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Election Results

Presidential Primary

Republican
✔ McCain 36%
Romney 31%
Guiliani 15%
Huckabee 13%

Democrat
✔ Clinton 50%
Obama 33%
Edwards 14%

Property Tax Amend. 1
✔ Yes 64%
No 36%

Brevard County Tax Cap
✔ Yes 72%
No 28%

House Seat Dist. 32
Republican
✔ Sean Campbell

Democrat
✔ Tony Sasso

Their election to take Rep. Bob Allen's seat is Feb. 26.

Susan Walden

Let's count those fingers

Jonathon Wood, of The Raptor Project, jokes about making sure Alicia Stoebenau's fingers are all there after she feeds Uncle Sam, a bald eagle, a piece of meat. Stoebenau, a fifth-grade student from Holy Family Catholic School in Orlando, was one of many schoolchildren throughout Central Florida to watch Wood's performance with his various raptors at the 11th Annual Birding & Wildlife Festival Jan. 23-28. See more photos on Page .

Busing plan hits dead end

By Susan Walden

Sometimes what looks like a good thing on paper isn't always the best in real life.

Recommendations for soft redistricting students from Space Coast Junior/Senior to Clearlake Middle School in Cocoa hit a brick wall with Port St. John parents and they were boisterous about it at the Jan. 22 school board meeting. This caused the board to do some rethinking, including holding another workshop most likely before the next Feb. 12 meeting.

Soft redistricting is a procedure to move prospective students scheduled to attend a school with an excess of 110 percent capacity or greater to a neighboring school with available capacity. Current students living in the proposed soft redistricting areas would not be affected. The redistricting initiative falls under the Florida growth management bill to smooth capacity percentages by moving students to schools less crowded instead of building new schools.

Space Coast Jr./Sr. High is at a 126 percent capacity with 1,200 students and 37 portables. The plan is to take 185 prospective middle-schoolers and bus them to Clearlake Middle School in Cocoa. Space Coast will decrease to 108 percent capacity by 2011-2012 and Clearlake Middle School will increase from 59 percent capacity to 82 percent by 2011-2012.

Parents argue that the 10-mile distance is too far, the school is in another community and the area around Clearlake is undesirable.

"(The bottom line is that) we as property owners and taxpayers built, expanded and have supported SCJSH. Why would our children not have the right to attend?," said Laurie Secrest.

"The opposition has been that these parents don't want to see their children in another community," said Area IV Superintendent Ron Bobay, who is responsible for North Brevard schools. "Right now it's a 20-minute ride straight to Cocoa but will probably be 45 minutes with all the bus stops."

The words "prospective students" in the soft redistricting definition has been a catalyst for a communication problem

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Jordan: 'I want parents to be reasonably happy'

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within the board and has caused Robert Jordan, District 1 school board member and chair of the board, to ally with the parents.

"My assumption in the definition was that 'perspective' students were new students who would be moving here, not existing ones," said Jordan. "When we got more information and learned it meant students already in the county I knew it was going to be an issue."

Under the plan, some of the graduating sixth-graders would be redistricted to Clearlake instead of Space Coast. However, those who have siblings in the middle-school grade level of Space Coast would be grandfathered in to the school. Those who had siblings in the senior-high grades of Space Coast wouldn't be eligible for the grandfather clause, according to Bobay.

"This is hard redistricting to me, not soft redistricting," said Jordan. "We can't do this. My focus is to not harm our students and families."

Hard redistricting is simply drawing the lines and shifting students to another school.

Jordan's solution is to spend $5 to $7 million on additional classrooms for the Space Coast instead of redistricting the Port St. John children. He feels that it will still fall under Florida's growth management plan.

The district's 2012 plan has been to build a middle school in Port St. John but student numbers have slipped. "The five-year forecast of students at Space Coast, including middle-schoolers, is on the decline so how can I push for building a school by 2012 at the cost of $32 million? We'll have a capacity of 800 and only have 400 in it. Adding classrooms is the only answer and we can justify this with the population starting to go down," said Jordan, who built his first home in Port St. John and was the PTO treasurer of Atlantis Elementary.

"I'm not a politician but I have a job to do. I want parents to be reasonably happy. I really take this to heart."

Other soft redistricting plans

✍ Imperial Estates, Port St. John, would become part of the Apollo and Coquina Elementary boundary. This increases the capacity of Apollo Elementary from 79% to 88%. Coquina Elementary will increase from 72% to 78%.

✍ Imperial Estates will reduce from 94% to 76% to accommodate students/parents desiring a traditional calendar from Challenger 7.

✍ Atlantis and Enterprise Elementary are recommended to be frozen to out-of-area in August 2009. This impacts out of area transfers from Challenger 7 to these two schools. Prospectively this will reduce Enterprise Elementary from 127% to 107% capacity. Atlantis Elementary will reduce from 107% to 95%.

✍ Challenger 7 Elementary students seeking a traditional calendar will be bused to Imperial Estates, which will increase from 76% to 93%. Challenger 7 students/parents seeking a traditional calendar may also apply to Apollo Elementary or Coquina Elementary.

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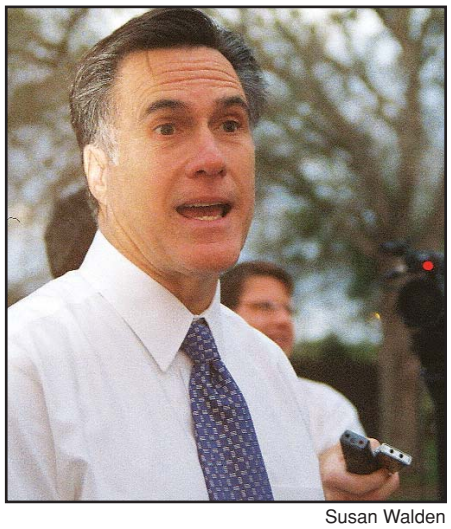

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Romney visits KSC

Republican presidential candidate Gov. Mitt Romney talks to the press at Kennedy Space Center Jan. 21. Romney fielded questions for about 10 minutes on national topics, but when asked about the space program's future, an issue paramount to the Space Coast, was ambiguous saying he'd have to study the issues.

County rolls out new ideas for Mims

By Susan Walden

The county has gone back to the drawing board and come up with perhaps a better solution for the Mims' land use issue.

Because of concerns for the town's growth -– one of those most importantly being water issues – a Mims Small Area Study was conducted in April. It recommended reducing the future Land Use Map by passing an ordinance to lessen potential density in the area - namely limiting one home per 2.5 acres instead of one acre. There was a grandfather clause within the proposal in which those with less than 2.5 acres wouldn't have to adhere to the ordinance.

"At November's meeting there were lots of questions on this and there continues to be," said Randy Hunt, a county small area studies planner.

The whole acreage recommendation didn't sit too well with some Mims residents so the county's Local Planning Agency recommended that the proposed amendments be tabled so staff could reexamine questions raised by property owners.

Now the county will address Mims residents in a series of meetings to roll out their new "simplified" recommendation, a modification of the original.

"We looked carefully at lots that were 1- to 1.5-acre lots to see if there was a way we can draw a boundary between them and the bigger lots," said Hunt. "It's difficult to have both in one area. One idea that bubbled to the top is that it is possible to draw area boundaries, and there are three areas in Mims to do this – two north of Grantline Road and one around Hammock and Lionel Road.

Hunt thinks the new proposal will quell fears, hopefully stop rumors and will be a "win-win situation."

"We can still keep our demand for water low, we don't have to worry about the grandfather part of the recommendation and we can still keep some orange groves," said Hunter, who describes his job as someone who puts a human face on what looks like a faceless bureaucracy.

He said that the Mims area is one of the last bastions of the old Florida agricultural look.

"With many orange groves still around the Mims area, it is the only part of Brevard that still has an agricultural heritage that can been seen. We want to keep some of this."

The next community meeting is Feb. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Cuyler Park, Harry T. Moore Ave., Mims. A follow-up meeting is Feb. 18, 6:30-7:30 at Cuyler Park.

There will also be two public meetings in Viera: the Local Planning Agency, Feb. 25, 3 p.m. at the Commission Meeting Room, Bldg. C, Brevard County Center.

The commissioner's meeting to decide the recommendations is March 18, 9 a.m., Commission Meeting Room, Bldg. C at the Brevard County Government Center.

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Wild, wild times at the Birding & Wildlife Festival

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Left, Jonathon Wood shows a bald eagle to the crowd Jan. 25 at the BCC's gymnatorium. His Raptor Project, a hit every year at the fest, features many birds. After talking about them on stage, he welcomes the crowd to go outside with him where he takes a falcon outside. Top, Brian Archer with Hands-On Wildlife Safari strolls around outside the exhibit center showing off a bull snake. Students were encouraged to feel the snake and ask questions, such as "Why is his tail in that big knot?"

It was a little ironic ... or maybe a little "Wild Kingdom." Woods had a small problem retrieving his falcon because of a nearby bald eagle, a predator.

Don't worry, that gator won't bite. Well, only because he's got tape on his mouth. Jeffrey Quinn, a fifth-grader from Holy Family Catholic School, tells Larry Champion, from Hands-On Wildlife Safari, that holding Al, the 3-year-old gator, is "awesome."

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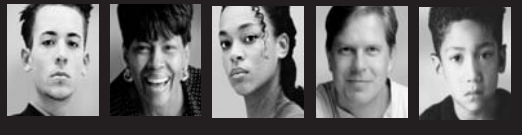

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Stars perform at Day of Dance

Recording artist Drew Seeley, the singing voice for Troy in High School Musical (2006) (TV), will perform at the Parrish Medical Center 2008 Day of Dance for Health Street Party on Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. in downtown Titusville.

Seeley fronted the national R&B act, "Nu Ground" from 1999-2002. He released a CD and toured, opening for Mya, K-ci & Jojo, Tyrese, The Baha Men, among others. Seeley is also an accomplished writer, having most recently worked with Raven Symone.

A Lake Brantley High School (Orlando) graduate, Seeley also has contributed music to all three of the highest rated Disney Channel Original Movies: "High School Musical" (2006) (TV) of which he was nominated for an Emmy Award, "The Cheetah Girls 2" (2006) (TV), and "Jump In!" (2007) (TV).

Opening for Seeley is 16-year-old Jordan Pruitt, a featured performer on the Disney Channel and Radio Disney. Pruitt has toured with the Cheetah Girls, Vanessa Hudgens Corbin Bleu, Drake Bell, Plain White Tees, and The Jonas Brothers as well as headlining several shows herself. Pruitt has also been the opening act for the sold-out 40 city American tour of High School Musical: The Concert.

Titusville joins more than 60 other cities to simultaneously host Day of Dance. An estimated 6,000 people attended PMC's 2007 Day of Dance for Health representing the largest attended event of all the more than 60 cities nationwide hosting a Day of Dance event. For more information visit www.parrishmed.com or call 321-268-6110.

Ceremony pays tribute to fallen astronauts

The Titusville Flag and Memorial Committee holds its annual Astronaut Memorial Ceremony Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. at the Astronaut Memorial Plaza in Sand Point Park, Titusville.

This event provides an opportunity for the community to remember all the astronauts who gave their lives for the exploration of space. It also allows the North Brevard community to recognize the contributions made by the space program.

The keynote speaker is Patrick Simpkins, director of engineering for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center. The color guard units will include active duty personnel from the U. S. Air Force, the U. S. Navy, and community fraternal and civic organizations. The Naval Ordnance Test Unit from Port Canaveral will present a 21-cannon salute at the end of the program.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

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Lady walking with purpose visits North Brevard

By D.D. Remini

No matter if it's rain, heat, sleet or snow, Kim Denmark just keeps walking.

The Ohio woman is pounding the pavement one mile at a time across the country to dramatize the need for change in relation to working poor, welfare reform, homelessness and poverty.

Denmark walked south on U.S. 1 in Titusville Jan. 18 armed with a big American flag and wearing a sandwich board that says, "Kim is walking across America." She was virtually walking south on the state's eastern seaboard and going north on the western side. But although Florida is a big state, it's peanuts in terms of miles for Denmark, who's been burning up the pavement for more than 70 months, 2,300 miles and 15 states so far.

D.D. Remini

Kim Denmark walks down U.S. 1 in Titusville on her route across America for the poor and homeless.

"My goal is to have one million signatures on a petition so I can speak to the senate on our nation's poor," she said.

"Welfare needs to be reformed; we need to look at families who are transitioning from welfare and becoming homeless. We need to address the poor as a whole – for good jobs and decent wages," said the Cincinnati native.

The very-approachable, upbeat middle-aged woman said she's received overwhelming support from people on her journey. "Some even walk with me for a while, which is fantastic," she said. "Others take me in their homes and feed me and offer to let me sleep there for a night."

Supporters have given her new sneakers, one business owner gave her a van so she can be followed safely and one man in Florida wrapped the van with her message on it for free.

She laughs when asked if she started her journey like the movie character Forrest Gump did – just slipping on shoes, exiting his home and running for a few years.

"No, I definitely had a vision and I'm fulfilling a promise to God," she said.

Denmark was a successful business owner in Dayton and a stuck-up, haughty woman, as she describes herself. Then a life-changing health issue just about claimed her life. In her struggles, Denmark had a talk with God and promised him she would not only change her ways and become more humble, but would take up the ills of the less fortunate and make a difference.

Every once in a while she approaches a town where people tell her she's not welcomed because of the color of her skin. "They say '(racial slur), you can't come into my town,' but I deal with it and say a prayer and go on to another town."

"After all, it isn't about me. It's about the people struggling in this country."

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Opinions

Here's why critters don't always make it across the road

My View

By Susan Walden

I dare you.

Why is it that we dare each other? It starts on the playground, especially boys – "I dare you to eat that mud patty over there." Then the kid eats it and has to go to the hospital because it was more than just wet dirt.

Daring is an element of comedy in TV shows and movies, such as the popular "Christmas Story," where the kids triple dog dare their friend to stick his tongue against the icy pole in the schoolyard to see if it sticks.

There are all kinds of dares. We dare to dream. We dare to live to our potential. We dare for that SOB to come into our lane or we'll shoot his tires out.

But we're not the only species on the earth that dares. Any observant driver knows daring goes on in the animal kingdom every day.

Have you seen all the poor dead squirrels all over the road that didn't make it?

"Hey Chester, I'll give you 10 nuts and tell you where my secret stash of nuts is hiding if you cross this road – but you have to wait until a car comes," says one squirrel to another. The hungry machismo squirrel cannot resist the temptation … and being exiled from his tree, friends and family if he doesn't answer the dare.

The squirrel stands at the side of the road thinking this is easy. He's about to run because the car is really far away. His daring twisted friend calls out, "Not yet. Wait for it. Wait for it. Wait for it. … OK, go." Poor Chester darts out and narrowly escapes the tires. He gets to the other side only to be told the dare isn't complete until he returns to the other side. But his return trip isn't as successful and his friend just took his nuts.

Now the poor opossum and armadillo face the same fate – usually at night because there are less cars on the road. Less cars, slower animals make the dare acceptable in the animal kingdom. Don't let them fool you. Those animals are just as daring to each other.

"OK Phil, you're not an opossum yet until you cross the road. I dare you to keep going, even if you see those two bright shiny things coming at you," says his best friend Jeffrey, who walks with a pronounced limp after narrowly escaping a horrific encounter with a VW. The sick creature thinks if he made it, anyone can.

Poor Phil.

We're told that the chicken crossed the road to get to the other side. Wrong. He was dared. It became a joke that the chickens tried to outlive, literally. They gave up their dare because so many never made it to the other side and that's why we never see dead chickens on the road. Their problem mostly was because they can't help but peck the ground every few feet.

Well, I say if they can evolve, then why can't the rest of the animal kingdom, including us?

Today's troubles prepare us for tomorrow's triumphs

We've all experienced uphill battles in our lives and as costly as these battles can be to us physically, emotionally, and financially, these battles often serve to prepare us to meet life's future challenges.

It is in the face of opposition that our dreams and beliefs truly become alive: In the presence of resistance that our inner strength and faith is manifested, tested, and given the capacity to be increased beyond all human measure.

Some of the greatest leaders that have ever lived have made their mark in this world while overcoming overwhelming odds, rising up to meet each seemingly unfavorable circumstance with valor: Always standing firmly with the highest of expectations, steadfast and immovable in their faith.

Some of these men and women were so passionate about their beliefs and cause; they were prepared, ready, and willing to meet their end in order to bring about the vision that they sought after so diligently. They pursued it with every fiber of their being and were unwavering in their resolve and commitment to their convictions.

They set their own boundaries, and raised up a standard that everyone around them could not only see and admire, but could clearly recognize and identify as being the work of greatness.

The moments in time that are marked by these great men and women are generally not those of tranquility and harmony, but are more than often marked by social and political unrest. They are times of great need and demand for their exemplary leadership.

These giants were not born this way, nor did the embrace of their calling come without a great deal of personal pain and sacrifice in their own lives.

But through adversity, they became dedicated in every sense of the word. They worked diligently toward their goals and patiently awaited the day that their labor would end and the season of their triumph would begin.

For many of these leaders, it is at the very moment that they made a decision to lay down their own agenda for their lives to answer and honor their upward calling, that their dreams and desires were given the power to become a physical reality.

This is the mark of greatness. The place where our ends meet a new and perfectly designed beginning: An eternal circle of endless promise and blessing.

We all would be fortunate to embrace a vision that would clothe us with such purity, passion, and purpose.

The world was not worthy of these men and women, but as mercy would have it, in them we were handed down a provision and given an example of what living a meaningful and empowered life looks like when it is lived out of a dimension of faith.

While we may not all grow up to be social, political, economic, or military leaders in our lifetime, we can all allow ourselves to become the very person that we were designed to be: Believing and understanding that all of our experiences, both good and bad, can serve to prepare us for life's future challenges if we can find the strength within ourselves to endure the hardships, and not grow weary.

After all, being given the desires of our heart is not finally getting our hands on the things that we've chosen to strive for in our lives, but it is being given the desire for all of the things that we have always unknowingly longed for in our hearts: And being made perfect in faith, we are approved and equipped to receive them.

Letters to the Editor

This is for Parrish Medical Center where praise is earned and deserved.

Recently, my wife Theresa, was a patient at Parrish. AS a result of their excellent care and the knowledge and attitude of her doctors, she is making a good recovery at home.

Our thanks to the following doctors: Dr. Manuel Dee, Dr. Roderick Salach, Dr. William Rylander and Dr. Simon Symeonides.

Our thanks also to the fine nursing staff and lab technicians.

Oran Woodford
Titusville

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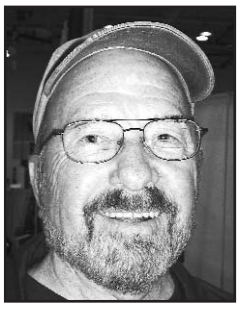

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"Put it toward my son's tuition."

Cheryl Nagy
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"I'll frame it. It would be unreal that the government gave me anything."

Netta Harris
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Is Your Home Insurance being Cancelled?

By Andrew Whitaker of Brooke Insurance

Many people have received notification that their home insurance policy will not be continued. Since there are several companies that are reducing exposure in Florida you can rest assured that you are not alone. After the initial shock many wonder where to begin to find new coverage. The first thing to keep in mind is the decision came from much higher up than your local agent. They are stuck in the middle trying to help clients. I mention this because the best place to start is with your current agent. They already know you and your property and may have other options for you. In the event that they do not have another option for your home it is wise to check with an independent agent. Since independent agents represent a diverse mix of companies they will have an option for you. Since January of 2007 many new home insurance companies have opened for business in Florida. These are in addition to the multitude of companies that have been in Florida for years. In most cases you will not have heard of these companies because they only write through independent agents. You should make sure the companies have a good financial rating and that they are an admitted carrier in Florida. For more information talk with your current agent or a local independent agent. There are options so hang in there.

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Sheriff converts annex to women's jail

By D.D. Remini

The county jail is less crowded now – not because there are fewer criminals, but because of recent renovations and moves.

Female inmates have been relocated to the refurbished jail annex from their crowded main jail where their cellblocks were adjacent to the male inmates, which caused problems.

The challenge was that the facility had been built for low-risk inmates and would need to be upgraded to house higher risk females.

Instead of building a new stand-alone facility at the tune of about $13-$15 million, Sheriff Jack Parker came up with a solution to move the females to the existing annex.

To cut costs, the sheriff put inmates to work alongside the construction manager to help refurbish the facility, which saved $1.3 million.

Because the conversion had not been budgeted by the county, and to avoid asking the county commission for a budget increase for the project, Parker agreed to pay for the renovations using savings from the sheriff's budget. The original cost estimated to upgrade the facility approached $3 million.

The renovated facility holds 297 and includes an area to house female inmates with mental illness.

"Opening the women's jail was a cost effective solution to reduce jail overcrowding and provide more space for dangerous male inmates," said Parker.

"The move of all female inmates from the mail jail has had a positive affect on the jail overcrowding situation by providing more cellblocks for dangerous male inmates.

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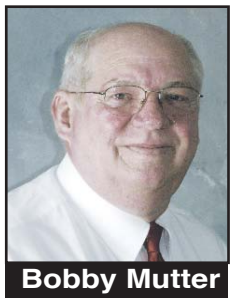

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Medical scholarships

The Jess Parrish Medical Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in a medical/healthcare field. Scholarship amounts range from $500 to $1,500 and recipients will be announced in May.

Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who reside in the North Brevard County Hospital District (Fay Boulevard in Port St. John north to the Brevard/Volusia county line). Students must have a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or greater, based on a 4.0 scale. Students who have been awarded a JPMF scholarship previously may reapply, provided they are continuing in a medical/healthcare field and have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA.

High school students who attend Astronaut High, Space Coast High and Titusville High may obtain an application from the Guidance Office at their school. Others may obtain an application by calling the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 269-4066.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 4. For an application or more information about Jess Parrish Medical Foundation call 269-4066.

Farmers Market moves … again

The Titusville Friday Farmers Market has a new location. It will be held on the corner of Broad Street and US 1 North, across from Baldwin Plaza, downtown Titusville. Hours of operation are from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The venue feaatures fresh-baked goods, fresh gourmet bread, produce, jellies and jams, hot food, flowers, native plants, coffee and tea, arts and crafts, live music and more.

For more information visit www.brevardfarmersmarkets.com or call Karen at the Titusville Chamber, 267-3036.

Fair features job market

The Titusvillel Area Chamber of Commerce holds a Career and Job Fair March 11, 4-7 p.m. at Searstown Mall. It is a one-stop opportunity for individuals looking for career information, as well as giving diligent jobseekers the chance to find employment. It is being coordinated by the Education Committee in conjunction with a variety of organizations, including Brevard County Public Schools, Brevard Community College, Brevard JobLink, and more!

The chamber seeks the following types of vendors: businesses or organizations that are willing to provide information about career opportunities within their field(s) and/or organizations; educational institutions that provide secondary learning opportunities and/or vocational training; businesses or organizations that are currently seeking to hire qualified employees.

If you fit any of those categories, you won't want to miss this event.

Contact Carol Wilson for more information at wilson@titusville.org or call 267-3036.

TitusNites highlights Elvis

Rumor has it that The King of Rock is alive and kicking and will visit the TitusNites Street Party (in various shapes and forms) on Feb. 1 from 6-10 p.m. downtown.

This year's event will offer plenty of chances for Elvis fans to dress up like him. There will be several contests going on, such as Best Blue Suede Shoes, Best Costume, Youngest and Oldest Elvis, Best Look-Alike, Best Pet Elvis Look-Alike, and many more.

The event also includes be plenty of entertainment, shopping, food, kid's games and more.

TitusNites Street parties are held the first Friday of the even months.

For more details on this great event contact Karen Johnson at 267-3036 or e-mail johnson@titusville.org.

Tech team at Fox Lake

The Titusville High School Terrier Tech team is fund-raising for their upcoming Great Race, as written about in the North Brevard Beacon. The students and 1930 Model A Ford will be at Fox Lake Park Feb. 9 with the Gateway Masonic Lodge.

The team has also launched a Web site www.terrier-tech.net. For more info, call Frank Soros at 264-3100, ext. 284.

Come to lunch and fashion show

The Holy Spirit Council of Catholic Women holds its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Holy Spirit Church Hall, 2309 Holder Road, Mims, on Feb. 7 at 11:30 a.m. This has been a season highlight since 1989.

Included in the menu are three soups, salad and desserts made by Holy Spirit women. Tickets are $8.

The Lily Pad Resort Fashions of Melbourne with models from Holy Spirit will offer on-site purchase of colorful and flattering styles.

The latest cookbook, featuring over 300 recipes from Holy Spirit parish families, is currently being printed. Advance orders are $10.

For additional information or to make large group reservations prior to the event contact President Hazel Gillooley at 268-0028 or Fashion Show Chair Joyce Starrick 269-4553.

Protect yourself

A public forum to Stop Crime Againt Our Elders called Project Fight Back is Feb. 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cocoa Beach Hilton, Sawgrass Room, 1550 North Atlantic, Ave., Cocoa Beach.

Get the up-to-date information about the latest frauds, scams and tactics used by criminals, including the newest identity theft techniques. Special guests are State Attorney Norm Wolfinger, Sheriff Jack Parker and Cocoa Beach Police Chief Bryan Holmes.

Checkers anyone?

A checkers tournament for seniors ages 60 and up is Feb. 9, 9 a.m. Isaac Campbell, Sr. Community Center, 701 South Street in Titusville. The fee for this activity is $5 per player, in advance or at the door.

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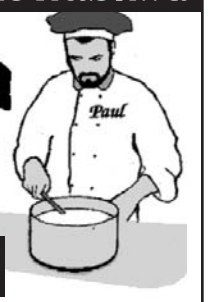

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❖ Day of Dance for Health Street Party

Saturday, February 23, 1 to 5 p.m.

Presented by PMC's Spirit of Women Program, the purpose of Day of Dance is to engage families to take action for their health by getting routine wellness check ups and getting screened for diabetes and heart disease. Screening events like Day of Dance encourage families to enjoy time together and learn about how to get and stay healthy together. Day of Dance will include health screenings and information as well as performances by Radio Disney recording artists Drew Seeley and Jordan Pruitt, The Center for Contemporary Dance, the National Double Dutch League and local dance groups.

Cost: Free

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Call 321-268-6110 or visit www.parrishmed.com/dayofdance for more information.

❖ Take Care of Your Heart Luncheon

Friday, February 1, 12 p.m.

Presented by PMC's Spirit of Women Program, HeartCaring program coordinator Marialice Knight RN, BSN will give a presentation on wome's heart health. HeartCaring is administered by the Spirit of Women Hospital Network with support from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI).

Cost: $15 per person and $12 for Spirit of Women members (Includes a lunch served at noon)

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❖ Going the Distance

Tuesday, February 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Presented by Jerald Smith, PMC Chaplain, Going the Distance discusses how to cope with the changes and challenges of a long-term marriage.

Cost: Free

Parrish Conference Center

Call 321-268-6195, PMC's People Development Department, for reservations.

❖ Youth Fitness Program (8-Week Program)

Tuesday & Friday, 5 to 6:30 p.m. beginning February 19

Parrish Health & Fitness Center now offers a Youth Fitness Training Program that provides a safe, effective fitness program under the supervision of a youth fitness counselor. Our programs use evidence-based research for physical activity for school-age children from ages 8-12. We make fitness fun! Together we will lead your children into a healthier, happier and active lifestyle.

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To register for a free consultation contact Jessica Schwartz at 321-268-6200.

❖ New Arrival Baby Care

Tuesday, February 5, 7 to 9 p.m.

Cost: Free

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sticks and apple slices for dipping. For another healthy treat, create a scrumptious popcorn mix that can be eaten out of a big bowl or divided into individual snack bags and enjoyed throughout the week. Raisins are high in antioxidants and are a great way to incorporate fruit and fiber into kids' diets.

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Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Muffins

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 12 to 14 minutes

- 1/2 cup California raisins
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup quick oats
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1/3 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 egg white

Preheat oven to 400°F and spray 18 mini-muffin tins with non-stick cooking spray. Stir together raisins and all dry ingredients in medium bowl. In separate bowl, mix together remaining ingredients and add to dry ingredients, stirring just until incorporated. Spoon into prepared muffin tins and bake 12 to 14 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Makes 18 mini-muffins.

California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread

Prep time: 10 minutes

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Your Feet
Dr. Rosen Podiatric Physicians & Surgeons Dr. Vinarub

CLUBFOOT

Clubfoot is a name that covers a number of congenital foot deformities. The most common manifestation, though, is a foot that is twisted downward and inward, creating an unnatural arch to the foot. Roughly one in every thousand births produces a clubfoot condition. Sometimes both feet are affected; sometimes only one. Boys are roughly twice as likely to be born with a clubfoot. The cause of the condition is unknown, despite the common belief that a baby's position in the womb contributes to the problem.

The good news is that about half the cases of clubfoot can be considerably improved with early treatment, since a young foot is so supple. That treatment may include a regimen of stretching and/or the use of a splint or a cast. Corrective shoes have also proven effective. In some cases, though, surgery is the only corrective option.Usually the surgery would not occur until a child is between 4 and 18 months old. The involved foot, unfortunately, rarely ever achieves a completely normal appearance and calf muscles often remain under developed. Talk with a podiatric surgeon for more information about the condition.

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Cook time: 10 minutes

3/4 cup California raisins
1/2 cup apple juice
2 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 cup creamy peanut butter

Measure raisins and apple juice into small saucepan and bring to boil; reduce heat to medium and simmer 8 to 10 minutes or until raisins have absorbed all juice. Stir in honey and cinnamon; cool slightly. Stir in peanut butter. Spread onto graham crackers, bread, mini-bagels, apple slices or celery sticks.

Makes 1 2/3 cups

Recipe Variations:

Raisin Peanut Butter Griddlers

Smear California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread on whole wheat bread, top with banana slices and brown in a skillet.

Note to parents: Just do the prep work and have your kids assemble the sandwiches.

Raisin Peanut Butter Tortilla Roll-Ups

Wrap California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread and banana slices in a whole wheat tortilla and serve in pinwheel slices.

Note to parents: Just do the prep work and have your kids assemble and roll the wraps.

Pumpkin Pie Popcorn Mix with California Raisins

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 2 to 5 minutes

1 bag low-fat microwave popcorn
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
Butter-flavored non-stick cooking spray
1 cup California raisins
1 package (5 ounces) glazed pecans

Prepare popcorn according to package directions; empty into large bowl and remove all unpopped kernels. Stir sugar and pumpkin pie spice together in small bowl. Spray popcorn liberally with cooking spray, tossing to coat evenly. Add raisins and pecans. Sprinkle with sugar mixture and toss until popcorn is well coated.

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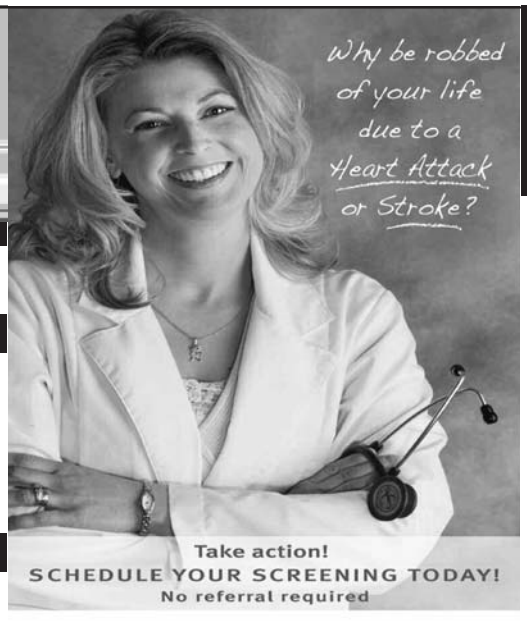

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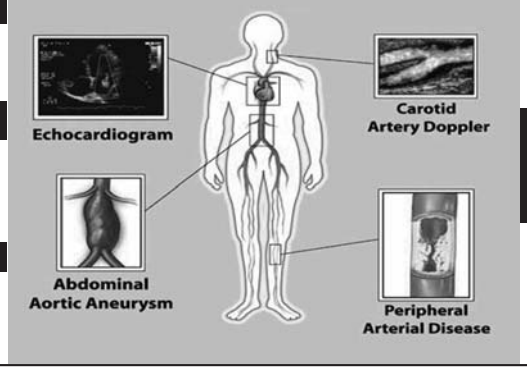

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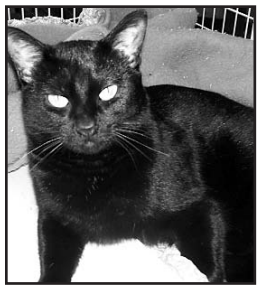

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Chocolate for a cause

Brevard Achievement Center holds An Evening of Coffee & Chocolate Feb. 9, 7-10 p.m. at Cocoa Civic Center, Cocoa Village. Cost is $30 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling (321) 632-8610.

Help the community

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The North Brevard Coalition of Human Services is the lead agency in North Brevard that directs social service initiatives to better our community. The Coalition has partnered with other organizations to develop a survey to identify social service shortfalls. By connecting partners, in the business, social service and faith based communities; a strategic approach to service delivery will direct our efforts as together we build a better community.

Come to dance

Mark your calendars for National Day of Dance, 1-5 p.m. Feb. 23 in downtown Titusville.The event is much like a street 0party filled with health screening, dance, live radio, health and fitness demonstrations, contests, food, giveaways and more. Visit www.dayofdance.org for more info,.

Is your pet the cutest?

The FL State Chapter of Dog & Cat Lovers of America in partnership with IPOC is proud to announce that many cash and prizes are up for grabs including a $1,000 cash grand prize in the 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest.

Ten entrants will also be selected to have their photo grace the cover of an internationally distributed pet book. Pet owners from the Titusville area are welcome to win a share of the prizes. The deadline for the contest is Feb. 15. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. Dog and cat photos are welcome. The photo may contain one pet or several and may include different pet types in the same photo. There is a strict limit of one photo per household to avoid disqualification.

The preferred method of entry is to enter directly online at www.CutestPetContest.com. You may also submit your photo by postal mail. Send one color photo or black and white of any size. All photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back. Photographs should be sent to: FL 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest, P.O. Box 4470, Olathe, KS 66063. Entries must be postmarked by Feb 15.

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CONNER Rex, 76, of Mims, died Jan. 17. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Homein Titusville.

COPELAND Eartha, 77, of Titusville, died Jan. 16. Arrangements by Stone Funeral Home in Cocoa.

COURSON Joseph, 80, of Titusville, died Jan. 11. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

DeGIOIA Ruby, 77, of Titusville, died Jan. 19. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GORTON Julia, 78, of Port St. John, died Jan. 22. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

HOLLOWAY Magdelene, 72, of Titusville died Jan. 18. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

HORI Sharon, from Port St. John, died Jan. 19.

HOSTENS Edward, 61, of Titusville died Jan. 24. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

LeBLANC, John, Sr., 77, of Titusville, died Jan. 25. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

MEEKS Delaney, 2, of Titusville, died Jan. 18. Arrangements by Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home in Viera.

MEECH Harry, 93, of Titusville of Jan. 18. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

MILLER Belle, 100, of Titusville, died Jan. 20. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

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REDDEN John, Jr., 61 of Port St. John, died Jan. 21. Arrangements by Atlantic Mortuary in Rockledge.

ROBERTSON James, 87, of Titusville, died

SHINE Theodore, 63, of Titusville, died Jan. 22. Arrangements by Stone Funeral Home in Cocoa.

WILSON Tracy, 37, of Titusville, died Jan. 15. Arrangements by National Cremation Society in Oviedo.

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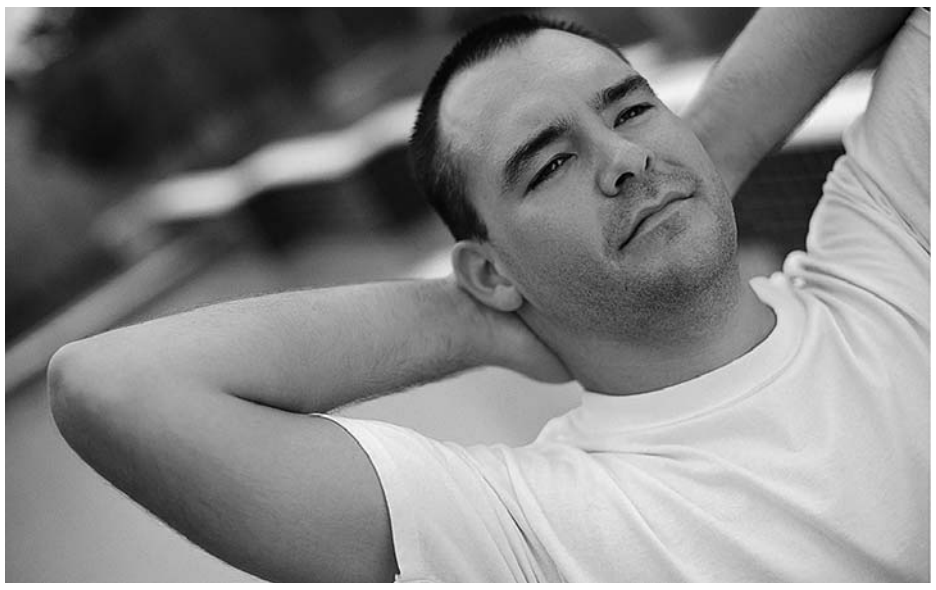

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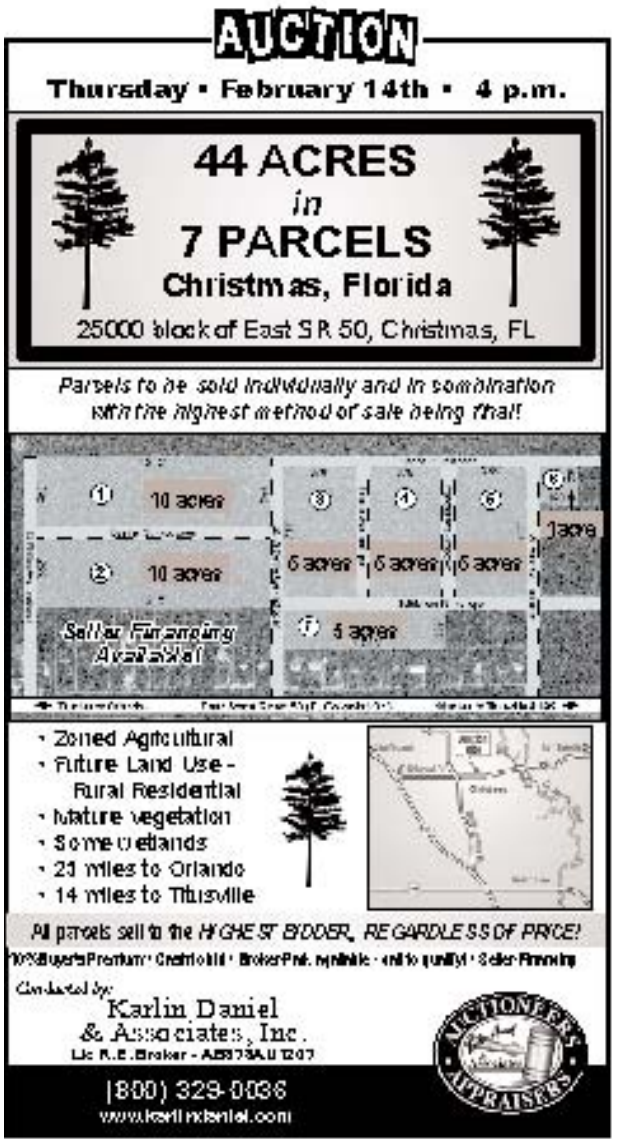

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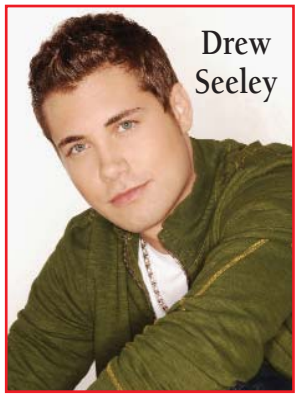

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