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Get fit, celebrate St. Patrick's Day and help a good cause at the same time with the Sham Rock N Run 5K, benefiting the HOPE Foundation this weekend.

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Town House's new home

Original restaurant to be razed after 51 years, rebuilt down the road

TIM FREED
The Voice

Oviedo is losing an icon. Locals need to get ready to say goodbye to landmark lemon-yellow brick building that's defined the city's downtown for more than five decades. The Town House Restaurant is officially coming down. But now the voted-best-in-town breakfast business has plans to bounce back in a new home just blocks down the road.

Plans are set to give the Town House Restaurant a new look and a new location by December of this year in its very own mixed-use development.

A new location for the restaurant will be 700 feet west from where it stands today, tucked beside the First Baptist Church and the county bike trail, said restaurant general manager Brenda Vinson.

The restaurant will be connected to two retail businesses leased under Town House owner Leigh-Ann Tepper, adding 40 percent more seats and a 77-car parking lot.

The move comes as a result of the planned road-widening project for Broadway Street, which



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The Town House Restaurant has become an institution in the Oviedo area.

will encroach on the current location.

"Our objective was to stay as close to our original building as possible," Tepper said. "Partly because our customers are used to us being right here, partly because we just like this little neck of the woods, and partly because I like to ride my bike to work and I'm an old lady and I can't drive too far."

Outdoor seating and the sale of alcohol in the evenings will also be included at the new location, which will sit on a property measuring just shy of 2 acres.

Tepper said she's still deciding what businesses will lease the two open spaces, but hopes for a potential bike shop or bike rental to tie in with the neighboring trail.

Ownership plans to begin remodeling the interior of the new site by December, when the original location will be torn down,

Vinson said.

The Town House Restaurant has stood on the corner of Broadway and Central since 1963, feeding hungry Oviedo residents for 51 years. The diner may be getting a facelift come December, but that doesn't mean it's straying away from the old-timey charm that keeps locals coming back.

"We don't want to leave our

chicken theme behind and we don't want to leave our down-home friendly feeling behind," Tepper said. "We want to keep it updated a little bit and keep it modern and relevant at the same time."

The large, white sign above the Town House Restaurant will be placed on the front lawn of the new location, still greeting customers and residents passing through.

"It's great to see that they're able to remain close to their roots," Mayor Dominic Persampiere said. "The restaurant has been there as a constant since the mid-'60s. The city is just pleased that they were able to find a location not even a quarter of a mile from their current location."

Tepper said the site plans are currently in the process of being approved, with construction set to start sometime in April or May.



When pianos become art

Pianos are popping up all over Seminole County to benefit charity

ALLISON OLCSVAY
The Voice

The lingering smell of varnish fills the room as artists begin to pack up, nearly finished for the day. Bits of paper and tape cover the floor just as colorful splashes of colored oil streak the painters' clothing.

This might be a typical scene in any artist's studio, except the canvases these artists are toiling over once lived former lives gracing the living rooms of families.

Not as art, but as the family piano. Perhaps similar to the one seen collecting dust and knickknacks before being pressed into duty for reluctant music students to plunk away at.

Over the course of the next few weeks, these pianos — 10 upright and one grand piano — will be transformed by Seminole county artists into masterpieces, celebrat-



PHOTO BY ALLISON OLCSVAY — THEVOICE

Artist Jeff Sonksen paints a Blues Brothers theme on a donated grand piano.

ing the union of art and music.

Each piano features a different theme, from a 'Blues Brothers' commemoration to scenes of Florida inspired by Tiffany glass. Some are brightly colored, demanding the attention of everyone; others feature more subdued, elegant de-

signs that would fit right in with modern homes.

The finished pieces will go on display at various locations throughout Seminole County on March 20 for the public to enjoy.

Following the public display, the pianos will be auctioned off

at the Pop-Up Piano Grand Finale event at the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center at 2:30 p.m. April 6.

The money raised from the auction will benefit three Seminole county charities; the Seminole Cultural Arts Council, supporting arts and artists in Seminole county, the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center and the Steinway Society, which offers free piano lessons and pianos to deserving students.

"We give over three thousand piano lessons a year, free to youngsters," said Gary Grimes, Steinway Society president. "It's a great thing to help them with their self confidence. Supporting this event helps us to do more of that."

Inspired by Miami pop artist Romero Britto's work, Allison Mora's 2D art class from Lake Mary Prep School designed and painted one of the most colorful pianos. Vivid colors evoke the energy and vitality of Florida, complete with an alligator crouching near the piano's pedals and seahorses waltzing around the keys.

Kevin Zhang, one of Mora's

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FAMILY CALENDAR

MARCH 15

HOPE's **Sham Rock N Run 5K** gets going at 7 a.m. March 15 and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2021 W. State Road 426 in Oviedo. Four hundred Central Floridians will run, walk, skip or hop through a 5K course in their St. Patty's Day best, all to help HOPE continue on its mission of preventing and reducing homelessness in Central Florida. This family-friendly 5K is full of Irish fun, with a costume contest, shamrock shirts, Irish dancers, and an after-party at a local restaurant. Visit and learn more at shamrock-run5k.eventbrite.com

Once again the city of Winter Springs will be hosting the **Spring Family Festival** on March 15. This event will be held in the Town Center. The event features exciting

live entertainment and a great selection of vendors. There will be a kids' area with fun and games. For more information, visit winterspringsfl.org or call 407-327-6593. The event runs from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Oviedo's **Movie in the Park** is Saturday, March 15, starting at dusk at Oviedo's Riverside Park on Lockwood Boulevard. Come out and enjoy a free movie. Bring a blanket and a picnic basket! This month's movie is "Monsters University."

MARCH 16

What is the electric car? Join us for this entertaining documentary followed by a short Q&A session with the film's producers and electric vehicle owners. There will be electric vehicles on display and door prizes. It's free for all ages. No registration required. It's from 2 to 3 p.m. March 16 at the East Branch Library, 310 Division St. in Oviedo. For more info, call 407-665-1560.

MARCH 22

Sundew Gardens will be hosting a Spring Garden Fete, March 22, from 2 to 6 p.m.

at 2212 Red Ember Road, Oviedo. **Garden tours, workshops,** presentations, campfire, music, and hopefully lots of fun, will be had by all. Admission is free. Real shoes, not sandals, are recommended. For additional information, please email sundewgardens@gmail.com

Calendar

MARCH 14

An **AARP Drivers Safety Program** event is from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 14 at Goldenrod Civic Club, 4763 Palmento Ave. in Winter Park. Save up to 15 percent on auto insurance. For reservations, call Don Embree at 407-671-2733.

MARCH 15

An **indoor Artisan and Farmers Market** is from noon to 3 p.m. March 15 at Serenity Center's COMMUNITY Space, 2040 Winter Springs Blvd. in Oviedo. Local artisans, crafters, farmers and food-makers will display and sell their wares. It's free to attend. Vendor space is available. Call 407-719-8883 for more information.

MARCH 18

Join Wacoal to **help end breast cancer** with Fit for the Cure. Participate in a Fit for the Cure event and receive a complimentary bra fitting in Wacoal or b.tempt'd intimate apparel, from a Wacoal fit specialist. For every woman that participates, Wacoal will donate \$2 to Susan G. Komen for breast cancer research and community health programs. Wacoal will also donate an additional \$2 for every Wacoal bra, shapewear piece or b.tempt'd bra purchased at these events. It's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 18 at the Dillard's department store in the Oviedo Mall.

MARCH 20

Join the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce for the **Lunch and Learn event** with Steven Placey from Rock Your Business. Learn the benefits of video marketing while networking over lunch. It's from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 20 at the Oviedo Meeting Rooms, 815 Eyrie Drive, Suite 4, in Oviedo. Contact Melissa Sarnelle at 407-278-4872 for more information.

Notes

Help Ashley beat anemia

Oviedo's Ashley Komanetsky has been living with severe aplastic anemia for nearly two and a half years. She's in line for a bone marrow transplant that could save her life. Friends and family are selling T-shirts to help raise money to pay for bills while Ashley undergoes surgery and her mom stays at her side. **Visit booster.com/prayersforashley to buy a shirt** and share your support on Facebook to spread the word about Ashley's fight and aplastic anemia, which attacks bone marrow and makes victims of it stop creating blood.

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THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK IN WORLD HISTORY—MARCH 15, 1820 — As part of the Missouri Compromise between the North and the South, Maine is admitted into the Union as the 23rd state. The entrance of Maine as a free state was agreed to by Southern senators in exchange for the entrance of Missouri as a slave state.

Taste of Oviedo



PHOTOS BY ISAAC BABCOCK AND SARAH WILSON — THE VOICE

Rich Sloane, top left, talks up the Chicken Chomp, Corey Skeates, top far right, prepares to eat competitively, and weiner dog Cami, bottom left, plays a chicken at the Taste of Oviedo on March 8.

PIANOS | Art pianos to be auctioned off

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students, was surprised to be included in the event.

"We've never done anything like this, it takes art to a whole new level, I think."

Zhang, originally from China, is here to study in the U.S.

"I am happy to be included," he said. "Painting for me is a hobby, but one I really like."

Despite having been named Seminole County Artist of the Year, featured artist Jeff Sonksen doesn't consider himself one.

"I'm just goofing around most of the time," he said. "But people seem to like it."

Sonksen is painting the largest piano of the group, a full-size grand, using a mix of stencils and hand painting in shades of blue, perfect for his 'Blues Brothers' theme.

From inside to out the piano is covered with scenes and quotes from the cult classic tribute to American music. Even the piano stool is done up in matching shades, complete with its own series of images from the movie.

FOX 35's Bob Frier will host the 'piano idol' event prior to the auction, where all the finished pianos will be showcased along with student pianists who will do their best to wow the crowd.

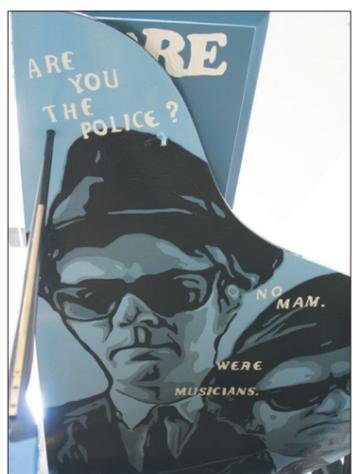
Ticket options for the event include a VIP ticket for \$20 that in-

cludes a preview of the pianos at 1:30 p.m., reserved seating and a drink ticket and twenty votes in the 'idol contest'. Regular admission is \$10 and includes 10 votes.

Visit popuppiano.com or [facebook.com/PopUpPianos-Seminole](https://www.facebook.com/PopUpPianos-Seminole) for event information, photo galleries of the pianos and videos of the piano painting process.



PHOTOS BY ALLISON OLCSEVAY — THE VOICE
Students from Allison Mora's Lake Mary Prep art class painted a vibrantly colored piano that will be up for auction.





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INTERESTS

THIS WEEK IN HUMAN HISTORY —MARCH 18, 1909 – Einar Dossau of Denmark uses a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in what's believed to have been the first broadcast by a "ham" radio operator.

Geneva Chili Cook-off



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The All Around Geneva team of the American Cancer Society teamed up to raise money to fight cancer. The March 1 event centered on a chili cook-off, with live southern rock by Ruff Kutt, top left. Seminole County Schools Superintendent Walt Griffin helped judge the chili cookoff, left.

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ATHLETICS

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Knights battle way into AAC Tournament

ISAAC BABCOCK
The Voice

Just about when the American Athletic Conference had left the Knights for dead on the court, they set a season scoring high and shocked fans into believing again.

The UCF men's basketball team (12-17, 4-14) demolished Houston (16-15, 8-10) on March 7 in a 104-83 blowout that tied a record for the most points in a game this season by the Knights, and also the most points they've allowed while holding on to win.

Both couldn't have come later in the regular season, as the Knights closed out their final night at CFE Arena with a bang, opening the game with a Staphon Blair layup and then never relinquishing the lead again.

The Knights would dominate the Cougars with a scoring gap that was more than double-digit-wide for 36 of the 40 minutes of the game. They outshot the Cougars, who had beaten the Knights 88-84 just two weeks prior. They out-rebounded them 40-33. They out-blocked them 9-1. The only mark on the stat line that didn't go the Knights' way was steals, which they Knights ceded to the Cougars by two.

Four Knights would end the night with double-digit points, with Isaiah Sykes leading with 24, nearing triple-double territory with eight rebounds and six assists.

"I'm happy for the seniors," Coach Donnie Jones told UCFKnights.com. "Those four guys got to go out the right way."

The Knights' four seniors — Isaac Lang, Calvin Newell, Tristan Spurlock and Isaiah Sykes — would combine for 43 of the Knights' points.

The Knights headed to the

AAC's championship tournament in Memphis at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at press time with hopes of going up one in their series with Temple (9-21, 4-14), a team the Knights beat 78-76 on Jan. 4 but were defeated by in an 86-78 overtime upset March 4. The winner of that game will play No. 13 Cincinnati at 7 p.m. March 13 on ESPNU.

Rollins basketball

It all ended in one final minute on the court in Kissimmee. The Rollins Tars had battled Nova Southeastern into overtime, with a scoring gap that hadn't been separated by more than two points for the final 140 seconds. Down by two, with six seconds left, they watched Nova's Chris Page step to the free throw line. He hit both.

When a three-pointer by Rol-



ARCHIVE PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

Isaiah Sykes rained down 24 points in the Knights' dominating win over Houston March 7.

lins' James Ferrell didn't fall in the final second, the Tars did, 75-71. Season over. In a game that

the Tars were within two shots of the lead for all but two minutes of the game, the final shots

would be the story of a season.

All five of Rollins' starters — Jeff Dirkin, Adam Allen, Chris Uhle, Alex Blessig and Mitch Woods — would bury double-digit scores. Dirkin and Uhle would snag eight rebounds and two steals each.

And just like in so many of the Tars' losses this season en route to a 14-13 final record, the difference separating them from a win was achingly slim. The four-point gap was the sixth time this season that they lost by that margin or less. A cumulative 24 more points in those games would have given the Tars a 20-7 final win tally on the season.

"The kids played just like they did all year," Head Coach Tom Klusman told Rollins Sports after the game. "They didn't quit."

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March 14 – One night – two openings at Art & History Museums Maitland

As part of Art 31, a month-long series of events celebrating artistic creativity, the Art & History Museums Maitland will present two openings on March 14. They include Opening Receptions for Film Stories: Nancy Cervenka and Moving Pictures by Joyce Ely Walker beginning at 5:30 p.m. This will be followed by a Culture Pop! Event called Roll, Repeat – in partnership with Enzian Theater and the Florida Film Festival beginning at 7 p.m. The Maitland Art Center is at 231 W. Packwood Ave. Visit art31.org for a complete listing of events.

March 14 to 16 – CFCArts Helps Us Believe in Spring

After this 'colder-than-normal' winter, CFCArts invites us to "You Must Believe In Spring," a cabaret musical about youth, love and warmer weather! Bringing together six singers and a jazz quartet, this sophisticated revue includes classics such as "Blue Skies," "Singin' In The Rain" and "It Might As Well be Spring." Performances will be March 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and March 16 at 3 p.m. at Central Christian Church at 250 SW Ivanhoe Blvd. in Orlando. Visit cfcarts.com or contact Sarah. Mattingly@cfccommunityarts.com

March 14 to 16 – The Orlando Ballet – 'Some Assembly Required'

"Some Assembly Required" is the name given to the World Premiere performances being offered by the Orlando Ballet on the weekend of March 14 to 16 at the Bob Carr PAC.

The ballet is the newest creation by Artistic Director Robert Hill, and it promises to showcase the dancers' physicality in movement as an evolving process. Additional works will be presented by guest

choreographers Abdur-Rahim Jackson and Orlando Ballet's Arcadian Broad and Telmo Moreira. Visit orlando-ballet.org or ticketmaster.com

March 14 to 16 – 'Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead' at the Venue

In the unauthorized parody "Dog Sees God," the popular Peanuts characters are teenagers battling real-life issues. When CB's dog dies, CB questions the existence of an afterlife, but his best friend is 'burnt out,' his sister has gone Goth and his girlfriend is in rehab. A chance meeting with an artistic kid (the target of the group's bullying), offers CB a friendship that pushes teen angst to the limits. Performed from March 14 to 16 at The Venue in Orlando, tickets are available at DogSees-GodOrlando.com



March 18 at 8 p.m. – The art of Rik Hayes at the Peacock Room

The somewhat foreboding title "The Inmates Are Running the Asylum" should be enough to pique the interest of adventurous art-lovers, especially when the artwork comes from the inventive mind

of Rik Hayes. On May 18, beginning at 8 p.m., we're invited to see the inmates who have escaped onto his canvases and mixed media art. Personally I never leave home without Rik's art. You see, Rik is also a professional tattoo artist, and he's done three of my tattoos. The exhibit is at the Peacock Room at 1321 N. Mills Ave. in Orlando. Call 407-228-0048 or 407-484-3196 or visit inkinktattoos.com

March 19 to April 20 – Shakespeare Takes On 'Julius Caesar'



THE ART OF RIK HAYES

Shakespeare's version of the death of "Julius Caesar" explores the line between patriotism and personal ambition. After Caesar's assassination, Brutus and Cassius are left to divide the empire, but they underestimate Caesar's devoted follower

Mark Antony ... leading the world to the brink of anarchy. In an already brilliant season for the Shakespeare Center, "Julius Caesar" is yet another timeless classic. Adding to the experience (30 minutes before each performance) an Orlando Shakes actor shares

insights about the production with the audience. Visit OrlandoShakes.org or call 407-447-1700.

March 19 to April 20 – The Mad Cow has a 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'

Legend says that "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" was Tennessee Williams' favorite play – perhaps because it won him the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1955. Set in the plantation home of Big Daddy Pollitt, the play examines relationships among Big Daddy's family, focusing on his son Brick and Brick's wife – Maggie the Cat. Williams' unflinching language takes on the concept of how families deal with greed, mendacity, (repressed) sexual desire and death. Presented in Mad Cow Theatre's beautiful new complex, visit [\[atre.com\]\(http://atre.com\) or call 407-297-8788.](http://madcowthe-</p>
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March 20 – Hannibal Square Wine Tasting

You don't have to be an Art Collector to join the kick-off of Art Festival Weekend presented at Hannibal Square by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and Hannibal Square Merchants Association on March 20 beginning at 5 p.m. Held on the evening before the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival begins, the evening offers more than 40 varieties of wine and beer samples, appetizers from 16 local eateries and live music. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door with entrances at the corner of West New England and Pennsylvania avenues or West New England and Virginia avenues. Call 407-644-8281 or visit winterpark.org

March 20 – Jeb Bush at Rollins College

As part of a series of talks offered free to the public, the Winter Park Institute at Rollins College will present former Governor Jeb Bush in a talk called 'America's Promise in Uncertain Times,' in which he will share his insights on the current challenges facing America. Set for March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alford Sports Center, the event is free and open to the public. Call 407-691-1995 or visit winterparkinstitute.org

March 20 to April 11 – The Twitter Art Exhibit: Orlando

Orlando continues to enhance its reputation in the art world as local arts legend Robin Maria Pedrero creates – and curates – the Twitter Art Exhibit: Orlando. Opening March 20 at the CityArts Factory, this is the fourth installment of a worldwide art experience featuring original, postcard-sized art, donated by artists from around the world. The postcard art will be displayed and sold through April 11 at a price of \$35 each to benefit special needs students at The Center for Contemporary Dance. Free and open to the public, visit twitterartexhibit.org.

March 25 to 30 – 'EVITA' on the Broadway Series

The inventive – and decades later – classic Broadway show "EVITA" offers us the Argentinean diva Eva Peron center stage at the Bob Carr PAC. The multi-award-winning musical chronicles the life of Eva Peron in a six-day run from March 25 to 30 telling the rags-to-riches tale of Eva Peron and her rise to power from being an illegitimate child from the slums to becoming Argentina's First Lady. For a brief time, Evita was high-flying adored, only to have her fragile health prove her downfall. Visit OrlandoBroadway.com or call 1-800-982-2787.

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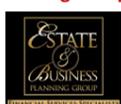


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VOICES

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EMPLOYMENT

Ask Sandi



Interview your interviewer

Whenever I have an opportunity to be interviewed by the media whether it is in print or for TV, I always spend a little time getting to know my interviewer and then ask them about what their goals are with the piece they are trying to do.

Interviewing your interviewer can be key in finding out if a job is a right fit for you. We all go in to an interview situation expecting the interviewer to be the one asking all of the questions, but it is just as important for you to understand the job, the environment, and the culture you are looking at committing many hours of your life to.

The bottom line is we spend 2,080-plus hours a year, if we are full time, working at a company, and it is much better to find out about their expectations before you start.

By asking clarifying questions about the interviewer, the position, and the goals of the department or company, you can get a feel of how you might be able to help them to accomplish their goals while you accomplish yours.

Some questions you can ask are:

- How long have you worked here? What is your favorite part about being on the team at XYZ-company?
- What are your biggest challenges?
- Why is this position available?
- What are the expectations for someone to thrive in this position?
- Is the company hitting its strategic goals? If yes, what are the success factors? If no, what is preventing the company from achieving results?
- Tell me about the leadership style here?
- Do we work in teams, or is most work individualized?
- Is there room to grow in the company?
- How would you describe the culture?

Notice that vacation time and benefits, while important, are not opening questions.

I feel strongly that to be successful in a job, you must find an environment where you can thrive and create win-wins.

TALK TO SANDI

Sandi Vidal is the executive director for Christian HELP and the Central Florida Employment Council, with more than 15 years of recruiting and human resources experience. For questions, please call 407-834-4022 (fax 407-260-2949), sandi@christianhelp.org, or mail Ask Sandi C/O Christian HELP, 450 Seminola Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707.

The sounds of life

STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

"Music is mankind's greatest miracle ... From the very first note, one is transported into a higher, other world, and that is how it was when we played or listened in the ghetto."

— Alice Herz-Sommer

Her music began in Prague in 1908 when she began mastering piano chords at the age of five. For the next hundred years the black and white ivory keys and Alice Herz-Sommer's fingers would be so intertwined, it would be hard to discern if Chopin and Brahms flowed from her fingertips or rose up from her soul. In her younger years, Herz-Sommer's audiences ranged from the neighbors of her upper middle class Jewish family to rising world-class composers like Kafka and Mahler.

A mother's force

Despite losing her mother and her husband, her passion for music and her young son kept this 40-something classically trained pianist focused on survival during the two years they spent in the Theresienstadt ghetto (concentration camp) from 1943 to 1945. She and her son participated in many musical performances, including the prison orchestra and an opera that touched both fellow prisoners and Nazi officers. This maternal force no doubt saved their lives and provided spiritual nourishment for others in their last days before transport to Dachau, Treblinka and Auschwitz. Of the 140,000 people sent to Theresienstadt, fewer than 20,000 were freed when the Soviet

army liberated the camp in May 1945.

In 2014 Herz-Sommer's neighbors in Belsize Park in Northern London continued to enjoy her music emanating from the old Steinway piano in her small flat. On Sunday morning, Feb. 23, Alice's music finally ended as "The Lady in Number 6" passed peacefully surrounded by her family at 110 years old.

Miracle at Building 25

Half a world away, approximately 48 hours after Herz-Sommer passed, 51-year-old maintenance worker Carlos Michel was already at work on a chilly Houston morning, assigned to Building 25 at the Reserve at Windmill Lakes apartments. Was it a miracle that he was matched with that building on this quiet Tuesday morning? As Michel emptied a trash bucket in an innocuous blue dumpster he heard whimpering. Something was struggling. Michel scanned the bags and located the white trash bag where the sound seemed to come from. He laid the bag on the ground, respecting the contents without yet knowing what they were. He tore open the bag and

mixed in with food scraps and crumpled high school homework was an hours-old baby boy, umbilical cord still attached. Michel took off his gray t-shirt, wrapped the newborn in it and held him close to his chest. Seated in the passenger side of a co-worker's pick up, he warmed the baby and occasionally poked him to ensure he stayed awake. "I didn't want him to die in my arms," Michel said. A spokesperson for Child Protective Services said that Michel's quick actions most certainly saved the baby's life. The 16-year-old mother was quickly identified and has since been arrested and charged with abandoning the baby without intent to return. The baby has been named "Carlos" in honor of his rescuer.

Miracles of life

Within 48 hours, an 11-decade life filled with the extremes of tragedy and joy ended, surely fueled by the miracle of music and the force of a mother's love. And another life entered this world, nearly cut short before it began by its birth mother. Miraculously the sound of his struggle reached a grandfather in a gray T-shirt. Thanks to Carlos Michel,

little Carlos has a chance at many decades of life. Who knows ... maybe to 2125?

Don't miss Founders Day

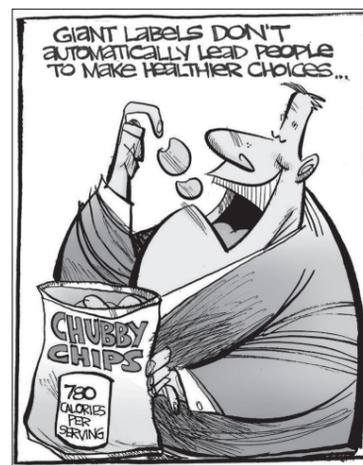
Saturday, March 22, is Founders Day at the Rural Heritage Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Festivities will begin with plenty of coffee inside until 11 a.m., then progress to a fantastic fish fry including hush puppies and coleslaw. If you want to participate in the best cookie contest, bring three-dozen cookies and the public will judge your recipe. Craft vendors are also needed. The cost is \$10 a booth. Come see all the classes, events and community work the nonprofit RHC does to support our rural traditions.

Footnotes: Alice-Herz-Sommer

• "The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life" won an Academy award for best short documentary; Caroline Stoessinger author "A Century of Wisdom: Lessons from the Life of Alice Herz-Sommer, the World's Oldest Living Holocaust Survivor," forms the basis for the documentary film.

- New York Daily News: <http://nydn.us/1fTnJRj>
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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Young Voices

Kids at the Oviedo Farmers Market said what they liked about school and their favorite school subject.



My Carillon Elementary teachers are nice, they make hard subjects fun and make you feel welcome. Reading is my favorite subject. Fiction takes you to other places, and I can use my imagination. I am reading Harry Potter books now.
—Alex M. 9 years old



I'm in second grade at Carillon Elementary. Art is my favorite subject. I learned about Picasso — his art uses mixed-up primary colors. I drew my name in Egyptian letters. Cavemen used sand to make art. We learned about cubism and surrealism.
—Julian S. 7 years old



I'm in kindergarten at Partin Elementary. I have two teachers, and my favorite subject is math — it is fun. I'm on the junior varsity team and I get to work with first graders who are on the varsity team.
—Asher L. 6 years old



I am in pre-kindergarten all week. I play with toys like cars. The Chevy Corvette is my favorite car like my dad. We learn about our letters and numbers. My teacher is nice, and I have friends there too.
—Ian M. 4 years old



I'm in first grade at Carillon Elementary. I like my teachers and reading. I like the Library Mouse who lives in the library. He reads and writes words. We also do math in school, and recess is fun.
—Vivian M. 7 years old

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- 16 CBS crime-solving series
- 18 Easily angered person
- 20 Swiss mathematician
- 21 "Of course"
- 22 Fellow
- 23 Harsh
- 26 Ideological conflict
- 30 Move like
- 31 Author Umberto
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