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The New Space Race



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A mock-up of the Orion space capsule heads to its temporary home in a hangar at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. The orbiter will replace in space shuttle and will take astronauts back to the moon and then

to Mars and other solar system destinations. Orion won't be the only thing launching from the Space Coast if lobbyists and legislators have anything to do with it. The Space Race now includes commercial and civilian sectors.

This is the first in a series on how the space industry is changing and how the Space Coast will fit in.

By Susan Walden

In a time when the nation's carriage to the stars is making way for a new vehicle and man's insatiable curiosity to touch the heavens grows, the space race has taken on a new meaning.

What once was the undeniable only bastion for space launches, now is at a crucial crossroads. Florida faces choppy seas ahead – the space shuttle fleet retiring by 2010 and a new phase of spaceflight, the Constellation, likely to unveil in 2015. A five-year gap that could be devastating, yet the surge of space technology of late has set a new course for space and could be a lifesaver to the dwindling local economy.

The Space Coast knows space better than anywhere else in the world. It lives it. It breathes it. And if some agencies, lobbyists and legislators have anything to do with it, the Space Coast will remain the premier space launch landscape.

Since Alan Shepard's first flight in space in 1961, America has been in the space race. In recent years, space exploration has blossomed into more than just an avenue to take astronauts to the stars. Launching important military and commercial payloads – from satellites to Mars rovers – have been the mission of the 45th Space Wing at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. What once was a dovetail partnership between NASA and the Air Force in launching astronauts to the new frontier, is now more a friendly neighbor relationship.

NASA launches its astronauts at Kennedy Space Center now, but just south lies Cape Canaveral, a large expanse dotted with an occasional old road leading to rusty half-standing and non-recognizable launch pads that, if they could talk, could tell the jolly tale of the original seven astronauts that paved history and those who followed them. Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, as if in a time warp, also sports the most modern launch pads in the world – the ones that keep the wing alive and the nation in space, which is critical to defense and emerging commerce.

In recent years, launches have been more commercial

than military at the Cape, which is the sign of the times.

Now countries such as India, Japan, China and the European Union are capable of hurling payloads into orbit – and their programs are increasingly geared toward the moon and Mars, while other countries such as Israel, Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, South Korea, Brazil, Malaysia and Taiwan are busily building their space programs.

At home in the United States and some abroad, private citizens want to make space exploration more common by putting civilians in space, while other companies want a piece of the space deal too, and they're willing to go anywhere to get it – anywhere that will give them the best deal.

Russia, in the ring with the United States in the first space race, continues to send not only their cosmonauts but this country's astronauts occasionally to the International Space Station. This leaves government agen-

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New District 32 rep tackles Tallahassee despite Greer insult

By Susan Walden

New State Rep. Tony Sasso, D-Cocoa Beach, hit the ground running just days after his election.

He was sworn in on opening day of the 2008 legislative session March 4. High on his agenda for District 32 are property tax reform, insurance relief, immigration reform, bringing in and keeping high-tech jobs to the area and a clean ocean.

"Since this was a special election only a few days before the start of the session, I will only be able to sponsor companion bills to existing Senate bills. However, I plan to use the amendment process as I am able," Sasso said.

With layoffs and impending cutbacks from Sea Ray to NASA's contractors, Sasso said the challenge to combat these recent setbacks to the Space Coast is two-fold.

"First, we must recruit new high-tech public- and private-sector jobs to the area to ease the potential loss of jobs from NASA and others," said the former Cocoa Beach city councilman.

"This means working with Chambers of Commerce, economic development commissions and state and local governments to create incentives for businesses to move here. It also means aggressive work at the state and federal levels for the next phase of NASA space programs to be located here.

The second challenge, he said, is to train the next generation of space and high tech workers to sustain those employers who come to the area.

"Obviously, this is going to involve our universities and community colleges to assure that our citizens have the opportunity to get the skills to work in the high-tech sector."

Sasso's ideas are in line with other Florida legislators, such as Speak of the House Marco Rubio R-Miami, who wrote the representatives before the session began.

"Making Florida more attractive for investment and growth of the aerospace industry is crucial for not just protecting jobs we already have, but for growing our

economy in the years ahead," wrote Rubio, who also puts tax reform and insurance relief on the front burner. (See Rubio's story, Page 5.)

But in keeping with politics, democrats and republicans don't always see eye to eye. As a matter of fact, some don't even have to really know each other well to cause conflict.

"The day after the election chairman of the Republican party (Jim Greer) was quoted as saying my 'eight months are up' in November," Sasso said referring to the fact that in November District 32 voters will again go to the polls to elect a representative because the time Sasso is in now is the period former Rep. Bob Allen would have had if he hadn't resigned. Allen's resignation was effective in January but the seat is officially up in November 2008.

"But the decision of the voters should be respected," Sasso said in response to Greer's statement.

"This sort of partisanship is an impediment to progress in Tallahassee, but I

also think it is the reason I was elected – to try to find the best ideas – whether from Republicans or Democrats – to make life better for the Space Coast. And that's what I have started to do."

Sasso believes Tallahassee has "lost its way" and that there's too much political fighting to adequately address the important issues, but he feels he can make a difference.

"I have strong opinions just like anyone else. But I also recognize that to accomplish anything in Tallahassee takes reasonable people listening to each other and finding common ground to get things done."

Sasso said he'll be sponsoring bills with both Republicans and Democrats and working with a delegation on home economic development issues.

"Sometimes progress comes in small steps," he said.

"I will listen to the citizens and to other members of the Legislature from either party to find the best ideas and solutions."

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cies, lobbyists and legislators wondering if the nation has to rely on Russia to send astronauts to the ISS between 2010 and 2015.

"We need to move quickly," said Deborah Spicer, Space Florida spokeswoman. "The time is now."

That was the message given to Washington and Tallahassee legislators on Space Day March 3-4 and 6 respectively by Florida-based companies supporting the aerospace industry. Space Day is an opportunity to educate and bring top-of-mind awareness to national and Florida legislators on the significance of the aerospace industry and its impact to the local economy.

"In Washington last week, we joined the California and New Mexico aerospace groups and collectively lobbied issues on the federal level," Spicer said.

The aerospace delegation spoke with many committees and boards raising questions that included what will happen to the space program after 2010.

"The major point is that we as a nation shouldn't have to rely on Russia for five years to carry our astronauts and cargo to the ISS."

"Our message was well received," Spicer said. "It opened the door at a tactical level for legislators and key staff."

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She explained that the commercial, government and civilian sectors of the space industry are converging and that each has "add-ons," other businesses that support each area. "Space tourism is emerging as well. When you look at all these sectors, their functions differ, their matrix differs yet they are all moving in convergence."

In Tallahassee on March 6, the space delegation was joined by more than 70 people representing 20-plus organizations, although Space Florida was the driving agenda for the state.

"We delivered our message in four key areas. We must have an aerospace workforce transition program; develop new or improving existing spaceport infrastructure; maintain our competitive edge, which includes recruiting and retaining new space business and limits the liability of commercial launch firms and their subcontractors who will provide human space flight services from Florida launch sites; and four, establish an education center of excellence, namely university-based curriculum to attract and keep graduates in Florida to work on the space programs."

The future has now begun.

NASA is looking at commercial viability to keep it alive between 2010 and 2015 by planning to build a private launch pad at

Kennedy Space Center.

As part of the commercial sector, NASA has designed the Commercial Orbital Transportation Services Project.

As winner of NASA's COTS Project competition, SpaceX is designing and building the Falcon 9 human-rated launch vehicle and Dragon spaceship to transport cargo and then astronauts to the ISS. The Falcon launch vehicle family is designed to carry both small and large satellites to missions ranging from Earth orbit to interplanetary missions. The first Falcon 9, scheduled for Florida in the summer, has been pushed to the beginning of 2009. The 45th Space Wing has been working closely with Space Florida and NASA, according to Spicer, to launch the Falcon at Cape Canaveral.

"Gen. Susan Helms at the 45th Space Wing has worked well with us to build Launch Complex 40 for SpaceX. To provide infrastructure support, tankage and railcars — all of this is totally unprecedented," Spicer said.

March 3 SpaceX announced its newly revised mission manifest listing 12 flights of its Falcon 1 and Falcon 9 launch vehicles. "We are on track to deliver our first Falcon 9 vehicle to Cape Canaveral by the end of 2008," said Gwynne Shotwell, vice president of Business Development for SpaceX. "In addition, we're very pleased to have

signed a significant new U.S. government customer for our next Falcon 1 flight, and will be releasing details shortly." The full SpaceX mission manifest extends into 2011 and lists nine customers on 12 flights, including three demonstration flights of SpaceX's new Dragon spacecraft for NASA as part of the COTS competition.

A few weeks ago it was announced that NASA selected Orbital Sciences Corp. for the second round of COTS, putting the business in Virginia, not the Space Coast. But Spicer said the decision isn't final. "They're walking through what their needs are and we are encouraging them to reconsider Florida."

Another major space development is that Space Florida has received a letter of intent from Bob Bigelow, founder of Bigelow Aerospace, who is developing Genesis I and II, the first expandable space habitat for orbit. His first launch in Russia in July 12, 2006 was successful and the spacecraft remains in orbit and is operational today.

"He is prepared, if the state put in a certain amount of money, to put in \$100-120 million to help build a launch complex, plus \$8 million a year."

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Legislature to assemble space business package

By D.D. Remini

In a recent letter to representatives, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Marco Rubio, R-Miami, outlined the house's legislative priorities for this session, which began March 4.

He said it is essential to restart Florida's economy by limiting taxes, government and burdensome and needless regulations.

"If we are going to return Florida to the path to prosperity, we must ensure that our state is once again affordable for Floridians and an attractive place to do business," Rubio wrote.

Implementing long-term, meaningful revenue caps on state and local governments, Rubio believes, will prevent Florida taxpayers from experiencing the sticker shock residents are currently facing.

"When we limit revenue growth, maximize our reserve savings and then return excess tax revenues to the taxpayers in times of plenty, we'll help keep the growth of government at a reasonable level and protect our economic future."

He said that Florida must be at the forefront of the aerospace industry but recent incidents – such as NASA's awarding a contract to carry supplies to the International Space Station to a Virginia-based company, the impending retirement of the shuttle and New Mexico's push to build its own commercial spaceport – no longer assure the state's dominance in this industry.

"Chairman (Dean) Cannon and other members are working on assembling a legislative package to help secure Florida's future as a leader in this sector."

Plans are to expand the number of enterprise zones, tax credits for research and development and matching grants for research commercialization to boost Florida's attractiveness to the future of the space industry.

He also said that legislators must keep their word on the recently passed Amendment One. "Chairman (Frank) Attkisson and the Government Efficiency and Accountability Council are examining meaningful legislation to help deal with some of the inherent unfairness in our

property tax system – items such as the 'presumption of correctness' and 'homestead loopholes.' This House should give this legislation its full attention."

Rubio addressed bringing relief and reforms to Florida's "unaffordable and unsustainable insurance system" by stating that legislators didn't do enough last year.

"We will continue to look for ways to make homeowners insurance affordable for Floridians. ... Over 148,000 Florida homeowners have taken advantage of the opportunity under the MySafeFloridaHome program to have their homes inspected and begin mitigation efforts. Let's expand this initiative and look for ways to partner with the private sector while also making it easier to begin home mitigation through a Zero-Interest Loan Program."

Rubio also called for improving access to affordable health care solutions. "Chairman (Aaron) Bean and the Healthcare Council are working on innovative proposals for a mandate-free health care marketplace," Rubio wrote.

He also said there is upcoming legisla-

tion to encourage the development and use of electronic medical records among health care providers in order to facilitate the coordination of care and promote higher levels of patient safety and quality of care.

"Our current Medicaid system is unsustainable. It is currently 22 percent of the state budget and is projected to be 27 percent in just the next three years. Florida simply cannot afford to continue doing business like we are currently."

With the stinging pinch of gas prices and the ongoing great responsibility of conservation and environmental issues, Rubio said Chairman (Stan) Mayfield and the Environment and Natural Resources Council will be looking at increase the availability of alternative and renewable fuels to consumers.

Rubio reminded the representatives that this is an important time for Florida.

"This may be the most challenging legislative session we will face."

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UPDATE

Terrier Tech Racing Team starts its engines

By Susan Walden

They're in the final stretch.

The Terrier Tech Racing Team is in the last stages of getting their 1930 Ford Model A Speedster in tip-top shape for the Great Race in May.

The car is now running, and with a few modifications on the drive train and a fresh paint job, the Speedster will be ready, according to Frank Soros, Titusville High School automotive teacher and the team's leader.

"Modifying the drive train will help us get up the big hills in the Canadian Rockies easier," he said.

The team consisting of five students, Soros and some volunteers, will race from New York to Vancouver, British Columbia starting May 30. The timed endurance 4,500-mile road rally for antique cars (pre-1942) pits 100 competitors against each other for top prizes.



Susan Walden

Frank Soros, top, and his automotive students prepare for the ride of their lives in a Ford Model A Speedster at the Great Race in May.

Although the students don't know exactly who will be the final five team members, they are excited to be the only "high school car" in the race, said Jessie Van

Inwagen, who will most likely be the only girl on the team. The Astronaut High student who hitches a ride after school with Soros to THS to put in as many hours as

she can to get the car ready said the easiest part of the race will be seeing their creation drive through the finish line.

"The hardest part will be getting everyone up in the morning during the race," she said.

Soros and the team had high hopes of being the first car in the race's 100-year history to be fueled by alternative means, namely E85 ethanol, but their plans have hit a roadblock.

"Canada doesn't have the ethanol for commercial vehicles, only government ones," Soros said. "NASA would have helped us too."

Like everything else in life, it takes money to get where you want to go. Soros said fund-raisers have netted a few thousand dollars but they're nowhere near their goal. They go to car shows and other venues every weekend to tell the

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For more information about the team, go to www.northbrevardbeacon.com/2008/080103.pdf.

To find out more about the Great Race, go to www.greatrace.com.

Mims church offers free clothing

By Susan Walden

Those who need clothing but cannot afford it have a friend in Mims.

The Mims United Methodist Church now offers a Clothes Closet — a one-stop place for less fortunate families and individuals to go for clothing, including shoes and accessories — for free.

Open just a few months, the Clothes Closet is the brainchild of Neta Harris, who saw a need.

"I didn't think there was a type of service like this in North Brevard," she said. "We wanted this to be free. We talked about it as

a congregation and God spoke to us about doing it."

Harris and a small committee dedicated to the service have sent letters to area churches, social service agencies and schools to get the word out about the Clothes Closet.

"Even though the Clothes Closet is for all those in need, special needs of children is one of the important aspects of the service, as well as families who have had a catastrophic happening that has disrupted their normal days," Harris said.

The clothes are clean, and in some

cases, are brand new. "We wouldn't offer anything we wouldn't wear ourselves," she said.

The Clothes closet is open Wednesdays, 10 a.m. — noon and is staffed by volunteers. However, those in an emergency situation can contact the church secretary at 267-6202 or visit the church located at 3302 Green St., Mims.

The church also offers a food pantry. Those interested in that service can contact the same phone number.

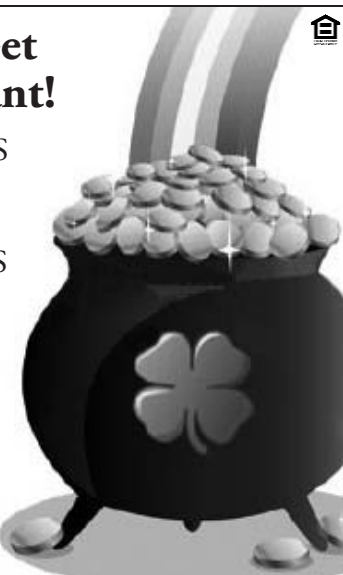
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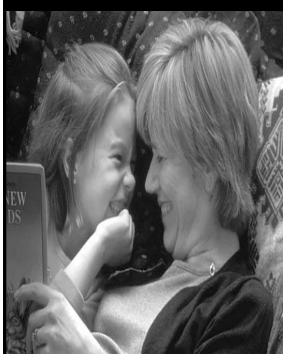


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Opinions

Great customer service still priority

My View

By
Susan
Walden



In these times of watching our dollars, customer service is a rare pearl to be savored.

When I switched my cell phone plan to another business a few weeks ago, I was more nervous than a house cat full of rocking chairs.

Like a person who has been emotionally abused for two years, I flinched when I called my new cell phone carrier, ready to get that lackadaisical, short-tempered employee attitude I always got from Cingular/At&T.

Wow, was I wrong. In the past few weeks, I've called my new company, T-Mobile, a few times to ask questions and I've been blown away every time. They

are so personable and ask how you are. When you tell them you have a question or a problem, they are empathetic. "I'm sorry to hear your set-up didn't work right. I know how annoying it can be when you try to get your new cell phone to work correctly and it doesn't do what you want it to. Again, we're really sorry, let me help you walk through it."

The first call I thought was a fluke – a new employee who loved her job.

Then I called again and one of the first things I was asked as the woman was bringing up my account was, "So, what are you going to do this weekend? Anything fun?"

Now most people might think this is a personal question, but you are caught so off guard that you answer the question – truthfully. They should all work for the CIA.

Customer service isn't a dying breed after all. Here's a company that trains their people who deal directly with customers to be nice and helpful. What a concept.

I experienced a similar almost "bizarre" (because it was so good) incident.

I bought a new Volvo 10 years ago. While living in Germany, I ordered the

car and received a free trip for two to Gottenburg, Sweden to pick it up. This can be done from the states as well.

Since my husband was in the Army and his duty was to make sure the German railways brought our troops to Bosnia, he couldn't go. So, my friend and I went.

We boarded the train and rode it to the northern part of Germany where we took an overnight ferry trip to Sweden.

We dined on a fantastic seafood dinner, a waiter came up to us and presented me with a cold bottle of champagne, courtesy of Volvo. I almost fell off my chair (before we drank some).

The next morning as we disembarked I couldn't believe my eyes. There at the foot of the gangplank was a man dressed in a suit holding the Volvo stretch limousine open for my friend and I. He drove us to Volvo City, as they call it, and I was waited on hand and foot. A couple from the United States kept asking a desk clerk for all kinds of help that made my friend and I blush for being pushy. However, the clerk never flinched. She kept a smile on her face while she booked them hotels in Italy, checked on their departing flight and answered every question you can think of pertaining to

Europe.

Moments later I was escorted to a bay where another man in a suit stood there with my new car. He showed me how to work everything and then my friend and I drove on their test track.

After that fun, we were driven to their executive dining room for lunch and we were given a tram tour of the plant.

After I thought I knew everything about the car company and was still stunned, they presented me again with my car because it was time to drive it to the ferry. The man shook my hand and said, "On behalf of Volvo Mrs. Walden, thank you for buying our car."

I will never forget it. A car company that actually thanks you. I didn't spend a fortune buying this car, either. It was about \$24,000.

If they can do this, why can't all the other car companies?

Maybe someone from T-Mobile went to Sweden to pick up a Volvo and followed their superior customer service concept. I don't know but I do know this. Everyone who works for a business or owns a business should have this kind of customer service.

Who knows, you might have and keep more customers.

Easter – a time for old memories, new hope



Seeing the light

By
Linda Humphrey

I can still visualize shopping with my sister for an Easter outfit. She was older, employed and was buying my new dress for this special annual holiday that represented spring and newness. Things being what they were when I was 14, new clothing was a very coveted commodity. And if it took Easter to be the reason for my getting a new dress, that was fine with me. I grew up loving Easter, perhaps more than Christmas. The new outfit may have had something to do with it, but also—that my family would attend church when they didn't any other Sunday—added to the anticipation. We were among those labeled "Easter Christians," the "one-day-a-year" attendees.

That year I would wear a new blue lace dress, white patent leather shoes, gloves and a new straw hat. Gee,

the dress alone would have been plenty, but that year I got the trimmings. We had to take care of our garments and make them last. Heavens, I can recall wearing one dress I owned three days a week to school. That, no doubt, was one of the reasons why Easter spelled joy for me. The main reason though, I discovered as I aged, was coming to the knowledge that death was not all there is. That took time.

When we were very young, we looked forward to seeing an Easter basket filled with blue and yellow egg shaped candies and little toys and those marshmallow bunny shaped...things. The colored grass is still a pain to get off the carpet but represents cherished memories.

We always colored real boiled eggs and hid them. Occasionally, we would not find them all and after a few days we were on a serious search, following our noses. I remember one Easter getting baby chicks that had been dyed pink and blue. I am certainly happy that we don't subject those little creatures to that nonsense any longer. Easter baskets remain special to me even now. My real joy is preparing treats for my four grandchildren and watching my four live bunnies hop in my yard.

Christianity looks upon this special day as a reminder

that Christ was resurrected. I especially love that part of the story because to me, being born and dying would be meaningless without the hope of empty graves and living again in heaven with family and friends.

As a child, I wondered if the account in Luke 24 was just a fabrication. How could anyone just come out of a tomb? The part where I started believing came later on in my life. Some things you can't explain, you just know that you know.

New clothing, a bright, fun-filled basket, a plush lamb or bunny, an egg hunt, making a rabbit shaped cake and family dinner with ham and sweet potatoes may be among the things that have you looking forward to March 23. However you celebrate your Easter day, think of that empty tomb and what it means some 2,000 years later. Remember those whom you have loved so very much and lost in death and think about what the men at the tomb said to those who came looking for the body of Christ: "He is not here. He is risen."

That you may find joy and hope during this season and cherished times with your family is my wish for you. I think I will buy myself a new dress this year. Happy Easter.

Nation's melting pot still burning bright



America's melting pot still continues to burn bright today, just as it did when the "new man" was born into the New World; a glorified body, molded and formed into one being, made whole by its members—a republic fused together by the common bonds of liberty, freedom, and the eternal brotherhood of man.

It's not too difficult to imagine a society that all nationalities, and ethnicities are peacefully combined together to form one indivisible nation. But the continued embrace of this amazing vision will require our nation's newest members to allow the furnace to do its miraculous and transforming works.

With every wave of immigration that has ever hit this nation's shores, many of the immigrants have truly struggled in the often difficult transition.

Being torn between the identity of those who are truly becoming the product of this nation's kindled fire, and those who choose to resist; desiring in their heart to remain unchanged by it. In the science of metallurgy, when metals refuse to flow together in the melting pot, the craftsman turns up the heat. There is no room for lukewarm negotiations when national security, and domestic tranquility is at stake. It must be understood by any immigrant; citizenship in this nation is not a right, but a privilege. Anyone

applying for citizenship should display their good intentions by being temperate, law abiding, willing to work, and not burdensome to the nation. Certainly, an oath of loyalty to the United States of America, and a complete renouncement of any previous national and ethnic loyalties must continue to be absolutely required for naturalization without any degree of compromise.

Many Americans have become offended by our nation's tolerance to the Hispanic community with regard to speaking our nation's native tongue. Though some will find little comfort in this truth, our nation will likely only struggle with this transition for one, maybe two generations at most. They will learn the language, and will likely learn it from their own kids. Their children, being students of our nation's public school system, will one day emerge bi-lingual and truly the product of our nation's melting pot. With our nation's baby boomers moving rapidly toward and into their retirement, we need immigrants in this nation as much, if not more than their desire to be here. We need honest, hard working American citizens living large, raising families, and paying taxes. Once accepted and approved, we must diligently work toward acclimating them into our society, so the entire nation can truly benefit from their presence.

Even though our nation's economy and social systems are struggling to support the rapid influx of immigrants, it is my belief that we shall one day flourish and prosper from their timely entry.

Out of many, we shall once again become one people. As good as gold after it passes through the fire, their children, as well as our own, will one day be the richness, wealth, and precious jewels of a nation once again born into glory.

Letters to the Editor

I just wanted (to tell) Kathy Warren on her restaurant review about Hope's Restaurant and Treasures that when I read the article I said that is the place I would really like to try. My husband and I try to eat a new place week and, boy, am I glad we found Hope's. Kathy was right. Plenty of homemade good food; the atmosphere was fantastic and everyone was so friendly. Aunt Helen was just superb!

Thanks Kathy for a great article that sent us down to Hope's.

Debbie Lungo
Titusville

Just want to correct a basic error in Susan Walden's diatribe on toll roads (See Beacon, Feb. 28 issue). It's quite easy to go to Gainesville without paying a toll. I-95 to 40, west to 17 and right into Gainesville. Save the \$5.

I am a big fan of toll roads, there is usually less traffic, no stop and go, you get to where you want to go faster, and you are more refreshed, feel better, a little lighter in the wallet, and helping the economy, giving people jobs. So what's not to like?

I use the Greenway every time I can. Less than an hour from South Titusville to Disney, Gaylord Palms and about two hours to Tampa. What a deal. I sure would hate to take Hwy. 60 into Tampa; it would take all day.

Tolls are the future. They are voluntary, you don't have to take them but if you don't like tolls, you are going to be very unhappy over the next 20 years or so.

Bobby Socks
Titusville

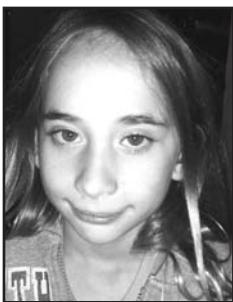
Talk of the town

What do you like most about Easter?



"Going to church and wearing my Easter dress, and getting a chocolate bunny."

Emily Gallini, 9
Titusville



"Finding Easter eggs."

Makenna Nenrhoof, 8
Titusville



"Spending time with my family."

Cheyenne Fits, 10
Titusville



"Collecting Easter eggs."

John Burlein, 7
Port St. John



"The candy."

Rhyleigh Nenrhoof, 8
Titusville



"I like Easter because I like spending time with my family."

Halle Harkins, 9
Titusville

Three students take home DAR prize

By Maura McLeod

The Indian River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution honored three Titusville students at the chapter's recent meeting for writing the best essays in the American History Essay Contest sponsored by the chapter.

Barbara Maloney, representing American History Chairman Judith Hice, presented a bronze medal and certificate to each of the winners – Ian Coyne, eighth grader at St. Teresa Catholic School, Micky Smisek-Jones, sixth grade at Apollo Elementary and Brianna Taquinto, seventh-grader at St. Teresa

Catholic School.

More than 100 students in the North Brevard area submitted essays on the topic, "I Spy – Espionage During the American Revolution."

The young authors imagined what it would be like to be a spy during the American Revolution on either the patriot or loyalist side. At the chapter meeting, each writer read the winning essay to the chapter members, family members and school representatives.

The winning essays will now be entered at the state level of the Florida State Society Daughters of the American



From left, Micky Smisek-Jones, Brianna Taquinto and Ian Coyne are winners of the DAR writing contest.

Revolution and the winners at the state level will be announced later this month.

For more information about the essay

contest or to be a member of the Indian River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, call 267-9774.

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Having fun at the Cruise In



Susan Walden

Dustin Mead, 6, and his sister, Megan, 12, from Port St. John, take a gander inside a 1972 Camaro SS on display during the TitusNites Cruise In March 1. There were 310 vehicles at the event making it one of the largest Cruise Ins. Between the drivers, passengers and spectators, downtown Titusville was packed. The next Cruise In is May 3. April 4 is the next TitusNites featuring an old-fashioned Sock Hop.



Faith Pizzi, 2, from Port St. John isn't sure she likes the rather evil smiley face on a 2003 Mustang GT.



Young and old came out to see the young and old cars.



Top, Emily Gallini, shows her brother, Robert, how a DeLorean opens. Left, some use Cruise In nights to catch up with old friends and relax.



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Pool league always behind 8-ball

By Linda Humphrey

When you hear a cluster of women talking about bumpers, breaks and bridges, chances are they are members of the Titusville Women's Pool League in a weekly game of 8-ball competition.

On any given Thursday night, some 90 members of the league play pool at 15 North Brevard area lounges. The distinct sound of pool balls breaking is heard as far south as Pintos Lounge in Port St. John, northward to the Fill-N-Station and Highway 46 Tavern in Mims. The league also plays at Hard Racks in Christmas.

Laura Patton is president of the 15-team league and has been a member 25 years. It all started for Patton as a night out of the house.

"I think for most of the women it begins as a night away from the kids but the more you play, it becomes about skill and angles," said Patton, a medical office manager and licensed massage therapist. "We always play 8-ball," she added.

According to online Web sites, 8-ball is unquestionably the most popular game in all pocket billiards history, derived from a lawn game similar to croquet, dating back several centuries. It is often the first game new players learn and is widely played in pool halls and predominately played in bars and taverns. Eight ball is played with a cue ball, an 8-ball and 15 object balls, numbered 1-15. Balls 1-7 are solid colors, and balls 9-15 are striped. One player must pocket balls of solid colors, while the other player aims at the striped ones. The player pocketing their entire group first and then legally pocketing the 8-ball wins the game. And while the competition is not considered fierce, the women in the league do enjoy winning, said league secretary Lynne Cone.

Cone first started out as a substitute player about six years ago. "After that season was over, I took a year off and then got a team of my own and began playing for MJ's Saloon," she recalled. "I have been with them ever



Linda Humphrey

Members of the Titusville Women's Pool League are tearing up the pool tables, well not literally, but they are having a good time.

since. I have six wonderful girls on my team. We all get along and have a great time shooting together. And the more you play, the better you become."

Patton and Cone both agree that the camaraderie shared by the members is as important as playing well or winning. Cone said lifelong friendships have been made and are nurtured each week.

"The majority of the time when we all get together, it is more like a social event and party than a league," she said. "We have a really good time. Don't get me wrong, we all still have a competitive edge and want to win at the end."

Patton said the league is always looking for new players and substitutes. The dues are \$3 each week. The monies collected are used for prizes. And, occasionally if a need arises in the life of a member, the league assists, said Patton.

For information about the league, call Patton at 385-3082.

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These are reproduced by permission of the White House Historical Society and the Smithsonian Institute. The First Ladies' outfits required trips to the Smithsonian and the White House to authenticate Spudis' personally-constructed gowns, with fabric samples submitted there for approval.

General admission is \$12 for adults but a special rate of \$7 is offered to Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes or Seniors with troop leaders \$9. For group reservations or info contact Chair Joyce Starrick at 269-4553 or Holy Spirit Council of Catholic Women President Hazel Gillooley at 268-0028.

The original shows in her repertoire featured gowns from 1811 to 1945, and other shows now include Titanic Gowns and Roaring Twenties. A fun show is her Academy Awards and Music with even a Marilyn Monroe costume. Although new to North Brevard, Spudis has offered shows in Melbourne churches plus Palm Bay Senior Center for the Jamaican Club of the Roaring Twenties."

Come to the Sock Hop

Get your poodle skir out, slick back your hair because it's time for TitusNites Sock Hop, April 4, 6-10 p.m. Enjoy shopping, entertainment and food.

Dress up and have fun. For more information, call Karen at 267-3036.

Kids fish

Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Club holds a free kids fishing derby May 3, 8 a.m. – noon. The event is for children 6-12. Prizes will be awarded. Children should bring their fishing poles. All supplies will be provided to fish. For more information, call Dale Audrey at 267-0770 and Steve Bridges at 264-4737.

THS grad night parents meet

Titusville High School Project

Graduation 2008 will have its next general meeting March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Titusville Public Library. Graduation is fast approaching and PG08 needs all parents of Seniors to attend to help with the upcoming fundraising events and planning for the event. If you have any questions, or would like more information please contact Ian Sterling 383-4258, Don Ely 750-3174 or visit W W W . T H S P G 0 8 . C O M <<http://www.thspg08.com/>>

Childbirth classes offered

The Brevard Chapter of the Florida Outreach Childbirth Education Project offers childbirth classes March 15 and March 22 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Children's Center, South U.S. 1, Titusville. Classes will also be held April 15 – May 13 from 6:30-9 p.m. for five sessions. Call (321) 252-4573 for more information.

Republicans meet

The North Brevard Republican Club holds its monthly meeting March 24, 7 p.m. at the San Mateo Clubhouse on Sisson Road in Titusville. Speaker for this event is Attorney Micahel Kahn of the Brevard County Advisory Council who will speak on campaign finance law.

All Republicans are invited. For more information, call Shirley Phipps at 264-2634.

Need motivation?

Learn to live a balanced, motivated life by attending a keynote address by author Shawn Doyle March 25, 7-8 p.m. at 430 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa.

The event, hosted by North Brevard Charities, highlights 10 foundations of motivation for people of all walks of life.

Cost is \$5 for adults. Admission for children is free. Proceeds benefit North Brevard Charities' emergency assistance programs.

To register or for more details, call 269-6555.

Event features barbecue, jazz

Enjoy the annual Afternoon in the Park & Barbecue March 29, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Fox Lake Park in Titusville. The event includes vendors, an antique auto display, silent auction, entertainment by the John Woods Bluegrass Group and the

Titusville High School Jazz Band. Enjoy barbecue pork and chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls, coffee and tea served from noon – 2 p.m. Carry out is available. Donations are \$8 per person. Tickets are available at the museum. For more details, call (321) 514-0096.

Lunch and see fashion show

The Women's Auxiliary of the Salvation Army North Central Brevard Corps invites the community to the 8th Annual Spring Into Style Luncheon and Fashion Show March 15, 11 a.m. at the Rockledge Country Club, 1591 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge. Proceeds are used to send underprivileged children to a weeklong summer camp at the Salvation Army's Camp Keystone in Keystone Heights, Fla.

Cost is \$25 and reservations are required by calling Peg Messina at (321) 783-8965 or Clarice Costello at 799-2149. If unable to attend but would like to make a donation mail a check payable to The Salvation Army Woman's Auxiliary to P.O. Box 940, Cocoa, FL, 32923-940. Note "Camp Sponsorship" in memo section of check.

For more details, call 783-8965 or 799-2149.

Air show a go

Both U.S. Air Force first-line fighter demonstration teams, F-15 Strike Eagles and F-16 Fighting Falcons will perform at the 31st Annual TICO Warbird Air Show in Titusville March 14-16 at the Space Coast Regional Airport, U.S. 1 and Hwy. 405.

The show features an expected 100 vintage and current aircraft of all types. Mustangs, Corsairs, Texans, Wildcats and other planes from WWII to date will be included. In addition, the Vintage Vehicles of Titusville will display at the AirShow.

Get Fido's photo with bunny

The Easter Bunny makes a special appearance at the Central Brevard Humane Society March 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their shelter located at 1020 Cox Road in Cocoa.

Come with your favorite furry friend and get his picture taken with the Easter Bunny set in the Rainbow Bridge Community Chapel Memorial Garden. Photos will be provided by Goldmine Photography for \$10, and

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wearing shoes that don't fit properly. Or it may be the result of a biomechanical problem with a person's gait.

Calluses tend to get dry, and in some cases application of a moisturizing cream can help. One danger posed by calluses is their cracking. The skin becomes so dry that it splits, creating fissures that are potential entryways for infection. If a heel callus develops shortly after the purchase of a new pair of shoes, the shoes are probably the reason. Talk with a podiatric physician about how to avoid calluses, or about how to manage them

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"Busy people rely on technology to keep them organized," says Penny Kris-Etherton, R.D., Ph.D., professor of nutrition at Pennsylvania State University.

"Now it's easy to keep your grocery list in your Web-enabled mobile phone or PDA and feel confident that you are selecting foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol."

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Before pooch gets his photo taken with the Easter Bunny, pamper him with a relaxing doggy bath for a \$5 minimum donation.

All proceeds go to help the Central Brevard Humane Society to fund the building of their new low-cost spay/neuter facility.

For more information, contact Janet Burke with the Central Brevard Humane Society at (321) 636-3343 ext: 207 or via e-mail at volunteer.coordinator@critesavers.com.

Founded in 1952, The Central Brevard Humane Society is Brevard County's oldest established animal welfare organization. A "no kill for space" shelter, CBHS is dedicated to speaking for those who can not speak for themselves. CBHS educates the community on responsible pet ownership and the humane treatment of animals, advocates for spaying/neutering to reduce the homeless pet population and provides the best quality care to Brevard's abandoned animals by placing them with responsible, caring owners in forever homes.

Come to the yard sale

Sand Point Senior Living is having yard sale March 14-15, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at their location – 1800 Harrison St., Titusville. Proceeds go to restore shotgun houses for the Heritage Park. Item sold

include, tables, chairs, couches, etc.

Yard sale goes to Children's Center

The Children's Center on U.S. 1 in Titusville holds a community yard sale March 29, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the organization.

Take a hike

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary holds a Forest Funday for children – a wildlife hike March 16 at 2 p.m. Look for wildlife and clues that they live there and learn ways to attract wildlife to a yard. Each child receives a plant to attract pollinators, make a house for toads and frogs and make a natural birdfeeder. Call to reserve a spot – 264-5185.

BCC celebrates women

In celebration of Women's History Month Brevard Community College hosts the production "We Are: Women of Character; Choosing Trust, Hope and Inspiration" by the Brevard Theatrical Ensemble on March 19 at 11 a.m. at the BCC Melbourne Campus, Lecture Auditorium, 3865 N. Wickham Road.

The free performance, sponsored by the Student Government Association, will feature women's contributions to history and storytellers who portray the lives of various women throughout history. The event is open to the public.

The educational production presents little-known facts about the accomplishments of women. This year, the featured historical figures include Ann Hutchinson, Abigail Adams, Susan B. Anthony, Dr.

Mary Edwards Walker, Amelia Bloomer, and other women.

The Brevard Theatrical Ensemble was founded in 1988 and known as the Brevard Storytellers and was the first professional storytelling ensemble in the state. The group has performed before thousands in Florida and surrounding states in such venues as the EPCOT Center and National Public Radio.

For more information call the Women's History Month Committee at 433-5744.

Join the Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast April 19, 8-10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Titusville, 303 Main St.

Donation is \$5 and includes pancakes, orange juice, sausage and coffee. Tickets are available at UPS Stor on Garden Street or from any member of the Sunrise Kiwanis. Tickets will also be available at the door. Free parking in the rear of the church. For more information, call Dale Audrey at 267-0770.

Get involved at playhouse

Titusville Playhouse holds their annual fund-raiser "Delicious Demise" March 22, 7:15 p.m. This is an interactive murder mystery with audience participation in solving "who done it." This year's plot features auditions, a casting call for would-be singers, actors and dancers. Those who attend can enjoy the auditions as an audience member or pose as a potential auditionee, infiltrating the goings-on for a ringside seat in solving the inevitable mystery and unmasking the evil perpetrators.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres at the outset of the event and dessert at the first intermission. Throughout the evening, there will be a silent auction and door prizes.

Cost to attend is \$20 for TPI members and \$25 for nonmembers. Seating is limited and reservations are required by calling 268-1125.

For more details, call 268-3711 or go to www.nbbd.com/godo/tpi.

Library more than books

The Titusville Public Library holds the following events in March:

Teen Craft. Sewing-Plastic Canvas. Easter (Ages 10 and up), March 13 at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Read Aloud With Us (2nd grade and up), Irrepressible Lucie Archer by Karen Fyke Kirchel, March 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Easter Crafts March 15, grades K-2 at 10 a.m., grades 3-6 at 11 a.m.

Friday Teen Night. (Ages 13-18) movie and pizza, March 28 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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.

Computer enthusiasts meet

The Titusville Computer Club will meet for the General Membership Meeting, with a Q & A session March 13, 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.

Have you seen me?



On or about Monday, Feb. 25, one (or more) of our village idiots stole the Beacon news rack in front of the Harrison Street Post Office.

Months earlier, a white Beacon news rack was stolen in front of the office at 4217 S. Hopkins Ave.

Police are investigating the incidents.

The Beacon will reward \$100 to anyone with information leading to the

arrest of the idiots who stole the rack(s).

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School seeks donations

Imperial Estates Elementary School is getting ready for its Spring Auction April 26. They seek donations of new items or services to be auctioned. For more info or to make a donation, call Natalie Colvin at 268-0347 or Kathy Graf at 267-8194

Medical scholarships offered

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

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

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

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

Cancer Society needs volunteers

The American Cancer Society is re-

cruiting volunteers interested in making a difference in the fight against cancer.

Volunteers with the American Cancer Society's Florida Division participate in programs that support research funding, educate the community, deliver services to patients and advocate for policies that help defeat cancer.

The American Cancer Society's Brevard Unit is in immediate need of volunteers willing to:

✓ Drive patients to and from cancer treatments.

✓ Work with health care providers to promote the American Cancer Society's patient programs and services.

✓ Identify community resources to help patients through their cancer journey.

✓ Coordinators to coordinate rides for patients.

To get involved, call American Cancer Society at 800-ACS-2345.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. For information about cancer, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Farmers Market offers many items

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

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

Need a job?

The Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce holds a Career and Job Fair March 11, 4-7 p.m. at Searstown Mall. It is a one-stop opportunity for individuals looking for career information, as well as giving diligent jobseekers the chance to find employment. It is being coordinated by the Education Committee in conjunc-

tion with a variety of organizations, including Brevard County Public Schools, Brevard Community College, Brevard JobLink, and more.

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

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

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

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 pickup 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.

Help the community

It is easy and doesn't cost anything. Just complete a survey to help identify:

• Transportation needs • Resources available • Additional services needed • Concerns that affect your family

Please take 10 minutes and complete the Citizens Survey at www.titusville.com, www.ircumc.com, or www.brevard.cc.fl.us

The North Brevard Coalition of Human Services is the lead agency in North Brevard that directs social service

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

Teens have fun

The Teen Warehouse is a place for teens in grades 7 through 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.

Got an old cell phone?

Children's Home Society of Florida, Brevard Division has teamed up with Wireless Fundraiser to collect old cell phones in support of its programs that assist abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Brevard County. CHS will collect used cell phones from the community, which will be sent to Wireless Fundraiser and processed. In return CHS will receive funds, which are used for a variety of programs that help to keep children safe and to strengthen families in crisis.

Join Children's Home Society's Brevard Division as we enter the new year by donating your unused cell phones to help children in our community. Phones may be dropped off at Children's Home Society of Florida, 3270 Suntree Blvd., Suite 100, Melbourne, FL 32940 or call Mary Beth Phelps at 321-752-3170 ext. 235 for drop-off locations. Call if your business would like to become a drop-off site.

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ANSPACH, Charles, 71, of Port St. John, died March 9. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

BEVILLE Helen, 83, of Titusville, died March 2. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

BURNS Charles, 65, of Titusville, died Feb. 21. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Neptune Society, Ormond Beach.

BYRD Charles "Chuck," 44, of Titusville, died Feb. 28. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CASALE Mary, of Titusville died March 8. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GIANNOTTA Elizabeth, 95, of Titusville, died March 1. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GILBERT Matthew, 24, of Titusville, died Feb. 28. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

GRAY Clare, 82, of Titusville, died Feb. 29. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

HAYES Thomas, 66, of Titusville, died Feb. 28. Arrangements by East Coast

Cremation in Rockledge.

KAIN Daniel Patrick Mingo, of Titusville, died March 5. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PRITCHARD Donna, 62, of Mims, died Feb. 24. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PUGH Herbert William, 86, of Titusville, died March 2. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

QUIETT Carolyn, 66, of Titusville, died March 1. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

REDMOND Charles, 54, of Titusville, died Feb. 27. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

SIZEMORE Pamela, 55, of Titusville, died Feb. 28. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

SMITH Jim, 88, of Titusville, died Feb. 27. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

WAGGONER Robert Franklin, 86, of Titusville, died March 8. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

How to Show Kids You Care

When members of the U. S. Armed Forces are serving overseas, their absence can be especially difficult for their young children. Parents and grandparents can maintain strong family ties, assure these youngsters they are loved, and help them over the rough spots.

MOST IMPORTANT:

- Before the service member leaves for duty, set aside time to talk with children and encourage them to express their feelings and concerns. If they're confused or angry, **kids may pretend they don't care.** Cut through this "tough talk" to reach your child's heart.
- During the service member's absence, **encourage kids to talk about their thoughts and feelings.** They may be lonely for the absent parent and perhaps feel abandoned. They may fear for the parent's safety overseas, and they may be concerned about their own loss if the worst happens. **Assure children that they are deeply loved.**
- If you feel your child needs professional counseling, **seek help immediately** from the military, the school, or other resources in your community. Warning signs include changes in personality, anxiety or fear that is extreme, feelings of worthlessness, change in eating or sleeping habits, social isolation, unexplained outbursts or changes in mood, and inability to concentrate.

KEEPING KIDS' SPIRITS UP:

- Have your child prepare a scrapbook of his or her activities, big and small, and mail it to the absent parent or put it in a special place for the parent's return.
- Photograph children in school plays, ball games, and other events and mail (or e-mail) the pictures to the absent parent or put them in a special place for the parent's return. If you can't be there, give the child a disposable camera so he or she can capture the action.
- Sneak a funny picture or special treat into your kid's lunchbox or gym bag, to be discovered during the school day. If possible, ask the absent parent to send a note or photo for this purpose.

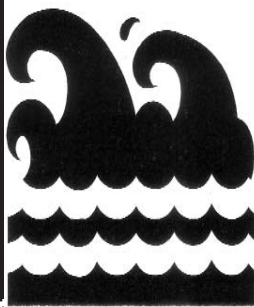
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How to Show Kids You Care

When members of the U. S. Armed Forces are serving overseas, their absence can be especially difficult for their young children. Parents and grandparents can maintain strong family ties, assure these youngsters they are loved, and help them over the rough spots.

MOST IMPORTANT:

- Before the service member leaves for duty, set aside time to talk with children and encourage them to express their feelings and concerns. If they're confused or angry, **kids may pretend they don't care.** Cut through this "tough talk" to reach your child's heart.
- During the service member's absence, **encourage kids to talk about their thoughts and feelings.** They may be lonely for the absent parent and perhaps feel abandoned. They may fear for the parent's safety overseas, and they may be concerned about their own loss if the worst happens. **Assure children that they are deeply loved.**
- If you feel your child needs professional counseling, **seek help immediately** from the military, the school, or other resources in your community. Warning signs include changes in personality, anxiety or fear that is extreme, feelings of worthlessness, change in eating or sleeping habits, social isolation, unexplained outbursts or changes in mood, and inability to concentrate.

KEEPING KIDS' SPIRITS UP:

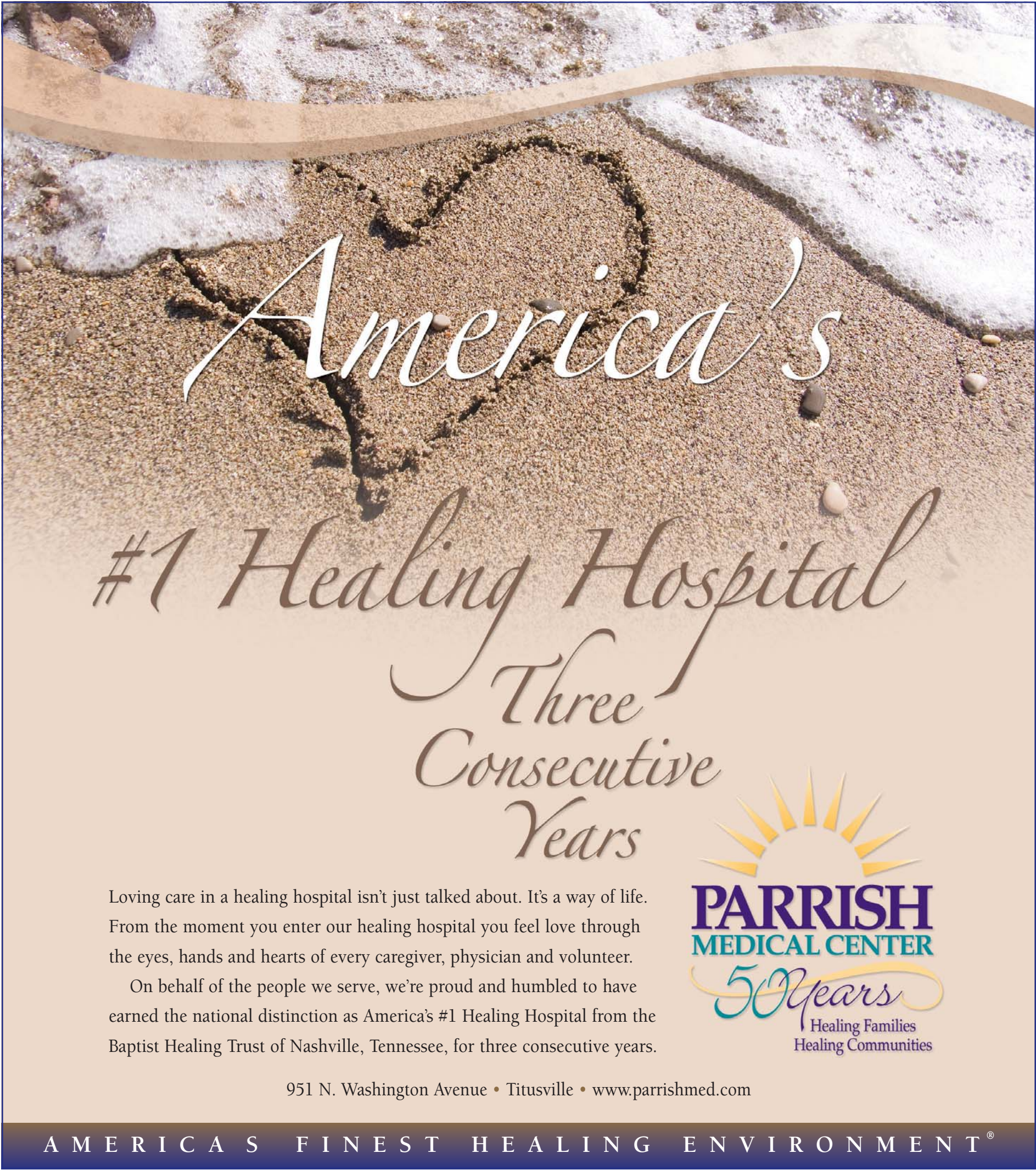
- Have your child prepare a scrapbook of his or her activities, big and small, and mail it to the absent parent or put it in a special place for the parent's return.
- Photograph children in school plays, ball games, and other events and mail (or e-mail) the pictures to the absent parent or put them in a special place for the parent's return. If you can't be there, give the child a disposable camera so he or she can capture the action.
- Sneak a funny picture or special treat into your kid's lunchbox or gym bag, to be discovered during the school day. If possible, ask the absent parent to send a note or photo for this purpose.

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