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School system looks for ways to reduce spending

By Susan Walden

Budget-tightening has been on the agenda at the Brevard County School Board.

Members agreed to trim \$3.5 million from the operating budget May 27 – the first reduction so far.

On May 20, Superintendent Dr. Richard DiPatri announced Phase II budget reductions as the district works to absorb a \$38.4 million budget shortfall. That number has been revised from the \$35.9 million originally discussed.

The \$3.5 million cut will come from the administrative offices of Brevard Public Schools, however, no staff will be axed.

“Starting last June, Dr. DiPatri had the foresight to freeze vacant positions and those will be eliminated,” said BPS spokesman Wes Sumner. “Other jobs will be shifted.”



DiPatri

Hitting the administrative arm of the school system minimizes the impact on the instructional core mission, an area which is the absolute last place school board members want to cut.

“We are doing our best to protect our core instruction mission, while also avoiding layoffs,” DiPatri said. “On the staff side, these Phase II recommendations focus on continued savings through personnel attrition and some shifting of responsibilities, but no current employees will be negatively impacted, including annual contract teachers.”

The grand total of recommended cuts is \$42.7 million, giving the district \$4.3 million in reserve. The \$42.7 reduction breakdown is \$27.7 million in the operating budget and \$15 million in the capital budget.

In Phase II reduction recommendations to the operating budget, the largest cut is a \$5 million reduction to summer learning programs in 2009. Staff-wise, 12 teaching staff currently assigned outside the classroom would be returned to regular classroom duties. None of the staff is in Area IV.

All elementary school resource officers will be eliminated. The 12 police officers would return to their home

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NASA/Fletch Hildreth

Space Shuttle Discovery leaps from billows of smoke into a clear blue sky on its STS-124 mission to the International Space Station May 31 at 5:02 p.m. The mission is the 26th in the assembly of the space station. The 14-day flight includes three spacewalks. The STS-124 mission delivers the main segment of Japan's Kibo laboratory to the ISS.

Discovery launches ‘to infinity and beyond’

By D.D. Remini

When the seven astronauts lifted off for the International Space Station May 31, they weren't alone.

As a matter of fact, their guest was a familiar face, especially among children.

A 12-inch-tall Buzz Lightyear action figure was carried aboard STS-124, a new education initiative between NASA and Disney Parks that will encourage students to pursue studies in science, technology and mathematics, one of NASA's main educational goals.

Disney's Youth Educational Series and NASA have developed an online program known as the Space Ranger Education Series. It includes fun educational games for students, as well as materials for educators to download and integrate into their classroom curriculum. Youngsters can be part of NASA's Kids Club by going to www.nasa.gov.

“NASA is excited to help students understand the science and engineering currently under way on the International Space Station,” said Joyce Winterton, NASA assistant administrator for education. “The educational games and resources from this partnership will

allow students to explore the science and math behind space exploration with a beloved character.”

The crew – Mark Kelly, Ken Ham, Karen Nyberg, Ron Garan, Mike Fossum, Greg Chamitoff and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Akihiko Hoshide – are spending 14 days working with the three-member ISS crew and ground teams around the world to install the Japanese Pressure Module, part of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Kibo laboratory, and Kibo's robotic arm system.

The JPM is a tour bus-sized section and the station's largest module.

Garan and Fossum are conducting three spacewalks during the mission. Chamitoff will replace current station crew member Garrett Reisman, who has lived on the ISS since mid-March. Chamitoff will return to Earth on Endeavour's STS-126, scheduled to liftoff Nov. 10.

The Discovery mission is the 123rd shuttle flight, the 35th for Discovery and the 26th shuttle mission to the station.

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laws enforcement agencies, as savings of \$342,000.

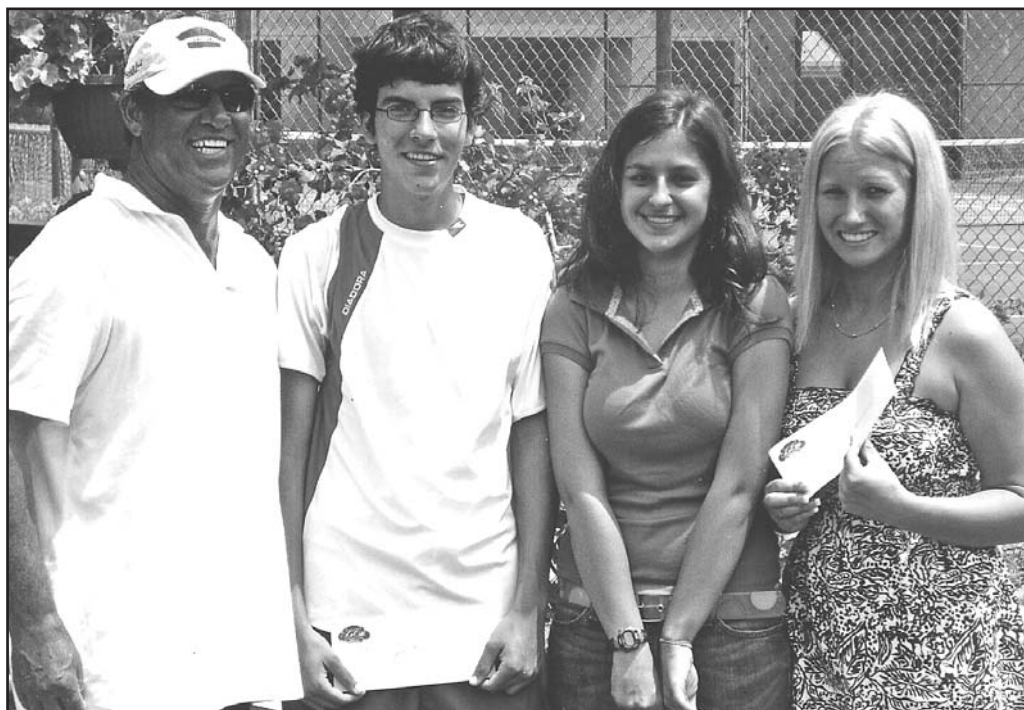
The plan also calls for deferring construction work on Rockledge, Cocoa and Eau Gallie High, plus deferring \$2.84 million in upgrades at Tropical Elementary and \$2.98 million in career and technical education projects to support the Secondary Schools of National Prominence initiatives.

The board will vote on Phase II budget cuts June 17. There will be a budget workshop June 26. Meetings open to the public will be July 15 and Sept. 4.

Correction

Last issue it was reported that the fire department used to cover 20,000 square miles and now covers 30,000. The correct numbers are 20 and 30.

Also, Amendment 1 will reduce the tax roll by \$190 million, not \$90 million.



Scott Gunnerson

Scholarship winners

Three Titusville High School graduates and tennis players are awarded \$600-scholarships from La Cita Country Club. From left, La Cita's director of tennis Wally Norwich, Juan Rendon, Monica Delgado and Kristin Gunnerson. Rendon will attend Wharton School of Business; Delgado will go to BCC and USF and Gunnerson will attend UCF.

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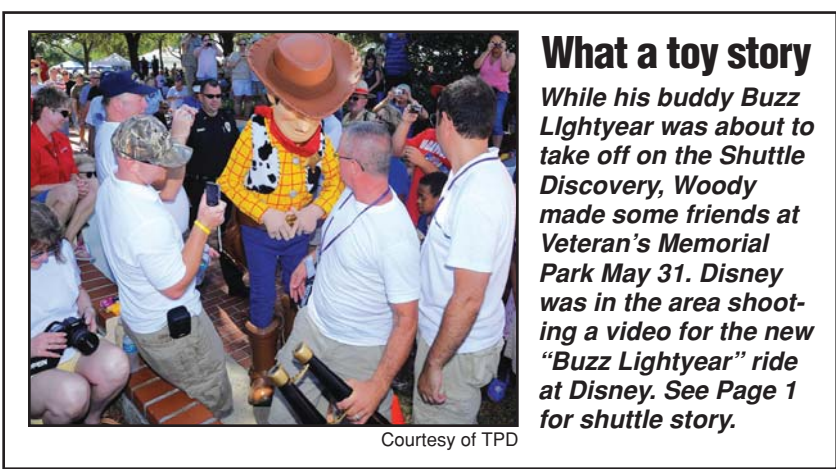
Dr. earns certification

Keilah Gonzalez-Bonilla, M.D., a full-time physician on the medical team at Hospice of St. Francis, has received her Board Certification in Geriatrics. The geriatric board is a certificate of added

qualification in the specialty of geriatrics. The added certificate is designed to recognize excellence among those Diplomates who provide care for the elderly.

Dr. Gonzalez-Bonilla graduated with her medical degree from the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara in Jalisco, Mexico, in June 2000. She completed a

Family Medicine Residency at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Gonzalez also has EMR training in Logician-Centricity and Epic and holds license/certification in DEA, Advance Trauma Life Support, Basic Life Support and Advance Cardiac Life Support. Gonzalez-Bonilla is fully bilingual in English and Spanish.



Courtesy of TPD

What a toy story

While his buddy Buzz Lightyear was about to take off on the Shuttle Discovery, Woody made some friends at Veteran's Memorial Park May 31. Disney was in the area shooting a video for the new "Buzz Lightyear" ride at Disney. See Page 1 for shuttle story.

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Opinions

When it comes to TV news, leave it to cleavage

My View

By
Susan
Walden



We've come a long way, baby.
Or have we?

I'm certainly not Gloria Steinem, but I can't help but wonder why so many female TV anchors and reporters have to bare so much and wear so little.

I like watching national news channels but it looks like I'm seeing less of the women's clothes and more of their

bodies.

Talk about cleavage. A healthy male cannot listen to one word these chicks are saying.

"Blah, blah, blah." Swwwiinnng.

They cross their legs and show a full-length shot of these women with their skirts closer to their hip than their knee. Their shirt is plunged to the depths of their navel practically, pushed up bra, immense cleavage and they look like they just stepped off the Miss America runway. Some actually have.

The men are dressed from their shoes to their throat with suit and tie. Some are good looking while others could win a donkey contest. There's one man on MSNBC – I won't say his name because he could sue me – but he has "local" ties and, well, let's say he doesn't have his own news show based on his looks.

But he's on TV for a good reason.

He's smart, he has experience in public (I won't say too much or it will give it away) and he's thought-provoking.

Wow, what a concept.

For years we've only had to look at men anchors. Let's see, Dan Rather? I'd rather not.

Now, I'm not saying these cleavage bimbo-looking babes don't have brains. They carry themselves – every part of them – well. They sound intelligent. But is it their idea to dress like this or are there still seedy producers who have well-worn casting couches in their offices?

In this day and age, if you want to make something of yourself as a woman, you shouldn't have to do the sexy bit.

OK, I hear you men. "Well, it sure helps."

Yea, for you. But for intelligent women like me, it makes me sick.

There is a thing called appropriate at-

tire. There are places where plunging necklines and short, short skirts just shouldn't be – church, applying for a job (unless you want to be a stripper) and telling us the news.

I'm saddened that after all we women have been through, such as the last Americans to get the vote, some of us still feel we have to sell ourselves with our bodies.

For the younger aspiring female journalists out there, that sort of attire is dangerous in getting a job. I never had to look like that to get a good story or win national journalist awards for newspapers and radio.

Look professional and you'll feel professional; feel professional and you will be professional.

Let's stop putting a glass ceiling on ourselves, ladies.

Letters to the Editor

Attention to all property owners in Titusville who received their fire fee notices recently:

This is a call for action. This city is under seige by our city council who want to impose fire fees on us in lieu of ad valorem taxes, which may not be illegal but is certainly unethical.

There is a town hall meeting June 5 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers but more importantly, there is a special city council meeting on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the fire fees, and another meeting on June 19 to resolve this issue.

This sounds like a lot of meetings, but believe me, please show up, get involved, your city's future is at risk.

There will also be a pre-council Anti Fire Fee Rally in front of city hall at 5:30 p.m. on June 12. Bring homemade protest signs and some water.

We will discuss the fire fee and its unfair distribution of money and march in front of city hall.

Any questions, call me at 848-1630.

Bob Socks
Titusville

Talk of the town

What do you think about the new fire fees?



"Unfair. Firemen need a raise for all their work but money shouldn't come from homeowners. Alcohol and cigarette tax would help."

Dung Le
Titusville



"They should not charge us. There are enough taxes now."

Kathy Curry
Titusville



"How many seniors and people on permanent disability can do this? This is very unfair."

Carol Patry
Titusville



"I don't agree with it. Gas prices are crazy high. I would rather put that money in schooling."

Tamika Skanes
Titusville

What's so fun about graduating? Project Graduation!

By Debi Fleming

You wouldn't think hanging around the school would appeal to students just hours after they graduated, but over 260 Astronaut High School graduates did just that May 28. The graduates attended Project Graduation, an all-night party at the school that gives them a safe alternative to the drinking and driving that takes some students lives on graduation night.

This year over 60 parent and grandparent volunteers worked year-round on decorations that would transform different areas of the school into places like Las Vegas, Greece and "Wonkaland," around an overall theme of "The Great Escape." They also worked fund-raising, collecting donations, arranging for food, security, music and entertainment.

Many volunteers have worked on numerous annual events, such as Sunny Creel who has been helping plan and carry out Project Graduation since the first one back in 1985.

"My son graduated the year of that first Project Graduation, and his son is graduating this year," Creel said. "I've only had two sons and now a grandson graduate here, but I've helped at every event since 1985, just to help make a great event for the kids."

This year's event had all the activities graduates could want to keep them entertained, and fed throughout the seven-hour event. A rock-climbing wall, arcade games, volleyball and basketball games, inflatables, music and dancing, movies, videos of the seniors, a caricature artist, temporary tattoos, a casino, a comedian and non-stop food, displays of grand prizes and more kept the graduates awake and moving.

Parent volunteer Kathe Taylor didn't mind staying up all night to help chaperone the event "because I like not having to worry the kids," Taylor said. "They're not out drinking. I've heard a lot of kids talk about going out drinking tonight, but these kids here are safe."

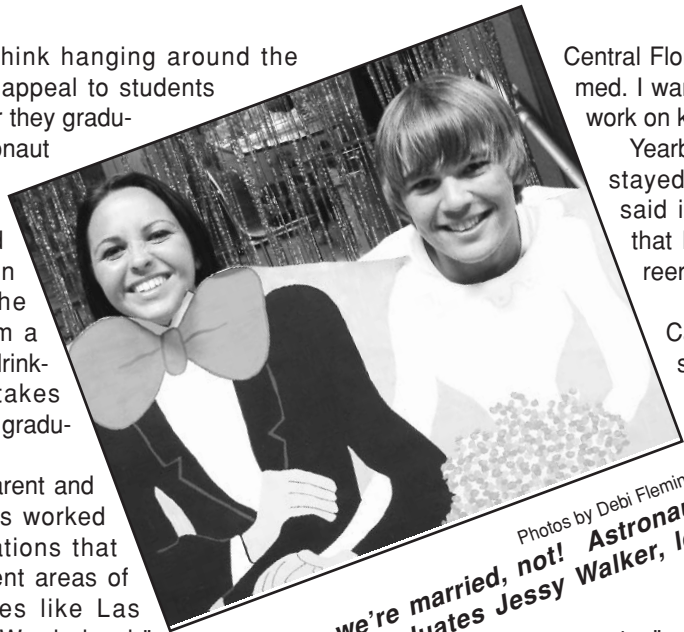
Having fun, not being safe, was the reason Jaccy Foust attended the event, along with being able to spend more time with friends.

"It's great to be with friends tonight," said Foust who graduates with 24 credits from BCC. "I did dual enrollment to help me step into a career in graphic arts."

Just making it through high school and getting his diploma was the thing Brad Trkulja felt was his greatest accomplishment.

"Now I'm going on to the Universal Technical Institute to be an auto technician, specializing in Nissan's," Trkulja said.

"This may be the last time I see some of my friend," said Charles McCain. "I'll be going off to the University of



Photos by Debi Fleming
Look mom, we're married, not! Astronaut High School graduates Jessy Walker, left and Robbie Southwell

Central Florida this fall majoring in pre-med. I want to be a plastic surgeon to work on kids that have been burned."

Yearbook editor Amber Jaszczak stayed busy in high school, and said it was her favorite teacher that helped her decide on a career.

"My favorite teacher was Callie Williams, the yearbook sponsor," Jaszczak said. "She was more than a teacher to me, she was like a second mom. I'm going to start UCF this fall, majoring in journalism. I want to work for a magazine and hopefully become an editor."

For graduate Katie Strickland having one last time to be with friends brought back bittersweet memories.

"My favorite high school memory is when Chelsea and Morgan died two years ago," said Strickland, who referred to the drinking and driving accident that claimed the lives of the pair. "Everyone came together, even people who didn't like each other were comforting each other. It brought us all together."

After AHS graduate-turned-professional comedian Daniel Tosh performed prizes, including six grand prize packages were given away. Students walked away with laptops, iPods, games, gift cards, microwaves, and more, assuring each student walked away with at least one prize.

For over 20 years Titusville High School has been providing a safe, fun way for seniors to celebrate graduation night to ensure there won't be any drinking and driving to mar their achievements.

Over 300 students headed over to "Club 08" just hours after being awarded their diplomas on May 29. River Lanes Bowling Alley had been transformed into an "after Oscars party" environment complete with activities to keep the graduates entertained overnight.

Ninety-five percent of the graduates attended the event, the best attended party so far said organizer Patricia Tauriso.

"Approximately \$55,000 was raised in cash and donations towards the evening, and every student will leave with at least \$80 worth of goodies. Some students will

leave with other prizes like laptops, electric scooters, flat screen LD televisions, a Wii, Playstation 3, iPod touches, printers and more," Tauriso said.

Parent volunteers have been working for months arranging for entertainers, food, activities and decorations that would appeal to the graduates and stay with the theme. Bowling, billiards, a casino, caricature artists, a comedy hypnotist, movies, music and dancing, arcade games and more assured there was something for everyone.

For Catherine Walenberger attending Project Graduation would be the last time she will see her friends for at least a year as she was awarded the Congress Bundestag scholarship and will leave soon for a years stay in Germany.

Lizz Tielking reminisced with friends about favorite high school memories, including "just hanging out with Bobby Schindler and Emily McQuade," Tielking said.

"My favorite teacher in high school was Mr. Redlien who taught college algebra because he rode his bike to school every day and he has a lot of cool ties. I don't think he wore the same tie twice," Redlien said.

McQuade said her favorite memory was passing all four of her Advanced Placement tests, and her next goal is to write a historical novel and have it published.

Jackie Tamblyn was happy to just have one last opportunity to hang out with friends before heading off to college this fall.

"I took honors classes all four years of high school, and will attending BCC and then Florida State University to get a degree in criminal psychology. My favorite teacher was Mr. Zach who taught French. He's just the nicest guy you'd meet," Tamblyn said.

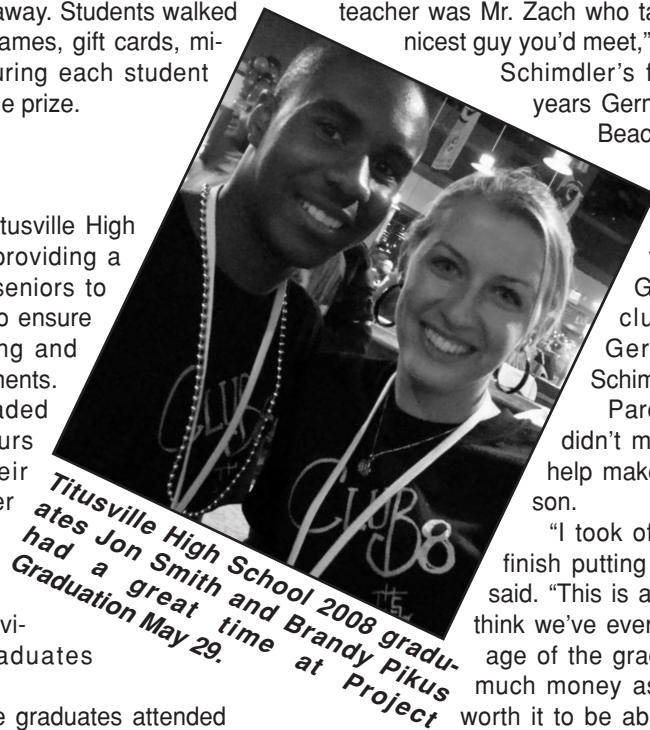
Schindler's favorite memory was this years German convention in Daytona Beach.

"I'm pretty proud that I also already have 26 BCC credits, and I was involved in a lot of clubs, like German Club, International club, tennis, NHS and German Honor Society," Schindler said.

Parent volunteer Ian Sterling didn't mind staying up all night to help make a lasting memory for his son.

"I took off this whole week to help finish putting this all together," Sterling said. "This is a record year for us, I don't think we've ever had such a high percentage of the graduates attend, or raise as much money as we did this year. It's all worth it to be able to give the kids a good time."

Parents of students who will graduate next year dropped by to get an idea of what they are in for, and plans have already begun for next years Project Graduation.



Titusville High School 2008 graduates Jon Smith and Brandy Pikus had a great time at Project Graduation May 29.



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The Great Outdoors Dancers do a little ump-pa-pa dancing at The Great Outdoors Plantation House for the Silly Sassy Sisters of the Red Hat Society fund-raiser May 12 to benefit Christ Aid, Center for Family Restoration.



They grow up so fast ... and look too young to graduate. Little tikes are ready to go out into the world ... of elementary school at the Gold Star Academy pre-kindergarten graduation May 30.



Maureen Phillips from Titusville shows Winston, her 5-year-old golden retriever, the T-shirts for sale at the Pet Resort & Suites grand opening June 1. The business offers boarding, grooming and doggie day camp.



Right, Members of the American Legion listen to a speaker May 26 during the unveiling of plaques dedicated to the Challenger and Columbia crews at Brevard Memorial Park in Frontenac. Left, kids see how low they can go before the showing of the outdoors "Surf's Up" movie May 23 on Parrish Medical Center's grounds.



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✗ Fill it to the half-way mark. This way you'll be carrying 50 to 100 pounds less.

✗ Need to slim down? Look at what you have in your vehicle and trunk. If you don't need it, get it out of the vehicle. Every pound spends gas.

✗ Don't do jackrabbit starts. Ease into it when you put your foot on the accelerator. The slower the acceleration the less gas consumed.

✗ Got stops to make? Before you begin your drive think of the best routes instead of crisscrossing all over the city. Less miles = less gas.

✗ Carpool.

✗ Cruise control saves gas if on a straight road, but if you're on a highway with some hills (yes, there are some in Florida, especially in the north) it's better to override the hill because your control

doesn't take up as much gas as cruise control in that instance.

✗ Drive smoothly. Any hard accelerations and braking – bursts of this – reduce your gas mileage.

✗ Driving faster takes more gas. Want to get there on time? Lower your speed and leave earlier.

✗ Get high-rated tires with low rolling resistance. Rolling resistance adds or lowers a few miles per gallon.

✗ Combine your trips. Think ahead and plan to make daily trips weekly ones, for example.

✗ If you're parked somewhere, don't leave the car idling too long.

✗ If you have a two-income family, the person who has the longer drive should use the vehicle that gets the better gas mileage.

✗ Buying premium? Do you really have to? Look at your driver's manual and make sure because you could be able to fill it up with regular instead.

✗ Make sure your vehicle is properly tuned and oil is changed regularly.

✗ Got a gas-guzzler? You might consider trading it in for one with better gas mileage.

Source: funandsavedriving.com, betterbudgeting.com and msn.com

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❖ **Story Time at the Kids Zone**

Wednesday, June 18, 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

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Parrish Healthcare Center at Port St. John

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For more information, please call 321-636-9393.

❖ **Make No Bones About It**

Tuesday, June 10, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dr. Pagan Family Practice will present the seminar "Make No Bones About It" – Osteoporosis Prevention and Management. RSVP is required.

Parrish Heart & Health Village

603 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville

To register or for more information, please call 321-268-6880.

❖ **Diabetes Survival Skills**

Thursday, June 12 and 26, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Three-hour group class. Overview of diabetes self-management skills (recommended for newly diagnosed or uncontrolled diabetes who need information quickly).

Parrish Conference Center

951 North Washington Avenue

To register or for more information, please call 321-268-6699.

❖ **Central Brevard County Branch NAACP 7th Annual Men's Health Summit**

Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. to noon

Free PSA blood test and digital rectal exams will be provided by area health providers. Bring a friend or family member too! No appointment necessary.

Brevard Community College – Cocoa Campus Allied Health Building

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For more information, call 321-434-4335 or 800-549-3884.

❖ **Playgroup Pals**

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The Children's Center

5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville

Call 264-0855 ext. 3042 for more information.

❖ **Children's Center Respite Night**

Saturday, June 14, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Special needs children and their siblings (ages 1–13) enjoy activities, playground and gym time, crafts and fun at The Children's Center. Parents enjoy an evening out while certified teachers, volunteers, and a nurse care for their children. Cost is \$20 for the first child and \$5 for each additional sibling. You must call 264-0855 to register.

The Children's Center

5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville

Call 321-383-5542 or 321-269-0476 for more information.

❖ **Cooking Demonstration on the Misconceptions of Pork**

Thursday, June 19, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PMC Chef Randy Breck will conduct a cooking demonstration on "The Misconceptions of Pork" at the Heart & Health Village. RSVP is required.

Parrish Heart & Health Village

603 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville

To register or for more information, please call 321-268-6880.

For more event information, visit www.parrishmed.com/calendar. Unless otherwise noted, classes are free to the community.

Kids have fun

It's the Sunshine Saturday Children's Art Festival at the Titusville Art League June 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Children can enjoy crafts and hands-on activities. Make butterflies, T-shirt designs, bracelets, belts and more. Enjoy face painting and caricatures, hot dogs and drinks.

The Titusville Art League building is across from Draa field at the end of Park Avenue. While there, sign up for summer pottery and art classes.

Animals need your help

H.O.R.S.E. Inc., a nonprofit horse rescue organization needs help purchasing hay and is seeking monetary donations, which are tax deductible. Due to the increasing cost of fuel and price of hay due to the drought, the organization needs donations. No amount is too small and all will be greatly appreciated. You can donate by going to www.horseincorp.org and clicking on

the Hay Drive link. You can donate with a credit card or Paypal, or if you prefer, call Brevard Feed US Highway 1 Mims, phone 268-4455 and just tell them it is a donation for H.O.R.S.E. Inc. rescue.

Club meets

The Titusville Computer Club will get together for the meneral membership meeting with a Q & A session June 12 at 7 p.m. The meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month excepting major holidays, at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 414 Pine St., Titusville, in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Ave. Everyone is welcome. For more, call 267-3746.

Overcome the hurt

Park Avenue Baptist Church now offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered program to help people overcome hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meetings are held every Thursday night at the House of Ashkelon, 1651 S. Park Avenue from

6:30-8:30 with childcare available from 6:15-8:45 p.m.

For more information call 269-6702.

Come to meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation holds its monthly meeting on June 12, 5 p.m. in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Ave. in Titusville. The public is invited.

One or more members of Titusville City Council and the following committees may be present: Causeway Improvements Referendum Committee, Equestrian Trails & Facilities Referendum Committee, Marina Park Referendum Committee, Mims-Scottsmoor Community Center Referendum Committee, Sand Point Park Referendum Committee, and the Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier Committee.

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Central Community Church in Cocoa presents The One Way Express Vacation Bible School June 23-27, 6-8:45 p.m. for kids 4-12. The free event includes crafts, games Bible lessons and snacks. Register by calling 632-2880. The church is located at 300 Tucker Lane, Cocoa.

Get books, help library

The Friends of the Titusville Public Library hold a Book Sale at the Titusville Public Library June 14, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; June 15: 1-4 p.m., with a Bag It Sale June 16, 3-7 p.m. There will be a preview for Members of the Friends on June 14, 9-10 a.m. Membership in the Friends of the Titusville Public Library can be bought at the door. Individual membership is \$5. Proceeds of the Book Sale benefit many library programs.

Come to health fair

Wuesthoff Home Medical Equipment will host a Pulmonary Health Fair on June 17, 3 to 6 pm at their Rockledge showroom, 185 Barton Blvd., Suite C, Rockledge. Free glucose tests, blood pressure checks and oxygen saturation

screenings will be available to guests; hors de oeuvres will be provided with door prize drawings held every 15 minutes. For more details, call 632-4663.

Be part of history

The North Brevard Heritage Foundation holds a meeting June 9, 7 p.m. at the Titusville Library. For more information, call Martha at 268-2265.

Come to dedication

The Central Brevard Humane Society holds a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the center June 18, 5 p.m. for their new Dog Walk, in the memory of Ella, the 1-year old white German shepherd from Cocoa who starved to death after being abandoned by her owner. The shelter is located at 1020 Cox Road in Cocoa. The public is invited to attend.

Honor dad

Be good to your dad on Father's Day weekend. Bring him to Central Community Church in Cocoa and "feed his face" June 14. Following 6 p.m. services will be a pizza party. June 15 before the service at 8 a.m. will be a pancake breakfast. Tickets are free but are neces-

sary to help anticipate the crowd. Call today at 632-2880 for free tickets.

Girls are great

It's time again for the 13th Annual Girls Are Great! June 7, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Kilmarnoch Lane, off State Road 405 in Titusville.

The event, for Brevard County girls ages 9-12, is sponsored by B.E.T.A. of Titusville, Inc., an organization committed to helping women facing a crisis pregnancy. The cost to attend is \$3 for ages 9-12 or \$5 per family of two or more girls. Adults are free. Registration is suggested. Contact B.E.T.A. of Titusville, Inc. for more information and to register at (321) 264-0446

Have fun day

The Central Brevard Humane Society hosts a Family Fun Day & Rummage Sale June 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shelter located at 1020 Cox Road in Cocoa, in conjunction with Humane Society Appreciation Week.

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Volunteer at humane society

The Central Brevard Humane Society is in need of volunteers. An orientation is June 14, 9-11 a.m. at the center, 1020 Cox Rd., Cocoa.

Volunteer activities include walking dogs, socializing cats, grooming, help in the thrift shop, grant writing, fund-raising, clerical and obedience training.

For more info, call Janet Burke at 636-3343, ext. 207 or write her at volunteer.coordinator@crittersavers.com.

Go to wrestling camp

Astronaut High School hosts their first wrestling camp this summer - June 9-13.

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Learn about senior cardio

The Titusville Computer Club will have a nurse from PMC present a Powerpoint show on "Senior Cardio" June 26, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 414 Pine St., Titusville, in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Ave.

Everyone is welcome. For further information call 267-3746.

MOPS save nerves

Moms, do you need a break? Join Titusville MOPS, a local mothers' support group for expectant moms through moms with children who are in Kindergarten, for mornings of fun and refreshment! Join other mothers in the community for networking and friendship. Meetings are held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 1355 Cheney Highway in Titusville on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month and the 2nd Saturday. The next meetings are the 12th, 14th, and 28th. Loving childcare is always provided. Infants are welcome in the meetings. Call Linda at 383-8293 for more information.

Merritt Island MOPS meet

The Merritt Island Mothers of Preschoolers meet on the first and third Monday of each month, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Grace United

Methodist Church, 65 Needle Blvd., Merritt Island.

MOPS meets the needs of children from birth to kindergarten. Mothers enjoy conversation, refreshment, activities and speakers while their children are cared for in a preschool atmosphere in a nursery.

Call Amy at 720-7472 for more information.

Get support with weight loss

Overeaters Anonymous meets at the Port St. John Library Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Call Dianne at 266-1910 for more information.

Fund-raiser helps nonprofits

Come to the Passport to Wines Around the World June 7, 5-9 p.m. at Cocoa Civic Center, 430 Delannoy Ave. Cocoa.

This fund-raiser aids The Brevard Community Kitchen, the heart of the Meals on Wheels program, and Community Services Council of Brevard County.

Enjoy an elegant evening of fun with hors d'oeuvres, live music, a wine collection and silent auction featuring weekend getaway packages, jewelry and more.

Advanced tickets are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple. Group and opportunity sponsorship rates are available. Ticket prices at the door are \$75.

For more information, call (321) 639-4868 or e-mail cjones@communityservicescouncil.org.

Cribs needed

B.E.T.A. of Titusville, Inc. Titusville's crisis pregnancy center, announces the start of its annual "Crib for a Bed" campaign. There is an ongoing request from clients needing a crib for their babies about to be born. In addition, there are many families new to Brevard County who have left their baby equipment behind in the move and have an infant with no safe bed.

Call B.E.T.A. (321) 264-0446 for pick-up or bring donation to the B.E.T.A. Center, located at 620 Garden Street. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am to noon. All services are free including pregnancy tests, maternity and infant clothing and miscellaneous baby equipment.

Teens have fun

The Teen Warehouse is a place for teens in grades 7-12 to hang out with friends and have a safe, fun time at Tom Statham Park Community Center, 7101 South U.S. Highway 1, in Bellwood, south of Titusville. The center is open Mondays through Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and on Fridays from 4-9 p.m., with Saturday activities as announced. There is no fee for drop-in activities, however, fees may be charged for special events as announced in the future.

For more information on teen activities sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department in North Brevard, call 264-5105.

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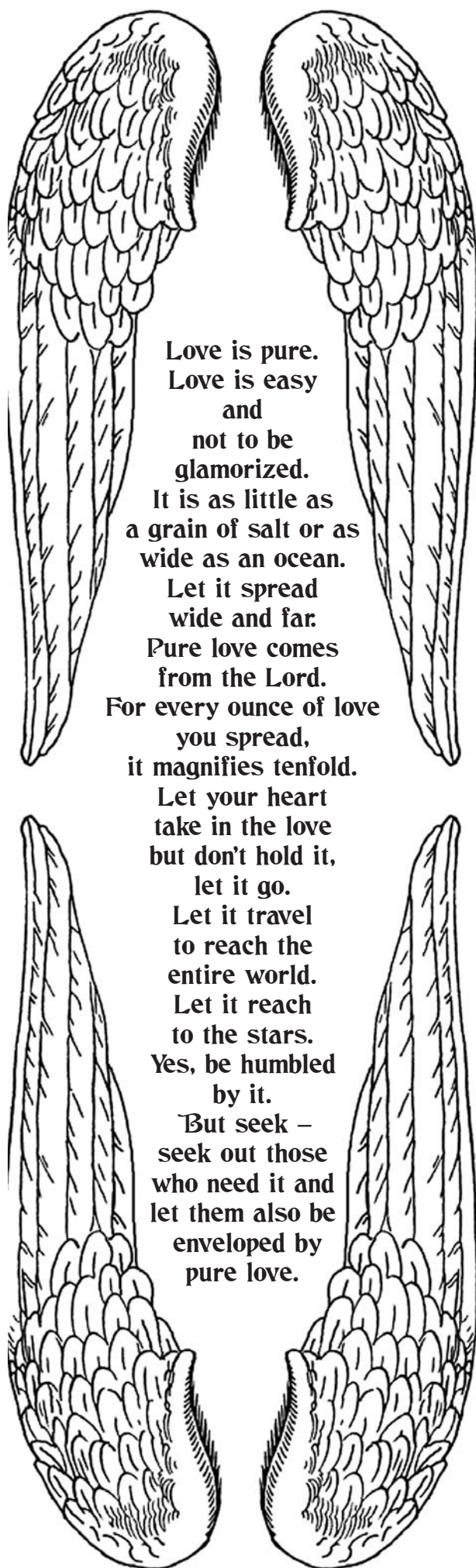
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By
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Cocoa Village is so close to Titusville. So, I decide to visit a restaurant that I dearly love – Café Margaux. It is a small hidden gem in Cocoa Village at 220 Brevard Avenue that is a French delight. It's been a cornerstone of Cocoa Village since before 1986. Their reputation is impeccable and their wine is superb. Café Margaux is the sister of its new neighbor Ulyssee's Prime Steakhouse that is open for dinners only.

I went to dinner with a friend despite the awkward parking that is Cocoa Village. We walked in the plaza across from the Black Tulip at dusk and saw the courtyard fountain and tables with linens for those who wanted to dine outside. We went inside but preferred the evening breeze and spacious seating of the fountain-patio area. We looked at both the lunch and dinner menus.

Lunch featured salads such as a goat cheese with pears over mesclun mix, with a citrus-apple brandy vinaigrette; several versions of chicken salad, crepes or quiche du jour. We tried a taste of their renowned signature soup, roasted tomato-basil bisque, which was creamy smooth and bursting with flavor.

The dinner menu featured paté, or baked brie, escargot and sea scallops among their appetizers along with a fair number of pastas, meats, including veals, Angus beef and pork tenderloin and chicken dishes. They showcase duck and ostrich, which is a tenderloin seared and served with a horseradish-wild boar bacon jus. Everything was lush and elegant and catering to our every wish.

My friend had the tomato soup while I opted for the salad which was served chilled and looking like a piece of art. Oven fresh baby soft French rolls were served with real butter. I was happy and satisfied with that and then magnificent dinners were served.

I tasted Garam Masala chicken, scallops in a wine sauce, and my friend's seafood platter of smoked

salmon with a lemon-dill sauce, tilapia with a creamy tarragon sauce, and grouper. Everything was grilled to perfection, no "fishy" tastes and absolute flaky fish that melted in my mouth. The dinners were large portioned and served with the best eye-appeal I've seen in years.

The wine list is award-winning; and the rooms so attractive, for a fine-dining experience along the Space Coast, it ranks toward the top. We enjoyed a glass of wine that was recommended by the waiter. The wine was fragrant and balanced in taste.

Desserts include more than one flavor of crème brûlée; a red velvet cake and a Key lime-blood orange pie. My friend ordered a chocolate cake and I got the crème brûlée. Our table emitted sounds of ummm and ahhhh as we treated our palette to truly outstanding taste sensations.

Next time you venture toward Merritt Island, take a short detour to the Village and enjoy some of the finest food on the planet. I rate Café Margaux 5 beacons. The cost was around \$60 for 2 of us; the value was a priceless memory.



Fred Krupski

Sept. 24, 1931 – June 2, 2008

It's with a sad and heavy heart that we announce the death of Fred Krupski, publisher of the News Observer, former Titusville City councilman and prior Beacon editor.

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- * He says he is working in the area and has extra materials left over from another job.
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