

# New rocket set for test flight

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**CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.** | NASA's lofty new rocket arrived at the launching pad Tuesday for a test flight next week that comes at a time when the future of the country's spaceflight program is up in the air.

It's the first time in 34 years that a rocket other than the space shuttle has stood at Launch Pad 39-B. NASA modified the pad for this rocket, which is supposed to eventually carry astronauts to the moon.

But the White House may scrap those plans. A panel of aerospace experts that provided President Barack Obama with a list of possible exploration options is issuing its final report later this week.

The experimental Ares I rocket – taller than the Statue of Liberty – spent all night traveling from the hangar to the pad. The four-mile trip took more than seven hours.

The test vehicle will blast off next Tuesday on a 2 1/2-minute ballistic flight to demonstrate how the partial first stage performs. It's costing NASA \$445 million.

Thin and exceptionally tall at 327 feet, the Ares I-X looks like what will carry astronauts into orbit, possibly by 2015. But much of it is a mock-up, and no person or payload will be on board.

The shuttle, by contrast, is 184 feet tall. The Saturn V rockets that carried men to the moon in the late 1960s and early 1970s were a record-setting 363 feet.

Shuttle program manager



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**The Ares I-X test rocket approaches launch pad 39B after a nearly seven-hour journey from the Vehicle Assembly Building at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.**

John Shannon said the Ares I-X is safe enough to launch even though Atlantis is just

1 1/2 miles away on the other pad. The impact zone if there is a launch explo-

sion "just barely clips by" the pad holding Atlantis, he said.

He noted that there's proven technology in the Ares' first-stage booster. It's the same type of solid rocket booster used to propel space shuttles.

The booster will parachute into the Atlantic and be retrieved for analysis. The rest of the rocket – all false pieces weighted with ballast – will crash, uncontrolled, into the ocean.

The rocket is rigged with hundreds of sensors.

"My personal opinion is that if we really thought that I-X was going to have a problem, that we're not ready to launch it, even on a test flight," Shannon said late last week.

Atlantis, meanwhile, is scheduled to lift off Nov. 16 on a delivery mission to the International Space Station. On Monday, NASA delayed the shuttle flight four days to improve the chances of launching the Ares I-X next week. The same team at Kennedy Space Center will handle both launches.

"It's neat to see where we're going next, what the next step will be, and that when we stop flying the shuttle at some future point, that it's not the end, but we'll have the beginning," Atlantis' commander Charles Hobaugh said from the shuttle pad.

Six shuttle flights remain, all to the space station, and should be completed by the end of next year.

#### On the Net:

<http://www.nasa.gov/aresIX>

## DEATH NOTICES

### Fred C. Berry

**MILLERTON, PA.** | Fred C. Berry, 74, of Millerton, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 at home.

He retired as a machine tool operator for Dresser-Rand in Painted Post, N.Y.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Stafford Berry; three sons, Larry Berry of Horseheads, N.Y., Kevin Berry of Lawrenceville, and Daryl Berry of Tioga; a daughter, Linda Wales of Millerton; and a sister, Dawn.

Calling hours are 5-7 p.m. Thursday and 10-11 a.m. Friday at Olthof Funeral Home Inc., 1050 Pennsylvania Ave., Elmira, N.Y.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 11 a.m. Friday, the Rev. Douglas Hodge officiating.

Burial will be in Alder Run Cemetery, Millerton.

Burial will be in Wellsboro Cemetery.

### Tyler D. Lampman

**WESTFIELD, PA.** | Tyler D. Lampman, 13, of Potter Brook Road, Westfield, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 at Williamsport Hospital.

He was an eighth-grade student at Cowanesque Valley High School.

Survivors include his parents, Gary and Connie Newcomb Lampman.

Calling hours are 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friday at Potter Brook People's Church, 62 Route 49, Westfield.

Services will be held there at 11 a.m. Saturday. Arrangements are with Olney Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Ulysses.

### Leland E. Taylor

**WESTFIELD, PA.** | Leland E. Taylor, 66, of Woodbine Avenue, Westfield, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 at home.

He had retired as a control room processor for Kodak in Rochester.

Survivors include two brothers, Edward Taylor of Westfield, Timothy Taylor of Wellsville, N.Y.; two sisters, Janice Swartout of Savannah, Ga., Laura Williams of Beaver Dams, N.Y.

Calling hours are 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Kenyon Funeral Home, 222 W. Main St.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church of Westfield, Pastor Lewis Young officiating.

Burial with military honors will be in Champlin Cemetery.

### Bonnie L. Plume

**WELLSBORO, PA.** | Bonnie L. Plume, 60, of Charleston Road, Wellsboro, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital.

She was a medical language specialist.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas G. Plume; two sons, Brian Plume and Scott Plume, both of Wellsboro; her mother, Betty Crutten of Wellsboro; and a sister, Gloria Bower of Ansonia.

Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Tussey-Mosher Funeral Home, 139 Main St.

Services will be held there at 11 a.m. Friday, the Revs. Dr. Joseph McNamara and Canon Gregory Hinton officiating.

# N.Y. teacher gets 4 years in bank robbery

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**SYRACUSE** | A 29-year-old high school math teacher wept Tuesday as he was sentenced to four years in state prison for robbing a suburban Syracuse bank to pay his gambling debts.

With family and friends filling the first two rows of the courtroom, Mark Gurniak said he took full responsibility for his actions and apologized for the emotional pain and stress he put bank employ-

ees through and the disappointment he caused his students, past and present.

"I know I brought this on with my own actions," said Gurniak.

But Gurniak said he was most sorry for the pain he caused his family.

By being in jail, Gurniak said he had missed his daughter's second birthday and the birth of his second daughter. When he started to describe his older daughter singing "Twinkle Twinkle" to him over the phone, Gurniak

had to stop for a minute to regain his composure.

Gurniak, of Minoa, pleaded guilty in August to second-degree robbery. He admitted using a 12-gauge shotgun when he robbed the Chase Bank in Minoa in May.

He was originally charged with first-degree robbery, which carries a maximum penalty of 25 years in state prison. But he was indicted on a lesser second-degree charge carrying a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison because the gun he

used in the holdup was unloaded and had a trigger lock that made it inoperable during the heist.

"This is just a sad day, a sad day for you, a sad day for your family," said Judge William Walsh.

Assistant District Attorney Lauren LaPaglia asked for a five-year sentence, noting that despite being desperate over about \$20,000 in gambling debts, "there were a lot of other things he could have done instead of robbing a bank."

## OBITUARIES



### KARLEEN D. MCCARTHY

**PAINTED POST, NY** | Karleen D. McCarthy, 59, of 107 Woods Edge Drive, Painted Post, NY, formerly of Jasper, NY, entered into rest Sunday, October 18, 2009 at the home of her parents in the town of Rathbone.

Born in Hornell, NY, March 3, 1950, she was the daughter of Ronald A. & Eva A. Williams McCarthy.

A 1968 graduate of Jasper Central School, she had been a bus monitor for Jasper-Troupsburg Central School District.

She married Robert J. McCarthy May 29, 1969; he preceded her in death August 23, 2009.

She is survived by her sons, Rob (Sandra) McCarthy of Holbrook, NY, John McCarthy of Woodhull, NY, & Scott McCarthy of Painted Post, NY; her daughter, Tracy (Tim) Jablanski of Troupsburg, NY; parents, Ronald & Eva McCaig of Addison, NY; grandchildren, Blaike McCarthy of Bath, Caden Jablanski of Troupsburg, Erica Flint of Jasper, Lauren Jerzak of North Carolina, and Morgan Rinehart of Hammondsport, brothers,

Donald (Michaelen) McCaig and Glenn (Pamela) McCaig of Addison, Ronald (Jenny) McCaig of Painted Post & Dennis (Mary) McCaig of Athens, PA; & her sister, Carolyn McCaig of Addison.

Friends may call Thursday, October 22nd, 2-4 & 7-9pm, at the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home, 1607 Main St., Woodhull, NY, where funeral & committal services will be conducted Friday, October 23rd at 1pm. Rev. Brian Diffenbacher and Rev. Donald Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Northrup Hill Cemetery.

Memorials will be received for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

### NATHALIA (HARGRAVE) BRIMMER HALEY

**LONGWOOD, FL** | Nathalia (Hargrave) Brimmer Haley, 96, of Longwood, Florida, died September 22, 2009 at home.

Born December 14, 1912 in Woodhull, NY, she was the daughter of John & Maude Chase Hargrave.

She resided in Leroy, NY until 1962, then moved to Lakeland, FL.

She is survived by three daughters, Helen Dries of Lakeland, FL, Shirley (Lee) Cudney of Bryon, NY, and Joyce Hart of Longwood, FL with whom she resided the past three years. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law,

Alberta Hargrave of Bethany, NY & Gladys Hargrave of Addison, NY; several step-grandchildren, step-great & great-great grandchildren, and many nieces & nephews.

Friends are invited to call Saturday, October 24th at 1:00pm at the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home, 1607 Main St., Woodhull, NY, where memorial services will be conducted at 2:00pm. The Rev. Brian Diffenbacher will officiate. Burial will be in Hedgesville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



### DANIEL CLAYTON "CLAYT" "OBIE" O'BRIAN

**LONGWOOD, FL** | Daniel Clayton "Clayt" "Obie" O'Brien age 96, of Hanwell Village in Corning, NY died Sunday, October 18, 2009 at home.

He was born in Corning on July 3, 1913, to Leo and Jessie O'Brien. He married Flora Mae Fish on July 12, 1937 in Corning and was preceded by her on June 5, 2005. He worked for Dan Kelly Pontiac, Kings Dairy, Purcell Motors (Cadillac),

Ed Gatke Chevrolet, Jim Fuller Chevrolet, and Van Brunt as a mechanic. He was a charter member of the Caton Volunteer Fire Department with 57 years of active service. Clayt was a member of the Caton Bible Chapel, and was an avid bowler. He had been a member of the CCC, Civilian Conservation Corps, when he was a teenager.

He is survived by his daughter, Esther Ryder of Penn Yan; two sons, Louis (Jean) O'Brien of Bath and LeRoy (Sharon) O'Brien of Corning; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie O'Brien of Lawrenceville, PA; several grandchildren; several great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Clayt was predeceased by a son, Justin O'Brien; brothers and a sister, Thomas, Clifford, and Helen; son-in-law, Charles Ryder, Jr.

Calling hours will be Thursday, October 22nd from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Phillips Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 17 W. Pulteney Street in Corning, where funeral services will be held on Friday, October 23rd at 11:00 AM with Reverend Jeff W. Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Hope Cemetery in Corning.

Memorial donations may be made to the Caton Volunteer Fire Department or to Caton Bible Chapel.



# Obama seeks unity on health care bill

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**NEW YORK** | President Barack Obama is telling Democrats to stay focused on the reason the health care system needs an overhaul, which he says is extending insurance to millions of people who don't have any.

At a Democratic Party fundraiser Tuesday night in New York City, Obama told party members that even the least popular health care bill would extend cov-

erage to 29 million Americans. Nearly 50 million are estimated to be without coverage.

Obama says disagreements are inevitable as lawmakers continue to shape the bill that will be voted on by the House and Senate. But he told Democrats: "Let's make sure that we keep our eye on the prize" – that is, all the people who don't have health insurance and all those faced with rising costs.

## COLA

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Despite stagnant consumer prices, Social Security recipients need the extra bonus, Massa said.

"The general consumer price index is projected at a 2.3 percent COLA based on non-food, non-energy costs mostly seen in clothing," Massa said. "I do not believe we should set apart seniors on Social Security from the general work force. We're all in this together or we're not."

Massa also defended the use of federal stimulus money to fund the payments.

"The stimulus funds do not further add to the deficit," Massa said. "I am a very strong voice for pay-as-you-go. Every single dollar spent, you must identify where it's coming from. It must come out of something already bud-

geted."

Reed said this is the wrong approach.

"I am not opposed to an adjustment," Reed said Tuesday. "The main thing I'm concerned about is making that payment with borrowed money through the stimulus program. Making a payment with borrowed money threatens our children and grandchildren."

Reed said he'd rather see the money allocated as part of the 2010 budget process.

Massa said he didn't know when Congress would act on the proposal, but said the legislation was on a fast track.

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