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Seminole's tax war

Residents speak up about potential penny sales tax

TIM FREED
The Voice

Some Seminole County residents fear the possible return of the penny sales tax up for vote on May 20 might cost them much more than pocket change.

The additional penny would raise the county's sales tax from six cents to seven cents for every dollar spent, providing a funding source for road widening, storm-water projects and the completion of county trails for the next 10 years.

Seminole County Public Schools, which has seen more than \$150 million in funding cuts in the last seven years, would receive a 25 percent cut of the tax revenue as well.

The County hasn't implemented the extra cent tax since 2011, when it expired and commissioners chose not to renew it due to the area's slow economic recovery.

It would bring the county \$630 million in tax revenue over 10 years if approved.

But the added penny brings up concerns among locals. Former Seminole Commissioner Grant Maloy joined members of the Libertarian Party of Seminole County on March 8 at the Taste of Oviedo event to encourage residents to vote "no" come May.

"I think a tax increase of this



PHOTO BY TIM FREED — THE VOICE

Road projects could finally be finished if a proposed one-cent tax passes.

nature and of this size – \$630 million – hurts people, it hurts businesses," Maloy said. "I don't think it's necessary, especially when you look at how much money the county commissioners have been wasting."

"They need to spend money wiser."

Maloy said the county's allocation of \$2 million dollars last year to the Orlando City Soccer Club Stadium – located in Orange County – stood out as one of the many poor decisions by the Board of County Commissioners.

A penny sales tax would cost an average of \$176 per year to a family of four living under a salary of \$91,000 a year, Seminole County Financial Administrator

Cecilia Monti said. That number could be higher though, depending on the families' spending habits and major purchases, she added.

David Leavitt, a Longwood business owner and chairman of the Libertarian Party of Seminole County, claimed that rent for commercial property could jump up too if residents vote the tax through. His total rent per year would go up by \$1,800 between one warehouse and one retail location, used for his businesses A1 Assets and Refresh Computers, he said.

"What business owner wants to pay more rent?" Leavitt said.

"I remember when the sales tax

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Diner dilemma

Local diner on the chopping block?

TIM FREED
The Voice

Another Oviedo diner could be toast if an ongoing struggle to pay impact fees continues, as per a warning from the city.

The Breakfast Club of Oviedo started serving up classic all-American breakfasts and lunches when it opened its doors on Dec. 15. Three months later, it'd racked up thousands in overdue impact fee bills forcing the city to take legal action threatening to shut it down.

Meanwhile the eatery was busy gathering a local following, knowing customers on a first name basis and drawing lines that go out the door on weekends.

"Basically when they come in, they're family," owner Shivan Dua said. "It's not just you come in, eat, pay your check and you leave."

"There's customers that come here five to seven times a week ... It gets so frequent that they come in and servers are like 'Coffee? Eggs with hash browns?' They know their exact order."

The restaurant is one of five locations in an up-and-coming chain of diners run by Dua's father and uncle, who came together to run a restaurant 14 years ago after moving to the U.S. from India.

But the Breakfast Club of Oviedo

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Your 2015 Teacher of the Year

Longtime teacher edges former student for top honor

ALLISON OLCSVAY
The Voice

For the second time in five years Rock Lake Middle School can claim one of its own as Seminole County's Teacher of the Year. And teachers from Oviedo and Winter Springs were close runners up.

Sixth Grade math teacher Bridget Dycus took home the top honor March 13 at a celebration honoring the teachers of the year from each school.

"She's passionate," said Pamela Shellman, Rock Lake's principal. "She genuinely cares about every student at Rock Lake."

Think of the selection process as an NCAA finals bracket: Teachers get into the tournament by being nominated for their own school's teacher of the year. If they win, they enter a

field of 66, which gets narrowed down to 12 semi-finalists by judges who watch the teachers in action in the classroom. Then it's down to the big three.

This year for the first time, the committee chose three finalists, one to represent each of the school levels, elementary, middle and high school.

"These are the people who get the job done for us," said Seminole County School Superintendent Walt Griffin. "There's nothing more important than a great teacher in every classroom and the results that Seminole County earns year after year are because of these great teachers."

"It is such an honor for all of us to pause and celebrate them," he said.

Elizabeth Jarzynka is this year's High School Teacher of the Year. She teaches moderately intellectually disabled students at Oviedo High School and according to her principal, Robert Lundquist, her classes have

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PHOTO BY ALLISON OLCSVAY — THE VOICE

Bridget Dycus is the 2015 Seminole County Schools Teacher of the Year.



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FAMILY CALENDAR

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

Geneva Founders Day is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 22 at the Geneva Rural Heritage Center 101 E. Main St., Geneva. Call 407-792-0758 or visit RuralHeritage-Center.net for more information. We are looking for craft vendors. Booth space is \$10. Email Gail at morr8250@bellsouth.net or call 407-349-5579 if you are interested in a booth space.

The city of Oviedo presents its **Family Fun Day** event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 22 at Riverside Park on Lockwood Boulevard. The event benefits Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Families will enjoy food from Central Florida's finest food trucks, music, inflatable games and activities for the kids, and many different types of vendors. For more information, visit cityofoviedo.net/node/1465

MARCH 22-23

Winter Guard International's Southeastern **Color Guard Championships** event will bring together premier color guard teams in the region to compete for top honors. The two-day event will pit teams against each other for a multi-round competition at two different venues on March 22-23. Preliminaries March 22 are at Hagerly High School, 3225 Lockwood Blvd. in Oviedo and CFE Arena at the University of Central Florida. CFE Arena will also host the finals March 23. For the full schedule and tickets, visit wgi.org or call 866-589-7161.

MARCH 23

The **Mad Science Laboratory** is hosting a free anniversary celebration from 1 to 5 p.m. on March 23 at the Oviedo Mall. Kids will get to make slime, see how cotton candy is made, and taste a Mad Science burp. Experiments from the Laboratory's summer camps will be available to give kids a taste of summer camps offered. For more information or to RSVP, call Kylie Koscoe at 386-898-4570 or email madsciencerocks@gmail.com

MARCH 30

St. Luke's Concert Series presents the **Lutheran Cantata Choir** and Chamber Ensemble at 3 p.m. on March 30 for "Come to the Water" directed by Joseph Kember. It's an inspirational collection of sacred choral music, celebrating Lutheran music heritage, while drawing from a diverse genre of traditional and contemporary composers. Water being a Christian symbol of renewal and hope! The public is invited. Admission to the concert (and to the reception which follows) is free.

Calendar

MARCH 26

Trinity Preparatory School will host **writer David James Poissant**, author of "The Heaven of Animals," his debut short story collection. Poissant's stories have appeared in *The Atlantic*, *One Story* and *The Southern Review*, and he has been awarded the George Garret Fiction award, Matt Clark Prize and the Alice White Reeves Memorial Award from the National Society of Arts & Letters. His story "Lizard Man" was the winner of the 2011 Rope-

walk Chapbook Prize. It's at 7 p.m. March 26 at The Trinity House, Trinity Preparatory School, 5700 Trinity Prep Lane in Winter Park. Readings are free and open to the public. For directions or information, call 407-671-4140 or go to trinityprep.org

The Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce presents **Bagels and Business** at 8 a.m. March 26 at the Oviedo Mall Community Room. The program continues until 9:30 a.m. Visit oviedowintersprings.org for more information.

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APRIL 1

Are you a young executive younger than 40? Are you currently looking for new networking opportunities? Come join the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce for the **April Young Executives event** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, at Spill Wine and Beer. Visit oviedowintersprings.org for more information.

Notes

Register for camps

Registration is now open for **Oviedo's Adventure Camp and Sports Camp** (basketball and volleyball). You can inquire about fees and scholarship opportunities for Oviedo residents at 407-

971-5575. Club Riverside Summer Camp is also signing up residents and non-residents for the upcoming camp after the end of the school year. Call 407-971-5575 for information about that camp or to sign up.

Cheesesteaks for charity

Want to eat **cheesesteak sandwiches and help fight cancer** at the same time? The Oviedo Cheesesteaks for Life fundraiser, benefiting Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society, will be March 28. Another promotion coming up that will help Relay for Life is a \$10 large one-topping pizza deal from Pizza Hut on Friday, April 11. Half the proceeds will go to Relay for Life. Call 407-971-5565 for more information.

Voice columnist gets big exhibit

After making history as the first non-Greek and American artist to exhibit in the National Archaeological Museum of Greece, local fine art photographer **J. Josh Garrick returns** from a tour in Greece and Turkey to show at the Consulate General of Greece in New York. The exhibit — "Seeking the Ancient Kallos" — will return from its international tour to New York City from April 10 to May 3.

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THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK IN WORLD HISTORY — MARCH 21, 1963 — Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay closes down and transfers its last prisoners. At its peak use in 1950s, "The Rock," or "America's Devil Island," housed more than 200 inmates at the maximum-security facility surrounded by frigid water.

DINER | Caught up on payments, but city threat still looms

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do recently struggled with paying off impact fees to the city for its plaza location along Alafaya Trail. The diner failed to pay impact fees of \$1,089.72 per month for September, October and November of last year before finally paying it all off in December.

They recently fell behind in payments once again, owing a portion of their February fee and their fee for March.

The city voted at their March 3 meeting to allow City Manager Bryan Cobb to file an affidavit revoking the diner's certificate of occupancy if they continued missing payments. Dua received a notice of the city council's actions shortly after and immediately paid off the existing impact fee bills.

Continued late payments will force the Breakfast Club of Oviedo to face the code enforcement magistrate, who has the ability to shut down the restaurant, Cobb said.

"It allows the city to take code enforcement action," he said. "Our hope is that they'll pay and get themselves on track."

Resident Jane Masters said Oviedo's shortage of classic diners would be cut even shorter with the loss of the Breakfast Club of Oviedo.

"We had nothing in this area, we had to drive to Longwood and Casselberry," said Masters, who eats at the Breakfast Club of Oviedo every Monday.

"I'd be lost without it and it's



PHOTO BY TIM FREED — THE VOICE

The Breakfast Club of Oviedo has built a cult following, but has struggled to keep up with bills from the city.

only been open a few months."

The Oviedo Diner along Geneva Drive went up in flames last August after a fire of unknown origin started inside the building overnight. Owners Tony and Patty Nikollaj hinted on the diner's Facebook page that they would eventually return, but no details have surfaced since.

Oviedo's 51-year-old Town House Restaurant will be forced to relocate to make way for the road widening of Broadway Street. Those plans are already in the works, with the restaurant slated to start construction on a new nearby location in April or May. It's set to open once the old location is torn down in December.

Oviedo's impact fees are among the highest Dua has seen: totaling almost \$30,000, he said. The Breakfast Club of Casselberry cost the Dua family only \$7,000 in impact fees, though the building once housed

a bakery that had already paid a portion of the fees.

"I didn't have any money to open this place up — my father and my uncle helped me finance this place," Dua said. "I have to pay them back on a monthly basis, so every penny to me matters right now."

But Oviedo Mayor Dominic Persampiere noted that, unlike other

cities in the county, Oviedo allows businesses to pay off the impact fees over a span of 12 months, lightening the financial burden and allowing them to grow.

"We put in place policies that are out of the norm for most municipalities in order to help the small business owner start their new ventures," Persampiere said. "However, the only thing we ask in return is for that business owner to abide by the payment schedule that they've agreed to."

"It's not fair to all of those who have followed the agreements if we don't enforce the rules fairly for everybody."

Dua remained confident that the restaurant will be able to survive and pay off the necessary upcoming impact fee payments.

The chain plans to open another diner in Altamonte Springs this month.

SALES TAX | Business rent in peril?

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All of the sudden my rent was lower and then it hit me 'Oh, that's right. The sales tax went from 7 percent to 6 percent. I can give that guy a raise now.'"

Seminole County Financial Administrator Cecilia Monti confirmed that the sales tax could apply to commercial property rent depending on how the lease is written.

The lack of awareness about the penny sales tax or the election coming in May shocked Leavitt even further when he approached residents at the Taste of Oviedo event.

"Probably one or two out of 100 knew we were even going to have the election," Leavitt said.

"I'm talking about people who are registered to vote."

The county's decision to hold a special election over the sales tax instead of waiting for the general election could contribute even further to a lack of voter turnout, Leavitt said.

Roughly 20 percent of Seminole County voters cast a ballot in the 1991 special election when the penny sales tax was first approved, according to Seminole County Supervisor of Elections Michael Ertel. The turnout in 2001 for a special election renewing the tax brought just below 21 percent of the voters.

More than double the amount of voters came out to the general

election in 2010, when 50 percent of residents with voter registration made their voices heard.

"If I have a special election, you're eliminating the possibility of a huge percentage of the population just not voting," Leavitt said.

Geneva resident Richard Creedon said the county should take a straightforward approach with taxing residents, raising the millage rate if they want additional revenue for road projects. Leaving it up to residents on whether the tax is needed seems like a sneaky, hands-off method, he said.

"This way if people think it was the right thing to do, they'll give you a pat on the back," Creedon said. "If not, maybe they'll un-elect you next time. That's what you're supposed to do in a representative government. You're not supposed to give it to the people and then say, 'Well if the taxes go up it's not our fault.'"

A millage increase would come at a far greater cost for residents, who would have to pay a higher rate at the city, county and public school level, Monti said.

"That would definitely come to a higher amount than what the sales tax costs," she said.

It's crucial that residents understand the true cost of the penny sales tax if it's approved in May, Maloy said.

"The other side likes to keep saying that it's a penny," he said. "It's not a penny."

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TEACHERS | Two of three finalists for the 2015 Teacher of the Year came from Oviedo and Winter Springs

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been videotaped to demonstrate the Marzano teaching method to new teachers.

She is also the founder of the Creative Movements Dance Club at Oviedo. Herself a former dancer, Jarzynka felt it was important to give her students and others with disabilities the opportunity to have a "normal" high school experience.

Bridget Dycus was not only this year's Middle School and District Teacher of the Year, she also taught this year's Elementary School Teacher of the Year when he was in middle school.

"Her classroom theme is superheroes," said Shellman, "and she lives it, she won't hesitate to help anyone who comes to her."

Keith Erickson, himself a product of Seminole County schools, is the Educational Technology Facilitator at Layer Elementary and this year's Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

There he uses technology to get kids excited about learning, something he may have picked up from Mrs. Dycus' computer class back in middle school. Now he teaches fifth graders how to create video games.

"They don't know it, but they are picking up a valuable skill while they are having fun," Erickson said.

His fourth-grade classes are using CAD to build roller coasters and his third-graders are designing websites.



PHOTO BY ALLISON OLCVAY — THE VOICE
Seminole County Schools Teacher of the Year Bridget Dycus, right of center, poses with School Board officials after winning March 13.

"My goal is to relate technology to real life situations and jobs, I want to pass on memorable experiences that may open inspiring paths for them," Erickson said.

For Bridget Dycus, transforming math from a drudgery many students hate into an exciting prospect is the stuff that keeps her challenged and inspired.

"You have to make it exciting, you have to make it fun and you have to make it apply to their lives. So for my state-ranked golfer, I make geometry prob-

lems that have to do with golfing, for my state-ranked swimmer, we make problems about swimming. I have a budding baker and we always use her recipes for ideas for math problems, because math doesn't have to be

that dreaded, dry subject that nobody loves."

Dycus is also an inspiration to her fellow teachers, working with them to share knowledge and support each other.

"She not only does a great

job with her students, but she mentors other teachers and volunteers to do everything," Shellman said.

In Dycus' own words, "Teachers are those people who truly cheer for each other, we genuinely enjoy helping each other."

For Dycus this is true both at work and at home. Her husband Tim is also a Seminole County educator. He teaches art at Winter Spring High School. Their twins are eighth graders at Millennium Middle School.

During her acceptance speech, Dycus recognized her fellow teachers and all the hard work they do.

"I am so flattered and humbled to represent the phenomenal educators in this county," she said. "I know the talent and expertise and the dedication, because I experienced it as a student in [Seminole County] classrooms. I have had the pleasure of teaching the grandchildren of some of the teachers who taught me."

"My greatest inspiration though comes from my children, I just aspire to be the teacher that they deserve."

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ATHLETICS

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS HISTORY — MARCH 20, 1897 — The first known intercollegiate basketball game is played, becoming the first blowout win on the same day. Yale took on the University of Pennsylvania, beating them 32-10. Basketball was invented six years earlier by James Naismith at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, Mass.

Knights dominate No. 25 Miami



ARCHIVE PHOTO BY SARAH WILSON — THE VOICE

The Knights' bats stayed hot, but not enough to keep up with Central Connecticut in an extra innings loss that stopped a sweep.

ISAAC BABCOCK
The Voice

The Knights baseball team made a big impression against the No. 25 Miami Hurricanes Tuesday, dominating them in a 9-2 blowout win.

Tanner Olson's eight innings on the mound and only two runs allowed kept the Knights ahead the entire game as they piled on the runs. Derrick Salberg and Sam Tolleson each had three hits and an RBI in the game, which lifted the Knights' spirits after a loss on Sunday to Central Connecticut.

The Knights had already turned a weekend of bizarre twists into two wins when they stepped into the 10th inning of game three against Central Connecticut (2-2) and everything fell apart.

The 5-4 extra innings loss in that final game was actually two losses in one. The Knights (9-12) lost a lead that they had held for all but half an inning for the entire game when they gave up two runs in the ninth on a one-out, two-RBI single that would change the course of the game in an instant. Two 10th-inning pass balls and a deep-fly ball later, the Knights were sunk.

Sam Tolleson gave the Knights most of their offensive fireworks, going three-for-five with two RBI in the game on a double and a solo shot.

The Knights would use six pitchers in the game, with Zach Rodgers giving up just two runs on 5 and 1/3 innings pitched while striking out three. Tyler Martin would draw the short straw in the game, giving up the loss and retiring none in his 10th inning relief appearance.

With a lot more baseball season left to go the Knights start up American Athletic Conference play March 21 with a three-game series against Cincinnati (7-11), which is nearly the con-

ference basement dweller.

The Knights will be looking to shore up their AAC credibility after a disastrous season for UCF's basketball teams, both of which had lopsided losing seasons. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. March 21, followed by games at 4 p.m. on March 22 and 1 p.m. on March 23.



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The Knights' strong pitching kept them ahead of No. 25 Miami in an upset win.

Rollins baseball

Three games into Sunshine State Conference play, the Tars have three conference losses. The Tars dropped all three to Tampa at home by 9-0, 6-3, and 12-8 margins.

Center fielder Peter Nicoletto, batting deep in the order, cranked out three hits in four at bats and scored two runs to try to boost the Tars to victory Sunday, but a wild 12-run effort by Tampa (23-1, 6-0), which took the lead on a four-run eighth inning, decided it.

With the losses, the Tars (12-11, 0-6) sank to the bottom of the SSC standings, below winless Saint Leo. They head to St. Petersburg to face Eckerd (14-6, 4-2) this weekend, then take off to Miami Shores for a three-game series against Barry (17-8, 1-5) on March 28-29, but will return home for a game against Saint Leo (14-8, 0-3) at 6 p.m. April 2.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Hospice and how we care for our final days

In spite of our sun-splashed Central Florida days, many among us face some pretty dark days.

Some of our Central Florida friends, family, and neighbors are dealing with terminal illness, facing the possibility of the end of their days. Death is more unavoidable than taxes, but how would you prepare for it?



Dr. Nancy Rudner Lugo
Health Action

Everyone wants to be comfortable. Most of us want to be in control. And the vast majority of us prefer home over medical offices or hospitals. "There's no place like home," said Dorothy as she clicked

her magic shoes together. Everyone has a different perspective on treatment and difficult decisions. Doctors are trained to treat, as pointed out by physician author Atul Gawande (<http://tinyurl.com/266xt7w>). Each person may have his or her own sense of how far down the treatment road he or she may want to go.

Hospice is an option for maintaining the highest quality of life possible and preparing for the end of life. More than 44 percent of people who died in the United States in 2011 were under the care of a hospice program at the time of their death, according to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Who is hospice for? When the diagnosis is for limited survival, hospice is an option. Patients facing a condition with limited survival can be taken in if they have been

medically certified to have less than six months to live, although time-specific predictions can be illusive. Twenty years ago, most hospice patients had cancer, but now end-stage heart, lung, kidney and liver diseases are common reasons for hospice.

A common myth is that hospice is only for the very last days of life. Hospice can provide supportive services for many months and help the patient and family prepare for life's biggest transition. A multi-disciplinary hospice team, including a nurse, physician, social worker, clergy, and home health aide keep the patient as comfortable as possible. This diverse caregiving team can help control symptoms and pain, guide and support family members providing care, and address issues important to the patient and family. Hospice can also give quick-response care when pain

or symptoms flare up. The majority of hospice patients stay in their own home for most of their care, although facilities are also available when intensive care is needed.

Some patients and families see choosing hospice as "giving up." Others see it as regaining control of their lives at a difficult time and staying in the comfort of home as long as possible. Patients have the option of leaving hospice services at any time. Some opt out of hospice if symptoms improve or they decide to pursue treatment. One study found hospice patients lived an average of one month longer than similar people who did not opt for hospice. This may be because the hospice patients' symptoms were managed, they did not undergo risky last hope treatments, and they did not experience iatrogenic (caused by medical care) complications.

Are all hospice services the same? No, and no two patients are the same. Central Florida has several hospice services, caring for patients in different counties throughout the area. Just like every school and every restaurant is different, each hospice has a different feel. We have nonprofit and for-profit hospices. We have hospices going through transitions along with more stable organizations. If you are considering hospice, you can have several hospices visit you as you decide if it is an option for you and which one fits you best. As difficult as it can be, it is always easier to explore your options early rather than waiting for a crisis. A discussion with hospice is not a commitment; it can provide information and options to consider for some tough questions.

Get more information at hospicefoundation.org

'Resurrection' and our life-after-death obsession

I just read that the new ABC drama "Resurrection" led the pack in terms of viewership for Sunday night TV on March 9. The premise of the show is that someone who has died miraculously returns from the dead in order to help people work through unresolved issues and grief.

I find it curious that the viewing public is still enamored with people returning from the dead even though we live in a post-Christian society, with the entertainment industry leading the way in skepticism about Christianity. While we can wander away from Christ, we can't wander away from the question his life and death answered: Is there life after death?

The Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes observes: "Yet God has made everything

beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end" – Ecclesiastes 3:11

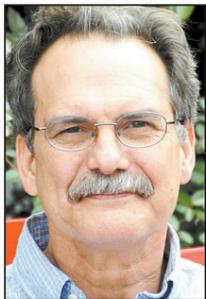
Nearly every culture that has ever existed has embraced some version of an afterlife. Even our hyper-materialistic 20th Century toyed with science fiction story lines in which people came back from the dead, sometimes as zombies, sometimes as reincarnations. Even when we deny an afterlife it seems we can't stop thinking about it. It's in the human heart.

The Ecclesiastes passage reminds us that human knowledge, at least in the realm of eternity, is limited. When we don't know, the urges of the human heart will cause us to use our imaginations to dream about what we hope for and desire, or even fear. And so, we will continue to fantasize about what might be or could be. And the entertainment industry will continue to feed our curiosity.

About a month from now we will be celebrating Easter, when Jesus conquered the grave. Throughout history millions of

Christians have not just placed their hopes of his version of eternity, they have bet their lives on it. They have understood that because of Jesus' death and resurrection, those who believe in Him can experience a resurrection where there will be no more crying or pain (Revelation 21:4). As a pastor, I have seen the power of this understand-

ing played out in funeral homes around the world. Like everyone, Christians grieve the loss of loved ones. But behind their tears is a conviction that God himself will one day wipe away those tears. It's a story worth a second look because in the end, eternity is not what we make of it, but what God has made of it. Just sayin'.



Jim Govatos
Reality Lines



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Now through April 11 – The Twitter Art Exhibit: Orlando

Orlando continues to enhance its reputation in the art world as Central Florida artist Robin Maria Pedrero creates – and curates – the “Twitter Art Exhibit: Orlando.” Opening tonight at 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. The exhibit is free and open to the public, visit twitterartexhibit.org

Now through April 20 – Shakespeare takes on Julius Caesar

Shakespeare’s version of the death of Julius Caesar explores the line between

patriotism and personal ambition with Caesar’s assassination leading the world to the brink of anarchy. In an already brilliant season for the Shakespeare Center, “Julius Caesar” is 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.

Now through 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. The play examines how families deal with greed, mendacity, (repressed) sexual desire, and death. Presented in Mad Cow Theatre’s beautiful new complex through April 20, visit madcowtheatre.com or call 407-297-8788.



March 21 – The Art of Thomas Thorspecken at Snap!

Artist and urban legend “Thor” acts as a human camera, sketching and recording events around Central Florida and posting daily sketches on his digital diary. Those very personal watercolor sketches of very public

events will be celebrated in an exhibit of Thomas Thorspecken’s work opening March 21 at 7 p.m. at Snap! at 1013 E. Colonial Drive in Orlando. In addition to the exhibit, Thor will sign copies of his new book “Urban Sketching.” Visit snaporlando.com for more information about the event.

March 22 – The Broadway Tenors with the Orlando Philharmonic

Central Florida is blessed with great singing-actors. In two performances at 2 and 8 p.m. on March 22, we can experience Broadway’s finest as Eatonville native Norm Lewis leads a team of tenors in an evening of Broadway classics from “West Side Story,” “Chicago,” “42nd Street,” and more. Fresh from his Broadway triumph as Porgy in “Porgy and Bess,” Mr. Lewis will be joined by Brent Barrett and Matt Cavanaugh with the Orlando Philharmonic conducted by Christopher Wilkins. Visit orlandophil.org or call 407-770-0071.

March 22 – Brevard Symphony makes history with Space Shuttle Atlantis

In partnership with the Kennedy Space Center, the Brevard Symphony Orchestra will make history by presenting the first ever concert under the space shuttle. Christopher Confessore will conduct “Symphonic Odyssey,” a once-in-a-lifetime concert beneath the Space Shuttle Atlantis on March 22 at 8 p.m. Featuring music from “Star Wars,” “Star Trek” and the fanfare by Richard Strauss from “2001: A Space Odyssey,” tickets are \$150 and \$250 (including dinner). Visit brevardsymphony.com or call 321-242-2024.



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March 22 – The Luau – A Special Olympics fundraiser

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Luau is set in the lush landscaping of the Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Studios. The 'adventurous' evening features tropical cuisine, cocktails, live entertainment, crab races, and a silent and live auction. The event raises funds for Team Florida as they journey to compete in the 2014 USA Special Olympics. Celebrate the transformative power

of the Special Olympics on March 22 and say 'aloha!' to Team Florida. Visit specialolympicsflorida.org

March 23 – Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture in Florida

Kenneth Treister, co-author of "Bok Tower Gardens: America's Taj Mahal," will discuss his new book and his connection to Frank Lloyd Wright at Lakeland's Florida

Southern College on March 23 at 10 a.m. Following the presentation is a book signing and optional tour of the world's largest collection of Wright architecture, including a visit to Usonian House, the only Wright

house built since the late 1960s for its original client on its original site. The brunch is \$10 and the tour is \$20. RSVP to Bobby Baum at 863-686-8820 or rbaum@gte.net

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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 Evita and her rise to power from being an illegitimate child from the slums to becoming First Lady of Argentina. 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.

March is National Noodle and Sauce Month

I only just learned this, but with half the month still to go, those of us who cannot get enough Italian have one more reason to celebrate. A couple suggestions ...

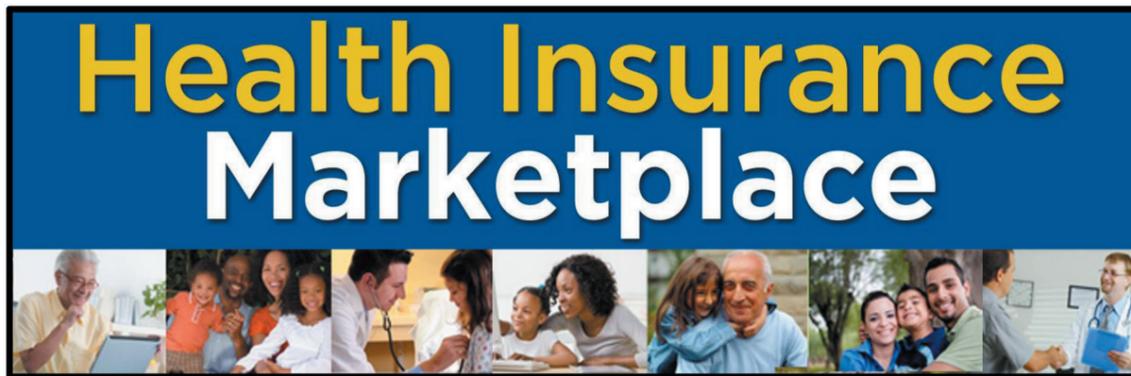
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My personal favorite, Francesco's in Maitland, offers handmade noodles and sauces with a classic Sicilian influence. Their wood-burning ovens add a rich flavor, and Francesco uses only sustainable, local ingredients at 400 S. Orlando Ave. Visit francescos-rist.com

And looking ahead ...

Along with the wonderful news that the new Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts will open this November, the Orlando Ballet is the first of Central Florida's major performing arts groups to announce a community partnership that will allow the company to perform its 2014-2015 season in the Center's new Walt Disney Theater. This forward thinking partnership gives us all more opportunity to experience the new performance space. Hooray and Hallelujah! Congratulations to all involved. Visit drphilipscenter.org



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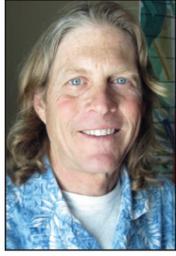
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VOICES

THIS WEEK IN POLITICAL HISTORY — MARCH 23, 1983 — Barney Clark dies, 112 days after becoming the world's first recipient of a permanent artificial heart. The 61-year-old dentist spent the last four months of his life at the University of Utah Medical Center attached to a 350-pound console that pumped air in and out of the aluminum-and-plastic implant through a system of hoses.

Perpetual food (that you can't find at a store)

While being admonished not to live on bread alone, we are told the story about the fishes and loaves to encourage us to learn to catch our own to eat for a lifetime. A few simply grown crops can provide any family in our Central Florida climate with an amaranthine source of food.



Tom Carey
From my garden to yours

Trading our control of physical needs for mere economic knowledge leaves us lacking in essential esteems that rounds out our humanity. We still need to eat three times a day, and finding ways to provide a source of perpetual

nourishment will enamor our lives with purpose and merit.

French sorrel (*Rumex acetosa*) is a leafy green that has a surprisingly tangy flavor that perks up any salad, soup or sauce. The perennial plants grow robustly through any of our winters or summers with moderate frost or shade protection. The harvested leaves are succulent and crisp, but do not stand up to the rigors of industrial harvesting and distribution; you will rarely see it available at a retail outlet (talk about bragging rights!). The sour oxalic acid should be consumed in moderation, but in our unlimited menus, exclusive consumption is rarely a problem. A few sorrel plants will forever equip any family with all the tang they will ever need.

Garlic chives (*Allium tuberosum*) are an alternative to bulbing garlic, which in my

garden only produce garlic scallions from individually planted cloves. A small clump of rooted divisions will easily propagate (think Sorcerer's Apprentice) into any garden scheme. Most of us will recognize these bits of green floating in our egg drop soup endearing our palette with a light, sweet alternative to sometimes sharp storage garlic. Appearing as a 6-inch clump of grass, combing and pruning a handful of tender blades is all the garlic necessary for any recipe. My garden pesto consists of basil, French sorrel, garlic chives, olive oil, and any cheese and nuts pasted through the food processor.

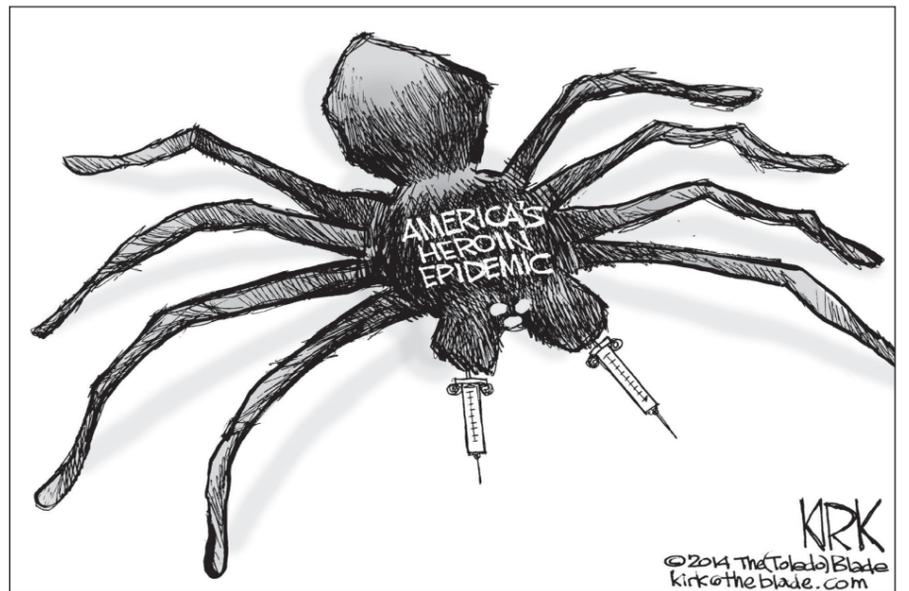
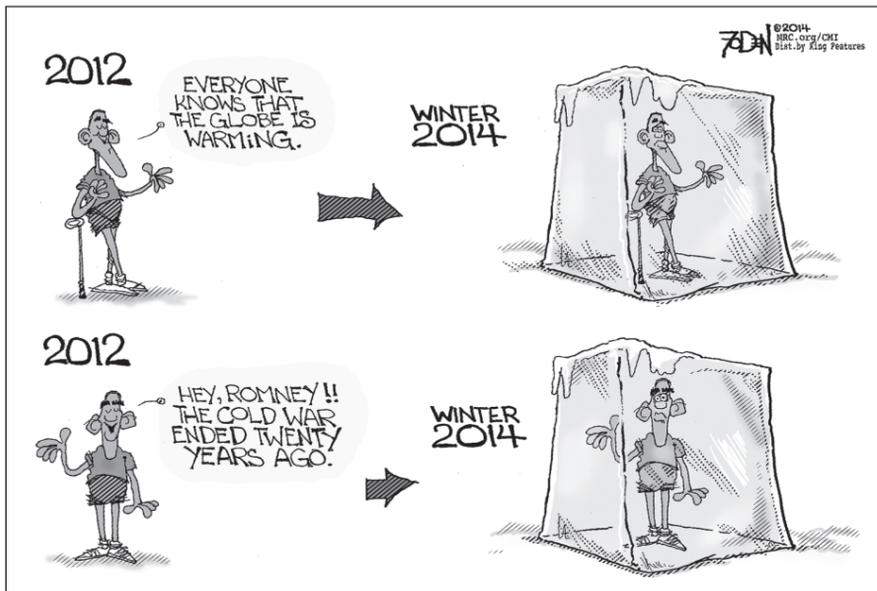
Although not truly a perennial, properly nurtured collard greens (*Brassica oleracea*) will produce for numerous seasons or even years. Harvest the individual leaves, never the growing crown, and

eventually the plant will rise up to 3 feet tall to meet your needs. Started from seed, I develop transplants that are then set out mere inches apart to proffer "thinning greens" for an early harvest. An identical plant species to broccoli, kale and cabbage, the nutritional value of collards are worthy of a column of their own (which I wrote several months ago). Put more than a mess of 'South in your mouth,' consider collard Kraut, chips, wraps, slaw or juice.

WHO IS CAREY

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Putting yourself in someone else's shoes isn't easy for you. But if you do it, you'll gain a better perspective of what you need to do to achieve your goals. Be open to new ideas.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There are still some problems you might have to deal with before moving on to your next project. It's a good idea to accept help from those who share your objectives.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's time to recognize the difference between those who are truly concerned for you and those who simply plan to use your good nature to their advantage. New ideas become increasingly attractive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Depending on a promise made becoming a promise kept could be more than a mite unwise at this time. It's best to proceed on your own rather than wait for aid that might never arrive.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recently revitalized relationship might not be quite what the Big Cat expected. But give yourself more time to deal with the changes. A little flexibility can go a long way. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A major change could prompt more adjustments. Some of them might be difficult to deal with at first. But hang in there, and before you know it, you'll be coasting to your next goal.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice prompts you to speak out against an unfair situation, even if you seem to be the only one who feels that way. But you soon learn that many others agree with you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating a fuss is not usually your style. But that doesn't mean you should tolerate an ill-mannered attitude. Speak up for yourself, and you'll earn the respect of others.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have a few loose ends to tie up before you can stamp your project as complete. But once that's done, you might want to celebrate with someone special in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disappointment darkens the Goat's mood. But close friends rally to pull you through with words of encouragement. Use their confidence in you to rebuild your own self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An upcoming decision might be more difficult with inaccurate information. Best to recheck the data you have at hand right now to be sure it won't mislead you later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An offer you previously turned down might no longer be available. But if you do some checking around, you could find something else that would suit you just fine.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in helping those who cannot help themselves. Although it embarrasses you, the fact is, people like you and tell you so.

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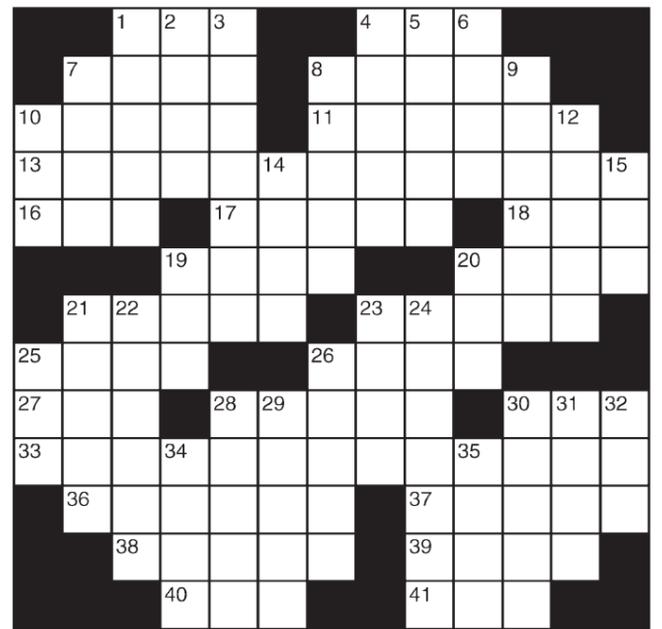
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ACROSS

- 1 Gorilla
- 4 Parisian pal
- 7 Entreaty
- 8 "Excavating for —"
- 10 Drilling device
- 11 Caught
- 13 Exempted, in a sense
- 16 Raw rock
- 17 Take another meeting
- 18 "Rocks"
- 19 Hurry
- 20 Campus VIP
- 21 Wine-glass features
- 23 Popular Indian entree
- 25 Vocal comeback
- 26 Shetland, e.g.
- 27 Needlefish
- 28 Bring out
- 30 Seek restitution
- 33 Bombastic
- 36 It was "white as snow"
- 37 More than sufficient
- 38 Hamstrings



- 39 Leading man?
- 40 "Awesome!"
- 41 Actor Chaney
- 6 "Bus Stop" playwright
- 7 Sound of contentment
- 8 Embarrass
- 9 More spooky
- 10 Past
- 12 Rot
- 14 — up (admit)
- 15 Lair
- 19 Old Oldsmobile
- 20 Parched
- 21 Muffler
- 22 Servitude
- 23 Couturier
- 24 Different
- 25 Ovum
- 26 Whines
- 28 Botanical swelling
- 29 Cut into cubes
- 30 Automobile style
- 31 "E Pluribus —"
- 32 Summer, on the Seine
- 34 Approach
- 35 Loosen

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