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Mara, I am your father

You never know who'll you'll run into at the Titusville Cruise In. Darth Vader dropped by with his daughter Mara Grande, 8, of Titusville, Jan 2 at Sand Point Park. Despite the cold day, there were many classy cars to look at.

Sign reminder of Titusville's past

By Susan Walden

A vintage tin sign, rusted and faded from the sun and age, sits on display in Titusville's county government building.

It reads "Welcome Titusville Gateway - Indian River," and one can make out a now colorless silhouette of a man catching a fish with oranges near them.

The three- by 20-foot sign was displayed most likely on U.S. 1 in the 1930s and/or 1940s beckoning visitors to stay and relax, have some fun catching fish or just to sit on the banks of the Indian River peeling an orange freshly picked from a grove.

It was found last year while tearing down a tool shed in the old family home of Titusville City Councilwoman Martha Long. Her father, Prescott Smith, installed the tin sign as a wall between the boat shed and his newly built tool shed in 1953 or 1954.

"In the 1950s a hurricane came through Titusville and did a lot of damage," said Long. "The sign was probably debris and my father, bless his soul, was a packrat and recycler. He was a mechanic by trade and there were always a bunch of guys around. Unless we had a need for a tool, which was very seldom, we never went into the shed and he always locked it."

The sign two parts, running end-to-end spanning a 20-foot area. The side of the sign that was visible in the boat shed was blank, and gave no clue to what was on the reverse side. In front of the sign and running the entire length of room were freestanding cabinets and shelves where Smith kept his tools, fishing gear and an assortment of auto parts.

The sign stood there as part of a wall for 50 years unbeknownst to anyone in the family, and then Long got a phone call from her brother who was tearing down the sheds.

"You're never gonna believe what I just found," he said to me."

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Annual bird fest includes gull conference

By D.D. Remini

Whether you're gull crazy, wacky over warblers or you don't know very many birds and wildlife apart, there's something for everyone at the 13th Annual Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival Jan. 27 – Feb. 1.

The fun takes center stage at Brevard Community College in Titusville and promises to be even bigger, better and longer than last year, according to Neta Harris, executive director of Brevard Nature Alliance, the non-profit organization that sponsors the festival and serves as one of the primary advocates of community-based nature activities in the county.

"This year we're rolling the Gull Conference into the fest with special events on gulls, such as field trips to the popular Brevard County landfill and a whole lot more," she said. From a round table discussion about rare large gulls to a birder's introduction to gull watching,

those interested in that species will flock to the fest.

Back by popular demand is the Raptor Project with founders Jonathan and Susan Wood who will showcase their traveling collection of feathered predators of all sizes – from owls and falcons that weigh under half a pound, to eagles with six- to eight-foot wingspans. The shows are free and take place in the gymnasium then traveling outside to demonstrate raptors' hunting and soaring techniques. Shows are Jan. 28, noon and 2 p.m.; Jan. 29, 9:30, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Jan. 30, 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and Jan. 31, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Fest participants can stroll through the gymnasium browsing looking at the 75 exhibits, go on a water adventure by kayaking or pontoon boat or learn how to take great pictures of area birds and wildlife.

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City motto contest to brand Titusville

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The Smith family placed the sign on loan with the North Brevard Historical Foundation to display it and conduct research to discover more of the sign's history.

The sign's discovery and display comes at a rather unique time in the city's history because Titusville is in the midst of rediscovering itself – finding a type of branding that fits what the city is, what it will be and what it means to its residents.

Titusville has embarked on the task of creating a new motto and the call went out for residents to throw their hat and motto in the ring.

"We had about 130 entries and a committee is looking at them now," said Long.

"They're working independently and will come back in a few months with suggestions to city council. That's my assumption."

Will space, which faded into Titusville's persona in the 1960s, fade out? Will the river still be a prominent part of the brand?

"I know a good number of suggestions submitted were associated with the river. I think the river is important to the community," she said.

Roz Foster, president of the North Brevard Historical Foundation, agrees.

"The old city sign and motto expresses an association with the beautiful Indian River and the citrus industry of yesterday. Today we should promote our connectivity to our abundant natural resources, a long and interesting history, and space exploration," said Foster, who's always excited by pieces of history that are found. She and other volunteers painstakingly uncover the puzzle pieces and weave Titusville's history into a concise anthology."

Anyone who knows where the sign originally stood should call the city at (321) 383-5775.



Roz Foster

The old sign, probably displayed on U.S. 1 in the 1940s or 1950s was found in a shed and is now on display in the county government building in Titusville.

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Fest brings in \$1 million to area

BIRD, from Page 1

"We have more than 200 events scheduled and filled with trips, classroom presentations, special programs and water adventures," said Harris. "We really want to invite families to come because this festival is great for them. We also welcome all students, especially homeschoolers to experience the environmental conservation and studies on wildlife." Children under 16 get in free to any class when joined by an adult.

In the gymnasium be sure to check out the Titusville Art League. They are having their annual contest featuring painting, photography and freehand art. There will also be a poster contest for schoolchildren with an award of a \$50-gift certi-

cate.

"The winner's school or home-school student's family receives \$100.

"We're also having a silent auction as we always do. Anyone in the community can contribute an item; they get exposure for it plus we're a nonprofit. This silent auction is very important to us because it helps us pay for the festival.

Harris says what she loves best about the festival is meeting people, especially since she works on the festival all year long.

"My telephone is like Grand Central. I help people through the whole process; I talk about the area, help them register and find a place to stay, and develop true friendships," she said. "I think it's wonderful I've made so many friends over

the years. I love telling people about what we have to offer in Brevard."

Visitors who come to the festival make a big economic impact on the county every year.

"In the past three years we have had an increase of out-of-towners who've brought in \$1 million in North Brevard alone."

Some events require registration, which can be done by going to the fest's Web site at www.nbbd.com/fly. The site offers everything you need to know about the annual event to plan days full of activity. For more information, call Harris at 268-5224.

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Opinions

Think your life is weird?

Look at these crazy stories that made the news in 2009

My View

By
Susan
Walden



With the nutty stories of 2009, one can only wonder what 2010 will bring. Do you say two-thousand ten or twenty ten? Here are just some of the highlights that spiked the kooky meter in 2009.

➤ Ohio resident Kile Wygle knew it was wrong to drink and drive his car home, so he fashioned his bar stool with a lawnmower engine. And yes, he was caught one night in June after drinking 15 beers flying down the street at 38 miles per hour in his motorized barstool. Now officials are trying to sell the "vehicle" but so far no takers.

➤ Speaking of dumb drunks, a guy in Baton Rouge was so drunk he drove to a state trooper station mistaking it for a hotel.

➤ Then there was the lady who got drunk and called 9-1-1 on herself for driving drunk. Talk about being mean to yourself. No room service in a cell.

➤ Did you hear about the guy a few weeks ago who was in the middle of his marriage ceremony but before he kissed the bride, he stopped to Twitter on his phone to say he was standing at the altar and just got married. Maybe he just wanted to make headlines like the worst parents of the year who said their kid was in a runaway experimental balloon. It was just a hoax.

➤ Speaking of bad parents, an

American man experimenting to show children can learn any language, taught his son the fictional sci-fi Star Trek Klingon language for the first three years of his life. Nerd.

➤ The H1N1 virus caused a lot of weird stories in 2009. Thousands of pigs were slaughtered in Egypt because they thought the swine was the catalyst for the virus, despite pleading from the United Nations. A Russian soccer team was ordered to drink whisky on their Wales trip for the World Cup qualifier match to immune themselves from H1N1.

➤ I'm sure you heard about the Northwest Airlines pilots who were so engrossed in their personal laptop computers they overshot their destination by an hour and a half. Well, at least they didn't get into a fistfight with their crew like pilots did in India.

➤ The recession is all over the world. In Ireland, one school thought they devised a way to "wipe" out money troubles. They made the kids bring toilet paper to school so they could save money for more useful things. Apparently there's a shortage of toilet paper in Cuba too. They call it severe, which makes American tourists happy that Cuba isn't a Carnival Cruise destination.

➤ Art imitates life and visa versa. A Boise schoolboy was rescued by the fire department after being triple-dog-dared to stick his tongue on a frozen metal pole. Yes, folks, it works. It was just like the movie except no one knows if his friend wanted a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas.

➤ Here's something to do if you're ever in Burbank, Calif. Sardo's Grill and Lounge hosts a weekly karaoke evening for adult film stars.

Wonder what they sing. Does anyone listen?

➤ Sometimes it's right under your nose. A British prisoner was in the Christmas spirit as he dressed his plant in his cell like a Christmas tree. The guards got suspicious. Yep, it was a marijuana plant.

➤ Some people don't know what dialing 9-1-1 is really for. A woman in the United States is cited for calling 9-1-1 30 times over the past six months for her own kind of emergencies, including because her husband wouldn't eat his dinner. She's not the only one abusing the system. A mother in Boston was fed up with her 14-year-old son who wouldn't stop playing video games and go to bed, so she called 9-1-1.

➤ People will do anything to make a buck nowadays. The Bloomington, Ill. zoo has earned about \$21,000 over the past holiday season selling Christmas ornaments and necklaces made from dime-sized reindeer droppings. I call that a crappy present.

➤ Australians can now save space and money by being buried vertically in a biodegradable bag.

➤ Another strange story from Australia is about a guy who was so drunk that he couldn't find his friend. So police launched a land and sea search for him. His friend was found holidaying in New Zealand.

➤ He just wanted to go to jail like his dad. A 4-year-old was caught walking down the street with a stolen beer in his hand and wearing his neighbor's little girl's dress. The cross-dressing tot broke into the house, opened the presents under the tree stealing the items.

➤ What's the world coming to? A Georgia man dressed as an elf is now in jail after threatening Santa with an explosive device.

➤ In December, a bank robber in Pennsylvania must have felt guilty after robbing it and sent the money back in an envelope.

➤ My puppy amuses himself by chasing his tail but a snake in Britain had emergency surgery after mistaking his tail for another reptile.

➤ Hey kid, what's in the bottle? A North Carolina woman has been arrested for selling moonshine out of her day care center; her friend, an 82-year-old man was put in handcuffs for making it.

➤ Forget chocolate mints on your pillow. If you really want to live high on the hog, you can stay at a southwestern France hotel and live life as a hamster complete with grain for dinner, a workout by running on a giant wheel and sleeping in haystacks – for just 99 Euros a night.

➤ But there were interesting things in the news that give us hope. Holy cow! A December birth on a farm yielded a cute baby calf with a white cross on its forehead. And then the miracle on Christmas when a Colorado mother Tracy Hermanstorfer went into cardiac arrest and stopped breathing during childbirth. They removed the baby who was lifeless. Soon the baby began to breathe and after four minutes of being dead, the mother came back to life. The mother and child are perfectly fine. Doctors are baffled. When asked about divine intervention, Dr. Stephanie Martin, maternal fetal medicine specialist at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs said, "Whenever I can get the help, I'll take it."

There you have it, folks. And you thought your life and family were weird. I'm thinking maybe we should run crazy news stories every issue. What do you think? Write us at northbrevardbeacon@yahoo.com and tell us if you'd like to read crazy news from around the world. It's worth a much-needed laugh.

Bagel World now roasts, brews, serves coffee from around world

By Susan Walden

People who want great coffee with their bagel, or with anything else for that matter, are in for a real treat now at Bagel World Café.

Owner Shawn Landry recently acquired the popular Sharpes' Caribbean Coffee Company's inventory and now is roasting the beans from all over the world right in Bagel World on Hopkins. When you walk in, the aroma beckons you to stay forever.

"It's about as fresh as you can get," he said. "We roast several times a week. From the beans in this burlap bag to roasting, brewing and then right in your cup. You can't find a place that does that."

Customers can order the coffee drinks from either location on Garden or Hopkins, but the Hopkins store also sells fresh packages of coffee to take home and brew.

In addition to individual coffees from all over the world, Bagel World also blends them together for a unique taste.

They also make flavored coffee, which they blend while roasting. Vanilla nut, blueberry crumb cake, crème brulee, holiday blend, Jamaican me crazy and pumpkin spice are just a few of the blends that are causing people to come into Bagel World in droves.

"And of course, we always serve our house and decaf coffees plus we have our espresso bar with cappuccino, lattes as well as frappes and iced lattes."

Bagel World Café is famous for their bagels and mouth-watering sandwiches, and now the new coffees fit just right in his restaurants, says Landry.

"It's really taking off. Our customers are very happy and now we're selling coffee to area restaurants as well."

Their bagels are made fresh daily from their bakery, which used to be in Cocoa but now is next to the Hopkins restaurant.

Those interested in buying packages of the coffee can get whole bean or ground. The 12-ounce bags are \$8.99 or three for \$25. Sample bags are \$2.99.

Bagel World Café is located at 1427 Garden Street and 1137 S. Hopkins Ave. Call them at 267-8841 or 268-5454.



Susan Walden

Bagel World owner Shawn Landry begins the process of roasting coffee from fresh beans straight out of the bag. Landry acquired the popular Caribbean Coffee company's inventory and now roasts and serves coffee from all over the world. they also blend coffees and flavors together.

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Your Feet

By DR. ROBERT G. ROSEN, *PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN & SURGEON*

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In knee OA, there is abundant evidence that patients with abnormally high loading knees (high amounts of stress on part or all of the knee joint) are at increased risk of both injury and disease progression.

Researchers studied the effects of various types of footwear. Each participant underwent gait analysis (evaluation of the way they walk and load their knees)

while barefoot and while wearing a clog, a stability shoe (designed to limit foot movement), a flat, flexible walking shoe (designed to allow significant foot movement), and flip-flops.

Knee loads play an important role in the progression of knee osteoarthritis. Shoes have traditionally been engineered to provide foot comfort and little previous attention has been directed to the effects that shoes may have on loading of osteoarthritic knees. Researchers found that clogs and stability shoes were associated with significantly higher loading of the knees, while the walking shoes and flip-flops resulted in lower knee loads similar to those occurring when walking barefoot. Therefore, shoes that allowed natural foot motion and flexibility appeared to be more beneficial in terms of knee loading.

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Karen Johnson, president of the Kiwanis Club of Titusville, treats 56 Head Start children and eight teachers to the Titusville Playhouse's performance of the Velveteen Rabbit along with a book recently. The Head Start children, ages 3 to 5, come from Head Start sites at The Gibson Center and The Children's Center in Titusville and Mims and Pinewood Elementary School in Mims. In 2009, the Kiwanis also provided each child with a book. For the past four years the Kiwanis Club of Titusville has hosted the Head Start Children to Christmas and spring performances by the Rising Star Theater Players.



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- ❖ Have working smoke detectors in every sleeping area of the home or apartment.
- ❖ Have working carbon monoxide detectors in your home or apartment especially if you have gas appliances, liquid fueled heaters and or a fire place.
- ❖ Do not use your oven to heat your home.
- ❖ Keep all space heaters at least 3 feet away from

household combustibles.

- ❖ Use space heaters only as a supplementary source of heat. These devices are not intended to replace the home's heating system.
- ❖ Do not use extension cords with space heaters unless absolutely necessary.
- ❖ Inspect the heater's cord periodically to look for frayed wire or damaged insulation. Do not use a space heater with a damaged cord.
- ❖ Check periodically for a secure plug/outlet fit. If the plug becomes very hot, the outlet may need to be replaced by a qualified technician. This could be the sign of a potential home wiring issue.
- ❖ Heaters should be placed on a flat, level surface. Do not place heaters on furniture since they may fall and

become damaged or break parts in the heater.

- ❖ Unless the heater is designed for use outdoors or in bathrooms, do not use in damp, wet areas.
 - ❖ Look for the UL Mark on your electric heater. This means representative samples of the appliance have met UL's stringent safety standards.
 - ❖ If you have a liquid-fueled space heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. The wrong fuel could burn hotter than the equipment was designed for and cause a serious fire.
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January Horoscopes

ARIES This is the month you know who your friends are, but you get the most love from the one who loves you the most. January is a time for energy and inspiration. Dreams manifest in the spring, so be patience.

TAURUS Red tape causes you to pull your hair out. Be patient. Remember to stand your ground and don't stray from your principles. Presents come to you in the form of phone calls and emails.

GEMINI Romance is in the air. This month is filled with laughter and fun. Social interests and community activities are on your social calendar.

CANCER Family takes priority this month more than ever as close friends and family draw close to you. You're close to nature this month and are enlightened by it.

LEO It's time to go with your decision if you've been thinking about adopting a new member of the family be it child or animal. Trips are fun but too short, so make the most of your fun this month.

VIRGO the name of the game this month is organization because you'll be very busy in January. Be careful not to be drained by others around you as you

're being pulled in many directions this month. Have fun.

LIBRA Although you're a social butterfly, January is a time for you to be close to a loved one. You'll be more physically active this month, so have a good time. Enjoy the pleasant surprises you'll have.

SCORPIO You have to wear sunglasses from your excellent financially bright period right now. Don't pass on any gossip you hear – and you'll hear plenty this month.

SAGITTARIUS this is your month to soar and have a good time. You'll receive tickets to your favorite concert or sporting event.

CAPRICORN January is a time to reorganize and energize. Romantic times are on the horizon. Be careful with your finances this month. A little room in the checkbook isn't enough to go hog wild about.

AQUARIUS You say what's on your mind and are undaunted by others' raising their brows at this. You are true in your convictions – keep it going. This month is a page-turner, a time for new beginnings. Take a deep breath and go with it.

PISCES You've got some change in your pocket this month. You'll have fun this month and will be extra busy. Remember to take time to relax or you'll face burnout.

To Your Health



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The new year is here and that includes weight loss and getting in shape for many of us this year. Here are some basic changes to help with this effort.

1. Fried Food

Tastes good, but is high in calories and the oil used may be hydrogenated and loaded with trans fat. Get steamed, baked or broiled food whenever possible.

2. Salad Smarts

Order dressing on the side or opt for olive oil and vinegar. Avoid the creamy dressings, bacon bits and croutons which can add lots of extra calories.

3. Drinks

Opt for water, unsweetened tea or a low calorie drink instead of soda. A single can of Coke has 140 calories. A couple of these a day can add a whopping 1,960 calories a week and these extra calories can translate into extra pounds.

4. Serving Size

Split a meal when eating out or try using a salad plate instead of a dinner plate to limit serving sizes.

5. Exercise

Try a small piece of equipment like an exercise bike, air walker or stair stepper in front of the TV.

As always talk to your doctor before beginning any exercise plan.

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Get into photos

Join the photography club Jan. 16, 9-11 a.m. at Enchanted Forest Nature Sanctuary. For details, call 264-5185.

Come to meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation holds its next monthly meeting Jan. 14, at 5 p.m. in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville.

One or more members of Titusville City Council and the following committees may be present: Causeway Improvements Referendum Committee, Equestrian Trails & Facilities Referendum Committee, Marina Park Referendum Committee, Mims-Scottsmoor Community Center Referendum Committee, Sand Point Park Referendum Committee, and the Fay Lake Wilderness Park Committee. The public is invited to attend.

The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North.

For more information, call Terry Lane at (321) 264-5105.

Become a volunteer

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cruitingvolunteers. All levels of ability are needed such as, organizing and planning events, facilitate monthly meetings, coordinate the survivor dinner, recruit volunteers and publicize events.

Help is especially needed in North Brevard. Call Erica Elliott at (321) 433-3109, ext. 121 for more details or to volunteer.

Donations sought

In an effort to support the upcoming homeless census, the Brevard Continuum of Care Coalition is asking for donations of new adult-size socks and men's white undershirts.

Sock and T-shirt donations can be delivered until Jan. 22 to the North Brevard Charities Sharing Center, 4475 S. Hopkins Avenue, Titusville; Central Brevard Sharing Center, 113 Aurora Street, Cocoa; the Brevard County Housing and Human Services Office at 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way in Viera; or Daily Bread, 815 E. Fee Avenue in Melbourne.

The donated items will be given out as incentives as volunteers speak to homeless individuals, as the Continuum of Care Coalition attempts to count the homeless men, women and children of Brevard County. The information gathered is used to request federal, state and local funding to help bring about the end of homelessness in Brevard.

The homeless census is unrelated to the upcoming 2010 Census, which is a national effort to count every resident in

the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. The data collected by the 2010 Census helps communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like hospitals, job training centers, schools and more.

For more information, contact Rosa Reich at (321) 633-2076 or rosa.reich@brevardcounty.us.

You're invited ...

The North Brevard Senior Center holds ballroom dancing Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. at the center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Music by Len Bentley. The evening includes door prizes. Cost is \$8 per person and includes snacks and set-ups. BYOB. Call 631-0368 for more information.

Have Lunch with Nature, Jan. 19, noon - 1 p.m. at Enchanted Forest Nature Sanctuary. Call 264-5185.

Painting class offered

Bob Ross painting classes are offered at Sandrift Community Center, 585 North Singleton Avenue in Titusville, under the instruction of Anne Hope, on Tuesdays. This is an ongoing class. Please call Anne Hope directly at 321-427-9168 for detailed information.

The late Bob Ross was host of the public television series The Joy of Painting, which ran from 1983 to 1995 and still appears in reruns in many broadcast areas. During each half-hour segment, Ross would instruct viewers in

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Call (321) 264-5037 for additional information on this and other recreation programs sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department's North Area Parks Operations.

Make a mat

Learn to make an oyster mat Jan. 22, noon - 1 p.m. at the Enchanted Forest. The event is free. Call 264-5185 for more information.

Go birding

Don't forget to go to the famous annual Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival Jan. 27 - Feb. 1. Most activities are at Titusville's BCC gymnasium. More than 200 activities for the whole family. See Page 1 for the story.

Club Starlight open

The North Brevard Senior Center holds and 2nd Annual Evening at Club Starlight Feb. 19 and 20. Tickets go on sale Jan. 12 at the center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Enjoy Serendipity Ensemble dance numbers, songs, comedy and dinner in an atmosphere reminiscent of the 40s and 50s supper clubs. Period or dressy attire suggested. Cost is \$15 per person. Call 268-9530 for information and tickets.

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Call (321) 433-4448 for reservations or further information on this and other recreation activities sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation in the Sharpes area.

Kids play ball

Back to Basics Basketball is a co-ed, non-competitive, fun learning experience for boys and girls ages 5 through 12 years old. Players ages 5 to 8 will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays; those aged 9 to 12 will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The league will play for

seven weeks.

The cost to participate is \$30 per person and includes a T-shirt. Registration is available at McLarty Park, 790 Barton Boulevard in Rockledge, or at the Central Area Office, 840 Forrest Avenue in Cocoa.

For additional information, call Don Ingram at (321) 633-1874.

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.

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Parents have Web site

Brevard Public Schools announces a Web site that provides information and resources to help parents and school

communities understand the Center for Disease Control and the Florida Department of Health's recommendations for influenza during the 2009-10 school year.

The site may be accessed by going to www.brevardschools.org and clicking on the link on the home page that says "H1N1 Swine Flu Communications for BPS Parents and School Community." Information on this site will be updated as new data becomes available.

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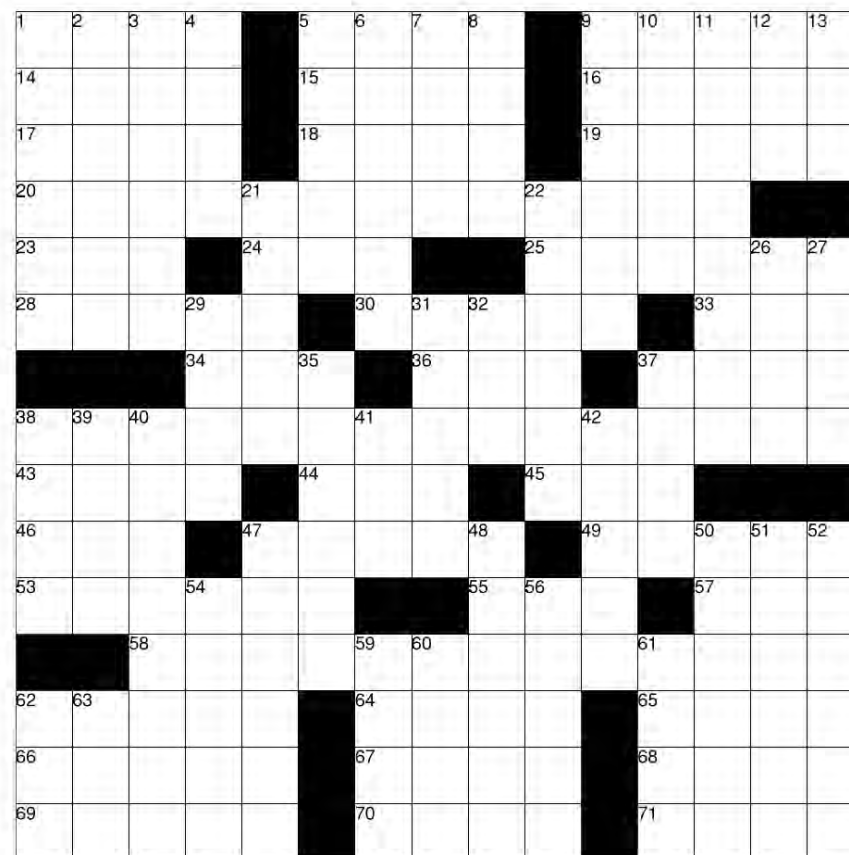
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- 1 Fail to hit
- 5 D-day landers
- 9 Beginning
- 14 Away from shore
- 15 Fencing weapon
- 16 Did lawn work
- 17 Warbled
- 18 Nautical adverb
- 19 Bad deeds
- 20 Cleared all the bases
- 23 Corn serving
- 24 ER workers
- 25 Little League division
- 28 __ scheme
- 30 Behavior pattern
- 33 Pitcher's stat.
- 34 Treasury Dept. division
- 36 Pie filling
- 37 Diner sign
- 38 Popular houseplant
- 43 Invalidate
- 44 Sugary suffix
- 45 Scoundrel
- 46 Landers or Lee
- 47 Business bigwigs
- 49 Black-and-white beast
- 53 Phonograph necessity
- 55 Hula accompaniment
- 57 Campaigned
- 58 Perform as ordered
- 62 Eggs on
- 64 Sign of boredom
- 65 Barely beat
- 66 Put color in one's cheeks
- 67 Part of QED
- 68 Golden-__ (senior)
- 69 Weasel relative
- 70 Comedienne Martha
- 71 Noun suffix

Down

- 1 Potato preparer
- 2 Old Testament prophet
- 3 Guard
- 4 Long story



- 5 Get to know
- 6 Swimming-pool sound
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- 8 Farmer's purchase
- 9 Brunch dish
- 10 Bright stars
- 11 Bikini, e.g.
- 12 Sushi selection
- 13 Six-pointers
- 21 "Ninotchka" name
- 22 You might find it on the web
- 26 "Harper's Bazaar" illustrator
- 27 Relaxation
- 29 Lass
- 31 Traffic signal color
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- 35 Unable to move
- 37 Kitchen suffix
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DEATH NOTICES

ATKINSON John, died Dec. 18. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

BROOKS, Martha, 82, of Titusville, died Dec. 28. Arrangements by Lewis-Ray Mortuary in Titusville.

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BUSH Bernard, 69, of Titusville, died Dec. 16. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Home, Cocoa.

COLE Louise, 86, of Titusville, died Dec. 18. Arrangements by Wylie-Baxley Funeral Home in Merritt Island.

COLLINS Charles, of Mims, died Dec. 22. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home, Cocoa.

DOMINO Galen, 40, of Port St. John, died Dec. 25. Arrangements by Neptune Society, Kissimmee.

EDDY Lorrta, 88, of Port St. John, died Dec. 18. Arrangements by Funeral

Solutions, Cocoa.

FIGURELLI Anthony, 89, of Titusville, died Dec. 21. Arrangements by National Cremation and Burial, Rockledge.

FRANZ Charles, 58, of Titusville, died Dec. 15. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

GREATHOUSE Reathel 84, of Scottsmoor, died Dec. 20.

HARRISON Michael, 58, of Port St. John, died Dec. 6. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions.

HUGHES Mary, 97, of Titusville, died Dec. 21. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

JENNINGS Joanne, 65, of Titusville, died Dec. 27. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

LEININGER Michael, 32, of Titusville, died Dec. 27. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

MADEMANN Etta, 85, of Titusville, died Dec. 16. Arrangements by North Brevard funeral Home.

McDONNELL Eugene, 86, of Mims, died Dec. 23. Arrangements by Davis-Seawinds Funeral Home, Melbourne.

MISERENTINO Florence, 95, of Titusville, died Dec. 15. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

ORTIZ Rosa, 80, of Port St. John, died Dec. 27. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home, Cocoa.

ROBB Carolyn, 80, of Titusville, died Dec. 25. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions, Cocoa.

ROOKER Mary "Frankie", 67, of Titusville, died Dec. 20. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

SANDERS Oscar, 85, of Titusville, died Dec. 30. Arrangements by National Cremation and Burial Society, Rockledge.

SEPPER Betty, 84, of Titusville, died Dec. 20. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home, Titusville.

SKIPPER Olivia, infant, died Dec. 27. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions, Cocoa.

SPRAGUE Harold, 81, of Titusville, died Dec. 26. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

TANNER Maebelle, 88, of Mims, died Dec. 31. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

THOMAS Martha Jane, 80, of Titusville, died Dec. 23. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions, Cocoa.

WALSH Theresa, 76, of Titusville, died Dec. 18. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

WITHERS George, 65, of Titusville, died Jan. 4. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

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