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## Upsets, expected wins dominate election

### Fisher to be Brevard's first black commissioner

By Susan Walden

North Brevard will see a few new faces representing them in politics.

On election day, Martha Long beat Andrew Whitaker in the race for Titusville City Council Seat 2. Long took 59.27 percent of the vote while Whitaker lagged behind with 40.73 percent.

"I feel terrific," said Long, who spent a large amount of her time meeting business owners and residents throughout the city. "A lot of hard work went into my campaign and it paid off. Now I'm looking forward to starting work."



Long

She'll be sworn in Nov. 25 at 11 a.m. and takes her seat on council that evening. "I'm very excited."

Long, who has been trying to shake the image as someone who is anti-growth, says it's anti-*bad* growth she represents, and being on a proactive city council is key.

"The general economics of the country shows us that this is a time of test," she said. "I'm expecting challenges and an opportunity to help guide the city through some trying. It's important to look ahead before issues become a crisis. I'm only one vote, but I promise to listen and be the people's voice of concern."



Fisher

Just like the presidential race, the election for county commissioner was historic as Brevard County has its first black commissioner, Robin Fisher, a democrat, who will represent North Brevard. He narrowly beat J. Roger Shealy by just 308 votes and libertarian Ilene Davis, who came in with 6.52 percent of the vote. Fisher takes Truman Scarborough's seat. Scarborough was commissioner for 20 years.

"I am excited by this opportunity to serve," Fisher said, "and blessed to have the trust of Brevard County voters," of whom he said many reminded him how nec-

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Walter Kiely

## A salute for veterans

Members of the VFW Post 1 in Titusville fire a 21-gun salute in commemoration of Veterans Day at the conclusion of the holiday's annual ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park. Dozens of people showed up for the event, taking time to honor all those who served the United States as servicemembers.

## Scarborough looks back on 20 years as commissioner

By Susan Walden

For all of these years he's never lost his luster, and in his eyes North Brevard hasn't either.

Truman Scarborough retires Nov. 18 after 20 years as county commissioner. It's not that he wants to step aside, it's just a term limitation.

Even though he'll still practice law, Scarborough says he can't remember not serving the North Brevard area in public office, as he was Titusville mayor from 1980-1988 before becoming commissioner.

He looks back fondly, not sadly, at his tenure as commissioner.

"I marvel at the capacity for people to come together and have such tenacity to solve problems and get work done," Scarborough said, referring especially to the creation and coordination of the Chain of Lakes project.

"We worked with the hospital, St. Johns River

Management, Brevard Community College – just a bunch of people from different backgrounds who all had a physical stake in this and they came together as a team."

He said all they wanted at first was a water retention area, but each added ideas. "St. Johns said, 'let's make it bigger' so they bought more land, then we had soccer fields, then we added the historical area and hospital area. It was truly a win-win."

Scarborough said the close relationship between BCC and Parrish Medical Center that sprouted from the Chain of Lakes project grew resulting in a nursing program at the school. "Parrish said you can build it on our property. They're really working together."

The Chain of Lakes project was a force multiplier in other ways as well.

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# Fisher to address upcoming space gap

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essary they feel it is for their commissioner to be accessible.

He believes his election signals the desire of people in North Brevard to work together in the coming years to meet the challenges of a changing economic and environmental landscape.

"People who have worked with me know I won't be intimidated by either side of an issue" he said. "They know I am fair.

"I don't think people saw me as democrat or republican. Lots of people who know me well probably couldn't have told you what party I'm with until I declared for the election."

One of his first priorities will be to address the upcoming gap between space flight programs at the county's premier employer, the Kennedy Space Center.

"The commission just approved a budget for travel to Washington to meet with Sen. (Bill) Nelson," said Fisher. He intends to take full advantage of that time to press for every consideration possible to retain the area's "vital" work force. "I have spoken with (newly elected) Representative Kosmas on the telephone and look forward to working on that with her also."

Fisher said he will draw on his experience as a city councilman in both Titusville and in south Brevard as he readies himself to work with fellow commissioners. He sees the coming weeks as a time to immerse himself in his new position. "Staff will stay in place," he said,

"...and I will be studying on just what the duties and responsibilities of the job are."

Successful candidates in the last election pressed their campaigns and ideas in geographic areas where the opposition traditionally excelled. In that vein, Fisher spent a large portion of election day in west Mims where his opponent held a majority of voters. Fisher said that's where people most needed to see him. "I am going to be serving the whole district," he said. "Always."

He'd only been in his seat for less than a year, replacing Rep. Bob Allen, but democrat Tony Sasso got the boot by Steve Crisafulli in the State Representative District 32 race. Crisafulli pulled ahead with about 11 percent of the vote.

There won't be a new sheriff in town. Jack Parker beat Gary E. Young by a large margin. Parker captured 66.18 percent of the vote against Young's 33.82 percent.

Property appraiser Jim Ford stays in his seat after pinching by Larry E. Hughes by a small margin of 129 votes.

In the U.S. Representative District 24 race, Suzanne Kosmas beat incumbent republican Tom Feeney 52.42 percent by 45.57 percent. Independent Gaurav Bhola received 2.01 percent of the vote.

Incumbent Bill Posey will keep his U.S. Representative District 15 seat. He beat Stephen Blythe, Frank Zilaitis and Trevor Lowing.

Thad Altman beat Kendall Moore for State Senator District 24. Altman won 60.72 percent of the vote with Moore lagging with 39.28 percent.

Republican Ralph Poppell was successful in his bid for the State Representative District 29 seat. He beat Wes McCarville 59.41 percent against McCarville's 43.59 percent.

Lisa Cullen, a republican, beat Laura Dils for tax collector by 15 percent of the vote.

Amendment 1 concerning the Declaration of Rights was a "no" with 54.36 percent. Amendment 2, the Florida Marriage Protection Amendment, was a "yes" with 63.45 percent of the vote.

Amendment 3, concerning changes and improvements affecting value of property, was voted in with 63.49 percent of the vote. Amendment 4, the tax exemption of perpetually conserved land, was approved by the citizens with 62.79 percent. Amendment 6, about a working waterfront, received a nod with 67.57 percent of the vote.

Amendment 8, local option community college funding, was a "no" with 64.89 percent.

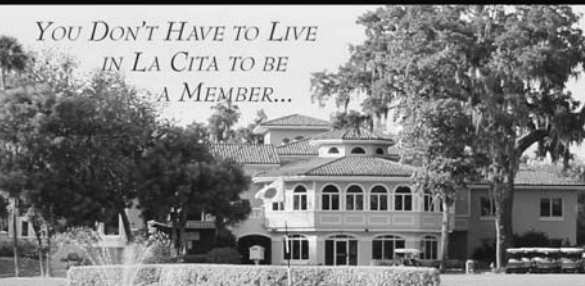
The County Charter Amendment, concerning a 3 percent cap, got a firm nod with 73.12 percent of the vote.

Although Florida voted more for Barack Obama than John McCain in the presidential election, Brevard County preferred McCain by an 11 percent margin. McCain took 54.55 percent to Obama's 44.17 percent. The other 11 candidates, including write-ins received less than 1 percent each.

*Donna McCone contributed to this article.*

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## Opinions

# Lost your sock? Just don't lose your mind

### My View

By  
Susan  
Walden



They say you don't know what you've got until it's gone but what happens to the things you know disappeared and never returned?

You put something down and it isn't there. You put two socks in the dryer and you come out with one. This has been going on for years. Everyone talks about it but does anyone do something about it, like try to find out why it happens? The UFOs get more attention than what disappears in our own dryer. What's with that?

With me it's keys and sunglasses. If I

had a dollar for every pair of sunglasses I lost I'd be rich. And why we call sunglasses a pair I'll never know. If I got two for the price of one, I'd be a lot better off because I'd always have a backup.

Sometimes I look frantically for my sunglasses and they're on top of my head. It happens something like this. I'm in a hurry. My friend and I have to go somewhere. I don't say anything because no one admits to losing something for fear they'll be locked up in the loony bin.

"What are you looking for?" asks my friend.

"Ah, nothing."

"No, what did you lose?"

"OK, I can't find my sunglasses."

Giggle. "They're on your head genius."

When we can't find something we say we lost it, but did we really? Maybe it just disappeared. Sounds impossible but I bet just about everyone can tell a story where something they owned just vanished.

Without a trace.

Some people say all this has to do

with age, but don't buy into that one. The first time I ever realized there could be a parallel universe where things just get sucked out of our dimension was when I was 5. I had a turtle. One day he just disappeared, which didn't make sense because he had a little turtle house with water and there was no way he could get out on his own. My mother said he just got lost.

Sometimes losing something we've grown accustomed to isn't such a bad thing. Years ago I almost married this guy. One day he just disappeared. He must have married a girl in the parallel universe.

Did you ever put something down and it reappears ... somewhere else? Now this one might be stranger than it disappearing altogether. I think there are worm holes in our dimension. Put it on the coffee table and find it on kitchen table. Now if it could just change somehow in between it going from one place to another. Put dinner ingredients down on one counter and it's cooked and ready to eat on your dinner table. Now that I could get used to.

There are things you'd wish you could lose, but it just isn't that easy as the sock in the dryer. For instance, losing weight. Wouldn't it be great to just wish unwanted pounds into another dimension? Poof. Gone. Bills. Gone. Illness. Gone.

Sometimes there are things you want to disappear but then you are unsure as to where they went and you really want to know. The other night I flipped on my bathroom light and thought I heard breathing. Yep, it was a huge spider. He was coming out of the bathroom. He was so big I thought for sure I'd hear the toilet flush behind him. I screamed and ran instead of coming after him. After a few minutes I went back in to get the spider and he had vanished. I was happy but then thought, "Eh gads, where did he go?" I had visions of him curling up with me in the bed. I never found him.

Maybe someday a group of scientists, psychics or physicists will figure out what happens to all the stuff we lose.

As long as I don't lose my mind, I guess I'm OK.

# Obama is a typical American of mixed heritage - a 'mutt like me'

By I.J. Stagi

There is no doubt that on Nov. 4 history was made. America voted a black man to be our forty-fourth president. No matter your political beliefs, no matter your personal opinions, this is a historical event.

However, there is one tiny, nagging point I cannot shake. Every news station, every journalist, every pundit and every black American interviewed by any news organization insists on calling President-elect Obama the first African-American in the oval office.

OK here it comes... he is not the first African-American president.

He is however the first bi-racial American to become president of this great nation. He is the first man of color to hold the office of the presidency.

That's right I said it and it will probably anger some and be applauded by others. But to insist he is African-American is to assume he is of no other heritage, and we know this is not true.

His mother was a white woman from Kansas, who was probably of European decent, as the majority of Americans are. We don't know if she was Irish, Polish,

Italian, German, English or Scottish. The list can go on.

But to reference Obama as only an African-American appears disrespectful to his mother and his white heritage. He is, after all, a product of two individuals with different heritages.

I am Italian-American, and when I tell people that they know I have no other heritage. So, when the media, journalists, pundits and black America refers to Obama as an African-American it is in the very least a half truth.

I recently had a conversation with an African-American and he became upset because I would be writing this editorial. He said it was a miscellaneous issue and now white people "got to start" because a black man is president. And he went on to say it was his opinion that the man plants the seed and whatever the father's heritage is, is what the child is. The mother is of no consequence. I cannot imagine thinking this way.

So to my scientifically challenged, opinionated opponent I am not trying to steal your thunder. I have not set out to deny that a black man is a president and I am not denying Obama's African heritage at all. What I am trying to understand is why people are so intolerant that they

are so willing to deny Obama's white heritage?

The president-elect has never denied his heritage on either side. He credits his American grandparents for his upbringing and dedication to hard work and perseverance. I listened to Obama's acceptance speech and I was inspired. I believe he has hope for change and I believed him when he said we are a United States.

I wondered why the president-elect hasn't tried to correct this obvious blunder by journalists and others on his bi-racial heritage.

The other day, it came to me. In Obama's first press conference he indulged the media question about the new first dog. He graciously acknowledged that he would have liked to adopt a dog from a pound, but this option seemed unlikely because one of his daughter's allergies. "A lot of shelter dogs are mutts like me," he said.

And my mouth hit the floor and my eyes stood wide open as I realized it was his small way of telling the world, I am a mixed breed of the human race.

I can only hope that the media, journalists, pundits and black America understood what president-elect Obama meant. Stop the deny and unify.



*And they're off ... Residents grab their grocery cart and head into the new Aldi Market in Titusville Nov. 10 after the store's ribbon cutting. Aldi is located on State Road 405 near the intersection of Cheney Highway. The store, known for its low prices, offers grocery items and more. In the past year, Aldi Markets have sprung up all over Central Florida.*



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*Just before the commemoration service began at VFW Post 1 in Titusville, Karen Northcutt, helps Commander Dennis Evans of VFW Post 4228 in Titusville, proudly display the American Flag that his mother had made and given to him to help him celebrate Veterans Day.*



*"Come into my graveyard, pretty one" seems to be what "witch" Beverly Matthews is saying at the Titusville Elks Lodge 2113 Halloween Party on Oct. 31.*



*The all-women Honor Guard from VFW Post 1 in Titusville, salute after they raised the American flag during the Veterans Day services Nov. 11 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Titusville.*



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"Because of our historic houses there, we now have the state's regional archeologist right here," Scarborough said.

The silver-headed man with the infectious laugh smiles as he remembers those 20 years. "Yea, there's been a lot of great things here. Our annual birding festival has turned into the best in the United States and one of the best in the world – right here in Titusville."

He's also proud of the new fishing pier. "And now it will be even better because we'll receive \$4.4 million more. We've been very fortunate."

As county commissioner, Scarborough said many people approached the commissioners during meetings who were angry because of a circumstance that led them to the meeting, scared or intimidated because it was also being aired on TV. "I always try to make them laugh or smile because it's important to make them feel at ease. I inject humor while showing them the dignity and respect they deserve."

"I enjoy being around people, even when they're not happy," he said, which leads him to why he'll be content with continuing his law practice.

"I love my clients and still have many to meet and help."

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# The mystery of the 'Mistic' message in a bottle

**By Susan Walden**

Riverview Elementary School teacher Sheri Ryser doesn't believe in coincidence.

She was walking along Playalinda Beach in Titusville Oct. 25 hunting for sea beans, her hobby, when she eyed a bottle cushioned in a bed of seagrass. As she picked up the clear bottle her heart pounded as she saw a green note in it.

Before opening it, she examined the bottle carefully, wondering where the bottle came from and what type of message the note contained. The bottle cap read "Mistic" – an interesting name, although not spelled properly she thought as a teacher of gifted fifth- and sixth-graders.

"I saw that the note inside was wet and I was afraid the wind would tear it as I took it out of the bottle, but I was so excited I just couldn't wait to read it. I couldn't resist," Ryser said.

She popped the cap off and delicately unfurled the note. It read:

"Baily town  
Bimini, BA  
Oct. 9, 2008  
Dear Sea Pen Pal,  
My name is Mason Saunders. I am 10

years old. I am a boy. I am a sixth grader at Holy Name Catholic School. My class is doing a Discovery Day project. If you find my bottle, please write me back.

Your Sea Pen Pal,  
Mason Saunders."

The piece of paper behind the note was wet and stuck to it. Ryser lifted the note to the sun and could see that Mason drew a map of Bimini.

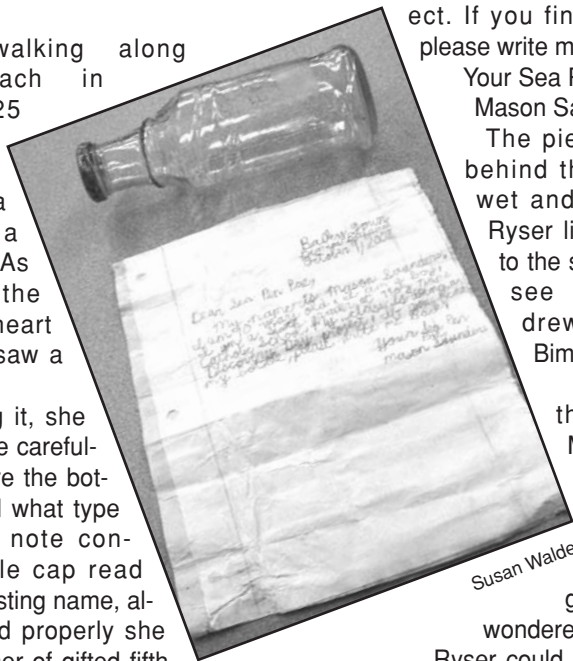
What were the odds that Mason was a sixth-grade student and she taught the same grade, she wondered.

Ryser could hardly wait to show the bottle and note to her students.

"They were so excited," she said. "I couldn't believe it. You only hear of messages in a bottle in stories," said sixth-grader Clancy Ellis.

"It's cool because we can really relate to Mason because he's a sixth grader like most of us," said Skyler Ozuna.

The class began a multi-faceted project concerning the message in the bottle. They quickly looked up where Bimini was on the map and its geographic relation-



Susan Walden



**Riverview Elementary teacher Sheri Ryser and her fifth- and sixth-grade class are enthusiastic about writing to their new sea pen pal, a sixth-grade student in Bimini, Bahamas. The students are sending postcards to him.**

ship to Titusville. They learned that Mason's town was a north coastal town. None of the students knew about Bimini until Ryser's discovery.

Students also did some detective work on the bottle. What was Mistic? Was it a popular drink?

"I did some research and found that it could be three drinks in the Bahamas—soda, tea or an energy drink," said Tommy Mack, a fifth-grade student.

The class was enthusiastic to write their new sea pen pal back, so Ryser bought local postcards depicting the North Brevard area for each student to compose a note.

"I want to ask him what's happening there. What's daily life like? And I want to

tell him what's happening here," said fifth grader Christian Hawk.

"I want to tell him what life is like in Titusville, in Florida and in the United States, including what kind of animals we have and ask him what kind of animals they have there," said Holden Tracy, a sixth-grade student.

Ryser will mail the postcards together; the class hopes their new sea pen pal writes back.

"Now they want to go on a field trip to Bimini," Ryser said grinning and shaking her head.

Ryser never lacks in daily curriculum but finding the message in the bottle was a lesson for her students and for her.

"I was meant to find this."

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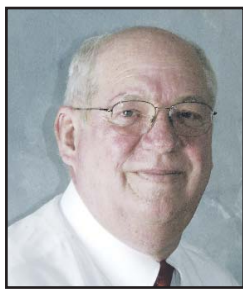


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4600 S. Washington Ave., Port St. John: Dec. 8, 2-6 p.m.

1106 Clearlake Rd., Cocoa: Nov. 18, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Dec. 2, 2-6 p.m.

4600 S. Washington Ave., Titusville: Dec. 8, 2-6 p.m.

### Diagnostic center moves

Wuesthoff's Suntree Diagnostic Center will soon relocate to Wuesthoff's Baytree facility at 7970 N. Wickham Road, Viera.

Scheduled to be operational by mid-December, the new 'Wuesthoff for Women' facility at Baytree will offer patients a newer building with approximately 7700 square feet dedicated to diagnostic services, along with a mobile MRI for breast imaging two days a week.

Diagnostic services to be offered at the new location are bone dexta scans, digital mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, ultrasound guided breast biopsy, ultrasound guided cyst aspiration capabilities, and general ultrasound services.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. For more information, call (321) 259-8800.

### Pilot Club selling nuts

Once again the Pilot Club of Titusville is selling one-pound bags of jumbo pecan halves for their annual Fall Fundraiser. The Pilot Club has been selling pecans in North Brevard for over 25 years. The pecans are fresh from South Carolina. Use these delicious pecans for baking your holiday treats or eat them as a tasty snack. Call to order your pecans now - they go fast.

The Pilot Club is a community service organization working to make North Brevard a better place to live by supporting many charities and participating in hands on projects. For more information and to place an order call Lynn at 385-1251.

### Join the photo club

Get out your camera and come to the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Nov. 15, 9-11 a.m., to their Photo Club. Classroom and outdoor activities are planned as well as future day field trips. All skill levels are welcome. To reserve your spot call 264-5185.

### Library has fun

The Titusville Public Library holds the following events:

Ongoing Childrens' Programs - Family Story Time, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. (All Ages); Toddler Story Time, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. (Ages 2-3); Preschool Story Time, Wednesdays, 11 a.m. (Ages 3-5); Infant Story Time, Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. (Ages 1 month-walking); Pre-Toddler Story Time, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. (Ages walking-2 years) ; Christmas Paper Craft, Mondays, 6 p.m. (Ages 6-12) ; Puppet Club for Teens, Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Ages 13-up) ; Manga Drawing, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Ages 10-up)

Special Childrens' Programs- Christmas Party for Children with a Puppet Show and a Visit from Santa. Free books will be given out. Refreshments will be served.

Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m. (Age Infant-12); Holiday Bracelet Craft. Taught by Beverly McNally.

Dec.13 at 2 p.m. (Age 13-up); Christmas Place-setting Craft, Dec. 14 at 2-4 p.m.

Christmas Crafts – Dec. 15-18 at 3-5 p.m., Dec. 19 at 3-4:30pm.

The Titusville Public Library is located at 2121 S. Hopkins Ave. For information and to register, please call 264-5026 and ask for Youth Services. All programs are free.

### It's snow time

There will be a snowfall Dec. 5 as Downtown Titusville kicks off the holiday season. The event opens with the official lighting of the City's Christmas Tree at 6 p.m. at Space View Park West accompanied by the Children's Chorus of St. Teresa's School.

Enjoy a Candle Light procession into the heart of downtown, where the holiday spirit comes alive with a walk through Bethlehem and a visit to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Plan to get holiday shopping done also. All of your favorite home-based businesses, as well as, arts and craft vendors from all over the area will be set up for your holiday shopping pleasure. Stores will be open late offering plenty of red-light specials and various discounts. Come early for the tree lighting and stay late for the shopping extravaganza. The event includes cookie stations, an outdoor movie screen, kid crafts and, of course, snow. Join us for some holiday shopping madness!

Contact the Titusville Chamber for more details, 267-3036.

### Trees light up the season

Get into the holiday spirit and register today to decorate Tra tree for the Holiday Tree Auction at the annual Gift of Light Event. Fill out the registration form found online at [www.titusville.org](http://www.titusville.org). Click on Calendar of Events and then special events. Send the completed form to the Chamber of Commerce and they'll deliver a 6-foot artificial tree to you. Then bring your decorated tree to Parrish Medical Center before Gift of Light on Dec. 7.

Trees will be on display and donors will be recognized with signage during Gift of Light. The trees will be auctioned off during the event and all proceeds will benefit the Main Street PMC Project.

This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit...and your expenses are a tax-deductible donation! Gather co-workers, neighbors, family or friends and make this a group project!

For more details on the tree auction, contact the Titusville Chamber at 267-3036.

### Make a bracelet

The Merritt Island Library holds a Holiday Bracelet class. Learn to make a beaded holiday bracelet with toggle or magnetic clasp Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m. The fee is \$10

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# Elementary school students honor veterans

By Debi Fleming

Riverview Elementary students may not have been enthusiastic about attending school on Veterans Day, which was originally scheduled as a holiday but was used as a hurricane make-up day. But their enthusiasm shone through during the school's celebration of Nov 11.

Principal Vicki Sacco welcomed students, parents and visitors to the celebration, expressing gratitude that because students were at school that day they could learn and pay tribute.

"We have an opportunity to talk about what it means to be a veteran and to instill pride in students for those in the armed forces that serve our country," Sacco said. "We honor those serving now, those who have served and those who will serve in the future."

Music teacher Kimberly McNees worked with chorus students to teach them songs that would help the audience feel patriotic. Dressed in red, white and blue, with each holding a small American flag, students delighted those attending with songs such as "Proud of our Veterans," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and the traditional "The Star Spangled Banner."

Several students did research on the history of Veterans Day, and shared their learning with fellow students. Many did not know that Veterans Day had its beginning as a celebration at the end of World War I, the "war to end all wars," and was known as Armistice Day. It was celebrated on Nov 11, in commemoration of the end of World War hostilities on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with Germany signing of the Armistice agreement.

It wasn't until 1954 that the day came to honor veterans of all wars, not just those of World War I.

A highlight of the program was the raising of the flag by two sixth-grade students, Caleb Moran and Chirag Patel while Riverview's Computer Technology Specialist Eric Jarvis, a former Air force Senior Airman stood at at-



Debi Fleming

**Students from Titusville's Riverview Elementary School sing a patriotic song during a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11. Students and visitors learned the history of the holiday.**

tention. Fifth- and sixth-grade teacher Teresa Rowe, herself a veteran led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I think it's important for us to celebrate Veterans Day because veterans died for our country," Caleb said. "When we raise the flag and look at it we think of our country. It's also important for students to say the Pledge of Allegiance every day because by saying it we are pledging our allegiance to our country and to all who

have served."

Chirag seconded Caleb's comments and added "we should all give our pledge to all those who feel in war," Chirag said.

"I don't know anyone who is serving now, but I'm still grateful to all the veterans."

It was important to hold the program and instill in students pride for what America's veterans have done for them Sacco said



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and includes instructions and materials for one bracelet and one pair of earrings. Sign up now at the Merritt Island Library Reference Desk.

### Join the ride

Bike Florida is conducting an inaugural ride around the 260-mile "River to Sea Loop" and the Titusville Area Visitors Council, TAVC, wants to give them a warm welcome to Titusville. The tour and trail promise to position bike touring in the mainstream of Florida tourism and to launch wildflower tourism as comparable to fall colors up north.

The 35+ participants will be spending two nights in our city.

There will be a welcome reception on Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. at Space View Park where many city officials will be on hand to speak and welcome them to our fine city.

On Nov. 19, they will take part in familiarizations tours of the area. These tours will show them what Titusville has to offer, including nature, space and history.

The TAVC will then host a send-off reception on Nov. 20, 8 a.m. at the Chain of Lakes Park.

The public is welcome to attend one or both of these receptions. Please join us in showing these travel writers, dignitaries and press staff some genuine Titusville hospitality.

Contact the Titusville Chamber for more details, 267-3036.

### December is fun month for library

The Merritt Island Public Library presents the following events in December:

Dec. 5, 12 and 19 from 9-10:30 a.m. Zoombah fun exercise. Dec. 5, 12, and 19 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. watercolor art class. \$5 charge for class and \$5 for supplies.

Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 1:ep-3:30 p.m. acrylic and oil painting workshop. \$5 charge for class; bring your own art supplies.

Register in advance for all classes.

Dec. 17, 7-8 p.m. enjoy the sounds of Igor and Joan Markstein – violinist and cellist respectively.

The library is located at 1195 N. Courtenay Pkwy., Merritt Island. Call 344-1369.

### Come to luncheon

The Brevard County Retirees Annual Christmas Luncheon is Dec. 1, noon at Pumpnickel's Fest House, 2855 S. Hopkins ave. Cost of the buffet is \$15.50 per person including tax and gratuity.

Make checks payable to Bettye Snyder and mail to her at 170 Ojibway Ave., Titusville, 32780 Deadline for reservations is Nov. 25. For more information,

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Infant Story Time; Thursdays, 9:15am (Ages 1 month-walking)

Pre-Toddler Story Time; Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. (Ages walking-2 years); Holiday Paper Craft, Mondays, 6 p.m. (Ages 6-9); Holiday Paper Craft, Mondays, 7 p.m. (Ages 10-up); Puppet Club for Teens, Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Ages 13-up); Manga Drawing, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Ages 10-up); Special Programs are: Special Thanksgiving Craft, Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. (Ages 3-6) and 11 a.m. (Ages 7-12)

The Titusville Public Library is located at 2121 S. Hopkins Ave. For information and to register, call 264-5026 and ask for Youth Services. All programs are free.

### Make a holiday wreath

Titusville Garden Club holds a Wreath Work Shop Nov. 22, 10 a.m. - noon at the Garden Center, 5275 Sisson Rd., Titusville, Fl.

Bring items you would like to apply to your wreath, also glue gun, and clippers.

Cost is \$10 to cover all other materials. To register call Georgia (321) 302-2815. Open to the public.

### Students invited to write essay

Local high school students planning to participate in the national Being an

American Essay Contest are being reminded by the Bill of Rights Institute that all entries must be submitted by Dec. 1. Cash prizes totaling nearly \$200,000 and a trip to our nation's capital will be awarded to winning students and their teachers for exploring the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. Teachers can submit essays online at [www.BeingAnAmerican.org](http://www.BeingAnAmerican.org).

Since the September launch of this year's contest, Washington Wizards' All-Star Antawn Jamison has helped to promote the contest and has been invited to speak to winning students during their Washington, DC trip. The History Channel has signed on as an official sponsor of the contest; and Country music legend Kenny Rogers has been interviewed for a video documentary to be unveiled at the Awards Gala in Washington, DC.

This school year is the first in which high school students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to enter the contest. The contest began in 2006-07 in three states and expanded last year to 19 states and the District of Columbia. Over 17,000 students have participated in the contest to date.

To participate, students are asked to share their thoughts on American citizenship by answering the following question: "What civic value do you believe is most essential to being an American?"

The names of the top three prize winners in the nine regions will be announced at a special Washington, DC Awards Gala in March 2009, during which Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas is scheduled to give keynote remarks. The first place winners in each region and their sponsoring teachers will each receive \$5,000 cash awards; second place winners \$2,500 and third place winners \$1,250. Honorable mention prizes of \$250 will be awarded to 63 students, seven from each region.

The contest provides teachers with an easy way to incorporate the essay topic into the classroom. The Bill of Rights Institute provides lesson plans and supplemental materials—which meet national academic standards—at no charge for easy integration into related coursework.

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This publication, which was launched in August and is available on or around the 15th of each month, addresses topics that concern parents including updates on school facilities, district budget, curriculum and policies, as well as provide parenting tips and resources.

Parents may subscribe to this publication and receive an e-mail announcing each edition by signing up on the district Web site at [www.brevardschools.org](http://www.brevardschools.org).

### Veterans can now salute flag

Here's some great news for veterans from Army Echoes Magazine (Sept. – Dec. 2008 issue). Congress has put "Still Saluting" into law for retired veterans. The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 110-181) changed Sect. 9, Title 4, U.S. Code, covering "Conduct hoisting, lowering or passing of the flag." Veterans now can also salute the flag (not putting your hand over your heart) during a ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review.

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## The Tangled Webs We Weave

Dear Christian Allen,  
 I have natural wavy hair. I have always had a problem with tangles. Lately my hair has been knotting and tangling up a lot more than normal.

I always thought that some people just have tangles, and some people don't. Is that true? If not, then what can I do to make the tangles go away?

Signed.....  
 Princess of Knottingham

Dear Twisted Sister,

Oh the tangled webs we weave. First let's start with the notion that some people just have tangled hair. Hair is a compilation of dead cells that are shed from our body through the pores in our scalp.

It is our body's natural way of expelling waste and protecting our brain, which explains why some have more than others. More tangles that is.

Tangles occur when the cuticle layers on the outside of each hair become dry or damaged.

They open up and the hair loses its natural shine. They stick to each other and form a tangle. Tangled hair is not inherited so call your mom and apologize, it wasn't her fault.

A daily regimen of a PH balanced shampoo can help tighten the cuticle and will also bring back the shine. Read the ingredients and the label of the shampoo and conditioner you purchase.

It is as important as the lotions, medications or any other products you are applying to your body.

Look for acidic ingredients like citric acid to combat tangles. Remember to comb or pick your hair out starting at the ends and working your way up to the scalp. You'll be tangle free in no time.

Until the hair flies free in the wind,  
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BENSON Albert, 75, of Merritt Island, died Nov. 4. Arrangements by National Cremation and Burial Society in Rockledge.

CLARK Helen, 92, of Titusville, died Nov. 5. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home in Titusville.

COMELCHOOK John, 62, of Port St. John, died Nov. 8. Arrangements by East Coast Cremation in Rockledge.

GILLESPIE William, 85, of Titusville, died Nov. 6. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GOAD Granville, 84, of Titusville, died Nov. 18. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

HORNSBY Loraine, 84, of Merritt Island, died Nov. 5. Arrangements by Beach Funeral Home East Chapel in Indian Harbour Beach.

JOHNSON Shannon, of Merritt Island, died Nov. 7. Arrangements by Florida Memorial Funeral Home in Rockledge.

KORTEKASS Barbara, 79, of Merritt Island, died Nov. 4. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

LAGDEN Gordon, 74, of Titusville, died Nov. 4. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

LYON Helen, 79, of Merritt Island, died Nov. 3. Arrangements by East Coast Cremation in Rockledge.

MINNEAR Robert, 69, of Mims, died Nov. 4. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PHELPS Mary, 78, of Merritt Island, died Nov. 5. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

PORTER Elaine, of Titusville, died Nov. 9. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

STOUGHTON Cecil, of Merritt Island, died Nov. 3. Arrangements by Wylie Baxley Merritt Island Funeral Home.

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