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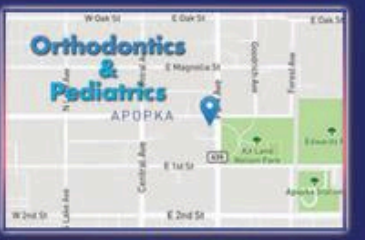
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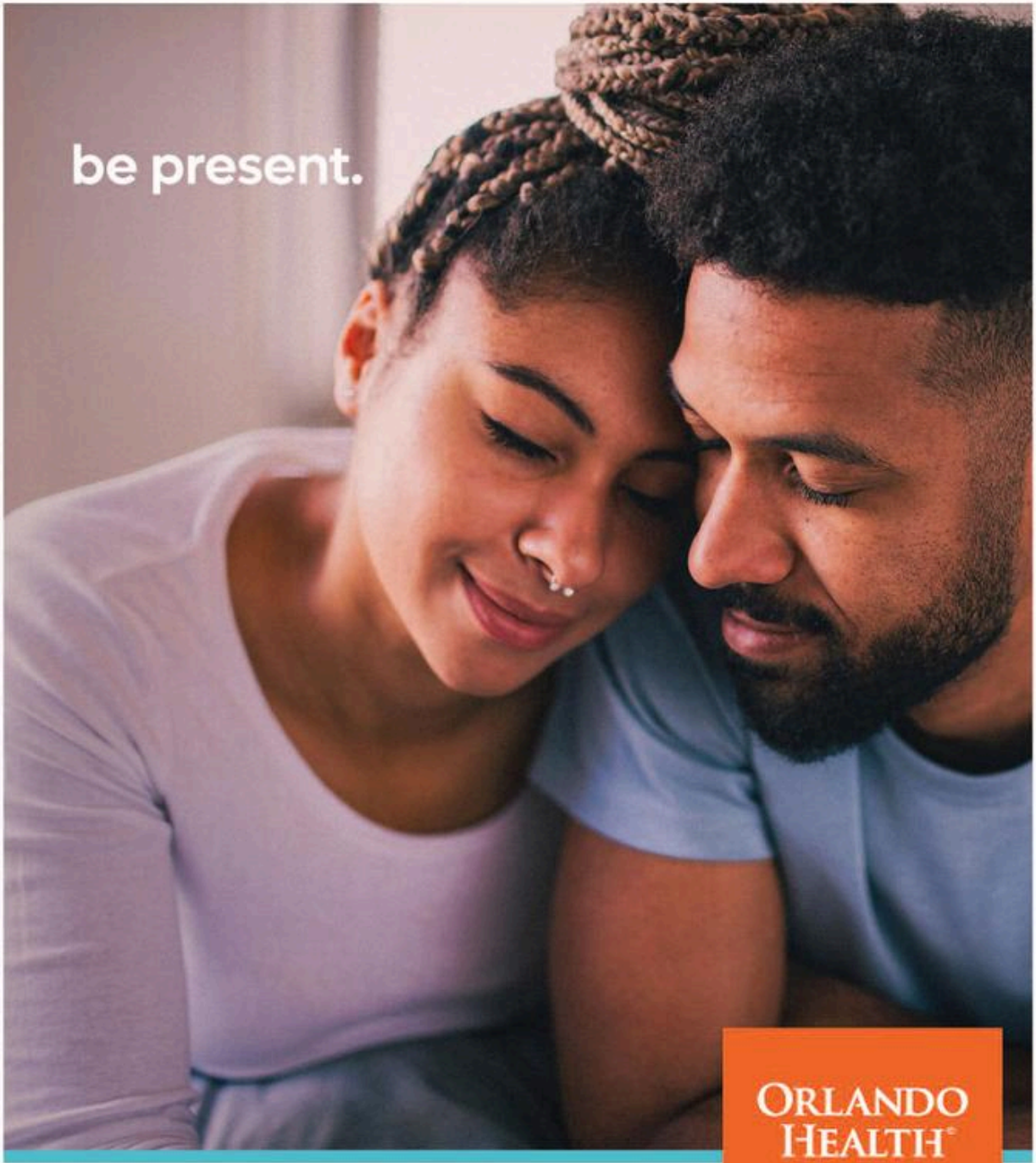
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by the Numbers

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The number of years that the Orange County Library System has been in existence. To celebrate, the library will hold a 100 Year Celebration, with events taking place at library branches all year long, beginning with a kickoff at the Orlando Public Library on Jan. 7.

Third

Orlando's ranking of the Best College Towns and Cities in America, according to a recent study by WalletHub.com. Using 32 key indicators of academic, economic and social opportunities, the study compared more than 400 cities across the U.S.

19,000

The square footage of the World's Largest McDonald's, located on International Drive in Orlando. Open 24 hours, this location features unique menu items, an ice cream bar and more than 100 arcade games.

6,360

The number of reported homeless families statewide. This number represents a 19% increase from 2021.

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The amount of federal grants, disaster loans and flood insurance payments that have been provided to the state of Florida and to households after Hurricane Ian to help survivors jumpstart their recovery, according to FEMA.

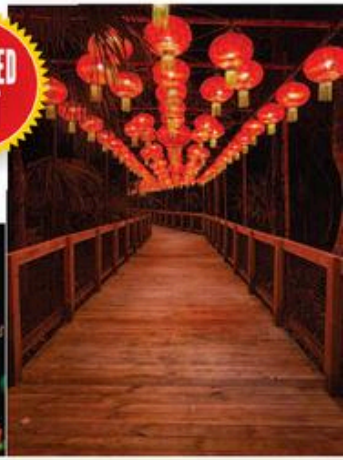
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THE ROYAL COMEDY TOUR

Jan. 13

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BARRY MANILOW

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ORLANDO FAMILYFEST

Jan. 28



FamilyFest makes its Orlando debut this month. The event showcases dozens of grassroots activities and entertainment, including a Diaper Derby and Toddler Derby, as well as early childhood education and resources for new parents, cookie decorating, balloon twisting, face painting, martial art demos, games, dance lessons, crafts and much more. *Noon-6 p.m., Dezerland Event Center, free admission.*

Hit

UFC athletes Gilbert Burns, Billy Quarantillo and Renato Moicano visited AdventHealth for Children in Orlando last month. During the visit, all three athletes toured numerous floors throughout the hospital, meeting patients, answering questions and handing out UFC fan gear.



Florida gas prices continue to drop, with several locations seeing prices below $3 a gallon. AAA attributes the plunge to "low oil prices and strong gasoline supplies."

Last month, the Universal Orlando Foundation awarded more than $1 million in grants to 30 charitable organizations. The grants will help provide everything from school supplies to innovative, after-school programming and more. The grants were announced as the Universal Orlando Foundation enters its 25th year of serving the community.



Orlando was recently named the Most Overrated City in the World by Radical Storage. The luggage storage firm gathered its data from over 800,000 online reviews of the world's most-visited city destinations.

A recent study reveals that 70% of Florida's coral reefs are eroding. Experts say healthy reefs protect coastlines from flooding and storm surges. Florida's coral reefs also support 70,000 jobs and generate over $8 billion in sales and income annually.



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JUST ONE QUESTION

There are so many things to look forward to in the new year in the City Beautiful. So, we wanted to know: **"What are you most excited about doing in Orlando this year?"** We asked these Central Floridians and here's what they had to say.



Gabriel Preisser, general director, Opera Orlando
"I am of course excited for all of the upcoming operas in 2023, from Daughter of the Regiment *at Dr. Phillips Center to a baseball opera at Harriett's Orlando Ballet Center. But what I am most excited about is a special event that we put on for the first time last year called The Mozart Dinner."*



Archbishop Allen Wiggins, senior pastor, The Hope Church
"The new year presents a wonderful opportunity to intentionally refocus on those things that matter and that are most meaningful. To me, this is the "family"—father, mother and children. A loving investment of time, attention and care leads to a reigniting of dreams and a renewal of hope."



Crystal Bethea, owner, C3 Wellness Spa
"We're most excited about continuing our involvement in our local community's chamber of commerce. As we expand our C3 Wellness Spa franchise throughout the state of Florida, we can continue to increase our involvement in our chamber's school supply drives and scholarship funds for deserving high school graduates."



Kaylan Patel, Windermere Prep student and author
"I am most looking forward to the launch of my first kids' geography book, Kobe's World Adventure *and distributing my recently written book throughout the local community and especially to children who lack access to a variety of books. I am also super excited to continue to watch the growth of the Orlando Magic."*



Wes Robbins, chief marketing officer, Quick Tie Products
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Shifting Gears

After handling an increased number of home improvement projects during the pandemic, local contractors have seen the demand level off a bit.

by Matt Cosentino

Two years ago heading into 2021, with the pandemic still in full swing and people spending more time than ever in their residences, Central Florida contractors across various industries were seeing an incredible demand for home improvement projects, more so than many of them had ever experienced before.

Jose Morales, the owner of Total Roof Services since 2011, was so intrigued by the market that it led to a major change in his business model.

"We did see an uptick," he says. "I wasn't big in the residential market before then, but once the pandemic hit we shifted gears to chase more residential work, because we couldn't get materials to do our commercial projects. We've always done both, but before it was 80/20 [in favor of] commercial and now it's more like 60/40."

Morales is far from alone among business owners who have been forced to adapt during these tumultuous times. As the world continues to transition out of the worst days of the pandemic, now the challenges are inflation and a potential recession.

The low interest rates that helped spur the rise in kitchen remodels, outdoor living spaces and other popular renovations are long gone, leading some homeowners to be more cautious. Marcos Davila is the owner, along with his wife Megan, of MD Construction, a company that specializes in sunrooms, screen rooms and pool enclosures, and he notes that the pandemic push has ended.

"We're definitely seeing a big decrease lately," he says. "I believe inflation and the prices of materials going up [are impacting the industry]. Not a whole lot of people are spending money these days."

Other home improvement segments are considered necessities, however, such as air conditioning. Caroline Kennedy, vice president of Air Flow Designs Heating & Air Conditioning, explains that economic downturns affect this industry in different ways.

"Most Floridians don't consider air conditioning a luxury, so business doesn't 'slow down' with economic changes quite as much as other industries," she says. "If the AC is broken, most people are going to find a way to fix it. However, where the economy does affect our industry is through profitability with fewer upgrades, higher-end products and customers choosing to try to fix rather than replace end-of-life units. We are starting to see our customers opting for the base models and not choosing recommended upgrades and replacements.

"One of the things we do historically see during tough economic times is an increase in calls asking us to repair/fix shoddy work done by unlicensed individuals—poor workmanship oftentimes ends up costing customers more in the long run. New construction and remodels have a large backlog of work to catch up on, so that hasn't slowed down yet for us. The economic fundamentals are indicating that construction/housing slowdown will be coming in the next quarter or two, though."

Kennedy adds that new EPA standards, which went into effect on Dec. 31, require better efficiency in HVAC systems, so the public will have to prepare for paying higher upfront costs for their units, although they may see lower monthly energy bills with the updated equipment.

Another way to line your pockets is through smart thermostats, which are often tied to government rebates and can lead to energy efficiency in a home.

"If programmed and used properly, there's certainly a potential for significant energy savings by using a smart thermostat," Kennedy says. "Some of the smart thermostats will learn your habits and predict how to adjust the temperature in your home based on what you 'typically do' (with the ability to be overridden, of course). Geofencing tied to your cell is starting to be used more widely. With geofencing, if you do change your 'typical habit' and, for example, come home early, your thermostat will know—based on your phone's proximity to your home and your typical patterns—and self-adjust the temperature to your comfort level, before you even arrive home."

For Davila, although jobs are down in general, many clients are still seeking to enhance their homes with a screen enclosure or a sunroom.

"A lot of people like to stay indoors nowadays," he says. "What we do is for people who like to enjoy the outside but don't want to deal with all of the bugs and everything; I think that's the major benefit. We build these screen porches with aluminum roofs and screen walls so you can be outside on your porch as long as it's not too hot outside. Sunrooms cost a little bit more money and not everybody can afford them, but when you do a proper sunroom it's like an addition to your house with all of those windows providing views of nature that most of the neighborhoods here in Florida have. You can sit outside but still be in an air-conditioned space."

Unfortunately, because supply delays are still an issue, the lead time for a project like a sunroom has doubled from six months, start to finish, to a year. Davila explains that some customers see ready-made products on the shelves at big-box stores, but don't realize that those are standard pieces and that customization takes longer.

"Right now, anything that is custom is what's getting hurt the most," he says. "I think it has to do with labor [issues]. We use custom windows, for example, and anything that has to be fabricated to a certain customization is getting delayed. For something that is standard, we're seeing inventory that is more readily available. But the prices are getting a little bit steeper than they have been in the last couple of years."

In the roofing industry, on the other hand, Morales is optimistic about the increasing availability of materials.

"During the pandemic, what happened was we were able to get materials but there was limited selection," he says. "They could pretty much pick from two or three colors that were being manufactured, so homeowners didn't have much choice. I'm seeing that ease up, and on the commercial side, instead of materials being a year out, they're probably two months out. Little by little, we're getting back on track."

Morales adds that most residential customers are still opting for shingle roofs, but for those who can afford it, he does recommend a metal roof, especially in an area where hurricanes are always a concern.

"Personally, we have not seen a big change in the amount of metal roofs or tile roofs that we do," he says. "Those are some big-ticket items and they're not flying off the shelf. A metal roof is probably three times the cost of a shingle roof, but it's truly one of the only roofs you can put on and never have to worry about again. You'll change your shingle roof four or five times compared to a metal roof.

"The beauty of a metal roof is once it's put on and put on properly, you'll never have an issue with it. The warranties on the paint are 40- or 50-year warranties, and once the paint starts to fade you probably have another 20 years before the metal rusts. So I truly like the metal roofs. They can sustain wind, water, etc., perfectly."

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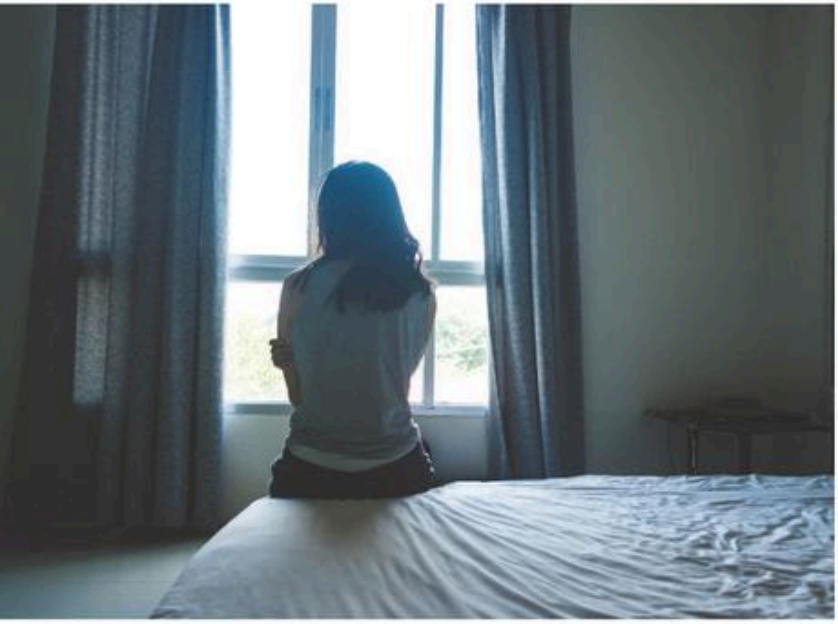
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Preventing a Tragedy



January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and area organizations say education and communication are essential first steps in advocating for the kind of awareness that can save lives.

by Madeleine Maccar

According to the U.S. Department of State, there are an estimated 24.9 million victims of human trafficking at any given time worldwide. Those children and adults of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities are exploited for others' profit and nefarious intent, robbed of the safety, security and autonomy that every human being ought to be guaranteed.

In recent years, forced labor, domestic servitude and commercial sex trafficking have seen an uptick in awareness. Dee Coleman, executive director of the survivors' safe haven and therapeutic program Samaritan Village in Orlando, credits that increasingly visible messaging to "initiatives that the people in our world have taken on to explain exactly what [trafficking] is," which have included not only advocating for victims and survivors but also tirelessly educating children, parents and teachers to advance prevention through recognizing the signs of a threat—which often originates close to home.

"A lot of the women being trafficked here are native Floridians," says Coleman. In terms of children, she explains "it's less likely that a trafficker is going to snatch your kid at a shopping center and more likely … to become someone in that child's life over a period of time, and you might even know them. I can't tell you how many parents we've spoken to who knew their young lady's trafficker because that person groomed their way into the family and that kid's life."

Organizations like Samaritan Village work with adult survivors to give them the support, refuge and hope they need to move past a truly horrific part of their lives, with a trauma-informed approach to holistic healing very much focused on "the little girl inside the woman." Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Florida has also developed its own support initiative, which has been painstakingly designed to help sexually exploited youth and victims of human trafficking reclaim their wholeness and their future.

"Our program includes multiple evidence-based treatment components, such as trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, dialectical behavioral therapy, cognitive therapy, individual therapy, group therapy, psychiatric services and coordination of treatment," says Manal Durgin, M.D., the medical director at Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Florida. "The Devereux Florida team partners with clinical teams across the country to ensure a focused effort on providing consistent and effective care for the individuals and families we serve, along with an integrated approach to behavioral health care."

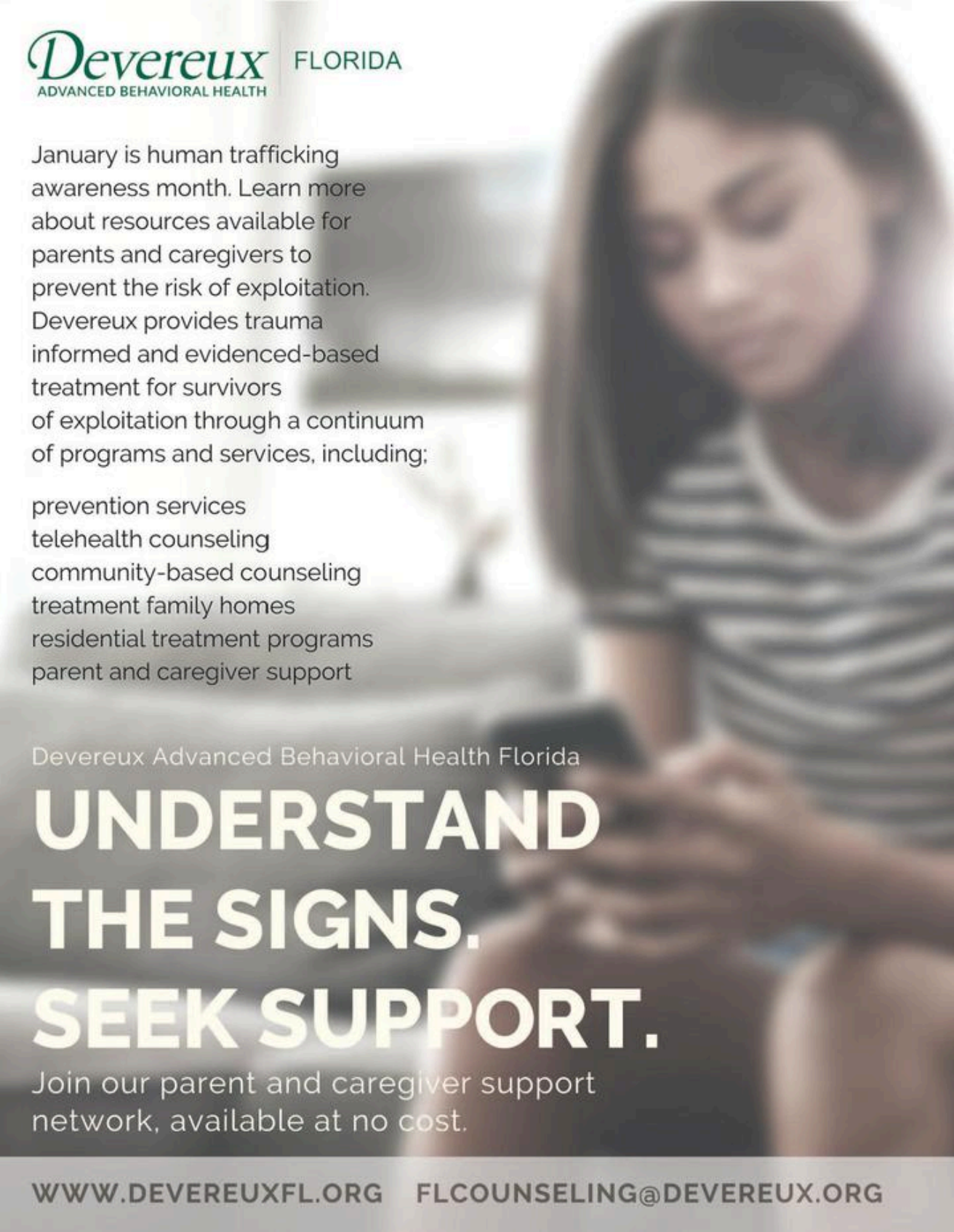
While it's tempting to tune out the harsh realities of a human-rights abuse as incomprehensibly dehumanizing and devastating as trafficking, it's not someone else's problem somewhere else: It can happen anywhere to anyone. In fact, both Coleman and Jan Edwards, president of Paving the Way Foundation, cite the same sobering regional statistics that rank Florida third in the nation for calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline and Orange County as second in the state for child trafficking.

But they're quick to point out that online grooming accounts for how most perpetrators worm their way into earning a child's trust these days.

"Traffickers are in our kids' bedrooms: on their phones, on their electronic devices, in the apps they're using," Coleman explains. "It's become easier in some ways for traffickers to access our children."

Education is one crucial step in community outreach that saves lives by debunking misconceptions, teaching children how to both recognize when they're being targeted and smartly react, encouraging parents to be aware of their children's online activities and interactions, directing concerned individuals to the professionals and authorities who can help, and making sure that survivors know they're neither to blame nor forever marked as "damaged goods."

Edwards also notes that even though "some-


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where in our parental space, we think our kids should know better," they need to initiate a difficult dialogue that might be hard to stomach in the moment but can be the difference between a child living the life they were meant to and being victimized by exploitation.

"We've got to become comfortable with the uncomfortable conversations," she insists, adding that it's important to approach that dialogue as naturally as possible while "giving your child the driver's seat," being careful to avoid any whiff of meddling, accusation or suspicion that will cause them to defensively clam up. "Starting a conversation can be as simple as saying something like, 'I was on my Instagram page and I got this request from this guy who kept calling me beautiful and asking how I'm doing. I don't know him and it was really weird—has that ever happened to you? What did you do?' And then you shut up and you listen because you just opened a door to that conversation, and you let them take it from there."

Parents should also be keeping an eye out for behavioral and appearance-based changes in their children, some of which may superficially look like ordinary adolescent moodiness or teenage phases. A dramatic drop in grades, a brand-new group of friends or older significant other, missing and/or sleeping through school, withdrawing into isolation at home or a sudden shift in how they dress could all signal that a child is being groomed or targeted.

Knowing not just your child well enough to pick up on nuanced changes in them but the truths of human trafficking can also be beneficial. It's dangerous to think of it as more of a kidnapping situation than a long grooming process that a child with an undeveloped prefrontal cortex can't typically separate from a friendly relationship, as is assuming it can only happen to girls since Edwards notes that about 30% of trafficking victims are male.

While Edwards says that Paving the Way focuses entirely on combatting human trafficking though awareness, community advocates are terrifically important lifelines in their own right, and keeping the lines of communication open is one way that increased awareness can save lives.

"I'm very committed to our communities being educated, and that requires everybody working together, everybody being aware of what this is and what it looks like, how to deal with it, how to talk to your kids about it, and then what to do afterwards if you find out your child's being manipulated," she says. "Parents need to fully understand how to have this dialogue with their kids because their kids want them to know."






a Lot on

Whether she's leading the acclaimed Netflix series *The Queen's Gambit* or chewing up the scenery in her latest role in *The Menu*, budding star

Anya Taylor-Joy

continues to leave her mark in a wide range of genres.

BY DEBRA WALLACE

Her Plate

Anya Taylor-Joy has a hearty appetite, both on and off the screen.

At 26, when many actors are just getting their footing, the charming Taylor-Joy is winning awards, leaving her indelible mark on movies in a variety of genres and making lifelong friends in the entertainment world.

Most recently she portrayed a young woman in *The Menu*, a dark comedy about a couple, Margot and Tyler (Nicholas Hoult), who travel to a coastal island in the Pacific Northwest for a memorable and disturbing dinner.

The thrilling meal takes place at an exclusive restaurant, Hawthorn, where the celebrated, reclusive chef, Julian Slowik (Ralph Fiennes), has prepared a lavish tasting menu for his special select guests.

Some dishes are served with a heaping amount of angst, and this is certainly the case with *The Menu*, a wicked thriller that takes our senses on a wild cinematic ride. Taylor-Joy also recently starred in *The Northman* and had previous star turns in M. Night Shyamalan's *Split* and its sequel, *Glass*.

Born in Miami and raised in Buenos Aires and London, Taylor-Joy is the youngest of six children. She left school at 16 to pursue an acting career and has never looked back. She says she is inspired by books, movies, music and her love for fashion.

After small television roles, she made her film debut with a leading role in *The Witch* in 2015, followed by the black comedy *Thoroughbred*. She won the Trophee Chopard at the 2017 Cannes Film Festival.

Taylor-Joy has since appeared in the fifth and sixth seasons of the British television drama *Peaky Blinders*, and played Emma Woodhouse in the period drama *Emma*, which gained her a Golden Globe nomination.

She is best known for her stunning performance as a chess prodigy in the Netflix series *The Queen's Gambit*.

The series is about introvert Beth Harmon, who is orphaned at the age of 9, and discovers and masters the game of chess in the late 1950s and 1960s after being taught by an unlikely source. Throughout her newfound encounters with fame, she learns that child stardom comes at a price.

The riveting series also explores important elements of the period such as sexism and untreated mental illness through the lens of one woman's chess career. Beth eventually finds herself rising through the ranks of competitive chess while still battling the demons of her tragic past.

Her truly stunning performance earned Taylor-Joy both Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Awards, and she was nominated for an Emmy.

Orlando Family Magazine spoke with Taylor-Joy about her thriving career, the different parts she is attracted to and how she bonds with her co-stars. ➥



With co-star Ralph Fiennes in a scene from The Menu

Q&A

How did you initially see the screenplay for *The Menu*?

It's a tricky script. I signed on not knowing what the final product would look like and it was exciting to me because I was curious to see how it turned out. I knew that the people involved were great people to collaborate with and to take that leap of faith with.

Did you know the work of director Mark Mylod before *The Menu*?

Yes, I was a huge fan of *Succession* and I knew he would be able to take these characters who are unlikeable for so many reasons and somehow create a story where you cared about not necessarily what happened to them but care about the situation. It was just surprising that I even felt some sort of heartbreak for some of the characters, and that's Mark's special gift.

The film was shot chronologically. How did that affect your performances?

I believe it helped us immensely. There's a specific turning point in the film where things start to get darker; dramatically darker. Up until that point, we'd been having this nice, if, odd, dinner party, and then the way that this scene was shot was so visceral I think it shocked all of us when it happened, and that sort of led us down the new tone of the film.

All we initially know about your character is that she couldn't care less about this fancy food and that she's not supposed to be there. What was it like working with Ralph Fiennes in the scenes when the chef takes particular interest in your character?

What can I say about Ralph? He's the most phenomenal actor. Whatever he wants to transmute on screen, it happens, so of course, as an audience member, you will feel this formidable presence and fear whenever he's there. Maybe it was our characters, maybe it's the way we both approach acting, but all of our scenes together felt so warm and intimate even when we were being quite rude to each other. When the stakes are pretty high, I always just felt really comfortable with him. I felt like I had a very generous dance partner and we were both enjoying that bizarre intimacy. We had a really great time together.

Tell me about getting the part for *The Queen's Gambit*.

I had just finished reading the book and was nearly late for the meeting. I ran through the streets of London's Soho area to the restaurant and shouted out to [director and series creator] Scott Frank, "It's not about chess and she has to have red hair!" It felt really good that we were on the same page and that everyone was seeing the story beyond chess.

How much chess did you know before making the series?

None. Absolutely no experience at all. I loved having a look inside this rather secretive world that I knew nothing about. I also felt a great responsibility to the chess community to tell this story right, and to fill every aspect of my character. From the feedback I received after the series aired, I believe I succeeded. The chess community appreciated the show and that makes me extremely happy. I am extremely proud of this series.

Speaking of streaming series, do you have any streaming guilty pleasures?

A few years ago, I got into *The Great British Bake Off*. I don't know what it was about it that attracted me because I don't bake and I can't cook. I have nothing culinary about me other than I like food. It's so deeply satisfying and it calms me down.

How do you see your characters?
They are all badass in their own way. I love resilience and other qualities like this that are important for us to emulate.

What is a perk of your acting career?
Making people laugh or cry because I have evoked emotion or moved them.

What would you do if you could not be an actor or performer?
A travel journalist, visiting amazing restaurants and devouring the best food around the world. Or working with animals. I adore big cats.

We have seen you in period movies, horror films and black comedies. So, overall, what kind of movies are you attracted to?
I appreciate various genres, but I wanted to make *Emma*, for example, because I am a major fan of period movies and Jane Austen, and I had seen the other incarnations. I took notes and I just kept writing "sweet and lovely, beautiful, and funny." A couple of tears were shed.

Why is that?
Because you fall in love when they're falling in love. I truly loved making it. The first conversation that [director] Autumn de Wilde and I ever had, I'd always been very intrigued by a comment Jane Austen made about Emma: "I've written a character that no one but myself will much like." I thought that was fascinating.

But I'd seen a lot of period dramas where the women were very charming and very sweet, and very easy to love. As a lover of the book and as someone who has read the book multiple times, Emma can be sharp, acerbic, brat-like, or difficult to like at times.

I wanted to do the character justice by presenting her in that way from the beginning of the movie [so] you had somebody that you almost wanted to reach into the screen and shake, and then you could actually watch her grow into a more humble and gracious human being. I thought that journey was very important.

Was there something specific—being in England and being with this group of actors and these beautiful surroundings—that you learned about yourself while making *Emma*?
Oh, completely. On the first day of rehearsals, I was so nervous because I was going into a room full of all of my heroes, and I was supposed to lead the ship. That was intimidating, but at the same time, everyone was so kind, so gracious and supportive that I really found my feet quickly.

I think I learned more about self-confidence. Because when you're Emma in *Emma*, that's a lot of work. When you get to the end of that filming period, you can sort of immediately look back on it and say, "I did that work. I can be proud of that and I gave my best." I think she gave me a bit of confidence. I can say that about several of my subsequent roles as well.

Why do you think Emma and Jane Austen are still so relevant to girls and young women in 2023?
I think a lot of it is youthful hubris, and I don't think youthful hubris will ever go out of style. Every year we have a new group of young people who think that they know how to lead their lives, and they think they know how to interact with others. Only [by] going out into the world and venturing a bit further than what they're used to can they figure out all of these social norms. Do they understand that? No! It's important to make mistakes and grow from them, and essentially become more of yourself in a bigger sense of the word.

I also think that Emma has a good heart, but it doesn't always necessarily come out that way. There are moments where I think everyone in the audience can think, "I have either been an Emma or I know an Emma in this moment and in this situation."

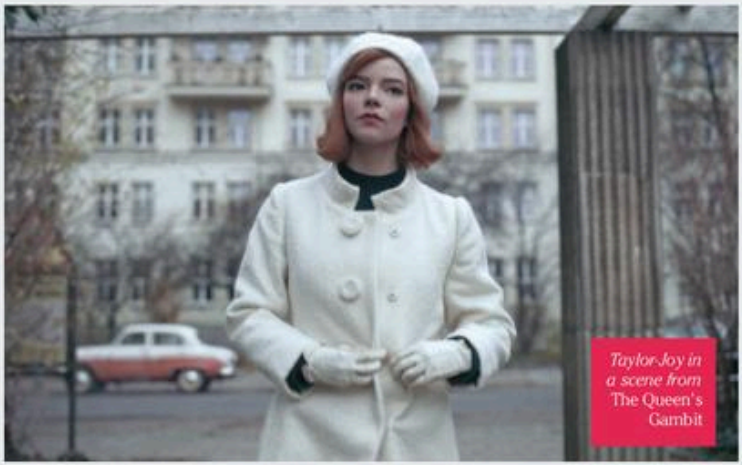
When you get back to your real life and away from all the trappings of a movie, is it difficult?
Well, I often go from one project to the next. I finished *Emma*, had one day off, and then went straight into filming Edgar Wright's *Last Night in Soho*, which is a completely different world from *Emma*, but also totally immersive.

So yes, the first day on that set I was like, "Where am I? What is going on? What is my name?" I went from 1815 to the 1960s, to a very different character, to a very different look. My corset was gone. I just sent pictures to the whole cast of *Emma* going, "You'll never believe where I am right now!" I was in London Soho in the 1960s.

After leaving that movie and that period behind, are you now reading Jane Austen, going back in history, or thinking about wanting to know more about those times?
I am such an avid reader, that I kind of had my period of all of this. I first read *Emma* when I was 11 and then revisited it when I was 15, and then again before I started filming the movie. I've always been fascinated by the period. I think that's what it is with Regency, isn't it? There isn't a king happening at that current moment in time, so that's interesting in and of itself. I've always been a very wide reader in everything, but I do love historical books.

Are you able to keep in touch with your movie co-stars and why is that important to you?
Absolutely. These people are now essential to my life. From *Emma* to *Queen's Gambit*, and *The Menu*, all of them are the most fabulous people. We have a very active WhatsApp group that has all of us on it, and it's a very entertaining place. You can go to sleep and you'll wake up and there'll be all kinds of notifications and we have a lot of fun.

Why do you want everyone to see your recent movies?
The world has been a pretty scary place for a while and to have two hours or so of escapism is really important. And it's nice to have different kinds of entertainment on the screen. So, just watch, savor and enjoy!



Taylor-Joy in a scene from The Queen's Gambit

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A look back at our best stuff from 2022

As we get ready to welcome 2023 with open arms, we wanted to first take some time to reflect back on the year that was. From the many notables who graced our pages to our annual celebrations of the best that Greater Orlando has to offer, 2022 was a year to remember. In these pages, you'll find a roundup of our lists for the top physicians, attorneys, dentists and other leading area professionals who appeared throughout the year. You'll also see our picks for the top restaurants, retail shops and a whole lot more, including highlights from some of our best interviews.

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Memorable quotes from our best interviews in **2022.**



Adele

"I write from the heart. I sometimes feel people think I'm waiting for the next pile of setbacks, the ashes from which I can form into another album. Like I couldn't just sit there and throw 12 tracks together—I genuinely need to suffer a bit beforehand." — *Adele*

Owen Wilson

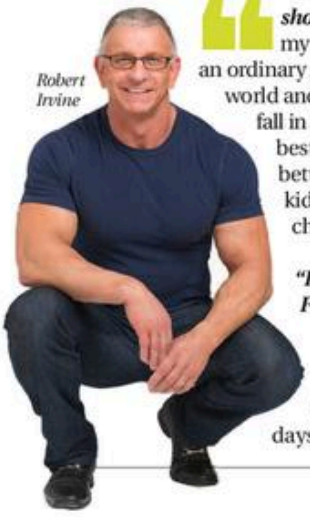


"Love, attraction, sex appeal—call it what you want, it can lead perfectly rational people to behave in very strange ways, and to make decisions that are completely out of character. Is that a good thing? I think it probably is."
— *Owen Wilson*



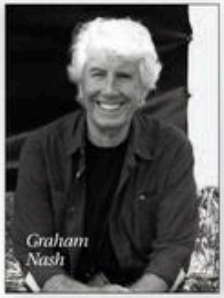
Yeadley Smith

"I've learned a great deal from her resilience. I always joke that on *The Simpsons*, they give Lisa Simpson something at the top of the episode and 22 minutes later they've taken it away, whether it's an achievement, an award or a friend. But that little girl just picks herself back up, pulls up her socks and gets on with it. And she does it with a smile." — *Yeardley Smith, the voice of Lisa Simpson*



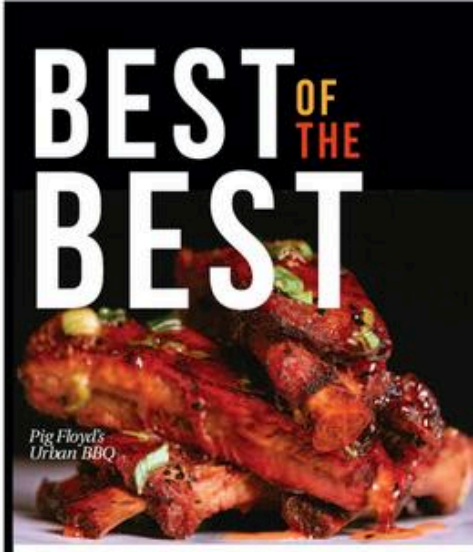
Robert Irvine

"When people come to my show they are going to see my heart on my sleeve. I'm an ordinary guy who lives in this world and gets upset with stuff, I fall in love with stuff. I try my best to make the world a better place for me and my kids and everyone's grandchildren." — *Graham Nash*



Graham Nash

"It's not a mistake that we once thought the Fountain of Youth was in Florida, and it's no mistake that of all the places I could've hung my hat, I chose Florida. My whole career has been marked by a tremendous amount of travel, so I've only ever been home for a few days at a time here and there. Of course, the pan-



BEST OF THE BEST

Pig Floyd's Urban BBQ

FOOD+DRINK

COFFEE
Craft & Common

GELATO
La Carraia

WINE TASTING
The Wine Room

HOT DOG
Portillo's Hot Dog

POKE
Island Fin Poke Company

VEGAN FOOD
Ethos Vegan Kitchen

BURGER
Briarpatch

BAKERY
Sister Honey's

JUICE BAR
New Moon Market

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The Soda Fountain

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The Salty Donut

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The Guesthouse

SUSHI
Bayridge Sushi

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Toasted


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FOOD +DRINK

WINGS
Johnny's Fillin' Station

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Crêpe Delicious

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Soupa Saiyan

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Tuni

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Tugboat and the Bird

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Leaf & Blossom

BIKE SHOP
Kyle's Bike Shop

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Victoria Jewelers

PET SHOP
All 4 Pets

BRIDAL SHOP
Ivy Bridal Shop

GARDEN CENTER
Palmer's Garden & Goods

CIGAR SHOP
Admiral Cigar Club

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Gods and Monsters

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demic changed all that, especially the early part of it. To be able to get outside and enjoy the warm weather and go biking with my wife Gail during that time, it saved my sanity, and confirmed for me that I made the right choice. In short, I truly love it here." — *Chef Robert Irvine*


Laura Rutledge

"***I loved being there.*** I was actually [in] the inaugural freshman class at Celebration High School, so my class was the first full class that went through the four years. It was such a unique experience—you go to Celebration and there's a utopian quality to it. My family loved going to Disney and loved being in that area, and we still have a lot of family friends there, so any time we can get back there is really great."
— *ESPN's Laura Rutledge*


Logan Allen

"***My dad's side of the family is very country*** and my mom's side is very city so I had the best of both worlds growing up. I used to do 4-H, which is where you show the animals you've raised at the local fair that comes around. My little brother and sister actually do it now. We used to have a mini farm where we had hogs, goats, chickens and rabbits, but we have since dialed it back a little bit. Now, we just have cows and horses on a separate piece of property." — *Actor and Central Florida native Logan Allen*


Sandra Bullock

"***I love the fact that my life is no longer about work*** and I can find so much joy in looking after [my kids], even though they're growing up very quickly. I feel much less stressed and wrapped up in my own life now and I feel I'm enjoying things more." — *Sandra Bullock*


Tim McGraw

"***I did some school plays,*** and I always liked to write poetry and songs and stuff when I was a kid, and I really loved music. My mom instilled a love of music in me because she sang around the house all the time and was always listening to music, and I read a lot. I still read a lot; I'm a huge lover of books. I think all those things combined probably unwittingly sort of built my appreciation for the arts." — *Tim McGraw*

"***Many of my firsts were at Disney***—I learned to swim at Disney, I met Santa Claus for the very first time at Disney, I performed live in front of an audience for the very first time at Disney. Disney definitely instilled in me

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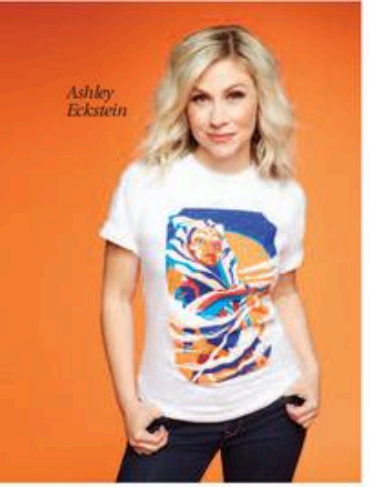
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Ashley Eckstein

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that the dreams you wish really can and do come true. I like to say that Disney is in my DNA." — *Actress and Orlando native Ashley Eckstein*


Glenn Close

"Coming out of this pandemic has made me feel that I am part of something much bigger than just myself. I've been very aware of my common humanity. This has helped me tremendously to face moments where I think I need to pull back; I need to fill my cup before I try to reach out to others. It's about getting support from people around you, which is very helpful." — *Glenn Close*


Eddie Redmayne

"[I]'m a great worrier and I always tell myself that if the horrendous thing's going to happen, then there's no point worrying about it because it's going to happen anyway and you've just kind of doubled your pain." — *Eddie Redmayne*

"From the beginning of my career, everything has been pretty well mapped out. When I would release an album, I pretty much knew what the next two years of my life would look like. To be one of the countless artists sidelined [by the pandemic], every one of us who has been lucky enough to be in front of an audience again, we're all just coming at this from an enormous amount of shellshocked gratitude." — *Josh Groban*


Josh Groban

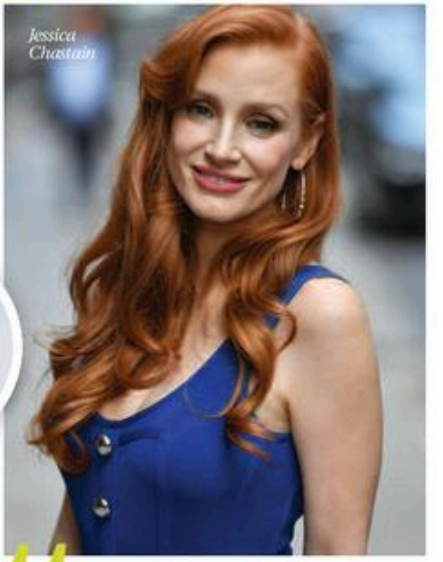

Ethan Hawke

"When I was younger, I feel like I was always hyper-focused on my career and there really wasn't anything else that I cared more about than acting, performing, and later on writing and directing. If I got a bad review, it was totally wrapped around my self-worth. When I became a dad, all of that changed for the better. There is so much more to be proud of and to care about each and every day. And I know what a gift that is." — *Ethan Hawke*

"I remember my first year of living in Orlando, I learned how to write songs because I had a ton of time to just sit with my guitar and write. My school, Lake Highland [Prep], was very small at the time—there were only 55 students in my graduating class. Now the school is much bigger and it has done very well." — *Rock guitarist Mark Tremonti*


Mark Tremonti

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Jessica Chastain

"I get tremendous satisfaction from playing women who push the envelope and fight for their place and recognition in society. We need to keep telling those kinds of stories to inspire young women to aspire to great things." — *Jessica Chastain*

"I never want to 'phone in' a performance. Anything that I put my name on and invest time and creativity doing is worth doing my best." — *Idris Elba*


Idris Elba

"Many of my performances have been about real people and I feel that it's an extra responsibility to find justice for the underdogs, for the underserved. It's something that I'm extremely passionate about and have been for a long time. As an actor, I'm always searching for the truth in my characters." — *Hilary Swank*


Hilary Swank

READERS' CHOICE

BEST OF THE BEST 2022

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Bubbalou's Bodacious Bar-B-Que, Altamonte Springs & Orlando

BUBBLE TEA
Bonsai Tea, Winter Park

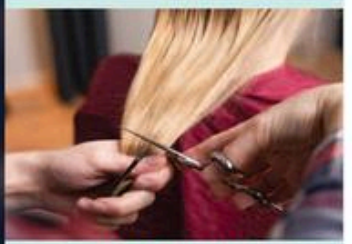
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Christini's Ristorante Italiano, Orlando

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Maggie's Attic, Mount Dora

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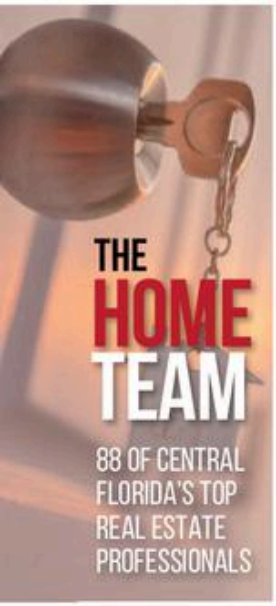
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We go to great lengths and take time and energy to ensure a fair voting process, but we acknowledge these surveys and Internet research are not an entirely objective metric. We are aware that this is just a mere sample of the good physicians in the region and thus there are many professionals who do not appear on the list. Furthermore, *Orlando Family Magazine* does not solely endorse the services of any particular doctor who was selected. Lastly, any paid advertisements in this publication were not exchanged for inclusion on the list.

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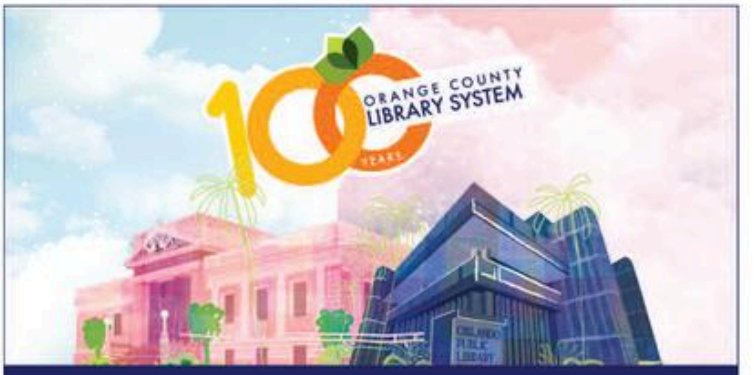
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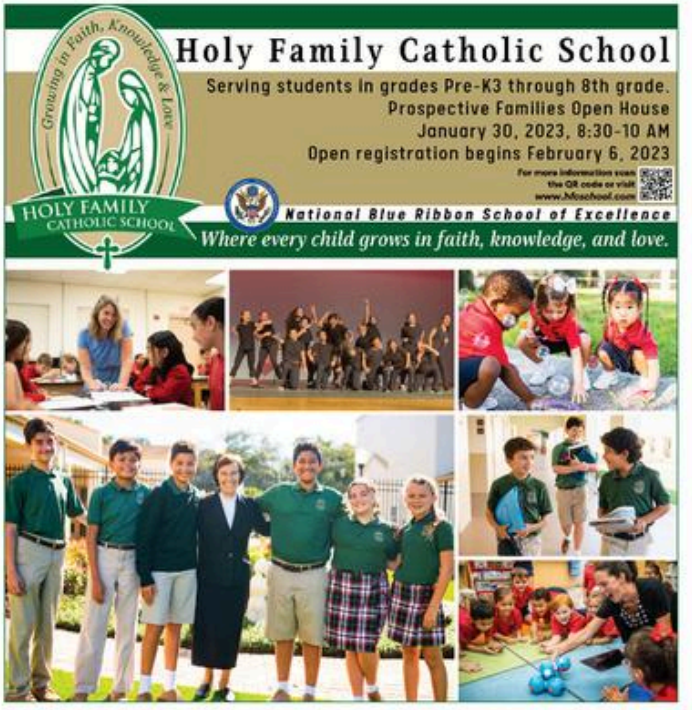
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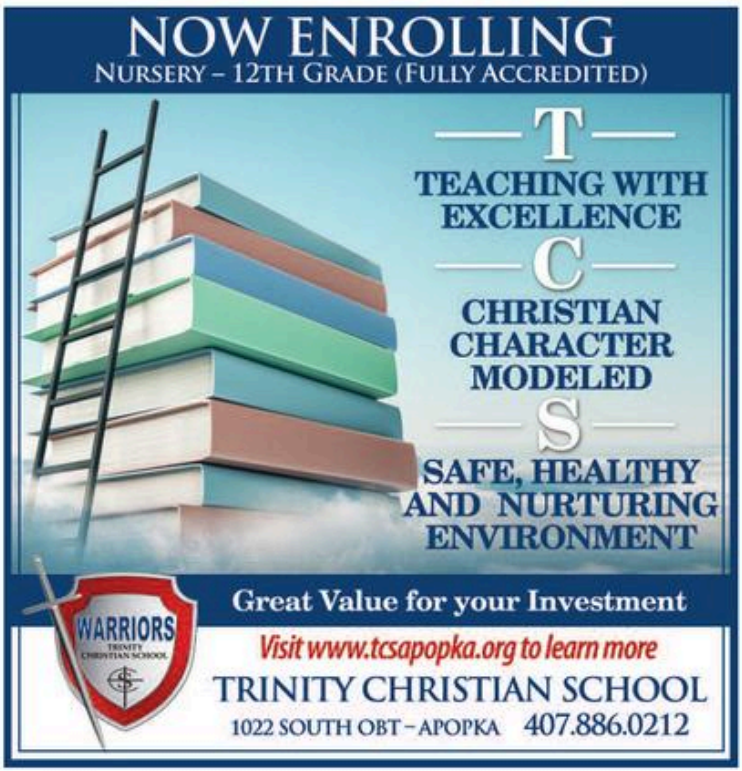
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Jan. 7
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Shortly before the holiday season began, two local organizations teamed up to feed hope. Between Oct. 25 and Nov. 11, staff at Lighthouse Central Florida and its Lighthouse Works Division hosted a canned food drive to collect nonperishable items for Second Harvest Food Bank. In total, Lighthouse team members were able to help provide nearly 100 meals for their neighbors experiencing hunger. "We've partnered with Second Harvest in the past to spotlight the impact of not knowing where your next meal will come from," says Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida. "With inflation impacting many household budgets, we wanted to make it easier for families to enjoy a holiday meal."

Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS)

CHS recently celebrated 120 years of devoted service to children and families. CHS was established as a child welfare society focused on placing children in safe, loving and healthy homes. Throughout the decades, the organization has leveraged its legacy and influence to secure rights and welfare laws for children nationwide, including the development of U.S. compulsory education and child labor laws. Recognized as a national leader in child well-being and trauma-informed care, CHS continues to lead the way in identifying and addressing key issues facing Florida's children and families. While remaining true to its roots in child welfare, CHS has evolved to also deliver early childhood programs and in-home solutions that stabilize and strengthen families. Though CHS continues to serve children and families in the child welfare system through family visitation and specialized counseling and support, the local focus has greatly evolved to empower families on the front end. Through CHS's Healthy Families program, which supports parents and caregivers with children ages birth to 5, for example, 100% of participating families in Seminole County remained safely intact and out of the foster care system in 2020-2021.

Hope Theodoris

Theodoris, a 2021 Olympia High School graduate, joined the Navy one year ago. The Orlando native serves as a hospital corpsman with the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit (NMRTU) in Kingsville, Texas. NMRTU Kingsville provides outpatient medical care to active-duty military personnel, military retirees and their family members. The air training program focuses on the increased complexity of today's aircraft. "The Navy is important because we are the defender of the seas," says Theodoris. "We are the front line of defense." As Theodoris and other sailors continue to perform missions, they take pride in serving their country. "Serving means being a part of something that is bigger than myself."



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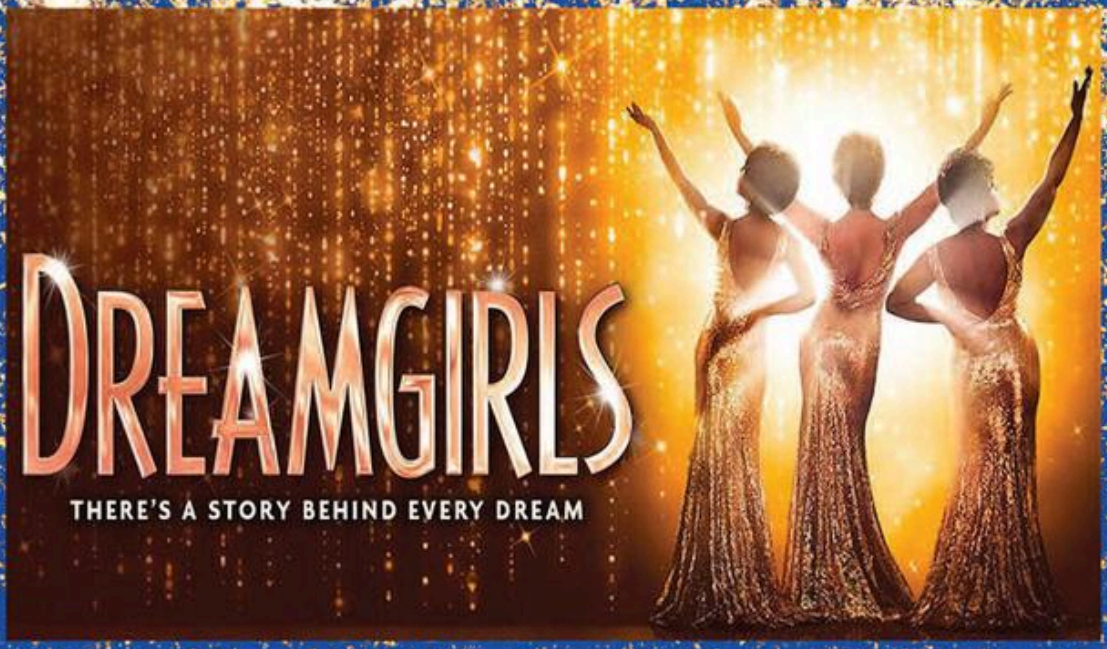
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