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Facelift begins in Downtown Titusville



Susan Walden

Two projects spearheaded by the Florida Department of Transportation and City of Titusville will beautify downtown with repaved roads and landscaped sidewalks. The renovations expect to take a year and a half.

By Susan Walden

Roadwork on the downtown Titusville streets has started.

The end result will be landscaped wider sidewalks, historic lighting, smaller and slower traffic lanes and repaved roads.

The Florida Department of Transportation's roadwork, which stretches from Garden to Gray Streets, is a result of studies, traffic reports, accident data and the simple need for the road to be repaved because it's old, worn and sloped on the sides.

The City of Titusville's Community Redevelopment Agency borrowed \$2.5 million to improve the Julia Street parking lot, which will be the last to execute, and the sidewalk landscaping.

"We partnered with DOT on the contractor so the roadwork and landscaping projects will be done together," said Courtney Barker, the city's executive director of planning and growth management. "It's more efficient and less expensive."

Although contractors on a project as large as this don't like to give exact completion dates, Barker says the community should expect it to last a year and a half.

People will have continued access to establishments, with parking still in the commons area, Julia Street lot, as well as other nearby parking lots.

Heidi Thamert, co-owner of The Downtown Gallery, chooses to see the glass half full when thinking about downtown renovations.

"We think we'll be OK," she said. "We will stay positive, have open houses every month and it will all work out."

Stickee Surf Shop owner Jacob Nescio is cautiously optimistic.

"When it's done, it should be nice. It's just trying to survive with this and NASA – it's a double whammy," he said.

Barker says the city schedules periodic meetings about the renovations.

"We had one Aug. 13 and only two or three business showed up," she said. "The meetings are for addressing fears, concerns and questions."

Barker said the next meeting hasn't been scheduled yet, but encourages people who'd like to know more about the renovations to call her office at 383-5824 to set up another meeting.

"When this is done, it will be beautiful," Barker said.

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Deputies dismantle pot grow operation

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office served three search warrants associated with a large-scale marijuana grow operation.

The search warrants were executed at 5020 Banana Avenue, Canaveral Groves; 3380 Parkland Street, Titusville and 2905 Larkspur Street, Titusville. Agents seized approximately 900 marijuana plants, 550 pills of assorted controlled substances and pounds of harvested marijuana prepared for distribution.

Agents arrested 58-year-old Gary Neth, Canaveral Groves; 46-year-old Janine S. Haskell, Titusville; 31-year-old Richard B. Owen Jr., Altamonte Springs; and 27-year-old Nichole A. Aldridge, Canaveral Groves for Conspiracy to Traffick Marijuana in excess of 400 pounds, Trafficking Marijuana, Conspiracy to

Cultivate Marijuana and the Cultivation of Marijuana. The defendants were transported to the Brevard County jail under a No Bond status. Booking photographs of the defendants are attached to this news release.

The investigation is continuing and additional charges and arrests are expected.

The investigation was initiated after a Crimeline tip was received identifying the organization.

Anyone with information about the investigation is urged to call the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division at 321-385-1300 or CRIMELINE at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477). All calls to CRIMELINE are confidential, and callers can remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest.

City looking for new motto

Feeling creative? Want to see your idea in lights, signs and sides of vehicles?

The City of Titusville is asking citizens for input on its new motto. Right now, the motto is "A City of Service," but officials say it

comes up short.

Submit your idea to 555 S. Washington Ave., Titusville, FL 32796 or fax it to 383-5704.

Brevard residents get in free at KSC

As a salute to the supportive residents of Brevard County, Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts at Kennedy Space Center is hosting the 10th Annual Salute to Brevard Residents, a free weekend and food drive, Sept. 25-27.

The Brevard resident and up to five guests will enjoy free admission to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex for this three-day celebration. Residents need to show proof of residency, in the form of a driver's license or utility bill, to gain complimentary admission to the Visitor Complex.

Guests are encouraged to bring canned goods and non-perishable food items to benefit the Central Brevard Sharing Center, North Brevard Charities and South Brevard Sharing Center. While not mandatory for complimentary admission, the suggested donation is at least one food item or canned good per guest.

"It's wonderful to see the Brevard community unite for a worthy cause," said Dave Brubaker, Vice President of the Central Brevard Sharing Center.

"Every year this food drive makes a huge differ-

ence to those in need of help to feed themselves and their families, and this year is especially important because of the challenging economic times. We are very grateful to Delaware North Companies and Kennedy Space Center for hosting this annual event, and most of all to the community who make it all possible."

Complimentary admission includes the Kennedy Space Center Tour, Shuttle Launch Experience, 3D IMAX® space films, Astronaut Encounter and the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame®, featuring historic spacecraft, simulator rides and the world's largest collection of personal astronaut mementos. Brevard residents may also enjoy a 10 percent discount in the world's largest retail Space Shop with proof of residency.

Salute to Brevard Residents free weekend was created in 1999 to thank the people of Brevard County for their continued support of Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex's mission: to tell the NASA story and inspire all people to support the exploration of space.

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Boeing gives \$50,000 to schools

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"The company is committed to the advancement of quality learning environments that are essential for future success in the workforce and in life by investing in educators," said Kevin Hoshstrasser, site director of Boeing Florida Operations.

The Boeing Company has partnered with Brevard Schools Foundation and Brevard Public Schools and plays a key role in many educational programs.

"We have enjoyed having a great relationship with The Boeing Company," said

Lynn Clifton, executive director of Brevard Schools Foundation.

"They provide so much more than just financial support. Our schools rely on their employees as volunteers for science fair judges and robotics."

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Opinions

TV talent show full of hot air (or something else)

My View

By
Susan
Walden



Out of the mouths of babes.

We need to give a round of applause to Titusville's own Arcadian Broad for having the guts (or whatever you want to call it) to stand up to the producers of America's Got Talent on live TV and call them out on the rigged show Sept. 2 during the semifinals.

I was one of those people who believed every contestant on that show had an equal opportunity to win. Well, I was wrong. Apparently the show strong-arms these talented and not-so-talented people to do their performance the way the producers want them to, thus their act could be the hottest thing around or just mediocre. They tell the contestants what to do and then the judges, especially judge Piers Morgan as in the case of Arcadian, lambastes the performer in front of millions of people for doing what they were told to do.

If someone told me to do something on live TV that was too basic for me and then told me I was no good in front of millions of people, well ... I have a more colorful vocabulary than 13-year-old Arcadian.

For those who didn't see the show, Arcadian danced to High School Musical. After the performance, Morgan asked, "Are you good enough to get to the final? The answer would be no."

Then Arcadian said, "I didn't have this planned. I didn't want to do 'High School Musical'; the producers gave me this hand."

I think everyone watching the show in their living rooms sat there like me with mouths open. Say it isn't so! This isn't real?

Never in the history of TV has anyone that I know of (and I have a minor in pop culture) revealed a show to be rigged on live TV other than our town boy.

He was quickly shut up by the judges. Judge Sharon Osbourne threw up her hands as if trying to jump away from a fire. "It's not about what you did tonight. It's purely about your technical ability as a dancer."

This comes out of the mouth of the person who kept telling him after every one of Arcadian's performances, that he is great, star-quality and he's going places.

Host Nick Cannon, being fed words from the producers in his earpiece in a very apparent move, said that each contestant has a final say in what they perform.

Yea, right. Please Nick, shut up you're making it worse. Hello, there's a white elephant in the room and we're pointing to it. They say it isn't there.

That portion of the show was removed and not displayed on the Internet. Gee, I wonder why.

Oh sorry producers, John Q. Public was watching and listening because the Internet lit up like a switchboard. Tongues have been wagging ever since the show.

And of course, he was voted off the next night. Wow, how predictable.

OK, let's do a reality check people. America "votes" for these contestants by calling a special number associated with each contestant, right? Why don't they tell us how many votes each one received? Even if they did, would anyone believe the results were correct? Let's see, that night "they" "voted" the Chicken Farmer in but his performance was mediocre to say the least – and he was pitchy with no vibrato (for those not musically inclined, he sounded off-key and like your Aunt Edna). In other words, you can dress up a pig (or

a chicken in his case) but it's still a pig.

Well, I sound like a sore loser to talk about the other contestants, but my aim is to show our readers how rigged the show is – just in case you didn't believe Arcadian.

In my recent interview with his mom, Kathy, before this incident she said this opportunity is a life lesson. I'm sure she didn't realize how much of a life lesson it was for Arcadian – and the public.

I also give a round of applause to her, Arcadian's dad Kevin, family and friends for standing behind him. It isn't easy to stand up and have courage enough to say something isn't right – especially on live TV.

What he said wasn't an excuse. Arcadian's performance, given the circumstances, was fantastic. That's what he walked away with – knowing he did the right thing, he worked and executed his performances to the best of his ability. Too bad the adults – the money-hungry S.O.B.'s of Hollywood used him and spat him out when they were through.

I have a hunch that it isn't so much about talent as it is the drama. Even on the show's Web site it asks, "Whose story is more interesting? Arcadian Broad, Kevin Skinner (the chicken farmer) or Grandma Lee?" Arcadian had the least percentage with 6% of the vote. Hmmm, like I wrote in my scathing e-mail to the NBC producers, why not just make this show a drama and be done with it? Why not call it America's Got a Tear-jerking Story? Puullleeezzz.

I believe in karma. Arcadian will continue to be a hit, whether some people like him or not. I, for one, can't wait to see what the future holds for him.

For the producers, I hope the ratings go down like the Titanic.

America might have talent, but the producers are worms.

Come to flea market

The North Brevard Senior Center holds a flea market Oct. 10, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at their location – 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Be a vendor for \$10 an eight-foot table. Vendors get a free continental breakfast. Space is limited. Call 268-9530.

Give blood

Florida's Blood Centers are call donors of all blood types. With the storm season here, donations are needed to prepare for emergencies. Call 1-888-9DONATE or go to www.floridasbloodcenters.org to find out how, where and when to donate.

Republications meet

The North Brevard Republican Club meets Sept. 28, 7 p.m. at the San Mateo Clubhouse on Sisson Road in Titusville. The keynote speaker will be Todd Long with "conservativecomback.com." Long hosts a radio show out of Orlando. The public is invited. Call Shirley Phipps at 264-2634 or Sue Hinnant at 544-8376.

Halloween dance on tap

The North Brevard Senior Center holds a Halloween Big Band Ballroom Dance Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Enjoy a big band orchestra, door prizes and 50/50. Cost is \$8 per person and includes snacks and setups. BYOB. Call 631-0368 for details.

Learn boating

The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers a boating safety class the last Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Upland Building, Sand Point Park in Titusville. Participants learn federal and state boating requirements, receive a Florida boater ID card and the students qualify to join the auxiliary and receive boating education discounts. Free boat inspections are available. Cost is \$35 and includes materials and lunch. To register or for more information, call 577-0284.

Do you have mechanical skills?

The Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum has several openings for volunteers who possess the requisite skills, knowledge and experience along with an A&P license to work in the vintage warbird restoration facility. For more info, call 268-1941.

Racing against depression

How one Titusville man is beating the disease

By Kerry O'Connor

Charlie Gillespie, a retired art teacher and artist from Titusville, sat in the owners' section at Philadelphia Park Race Track & Casino on Labor Day. He had flown up to the City of Brotherly Love to watch Bunker Hill, a little three-year old chestnut-colored colt he owns run in the 2009 Pennsylvania Derby.

But Gillespie is no fat cat millionaire owner, rubbing elbows with the elite while tapping the tightly rolled ash from the end of an imported cigar with one hand and squeezing a fistful of betting tickets in the other.

"I only own two percent of him," said Gillespie with a laugh before the race. "The rest of Bunker Hill is owned by the other partners at Flying Dutchman Thoroughbreds. They divide racehorses into small shares, spreading the financial responsibility and risk to lots of people."

And that's just fine with Gillespie. Although his little percentage of the little horse may only yield a little cut of the purse if he wins places or shows, it gives him something much more important.

The ability to cope with clinical depression.

According to MentalHealthAmerica.net, clinical depression affects 10 percent of the American population, plunging the millions of people who are afflicted by it into despair that can last weeks or months, even resulting in suicide.

That's how it was for Gillespie. Even as a child who early on had the ability through his artistic sensibilities and talents to see and create beauty - and by doing so to give happiness to others - he could never appreciate it. Only rarely did it give him any pleasure. It continued like this throughout his life.

"It was terrible. My mood would get so dark for such a long time that I didn't know if I would survive," said Gillespie. "I've been receiving treatment for years, which helps stabilize me, but you still need a reason to get out of bed and live."

Ironically, the artistic ability that never quite sustained his emotional stability led him to that reason. His salvation would

come from of all places a racetrack, known more for breaking happy-go-lucky people than creating them.

"I started sketching the Anheuser Busch Clydesdales at Sea World, just as a way to practice and get better at sketching anatomy. I didn't think I was very good at all, especially when my Parkinson's disease started making my hand shake. To cover up my unsteady hand, I started doing really big sketches," said Gillespie. "That led to sketching racehorses and people really seemed to like my work so I kept doing them. A colored pencil sketch of Rachel Alexander is in the Museum of Florida Art in Deland (a sketch of Bunker Hill now hangs in the Menello Museum of American Art in Orlando) and I was spending so much time sketching racehorses that someone suggested owning one."

After shopping around, Gillespie found Flying Dutchman Thoroughbreds, and Bunker Hill.

"I became one of Bunker Hill's owners and I got to spend some time with him," said Gillespie as the time for the Pennsylvania Derby galloped closer with the finish of each previous race. "Instantly, I felt like he got me, like he understood me. That's hard to find with people sometimes. They think it's a funk. They tell you to snap out of it, things like that. You can't snap out of it. Bunker Hill doesn't do that. There's something about the way he looks at me when I talk with him. He just accepts me."

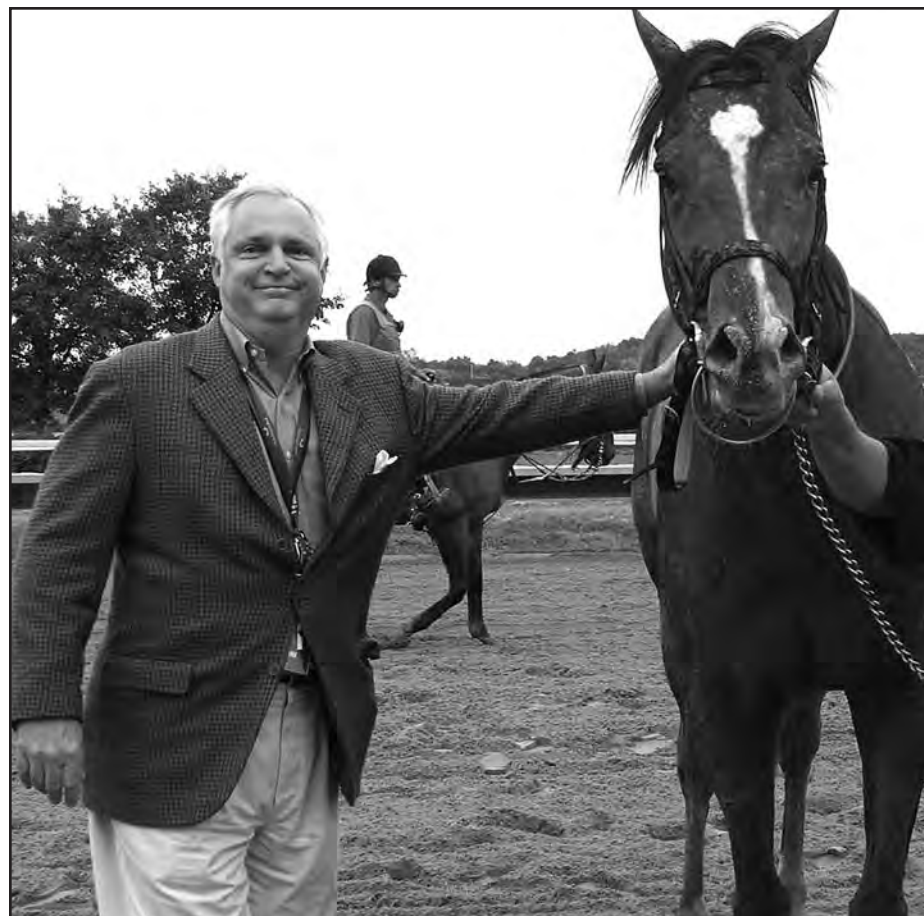
What Bunker Hill doesn't accept is Gillespie's snack offerings.

"I try to feed him apples and carrots, but he'll have none of it," said Gillespie. "I guess he likes sticking to his racehorse diet!"

To those unfamiliar with clinical depression, owning a racehorse may seem like the last thing someone who is depressed should be doing, considering the instant crash one would feel if their horse should lose.

But for Gillespie, it's not a concern.

"That's what people don't understand about clinical depression," said Gillespie. "It's not caused by something bad or sad



A.N. Torres

Race horse Bunker Hill is an elixir for part-owner Charlie Gillespie's clinical depression, even though the horse came in fifth in the Pennsylvania Derby over Labor Day weekend.

happening. It's a chemical imbalance that's always there unless you receive treatment. If you're already low, you don't get lower from losing. Besides, owning Bunker Hill is more about the relationship it's given me the opportunity to have with him. I love visiting him at the stables and watching him race, no matter how he finishes. But, that said I do like it when Bunker Hill wins."

The field of horses entered the starting gate for the Pennsylvania Derby. The bell went off and the horses thundered around the track. Bunker Hill held the third place position until the third turn. There, he ran out of steam, slipped back in the field, and ultimately came under the wire in fifth.

Down on the rail, right at the finish line, Gillespie was asked what he thought about Bunker Hill's performance. While those around him tore up losing tickets, mashed cigars against the asphalt and cursed under their breath, he smiled and responded, simply, "I'm happy."

Kerry O'Connor, a writer and photographer, lives and works in Philadelphia. His work is featured in several publications and he is a member of the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association, the Pen & Pencil Club for journalists and the Boxing Writers Association of America. You can read more of his work at penlens.blogspot.com or reach him at krossoconnor@hotmail.com.

Honeycomb Gallery is for the bees

By Susan Walden

When it comes to promoting the worldly attributes of honey bees, Charlotte Henry makes it her beeswax to know all about it and to pass the important knowledge on to others.

In fact, she loves bees and their honey so much, she has a store on Hopkins Avenue in Titusville called Honeycomb Gallery.

The store, which opened in April, features local honey, bee pollen, beeswax and other bee products as well as jewelry, candles, essential oils, sachets, potpourri, note cards and more.

"I've been passionate about bees for about 30 years," she said.

"My goal in having this store is to offer local honey as well as a variety of honey from other areas because I want to provide healthy alternatives to sugar, plus I want people to understand the plight of the bees."

Local honey is especially good for people's health because it boosts the immune system and helps overcome allergies.

To many, bees are annoying bugs that scare people to the point of running, screaming and swatting at them because the fear of the sting is so great.

But Henry says bees get a bum rap and are really the bee's knees, as they serve to pollinate essential flowers, fruits and vegetables.

The story has been illustrated in many children's books and movies, such as the recent hit Pixar film Bee Movie.

Henry, as well as other bee advocates, is worried about the bees lately because the environment and colony collapse disorder are causing the disappearance of bees around the world at an alarming rate.

The buzz is that over the last three years more than one in three honey bee

colonies has died nationwide, posing a serious threat to the food supply.

For some unknown reason, worker bees are abandoning their hives causing the hives to die.

Scientists don't know why colony collapse disorder happens but think it could be caused by mites, poor nutrition, viruses or chemical exposure.

"Just think, one out of three bites of food we consume is attributed by bee pollination," said Henry, who has traveled across the country to visit activist and informational organizations concerned about the plight of the bees.

"I can't imagine a world without fruits and vegetables."

"I'm a bee activist and that means my job is be part of the solution, so I'm here to educate," said Henry, who has been invited to elementary school classrooms to teach the children about the bees.

Her store isn't all bee products. It's an

eclectic place where any type of shopper can find something to buy. Henry doesn't lecture people about bees when they walk in but if someone asks about the insect, she's has all sorts of information to tell, show ... and of course, you can always sample some honey.

Her life passed before her in June, when a motorist hit the accelerator and plowed through her plate-glass window right into her store, knocking Henry over.

The window has been covered up by wood, but she hopes it will be fixed soon.

Honeycomb Gallery is located at 4525 Hopkins Ave. The store is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Call her at 480-8593

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Downtown Gallery to celebrate 7th year

By Susan Walden

If you haven't been to The Downtown Gallery in Titusville, you are missing something.

They have many types of local artwork on display to purchase, including fine handcrafted jewelry.

The Downtown Gallery, many say, is the best place to get your heirlooms and favorite art framed. They have hundreds of frames to choose from, an array of matting plus clear and museum glass, which is so transparent and non-reflective it's hard to tell there's glass on the frame. Jeff has been framing for 13 years.

"We frame just about anything," said Heidi, who's been a professional photographer for 14 years. "Sports memorabilia, collector's posters, needlepoint, photos, you name it." They recently framed an astronaut reentry suit for a local hotel and a woman's first rose – items you don't normally think would be framed.

Strolling through the establishment is like going through a small museum – but it isn't a stuffy place because owners Heidi and Jeff Thamert are just about the nicest people you'll ever meet. They started the gallery seven years ago and are landscape photographers as well as professional framers. Many Titusville residents might remember the Thamert name, as Jeff's aunt and uncle Joe and Pixie started Kobbler's Cobbler, just a few doors down. It was there years ago that Jeff and Heidi met while working there.

Heidi is originally from Northern Michigan and Jeff grew up in Seattle.

The artwork in The Downtown Gallery is eclectic and something for everyone's taste. Every local artist is award-winning, and they bring in different artwork regularly so Downtown Gallery is never a boring place.

Yure DeAlencar is a sculptor, Barbara Evans crafts beautiful jewelry, Diane DeShong Cannon is a watercolorist, Yvette Witmore offers mixed media, Dale Nichols is a landscape photographer along with the Thamerts and John Michael is an acrylic painter.



Courtesy of The Downtown Gallery

Heidi Thamert, who owns The Downtown Gallery with her husband Jeff, is a professional photographer. They invite the public to their open house celebration Sept. 25, 6-9 p.m.

"We have many customers who come in regularly to get their framing done," said Heidi, "and are surprised we're a gallery."

The Thamerts enjoy being downtown and love their life as owners of the The Downtown Gallery. They are having an open house to celebrate seven years of being in business Sept. 25 from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, music and artwork, including Jeff's new photography pieces.

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Parents to give input

The Brevard County School Board is asking for input from parents on the Proposed Criteria for Attendance Boundary Changes.

Parents are asked to help prioritize criteria that will be used to evaluate alternatives for future attendance boundary changes, should it ever become necessary.

The Proposed Criteria for Attendance Boundary Changes were submitted as an Information Agenda Item at the Aug. 25 School Board meeting.

After debate about the relative rankings and weights assigned to the proposed criteria, the board requested additional input from parents.

All parents are encouraged to get involved and provide input to the School Board. Interested parents should contact their school for more information.

Meetings will be scheduled at each school and all input must be submitted to

the district by Sept. 25.

Want to be a vendor?

If you are interested in your company becoming a vendor for the state, county, city or NASA, come to a luncheon Sept. 9 at the American Police hall of Fame, 6350 Horizon Dr., Titusville.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for chamber members, \$20 non-members. Call 267-3036 or go to www.titusville.org to make reservations.

The Kiwanis Club of Titusville holds a Family Bowl-A-Thon fund-raiser Sept. 20, 1-4 p.m. at River Lanes in Titusville. Five-member teams are \$10 a person and include shoes. Non-members pay \$12.

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza, soda and homemade desserts, prizes and fun. Each bowler is asked to get donations of at least \$50 for Kiwanis.

The club meets each Tuesday, noon, at Whistle Junction Restaurant. For more info, call Lynn at 385-1251.

Bob Ross painting classes will be held

at the Port St. John Community Center on Thursdays, Sept. 17 and 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

This two-session class will teach basic painting skills, such as types of brushes/blades and techniques for color blending for seascapes and landscape settings.

The \$45 session fee includes all materials. Participants will have the opportunity to complete a 16 x 20 painting.

Call Ann Feistel at 321-427-9268 to register for this class. Call Dan Cook at (321) 633-1904 for further information on this and other recreation activities sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation in the Port St. John area.

B-I-N-G-O

The Fraternal Order of Eagles in Titusville hold a bingo marathon and auction Oct. 17 at 3510 S. Street. Doors open at 11 a.m. All proceeds benefit Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund.

For more information, call 264-4441.

Chamber to give city a healing

The Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce is calling for all churches, choirs, religious groups, musicians, dancers, poets, praise worshippers, speakers, ministries and outreach to come to Downtown Historic Titusville and praise God in their own special way, whether it be through dance, song, music, etc., at Gospel Sensation, Oct. 2, on Palm Ave. in downtown Titusville, 6-10 p.m. The chamber says to "gather together and give Titusville a healing."

Call Gina for a vendor application or for more details, 267-3036.

Calling all volunteers

The American Cancer Society is recruiting volunteers. All levels of ability are needed such as, organizing and planning events, facilitate monthly meetings, coordinate the survivor dinner, recruit volunteers and publicize events.

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Computer club gets together

The Titusville Computer Club meets for a dinner meeting Sept. 24, 7 p.m. at Kelsey's Pizza in Port St. John, for members and spouses/significant other, Dutch treat.

For further information call 267-3746.

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Workshop helps your wallet

An informative workshop called How to Make Sure Your Money Lasts as Long as You Do is hosted by The Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Planned Gifts Committee Oct. 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Parrish Medical Center Conference Center, 951 N. Washington Ave. Registration is free and heavy hors

d'oeuvres will be served at 5 p.m. To register or for more information, call 269-4066 or e-mail foundation@parrishmed.com. Seating is limited.

Mark calendar for SeniorFest

Brevard County TRIAD invites the public to the free 10th annual SeniorFest 2009 Info/Expo Oct. 9 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne.

The event hosts more than 90 information booths and a hospital-sponsored Health Fair where free and low-cost health screenings are offered, plus flu shots no cost with a Medicare card.

For more information, call 264-6933 or go to www.brevardtriad.org.

Positions available on dog council

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners seeks applicants to fill two vacant positions on the Animal Services Dangerous Dog Council.

This council serves as a way for citizens to appeal the Animal Services and Enforcement director's determination as to whether there is sufficient cause to classify their dog as dangerous.

The positions vacant are an alternate kennel worker and an alternate dog behavioral trainer. The council

is six members: one kennel worker and one alternate kennel worker, one dog behavioral trainer and one Alternate Dog Behavioral Trainer, one state licensed veterinarian and one Alternate State Licensed Veterinarian.

All qualified applicants must submit their completed application to Laverne Wimberly by fax at 321-255-4416 or by electronic mail to Laverne.wimberly@brevardcounty.us, or by U.S. mail to: Laverne Wimberly, Animal Services Administration, 1515 Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL 32935 by 5p.m. on Oct. 1. For more information, call 255-4327.

Roll up your sleeves

Brevard County Parks and Recreation seeks volunteers to commemorate National Public Lands Day by assisting in removing invasive grapevine at Riverwalk Park in Rockledge Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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The American Legion Auxiliary holds a car wash at Wal-Mart in Titusville, Sept. 26 to benefit children and youth & other programs in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Contact Michelle Horton at 271-2012 or Debbie Kimes, 269-1296, for more information.

A beginner's computer class is offered at Cuyler Community Learning Center, 2329 Harry T. Moore Ave., in Mims. This ongoing class meets on Mondays, from 4 – 6 p.m. for elementary-age children.

The class covers the basics of how a computer operates, identification of computer parts, and instruction on use. There is no fee for the class but registration is required by calling 264-5045.

Call Clifford Lett at (321) 264-5045.

Get your fest table

Registration for tables and spaces at the 16th Annual Fall Festival of Crafts at Fox Lake Park in Titusville, Nov. 21, has begun at the North Area Parks Operations office, 475 North Williams Ave. in Titusville.

Tables and spaces are \$15 each plus Florida state sales tax and are limited to two per crafter. All items must be handmade or homemade.

Application forms will be available at the parks office. Forms will not be available online this year but are also available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to 475 North Williams Ave., Titusville, FL 32796 and by fax or email by calling Jill Hill at (321) 264-5105. E-mail her at jill.hill@brevardparks.com. Registration deadline is 4 p.m., Nov. 13.

Get car washed for purpose

The fourth annual Wash For Life, a nationwide event,

will take place at the Advanced Auto Parts, 2901 Garden St., Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The event is a pro-life youth event where hundreds of groups all over the country hold a car wash on the same day and donate the money they raise to their local pregnancy resource center.

Titusville Wash For Life benefits B.E.T.A. of Titusville, Inc., North Brevard's only pregnancy resource center.

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Come to Bookfest

The Art and Bookfest is Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park in Mims.

This activity is sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department's North Area Parks Operations. Call Juanita Barton at (321) 264-6595 for additional information on this and other recreation programs at the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park.

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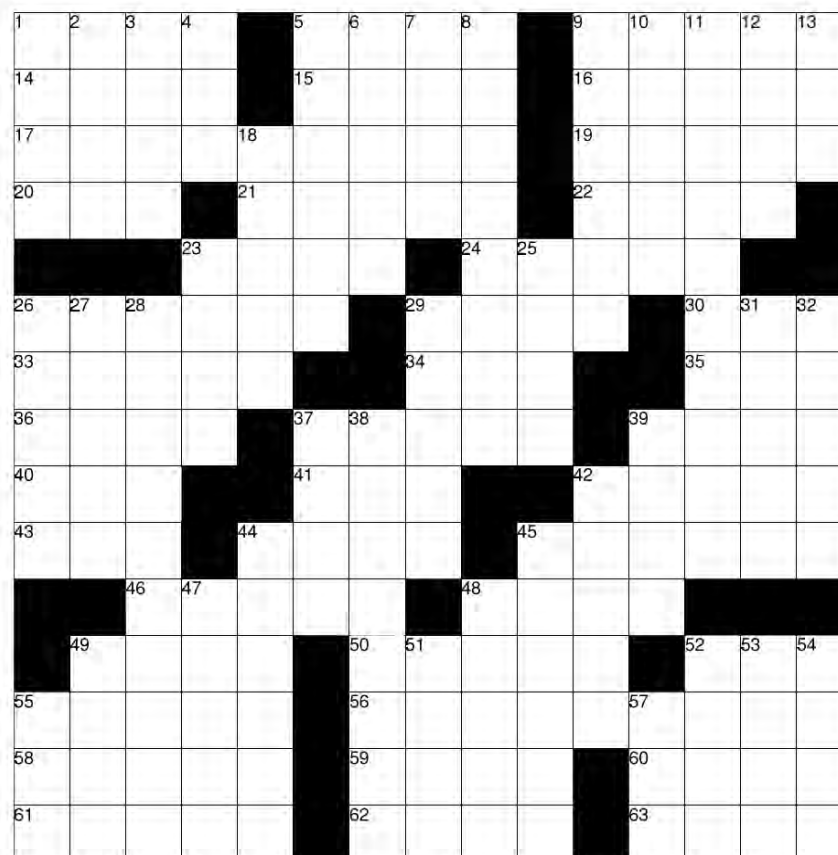
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Across

- 1 Close tightly
- 5 Menlo Park middle name
- 9 Plumber's concerns
- 14 Traditional knowledge
- 15 Impolite look
- 16 Dwight's two-time opponent
- 17 Thin pasta
- 19 Settees and sofas
- 20 Spelling competition
- 21 Theater walkway
- 22 Gets some sun
- 23 Land measure
- 24 Fur wrap
- 26 Brunch offering
- 29 Cookbook direction
- 30 Belly muscles
- 33 Lunch and dinner
- 34 Coffee-break time
- 35 ___ "King" Cole
- 36 Anxious
- 37 Has to have
- 39 Make eyes at
- 40 Guy's date
- 41 Part of SASE: Abbr.
- 42 Heartbeat
- 43 Pub serving
- 44 Constructed
- 45 Breakfast bowlful
- 46 Begin
- 48 Forest floor growth
- 49 High cards
- 50 Insurance seller
- 52 Track circuit
- 55 Crow (over)
- 56 Vehicle Robin rides in
- 58 Remote-control button
- 59 Old Milan money
- 60 Worship from ___
- 61 September bloom
- 62 British prep school
- 63 Bumper bump

Down

- 1 Bacon quantity



- 2 Sharpen
- 3 Strongly encourage
- 4 Summer shirt
- 5 Jazz trumpeter
- 6 Rental agreement
- 7 Bride's accessory
- 8 Ran in
- 9 Congregation leader
- 10 Standard of perfection
- 11 Geometry calculation
- 12 Has a snack
- 13 Bro's sib
- 18 Shoestrings
- 23 Comrade in war
- 25 Pie pans
- 26 Last Greek letter
- 27 Olympic award
- 28 He has 21 merit badges
- 29 Martin or McQueen
- 31 Modeling wood
- 32 Sword metal
- 38 Place for a lamp
- 39 Yours and mine
- 42 Green sauce
- 44 ___ of ceremonies
- 45 Scam artist
- 47 Make fun of
- 48 D.C. railway
- 49 "Oh, dear!"
- 51 Trot or canter
- 52 Word before belt or boat
- 53 Astronaut Shepard
- 54 Sassy
- 55 High-school stat.
- 57 Poorly behaved

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DEATH NOTICES

BASS Thomas, 70, of Mims, died Sept. 3. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CIOFFI Carmen, 62, of Port St. John, died Aug. 19. Arrangements by Wylie-Baxley Merritt Island Funeral Home.

CLARK Duane, 82, of Titusville, died Sept. 2. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CLARY Ethelene, 80, of Titusville, died Sept. 1. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home in Titusville.

CONN Michael, 57, of Titusville, died Sept. 3. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

DOUGLAS Elizabeth, 89, of Titusville, died Sept. 9. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

DUNN Lewis Taylor, 86, of Titusville, died Aug. 31. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

ELBERTSON Frances Eunice, 67, of Titusville, died Sept. 4. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

FACEMYER Brittany, 17, formerly of Titusville, died Aug. 19. Arrangements in Walkersville, WV.

GROOMS Lester, 80, of Mims, died Sept. 8. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

HANSEN Ida, 83, of Port St. John, died Sept. 3. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

HENDERSON Frank, 75, of Titusville,

died Sept. 4. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

JARRELL Charles, 50, of Titusville, died Sept. 8. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

KINSER George, 86, of Titusville, died Sept. 8. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

MOSSER Elizabeth, 93, of Titusville, died Aug. 31. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

REED Cieta, 89, of Mims, died Aug. 29. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

ROBERGE Heather, 34, of Titusville, died Aug. 30. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

SOEHNER Richard, 81, of Titusville, died Sept. 2. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

TILLOTSON Marguerite, 94, of Titusville, died Sept. 10. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

WHALEN Mary, 74, of Titusville, died Aug. 28. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

WILLIBER Grant, 6 months, of Titusville, died Sept. 2. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

WOOLSEY Norma, 81, of Port St. John, died Sept. 11. Arrangements by Atlantic Mortuary and Cremation in Cocoa.

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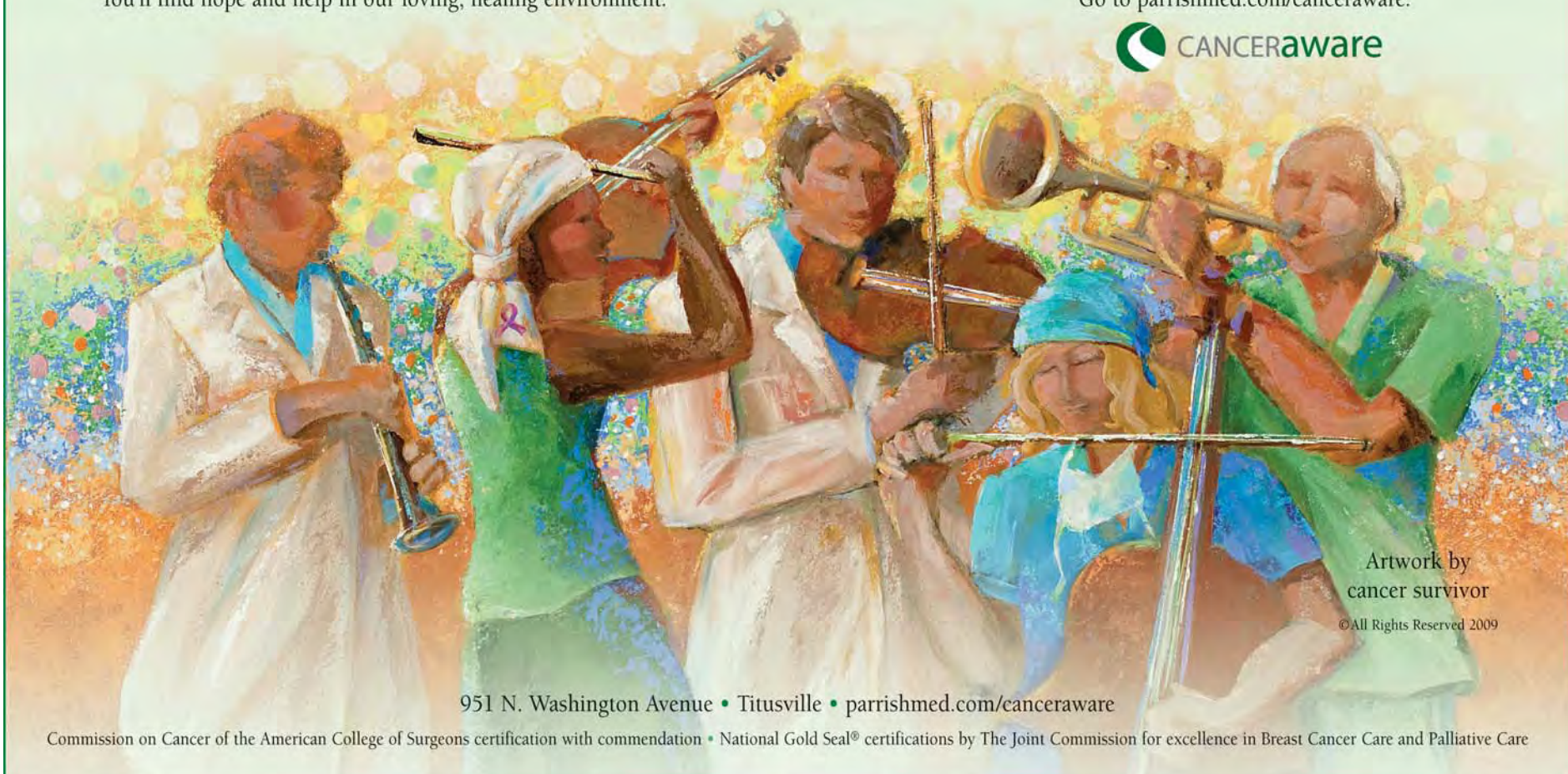
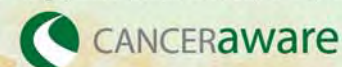
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