the Michelin Guide as part of a new culinary marketing campaign. Double-dip.



**LOCAL BREWERY RELEASES NEW THC-INFUSED SELTZERS**

Tactical Brewing in Baldwin Park celebrated 4/20 this year with a special seltzer release that nobody was expecting.

Cloud Nine is the name of a new THC-infused seltzer brand that Tactical launched over the weekend, using Delta 9 THC. Delta 9 is derived from hemp and doesn't exceed 0.3%, which makes it legal in Florida, even without a medical card. And it still gets you buzzed. There are currently two flavors: strawberry kiwi – 2mg Delta 9 THC and pineapple mango – 3.5 mg Delta 9 THC. They have no sugars, use natural flavors, are 0 calories, and are gluten-free.

Drinking one of these seltzers will have you test positive for THC though, so take a moment to review your work's drug policies before consuming.



PHOTO VIA QUANTUM LEAP WINERY

**QUANTUM LEAP WINERY TO LEAVE MILLS 50 HOME**

We told you back in August 2023 that the warehouse home of Quantum Leap Winery in Mills 50 had been put up for sale. Well according to the winery ownership, it's finally time for them to find a new home.

New owners purchased the property later that same month for an estimated \$3.9 million, according to the Orange County Property Appraiser website. The new owners are operating under the name "Mad Spemily Inc.," and before you ask, we're not sure what their plans for the property are.

The owners of Quantum Leap, David Forrester and Jill Ramsier, issued a statement on Tuesday that they would be moving the concept out of the building by the end of April somewhere nearby. But it's a secret apparently.

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**ASK BUNGALOWER: WHAT'S THIS "OH HEY CAFE" THING ON LEE ROAD?**

*"Hey, Bungalower team. I keep seeing this sign for Oh Hey Cafe on Lee Road when I'm headed to work and I haven't seen anything online about it. Do you have any info on it?"*  
 - BUNGALOWER READER

Lucky for you, we were just sent a press release about this new family-friendly project. Oh Hey Cafe is a new coffee shop with indoor and outdoor seating that includes an indoor playground for the littles. According to their opening press release it was "...designed for relaxation and connection over coffee."

The coffee shop, which is loosely affiliated with Lineage Coffee from which they source their beans, shares the space with another concept called "Open House - A Neighborhood Social Hall," which will essentially operate as an event venue for family-friendly get-togethers and community activities.

They are currently operating under soft open hours of 8 a.m.-noon Tuesday to Saturday and you can visit them at 1325 Lee Road.

They are also loosely affiliated with One Church, which hosts events in the space and 10 a.m. worship on Sundays.



PHOTO VIA TROY LANO

**RETRO RECIPE - LEMON SYLLABUB**



"Lemon syllabub" isn't just fun to say, but it's also super-tasty. Syllabubs were sweet frothy drinks that were popular between the 16th and 19th centuries and they were made with milk or cream, that were curdled with wine, cider, or some other acidic liquid, then sweetened and flavored. Obviously when ice cream became more readily available, the syllabub started to disappear.

**Ingredients**

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream, chilled
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1/8 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg (or to taste)
- Fresh mint leaves and lemon slices for garnish

**Preparation**

Whip the cream and sugar in a chilled bowl until the cream begins to thicken. Gradually whip in the white wine, lemon juice, and lemon zest. Continue to whip until light and fluffy, but not grainy. Cover the mixture and chill until serving time.

Serve in chilled parfait glasses, garnished with a dash of nutmeg, a spring of mint, and a slice of lemon. Syllabubs should be eaten with a teeny tiny spoon and savored slowly.



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Months later, her body would be found off Fort Myers' shore.

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## MAY 3

### AN EVENING WITH KENNY G

We don't have to explain ourselves. This man is a treasure and you'd be lucky to hear his clarinet in your ear holes.

8-10 p.m. | *Hard Rock Cafe, 6050 Universal Boulevard* | *Out of Bounds* | \$55-\$65 | [hardrocklive.com](http://hardrocklive.com)

### MOVIE NIGHT AT LEU: STARWARS XI

Experience an outdoor movie in Orlando's most beautiful garden.

7 p.m. | *Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue* | *Audubon Park* | \$8 | [leugardens.org](http://leugardens.org)

## MAY 4

### 10TH ANNUAL DERBY SOIREE

Put on your Derby attire and join us for an unforgettable evening filled with music, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and signature cocktails.

5-9 p.m. | *Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue* | *Downtown* | \$100

### FOLK AND URBAN ART FESTIVAL

Enjoy a one-day celebration of Central Florida artisans, live performances, free children's folk-art workshops, and community resources.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. | *Shady Park, 721 W. New England Avenue* | *Winter Park* | FREE | [cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org)

### CUATRO DE MAYO BLOCK FEST

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo a day early in the heart of Thornton Park!

4 p.m. | *East Washington Street* | *Thornton Park* | \$20 | [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)



### CFW'S LITTLE ENTREPRENEUR FAIR

The Little Entrepreneur Fair is a unique opportunity for children to showcase their innovative ideas, products and services in a supportive and encouraging environment. Participants, ages 18 and under, will have the chance to set up their own booths, interact with customers, and learn valuable business skills. Each child vendor will receive a Curry Ford West swag bag that includes their own business cards amongst other donated goodies.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. | *Dover Shores Community Center, 1400 Gaston Foster Road* | *Curry Ford West* | FREE | [orlando.gov](http://orlando.gov)

## MAY 5

### CINCO DE MAYO PARTY AND AGAVE LAUNCH

Celebrate Cinco with the release of this distillery's first agave, Sin Nombre.

Noon-7 p.m. | *Forward/Slash, 650 S. Capen Avenue* | *Winter Park* | FREE | [drinkforwardslash.com](http://drinkforwardslash.com)

### RAIN: A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

An electrifying concert experience celebrating the timeless music of the legendary fab four.

8 p.m. | *Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue* | *Downtown* | Various prices | [drphillipscenter.org](http://drphillipscenter.org)



### "YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN"

50th Anniversary Showing In this spoof of Mary Shelley's gothic tale, the grandson of Victor Frankenstein, a neurosurgeon, has spent his life living down the legend of his grandfather, even changing the pronunciation of his name.

3:30 p.m. | *Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Avenue* | *Maitland* | \$11 | [enzian.org](http://enzian.org)

## MAY 8

### HOT TOPICS: ABORTION BAN IN FLORIDA

A diverse panel will discuss efforts get a constitutional amendment approved by over 60 percent of voters in November, and other abortion issues.

11:30 a.m. | *Winter Park Event Center, 1050 Morse Avenue* | *Winter Park* | \$30-\$37 | [lwvoc.org](http://lwvoc.org)

## HOZIER - UNREAL UNEARTH TOUR 2024

I (Brendan O'Connor) volunteer to comb and braid his hair. You're welcome. Selfless.

8 p.m. | *Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street* | *Parramore* | \$35.50-\$95.50 | [kiacenter.org](http://kiacenter.org)

### YOGAHIGH WITH COOKIES CANNABIS

Sure you've done yoga, but have you done yoga on weed? Join us for a medical marijuana-powered yoga class and change your life.

6:45 p.m. | *The Acre Orlando, 4421 Edgewater Drive* | *College Park* | \$15 | [bungalower.com](http://bungalower.com)

## MAY 9

### SIMPLY IOA CORPORATE 5K

Join in this office-themed excuse to not go to work event, wrapped in the shell of a 5K run through downtown Orlando. Everyone gets drunk at Lake Eola after.

6:15 p.m. | *Lake Eola Park* | *Downtown* | [trackshack.com](http://trackshack.com)

## MAY 10



### "HUNDREDS OF BEAVERS"

A slapstick epic about a frostbitten battle between JEAN KAYAK and DIABOLICAL BEAVERS-hundreds of them-who stand between him and survival.

9 p.m. | *Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Avenue* | *Maitland* | \$11 | [enzian.org](http://enzian.org)

## GOTH PROM

Grab your best black dress and suits as we enjoy a night of the best rock, punk, and emo hits from Eric Lopez & Pumpkin Guts

9 p.m. | *Cocktails and Screams, 39 W. Pine Street* | *Downtown* | Various prices | [cocktailsandscreams.com](http://cocktailsandscreams.com)

## QUEENSRYCHE

Catch these Heavy Metal legends in action.

8- p.m. | *Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue* | *Downtown* | Various prices | [drphillipscenter.org](http://drphillipscenter.org)

## MAY 11

### AUDUBON'S ANNUAL BABY OWL SHOWER 2024

Each year Audubon hosts a Baby Owl Shower to raise funds and offset increased costs incurred during baby season. Join us for a special event including activities for the entire family, plus visits with the Center's Ambassador Birds.

10 a.m.-Noon | *Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, 1101 Audubon Way* | *Maitland* | FREE with donation | [cbop@audubon.org](mailto:cbop@audubon.org)



### SPRING ORLANDO POTTERY FESTIVAL

Come meet 50+ local artists offering work from functional pieces for everyday use to one-of-a-kind decorative and sculptural work.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. | *Florida Army National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Ferncreek Avenue* | *South Downtown* | FREE | [orlandopotteryfestival.com](http://orlandopotteryfestival.com)

### SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT

Join the City of Winter Park for a shoreline restoration project at Lake Wilbar and Lake Knowles. Volunteers will pull invasives and pick up litter.

9-11 a.m. | *Lake Wilbar Circle* | *Winter Park* | FREE | [cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org)

## MAY 12

### MOTHER'S DAY IN THE GARDENS

Enjoy this special day with your mom in the beautiful 50-acre gardens. Explore the amazing art of Alex Hever's Glass in Flight 2, an outdoor exhibit of larger-than-life flying insects and birds

9 a.m.-5 p.m. | *Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue* | *Audubon Park* | FREE for moms | [leugardens.org](http://leugardens.org)

### RETRO WORLD: TRADE AND EXPO SHOW

Shop the day away while going through tons of vintage clothing, furniture, music and more. Come explore the attics and closets of these Orlando vendors.

10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. | *Central Florida Fair, 4603 W. Colonial Drive* | *West Orlando* | FREE | [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

## UPCOMING EXHIBITION

MENNELLO MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART PRESENTS

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MENNELLO MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART MESSERSMITH EVENTS

GALLERY TOUR | JULY 26

ARTIST WORKSHOP | JULY 27

MAY 31 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

In the early 1840s after publishing the wildly successful *Birds of America* portfolio, John James Audubon set out on his second grand expedition, this time to record and draw the *Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*. Audubon along with his son, John Woodhouse Audubon, produced 150 folio drawings hand-printed and hand colored by J.T. Bowen of Philadelphia - making it the first full-color plate book to be printed entirely in the United States. This exhibition presents 36 of those works highlighting everything from squirrels and rabbits to large cats and buffalo. Organized by the Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, AL.

Additionally, we will present a focus gallery featuring the work of Mark Messersmith, whose paintings consider themes of struggle among the people, flora, and fauna for the dwindling natural resources of Florida. Over the past four decades, Messersmith has created densely packed, large-scale paintings of Florida's untamed landscapes where black bears wade among lotuses, discarded bottles hang in trees, and herons devour their dinners under the high contrast light of the sun and moon.



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MAY 14

PETER PAN

A strange man enters the room of a group of upper class British children on the look out for his shadow then spirits them away to a place full of pirates and mermaids.

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

MAY 15

ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL FILM FEST

200 films from 40 countries including an art exhibition, panels, seminars, and workshops.

9 a.m.-9 p.m. | UCF Downtown, 500 W. Livingston Street | Parramore | Various prices | eventbrite.com



ORLANDO CITY VS. INTER MIAMI

This is just your reminder to sell your seats for the game to pay off your season tickets, y'all. The game will be full of tourists anyway.

7:30 p.m. | Inter&Co Stadium, 655 W. Church Street | Parramore | Various prices | orlandocity.org

MAY 17



BAD BUNNY - MOST WANTED TOUR

World-famous/adorable singer and rapper, Bad Bunny, will be performing two back-to-back nights at the Kia Center this May.

8 p.m. | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$101-\$861 | kiacenter.org

GOTTMIK FROM RU PAUL'S DRAG RACE

Show times at 11pm & 12:30am with Roxxy Andrews, Maya Andrews, Tashae Royale Sherrington, Sassy Devine, Cara Cavalli, and guests.

9 p.m. | Southern Nights, 375 S. Bumby Avenue | Milk District | Various prices | southernnights.com

MAY 18



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Come cheer on local bands as they compete for a chance to perform on the Red Hot & Boom stage.

3-10 p.m. | Cranes Roost Park, 274 Cranes Roost Boulevard | Altamonte Springs | FREE | altamonte.org

ORLANDO BOOK FESTIVAL

Enjoy panels and talks from authors from all over the state and a keynote from New York Times bestselling author Tayari Jones, author of *An American Marriage*.

10:30 a.m. | Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Boulevard | Downtown | FREE

MAY 19

BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Come to the largest Buddhist temple in Central Florida and experience a traditional celebration with beautiful pageantry, vegetarian food market, a butterfly meet and greet, and more.

10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. | Guang Ming Buddhist Temple, 6555 Hoffner Avenue | FREE | orlandobuddhism.org

MAY 31

2024 FLORIDA PRIZE PREVIEW PARTY

Celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Florida Prize in Contemporary Art at the Opening Preview Party.

6 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$95 | drphillipscenter.org



LIONEL RICHIE AND EARTH, WIND, AND FIRE

Maybe one of the most romantic date night options of the month.

7:30 p.m. | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$37-\$496 | kiacenter.org

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