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## Atlantis lands, while WISE telescope awaits launch Dec. 9

### Nicole Stott returns home



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NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE, is seen here being hoisted to the top of its United Launch Alliance Delta II rocket at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The spacecraft, which will scan the whole sky in infrared light, is scheduled to blast off on Dec. 9, 2009.

CAPE CANAVERAL - Florida's own astronaut, Nicole Stott, returned to Earth after 91 days in space when Atlantis landed on Dec. 1. She had spent 87 days aboard the space station and 80 days as an Expedition 20/21 flight engineer. She is the last astronaut who will be transported to or from the space station by the space shuttle.

STS-129 was the 129th space shuttle mission, the 31st for Atlantis and the 31st shuttle mission to the International Space Station. It was the fifth and final flight of 2009.

And just days after one mission was finished, NASA starts working on the next exploration.

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JPL manages the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer for NASA's Science Mission Directorate, Washington. The mission's principal investigator, Edward Wright, is at UCLA. The mission was competitively selected under NASA's Explorers Program managed by the Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. The science instrument was built by the Space Dynamics Laboratory, Logan, Utah, and the spacecraft was built by Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp., Boulder, Colo. Science operations and data processing take place at the Infrared Processing and Analysis Center at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Caltech manages JPL for NASA.

# BULLS TAKE IT TO 7-1

TAMPA - The University of South Florida men's basketball team improved to 7-1 on the season after defeating the Hampton Pirates 74-55 on Wednesday night at the USF Sun Dome.

Jarrid Famous led the Bulls in scoring for the first time this season as he put up 16 points on the night. The junior college transfer also grabbed 10 rebounds to give him his first double-double of the season.

Senior Chris Howard scored in double-digits for the second straight game and for the third time this season as he put up 13 against Hampton. Howard, with eight assists against the Pirates, moved into fifth place in school history in career assists with 396, passing Brian Swift who finished his career with 388 helpers from 2002-05.

Freshman Toarlyn Fitzpatrick record a career high 11 points on the night, eclipsing his previous career high of nine which came against Kent State on Nov. 25.

"I am getting more accustomed with what to do and what not to do," said Fitzpatrick. "Coach always preaches to set our screens, so a lot of times I am out there to get other guys open. A lot of the time I get open right under the basket, and that is where I score a lot of my points."

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Junior Jarrid Famous, center for USF Bulls calls for the ball during the 66-49 victory over Virginia Nov. 16. Famous put up 16 pts for the Bulls Wed night in their victory over Hampton.

## Will consumer's Christmas lists get shorter this year?

### Reports say consumers may spend the same amount as last year, and retailers might not be prepared.

BY CATHY KEEN  
UF NEWS BUREAU

GAINESVILLE — Florida's retailers are in for a repeat of last year's dismal holiday season, with consumers expecting to spend about the same amount of money on gifts.

"People are going to be very cautious about spending because of continued uncertainty over the economy, job security and housing values," said Hyun-joo Oh, research director of the David F. Miller Center for Retailing Education and Research at UF. The survey was conducted by the center and UF's Bureau of Economic and Business Research and based on telephone interviews with 553 Floridians in October.

Concern over jobs prompted a three-point drop in Florida's consumer confi-

dence this month, according to another survey by the bureau. (See related news release).

Surprisingly, consumers are optimistic about their shopping intentions, with 58 percent of those surveyed saying they plan to spend as much or more than they did last year, compared with 52 percent who said the same thing in 2008, Oh said.

But the average amount they predict spending over the holiday season — \$1,071 — amounts to only \$6 more than the \$1,065 they anticipated paying for presents last year, she said.

The contradiction may be explained by people being in the mood to splurge because they spent less last year, Oh said. "Even though they are willing to spend, they're going to be very conser-

vative by looking for more practical gifts and trying to find ways to save money," she said.

Still, retailers may be unprepared for this year's holiday shoppers because of slim inventories, which could cause them to run out of popular items, Oh said. Last year retailers were left with a large amount of unsold inventory which they had to liquidate, she said.

"In light of consumers' concerns about the economy, retailers have been reducing this year's inventories below the level of 2008, a holiday season that was the worst retailers experienced in more than 50 years," she said. "If it turns out that some products are really 'hot items' in their appeal to consumers, retailers may not be able to respond to the demand."

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## Penny tax increase proposed for Hillsborough County

TAMPA - Government greed is at the heart of a proposed new sales tax in Hillsborough County, according to a former commissioner who's now running for Florida State House.

Brian Blair is deeply troubled over a possible one-cent sales tax increase—a 14% hike—that would help fund light rail, buses, and road projects.

"In 2008, there was over \$1 billion targeted to spend on roads and BRT (bus rapid transit)," Blair said. "And it hasn't been spent yet. So why ask for more taxes?"

The Hillsborough County Commission has already voted, by a 5-2 margin, to draft language for the sales tax increase so that it can appear on the ballot in 2010.

"Why we're even considering a new tax now, in this economy, with the unemployment rate where it is, when we have dollars that haven't been spent yet, is beyond me," Blair said recently.

The Tampa Tribune (supporters of Light Rail) report that the tax would cost \$250 million per year, or about \$7.5 billion over the life of the tax, which would be used to fund construction primarily of light rail in an effort to encourage

more people to eschew cars as their primary mode of home-to-work transportation.

Blair cites research done by national transit experts in supporting his view that the tax is wrong—both in terms of timing and need. Hillsborough County has one of the highest unemployment rates in the State of Florida and along with the uncertainty of how much more burden federal government will put on our businesses and families makes timing even worse.

"Pushers of this tax will tell you that light rail and buses are the panacea for traffic congestion, but that's just not the case," Blair said. "National transit authorities have already indicated that an average community can't take more than five percent\* of traffic off the road simply with light rail and buses."

The Center for Urban Transportation Research at USF has done research that suggests the light rail would fail. A Bay News 9 poll for the public showed over 60% of residents do not agree with the proposed tax. If passes, 75% of the money would be used on more transportation, 25% on road projects.

## FLA counties resume H1N1 vaccinations for high risk groups

PINELLAS - The Pinellas County Health Department will hold it's first drive through H1N1 vaccination clinic on Dec. 5. However, this clinic will only be offered to high risk groups, as the supply of the vaccination is still very low.

The clinic starts at 9 a.m. and will continued until noon or while supplies last. The clinic will be held at St. Petersburg College, 9200 113th St. N., Seminole.

The Polk County Health Department has also started scheduling H1N1 Swine flu vaccination appointments for persons who fall into the high priority groups recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Vaccine is still arriving slowly, but there is enough supply available to begin vaccinating more high priority groups beyond our school vaccination program," says Dr. Daniel Haight, director of the Polk County Health Department.

"We are concentrating our efforts on vaccinating those in the high priority groups who do not have a health care provider."

Some of the high priority groups have already gained access to the vaccine such as pregnant women, EMS & healthcare providers and some children. The remaining priority groups recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are the focus of the next segment of the distribution plan and include:

People who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months

Anyone from 6 months to 24 years of age, and  
Anyone from 25 to 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza related complications

Many community doctors and clinics are also receiving vaccine supplies and patients are encouraged to first contact their doctor to ask for vaccine availability. Any primary care doctor can order H1N1 vaccine and easily obtain it free along with supplies to give it.

According to the CDC report posted on Dec 2, as swine flu virus activity decreases there is a chance that less people will compete for the limited amounts of H1N1 vaccine, which will free up additional doses for the remainder of

the population.

As of Dec 1, a total of 68,985,700 doses of swine flu vaccine have been allocated to regions around the country. In contrast, the amount of swine flu vaccine doses that have been shipped to meet those allocations is 59,313,720. The current shortfall of H1N1 vaccines is nearly 10 million doses.

Most of the blame can be laid on the shortage of chicken eggs, which is what the vaccine is made from. Another concern is the amount of time it takes to make the vaccine. It can take up to 6 months to manufacture large quantities of the vaccine.

As of Dec 1 Pinellas County has received 160,000 doses of the vaccine. Half of that shipment has gone to hospitals, private care physicians, pediatricians, and OBGYN doctors. 23,500 vaccines have been apart of the county school program.

Since the epidemic started there have been 174 reported deaths in Florida and 11% of those have been in Pinellas County. The state of Florida had ordered 3,522,300 vaccines and was only shipped 3,402,300.

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### Today, Friday, December 4, 2009

**Sunscreen Film Festival 2009 Holiday Outdoor Film Series in the Park presents "Polar Express":** North Straub Park, Beach Drive and Third St., 7 p.m. Enjoy a different holiday classic beneath the stars on the downtown waterfront every Friday and Saturday during the holiday season. Sponsored by the Merchants of 400 Beach Drive, Progress Energy and City of St. Petersburg. More information: [www.stpete.org/holidayfilms](http://www.stpete.org/holidayfilms) or 727-893-7465.

**Annual Christmas Tree Lighting:** Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum, 2240 Ninth Ave. S. 7 to 9 p.m. The evening's festivities will include music, light refreshments and the singing of Christmas carols in the museum's beautiful Legacy Garden. Admission to this event is an unwrapped toy that will be distributed later this holiday season during the Christmas Toy Giveaway on December 19. [www.woodsonmuseum.org](http://www.woodsonmuseum.org) or 727-323-1104.

**Pinellas County Urban League Young Professional Present Vegas in December, A Night to Remember:** Suncoast Hospice, located at 3050 First Ave. S., 8 p.m. to Midnight. Join us for a night of casino style fun for the good of others. Complete with blackjack, craps, roulette, spades and more! Portion of proceeds will benefit the Hospice and the Brookwood Home for Girls. 727-327-2081.

**Dec. 4 and 5 - Barbara Kellard & Bonnie Ward ~ Kids & Quilts:** Florida International Museum at St. Petersburg College, 244 Second Ave. N. Fri. 10 a.m. to noon and Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Just in time for the holidays, children can make a reading or travel pillow. Open to ages 5 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Nominal materials fee. [www.spcollege.edu/fimuseum](http://www.spcollege.edu/fimuseum) or 727-341-7900.

**Dec. 4 to 20 - "What the Dickens? Another Christmas Carol":** St. Petersburg Little Theatre, 4025 31st St. S. Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8 p.m. Dec. 6, 13, 20 at 2 p.m. St. Petersburg Little Theatre, 4025 31st St. S, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Be entertained with a twist on the classic Dickens holiday tale featuring Ebenezer Scrooge and his visits to the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present & Future... plus a few other surprising entrances and exits. [www.spit.org](http://www.spit.org) or 727-866-1973.

**Dec. 4 to Feb. 7 - T.W. Curtis at St. Pete Little Theater Gallery:** St. Petersburg Little Theatre Lobby Gallery, 4025 31st St. S, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and during 8 p.m. show times Friday, Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. View works of this acclaimed painter and sculptor for a limited showing. This installation features works focusing on music, time and place with an innovative use of color and texture that is a must-see. 727-866-1973 or [www.spit.org](http://www.spit.org)

### Saturday, DECEMBER 5, 2009

**Art In the Park's Holiday Forest Arts Auction:** Williams Park, 299 1st Ave. N, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Stroll through a forest of festive trees available for purchase. Proceeds benefit local arts organizations. [www.thepinkcricket.org](http://www.thepinkcricket.org) or 727-580-2373.

**Afrocentric Holiday Bazaar, "Black Business Showcase":** 34th St. S. Maxi Mall Parking Lot. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Businesses from around St. Petersburg show off their wares. Arts & crafts, African American books, fashion, handmade soaps, jewelry with Gospel music and lots of yummy food. 727-515-5024.

**82nd Annual Santa Holiday Parade:** 10 a.m. Parade travels through the downtown using Central Ave. and 5th Street traveling east to Bayshore Blvd. then to 5th Ave. North to the waterfront. Free family fun, bands, floats, costumed characters, dancers and much more. Celebrate the holiday season with the sounds of marching bands, beautiful floats and most of all to welcome Santa to sunny St. Petersburg. Sponsored by St. Petersburg Lions Club, the City of St. Petersburg, Florida Central Credit Union, Producers of Ribfest, St. Petersburg Times, Suncoasters, All Florida Fire Equipment, and Autoway Ford. 813-388-1153.

**Snowfest:** N. Straub Park. Festivities begin after the parade. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come play in the snow! Go on a toboggan slide, a climbing wall, skate on Glice and have much more holiday fun! Activities include a big and a little toboggan slide, climbing wall, art tent, moonwalk, gladiator ball, giant slide, glice ice skating, and KiddyLand, an area designed especially for pre-schoolers with inflatable games, cookie decorating, snowball toss, and more. Wristbands cost \$5 and include all activities. Wristband costs \$5. 727-893-7441.

**Breakfast with Santa!** Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr. N.E. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in cafe. Join us for what we hope becomes a tradition at the MFA! Event includes breakfast buffet with an appearance by Santa. \$10 for children \$15 for adults includes breakfast and admission to the museum. [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org) or 727-896-2667.

### Sunday, DECEMBER 6, 2009

**Green Market & Street Fair:** Holiday Fun at the Green Market: Grand Central District between 24th and 26th St. on Central Ave. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Localshops1 Swap: Clothing and Holiday Decor Swap. Fun, music and great treasure hunting. Enjoy a festive atmosphere and stroll through an eclectic variety of antique, retail shops and restaurants. [www.grandcentraldistrict.org](http://www.grandcentraldistrict.org) or 727-328-7086.

**Music Fest on the Water: Happy Days:** The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 4 p.m. Relax by the water and enjoy the melodies of local musicians. Entertaining duo. [www.stpetepier.com](http://www.stpetepier.com) or 727-821-6443.

### Monday, DECEMBER 7, 2009

**Celebrity Critter of the Week - Horseshoe Crab:** The Pier Aquarium, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Learn about and explore the habitat of a new and exciting "critter" each week. [www.pieraquarium.org](http://www.pieraquarium.org) or 727-895-7437.

**Hot Off The Presses:** The Hurricane Brothers, book, music and lyrics by Rob Hartmann and Todd Olson: American Stage, 163 3rd St. N., 7 p.m. American Stage opens it's doors for readings by local playwrights. Tickets are free to the public for all readings. All readings will be followed by a talkback with the playwright and an evaluation form to help guide the plays development. [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org)

### Tuesday, DECEMBER 8, 2009

**History Speaker Series:** The Birth of Our Sun, Planet and Florida: Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S. 7:30 p.m. [www.stpete.org/boyd](http://www.stpete.org/boyd) or 727-893-7326.

### Wednesday, DECEMBER 9, 2009

**CASA Peace Breakfast:** Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N. 7 a.m. Keynote speaker is Audrey Wood. For a table or sponsorship call 727-895-4912. [www.stpete.org/coliseum](http://www.stpete.org/coliseum) or 727-892-5202.

**27th Annual Boley Centers' Jingle Bell Run:** The Pier. 6 p.m. registration, 7:30 p.m. start. Non competitive jingling one-mile walk and 3-mile run from The Pier across the waterfront. [www.boleycenters.org](http://www.boleycenters.org) or 727-821-4819.

### Thursday, DECEMBER 10, 2009

**Wee-time at Weedon: I'm a Manatee:** 1800 Weedon Drive N.E. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. This program is designed to introduce pre-school children to the wonders of the natural world. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month, children are treated to a variety of stories, puppet shows, and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. This week features I'm a Manatee by John Lithgow. While dreaming, a little boy becomes a very large manatee and embarks on an underwater adventure with many aquatic friends. This program also includes a craft, game or other hands-on activity related to the story. The event is free and open to the public. Spaces are limited so register early! Recommended ages: 3 - 5. [www.weedonislandpreserve.org](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org)

**Coffee Concert: Opera's Greatest Hits:** Progress Energy Center for the Arts, Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 11 a.m. Pre-Concert Conversations in the hall one hour before curtain time as the conductor talks about the music and composers featured on the program. Complimentary coffee and donuts are served prior to the concerts. Featuring: Verdi: La Traviata, Prelude to Act III, Verdi: La Traviata, Prelude to Act III, Puccini: La Boheme and Rossini: Overture: Italian Girl in Algiers. [www.floridaorchestra.org](http://www.floridaorchestra.org), [www.mahaffeytheater.com](http://www.mahaffeytheater.com) or 727-892-5798.

# Report states FLA Foreclosure prevention program is successful

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) recently received a report stating the funds from the NeighborWorks® America's National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program (NFMC) is a success with helping Floridians facing foreclosure in the state.

In the first round of funding (2008), Florida Housing received \$1,015,389 of the \$4.8 million in total funding Florida received. These funds allowed Florida Housing to help 19 local housing agencies provide foreclosure prevention and intervention services to more than 2,500 homeowners in 2008 and 1,000 more during 2009.

A second round of funding was made available in mid-2008; Florida Housing was awarded \$2,294,700 of the \$9.5 million Florida received. These funds were used to increase the number of counseling providers from 19 to 26, which resulted in housing counselors serving more than 8,000 families. In addition, Florida Housing and Florida Legal Services received an award of \$1.5 million to provide legal assistance to more than 2,700 homeowners at risk of foreclosure.

"Florida Housing, in partnership with housing counseling agencies statewide, is committed to helping as many troubled homeowners as possible keep their homes" said Steve Auger, executive director, Florida Housing. "We are grateful for these resources from NeighborWorks® America and,

detailed in this report, the counseling that this funding supports is working."

NFMC Program continues to help homeowners facing foreclosure by providing them with much needed loss mitigation counseling. Nationwide, the program has provided 762,284 struggling homeowners with foreclosure prevention counseling.

NeighborWorks® America released its report to Congress on the program's activity, which covers counseling activity reported by program grantees and counselor trainings provided by

NeighborWorks® between March 1, 2008 and August 18, 2009.

Highlights of the report include:

633,294 homeowners nationally received counseling during the reporting period;

5,237 scholarships provided to foreclosure counselors;

Descriptive statistics about clients served through the program;

Successful counseling strategies, including the importance of early intervention; and

The challenges counselors face in the current economic environment.

To date, Congress has set aside \$356 million for the foreclosure prevention counseling program, and is considering an additional \$60 million for the next fiscal year.

## Public Forum for Clearwater Police Chief Candidates on Dec. 15

CLEARWATER - The City of Clearwater will host a forum from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Harborview Center for the public to meet the four finalists under consideration for Clearwater's Chief of Police position. The public will have the opportunity to ask the candidates questions and provide feedback to the city manager.

The four candidates being considered are:  
Eugenio (Gene) Bernal, Deputy Chief  
Orlando, Florida Police Department  
Anthony Holloway, Chief of Police  
Somerville, Massachusetts Police Department  
John A. Jackson, Chief of Police  
Alamosa, Colorado Police Department  
Thomas V. Lawrence, Commander

Dallas, Texas Police Department

"I believe we have identified four highly qualified police professionals to be considered to replace retiring Police Chief Sid Klein. The final candidates reflect what our community believes in and have the experience to lead one of the premiere police departments in the nation. Now it is time to give the public an opportunity to give the candidates a closer look," said City Manager Bill Horne.

The candidates will be in town Dec. 15 and 16 and will meet one on one with Union officials, city council members, and City Manager Bill Horne.

Police Chief Sid Klein will retire on February 26, 2009 after 29 years of service as Clearwater's Chief of Police.

## Police urge shoppers to be on the look out for the Grinch who could steal your Christmas

Officers take their enforcement efforts inside the mall to prevent shoplifting while officers on horseback, motorcycles and unmarked cars patrol the shopping mall parking lots. Chief Jane Castor will address the troops as they kick off the operation designed to prevent car burglaries, car thefts and shoplifting.

The Tampa Police Department will continue a strong police presence in mall parking lots. This year, part of the operation will move inside the mall to combat shoplifting. The downward turn in the economy could lead to more shoplifting so plainclothes officers will patrol in the mall and monitor the surveillance camera rooms. Each year, the mall operations significantly decrease crime in the parking lots. This year officers will patrol in the shopping areas through January 3rd.

More than \$35 million dollars a day in goods are stolen from retailers in the U.S. Shoplifting overburdens the police and the courts, adds to a store's security expenses, costs consumers more for goods and costs communities lost dollars in sales taxes.

Holiday Mall Shoplifting Arrests:

2007 - 37

2008 - 41

Officials are urging shoppers to stay alert to your

surroundings and the people around you. If you see people "hanging around" parking garages, parking lots, or the outside of stores, avoid the area. Notify the police or security department.

If possible, shop before dark. Coordinate shopping trips with a friend if you plan to be out late. Always park your car in a well lit area. Lock your car doors and windows even if you are only gone for a few minutes. Keep packages and other valuables out of public view, preferably locked in the trunk. Park near street lights if possible and have your keys in hand when you return to your car. Always check the interior of your car before you unlock the door to get in.

To discourage purse snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Have your purchases delivered whenever practical. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card whenever possible. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm with the strap across your body. Keep a wallet in an inside jacket pocket, not a back trouser pocket.

Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if they should become separated in a store or shopping mall. They should never go into a parking lot alone.

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## Online shopping key to saving this holiday season

Online retailers may be best off in these tough economic times because many shoppers like to search for deals on the Internet, Oh said. Online retailers have prepared for bargain hunters by packaging gift ideas for different budgets, creating and displaying promotional categories for products that are less than \$25, for example, or between \$25 and \$50, she said.

"Online retailers have collected information from shoppers' online search behavior about what are the 'hot items' to better prepare their merchandise for packaging," she said. "Because such information helps retailers prepare the right merchandise with the right quantity, on-line retailers or multi-channel retailers who have both online offerings and stores are in a better position than stores that are strictly brick and mortar."

Because many shoppers conduct online searches for gift ideas and buy later at stores, those retailers who best use online search data in making inventory allocation decisions will have better opportunities to maximize revenues and profits, she said.

Twelve percent of survey participants said they would spend more than last year at Web sites, compared with 2.6 percent in stores in enclosed malls

and 3 percent through catalogs.

Online shopping is expected to draw more visits from high-income households, with 74 percent of those with family incomes over \$100,000 planning to shop as much or more than they did last year on the Internet, compared with only 35 percent of those with incomes less than \$30,000, she said.

For all holiday shopping, 66 percent of consumers in high-income households plan to spend more or the same amount that they did last year, compared with 48 percent from those with the lowest incomes, the survey found.

Fifty-nine percent of shoppers from middle-income households – those earning between \$30,000 and \$60,000 – plan to spend more or the same amount that they did last year, as do 60 percent of those with upper-middle incomes, between \$60,000 and \$100,000, she said.

As expected, the lowest income group expects to spend the least, an average of about \$500, Oh said. Estimates for the middle income group are about \$844, the upper-middle income group \$1,277 and the high-income group \$2,197.

The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent.

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# DISEASE CARRIED BY MOSQUITOS RETURNS AFTER 50 YEARS

BY MICKIE ANDERSON  
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GAINESVILLE — University of Florida mosquito researchers are watching with a wary eye as dengue virus returns to the state after more than 50 years.

By late last week, 20 cases of locally transmitted dengue had been confirmed in Key West. Monroe County officials have issued a health alert and launched an education campaign urging residents to eliminate water sources in and around their homes where mosquitoes can breed.

"We haven't seen dengue in Florida in a long time, but this does give us evidence that we can have it again," said Roxanne Connelly, an associate professor of medical entomology with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Dengue fever, also known as break-bone fever or bonecrusher disease, is a rarely fatal but widespread disease transmitted to humans via the bite of an infected mosquito. There are an estimated 100 million cases of dengue worldwide each year.

As its names suggest, dengue brings high fever, severe headaches and joint and muscle pain. It is often misdiagnosed as influenza.

Besides the dengue re-emergence in the Florida Keys, Connelly, based at the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach, said health officials were surprised by a door-to-door survey of Key West residents. Connelly and Jonathan Day, a medical entomology professor at the Vero Beach laboratory, collaborate with the health and vector-control officials.

After some 240 residents allowed health officials to draw a small blood sample, test results showed that 41 percent had been exposed to the dengue virus or other Flavivirus, either through exposure to one of the viruses or through vaccinations, such as the yellow fever vaccine.

"Much like a lot of other mosquito-borne diseases, some people can have it and not have any symptoms, while others end up very sick," Connelly said.

The last big dengue epidemic in Florida was in 1934 and left more than 25,000 Floridians ill, Day said.

Researchers don't expect this outbreak to reach beyond Monroe County, but it's a strong reminder for Floridians to be on guard.

Dengue is spread by two mosquito

## Tampa Bay Transportation honored three times for continued commitment

TAMPA - The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) was recently honored with not one, but three awards for its continued commitment to engaging the public, its recent activities to bring regional transportation to the Tampa Bay area, and the progress its Board of Directors has made in the development and adoption of the Regional Transportation Master Plan.

The first award, received on September 16, 2009, was presented by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (FAPA). TBARTA received the "Award of Excellence" in the Grassroots Initiatives category for its commitment to public engagement throughout development of the Master Plan.

TBARTA received a second award on November 18, 2009, from the Sun Coast Section of FAPA, where TBARTA was awarded the "Distinguished Regional Project" award.

## Creative Recycling Systems, electronic recycling systems, takes vision to China

TAMPA - Jon Yob, CEO of Tampa-based Creative Recycling Systems, Inc. (CRS), was selected to address an international forum of leaders on electronics recycling in Shanghai, China last month. The World Recycling Forum, held November 10-13, 2009, is a conference focusing on the challenges and solutions for electronics recycling around the world.

According to the Forum's organizers, end of life electronic equipment and vehicles represent one of the largest and fastest growing waste streams worldwide. The material contains valuable raw materials such as metals and plastics, but it also releases a considerable amount of hazardous substances into the environment. The Forum's goal is to present solutions and ideas to create a "circular economy" to reuse and recycle used products throughout the world.

Yob's topic, "Best mSpeaking in Shanghai management practices for end-of-life electronic products: Are commodity specifications and management systems standards part of a viable solution?" discusses CRS' years of researching and developing environmental solutions. These tools and technology have been developed to benefit the



photo by Jim Newman, UF

### Yellow Fever Mosquito

species, commonly known as the yellow fever mosquito and Asian tiger mosquito. Both lay eggs on the sides of water-filled containers.

The yellow fever mosquito is mostly confined to South Florida, while the Asian tiger mosquito is found throughout the state, though not in the Florida Keys.

The yellow fever mosquito is prevalent in the Old Town part of Key West, Day said, and has an affinity for a local cemetery full of rain-catching urns and vases. Many of the recent dengue cases were in the Old Town area, he said.

Unlike many mosquitoes that are active in the morning and evening, the yellow fever and Asian tiger mosquitoes are unusual in that they will bite in broad daylight.

Connelly advises residents to take a careful look at their homes and yards, looking for even tiny amounts of standing water. Boat tarps, birdbaths, gutters, empty soda cans — anything that will hold water should be suspect and emptied or discarded.

Pet dishes emptied every few days aren't a worry, she said. And while it's not as common, residents can inadvertently breed mosquitoes indoors, she said.

One way: Small decorative bamboo plants hold just enough water to interest a mosquito looking to lay eggs.

Other suggestions for residents include wearing long pants and sleeves when possible and wearing a repellent that includes the active ingredient DEET.

Connelly and Day are members of UF's Emerging Pathogens Institute, whose researchers work to prevent or contain new and re-emerging diseases that threaten Floridians.

And on November 20, 2009, the Tampa Bay Partnership presented the "Chair's Cup for Excellence in Regionalism" to the TBARTA Board. TBARTA was presented the public sector award at the Partnership's annual meeting and community update luncheon in recognition of the Board's continued dedication to ensure a regional transportation system.

TBARTA was created by the Florida Legislature in 2007 to plan and develop a multimodal transportation system that will connect the seven counties of the Tampa Bay region. The legislature mandated that TBARTA must create a Regional Transportation Master Plan for the Tampa Bay region by July 2009. TBARTA adopted this plan in May 2009. The goal of the Master Plan is to engage the public in developing a vision for regional integration of transportation systems and foster partnerships with government agencies and business entities.

global environment, with a much broader reach than just electronics.

New technology has caused electronics to become obsolete at an increasing rate. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that over 80 million computers become obsolete every year. Of the 2.25 million tons of TVs, cell phones and computer products ready for end-of-life (EOL) management, 18% (414,000 tons) was collected for recycling and 82% (1.84 million tons) was disposed of, primarily in landfills.

"Education and availability of electronic recycling programs is key for citizens to properly recycle and protect our environment," said Yob.

CRS provides state-of-the-art lifecycle management solutions for surplus and end-of-life electronic products, yielding the highest value for its customers and producing the smallest environmental footprint available in the world. They hold the electronics-recycling contracts in Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee, Florida counties, the State of Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Kentucky. CRS recycles millions of pounds of electronics every month.

# Pasco County man arrested for child pornography

TALLAHASSEE — Attorney General Bill McCollum today announced that a Pasco County man has been arrested after a CyberCrime investigation determined he was creating child pornography. Kenneth Blage of Zephyrhills was arrested today by law enforcement with the Attorney General's CyberCrime Unit and the Pasco County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Florida Highway Patrol and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

According to investigators, Blage, 41, sexually assaulted at least one young teenage girl and recorded videos of the abuse, thereby creating child pornography. At the time of his arrest, Blage had another criminal case pending against him on charges of lewd and lascivious battery and promoting the sexual performance of another minor. That case is being prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office for the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Investigators have determined that Blage has victimized at least two young girls, and anyone who has been victimized by Blage may contact the Tampa CyberCrime Unit Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm at 813-287-7930 to report the abuse. To report abuse after hours, the CyberTipline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-843-5678, and any emergency should be reported directly to local law enforcement. The investigation was jointly conducted by the Attorney General's CyberCrime Unit and the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, both members of the Central Florida Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Blage will be booked into the Pasco County Jail and currently faces charges of lewd and lascivious battery, promoting the sexual performance of a minor, and possession of child pornography. Additional charges may follow at a later date.

## Coast Guard rescues 3-year-old boy

ST. PETERSBURG - Crewmembers from the Coast Guard rescued Luke Finch aboard his father's 32-foot sailboat on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, approximately 140 miles southwest of Fort Myers Beach.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg were contacted early Sunday morning by Cocoa City Police Department officials, in Cocoa, Fla., requesting assistance in locating Paul Martikainen, 35, and his son, Finch. They reportedly departed Salt Creek Marina, in St. Petersburg, in a 32-foot grey Bristol sailboat late Saturday.

Crewmembers aboard a Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, Fla., HC-130 Hercules aircraft spotted Paul Martikainen's sailboat at about 5 p.m. Monday, while searching a 22,995-square mile area after Finch was reportedly kidnapped by Martikainen Saturday.

Crewmembers from the Coast Guard Cutter Crocodile and Coast Guard Cutter Kodiak Island boarded the sailboat on Tuesday, safely rescued Finch, and took him onboard the Crocodile. Kodiak Island boarding team members detained Martikainen and are currently towing the sailboat to Coast Guard Station Fort Myers Beach, Fla., where he will be taken into FBI custody.

Finch arrived at Coast Guard Station Fort Myers Beach late Tuesday night.

"We are incredibly happy that we were able to find and rescue Luke unharmed to reunite him with his family," said Capt. Timothy Close, Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg commander. "There were multiple agencies involved and the we were glad we were able to assist."

## 14-year-old eats 9 potato pancakes in two minutes



photo courtesy of Chabad of Pinellas County

Marc Cohen poses with Rabbi Shalom Adler, Director of Chabad of Pinellas County.

On Sunday November 29th a crowd of over 300 participated in the Chabad of Pinellas County Chanukah Wonderland. The program featured activities for both young and old. The highlight of the program was a "Latke Eating Contest". Potato Latkes or pancakes and other foods fried or baked in oil are traditionally eaten on the holiday of Chanukah to commemorate the miracle of the oil in the Menorah of the rededicated Temple lasting for 8 days.

In a fierce competition, 14-year-old Marc Cohen of Palm Harbor beat out three other contestants gobbling nine Latkes in just two minutes.

Chabad of Pinellas County will be sponsoring a number of exciting programs for Chanukah that gets underway on December 11th, most notably will be the 4th annual Chanukah on Ice on Sunday December 13th @ Westfield Countryside Mall.

## Dog of the Week Jasper



Photo courtesy of SPCA

Meet Jasper. This big boy is almost a small horse but he thinks he's a little puppy. He is looking for a home that understands large breeds and is willing to work with him to teach him how to be a good companion. Jasper seems to do well with the other dogs at the shelter; however we always recommend that they meet any other canines already in the household prior to adoption. Jasper loves people of all ages, just LOVES the great outdoors, long walks and playing ball. He just wants to have someone in his life! Jasper really longs for companionship and will put some fun in your life too. Meet Jasper at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave N in Largo, or call 727-586-3591.

## Cat of the Week Lola



Photo courtesy of SPCA

Lola is a gorgeous Maine Coon mix with soft, lovely long fluffy fur. At 5 years old, she is so sweet and friendly. She loves attention, and is a great lap cat. Though shy at first, once she warms up to you she won't leave your side. Her happy nature and gentle loving attitude make her the nicest kitty to love. Visit Lola at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave N in Largo, or call 727-586-3591.

## Military News

### Navy - Fleet News

#### Seaman Crystal J. Brown

Navy Seaman Recruit Crystal J. Brown, a 2003 graduate of Boca Ciega High School, Gulfport, Fla., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

#### Seaman Corey W. Hensley

Navy Seaman Corey W. Hensley, son of Leslie A. Hensley of Westland, Mich. and Greg A. Hensley of Clearwater, Fla., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Hensley is a 2002 graduate of Starkweather High School of Plymouth, Mich.

#### Pfc. Patrick J. Mitchell

Army Pfc. Patrick J. Mitchell has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Mitchell is a 2005 graduate of Dunedin High School, Fla.

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 City parking lot beside CVS, 462 Mandalay Ave.  
 Behind Hess Express Station, 32 Bay Esplanade

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 Corner of 5th Avenue and Main Street  
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 Corner of 183rd Terrace West & Gulf Blvd.  
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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,  
 FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 UCN: 522009CP001972XXESXX  
 FILE NO. 09-1972-ES3  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 DOUGLAS D. DEBIEN  
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of DOUGLAS D. DEBIEN, deceased, whose date of death was January 24, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756-5165. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 4, 2009.

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 Palm Harbor, Florida 34683

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 Personal Representative:  
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 10095 DEC 4, 11, 2009 120402

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,  
 FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 FILE NO. 09-7160-ES  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 BERNARD L. STAFFORD  
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Bernard L. Stafford, deceased, whose date of death was October 16, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756-5165. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is December 4, 2009.

Personal Representative:  
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 140 - 21st Avenue S.  
 St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

Attorney for  
 Personal Representative:  
 Cynthia J. McMillen  
 Attorney for Virginia Frazier  
 Law Offices of Joseph F. Pippen, Jr. & Associates, PL  
 1920 East Bay Drive  
 Largo, FL 33771  
 Telephone: (727) 586-3306  
 FBN: 351581 SPN: 01769503  
 13105 DEC 4, 11, 2009 120401

NOTICE OF SALE  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
 IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL DIVISION  
 Case No. 05-007087 CI-021

AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, etc.  
 Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE SOROKA, et al,  
 Defendants.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated on October 30, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 05-007087 CI-021 of the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pinellas County, Florida, wherein AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, is plaintiff and GEORGE SOROKA is the defendant.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Clearwater Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with § 45.031, Florida Statutes, on the 30th day of December, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

PARCEL I

A PARCEL OF LAND IN A PORTION OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, RUN WEST 143 FEET, NORTH 140 FEET, EAST 143 FEET AND SOUTH 140 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LESS ROAD RIGHTOF-WAY ON SOUTH AND EAST, SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Property Address: 1396 Trotter Road, Largo, Florida

PARCEL II

LOT 12, LESS THE NORTH 107 FEET (A/K/A THE SOUTH 90 FEET OF LOT 12), UNIT "C", BIG ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 113, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Property Address: 1626 Pine Street, Largo, Florida

Any person, claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

Ken Burke  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Kennan M. Borne  
 Deputy Clerk

Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 Kelly B. Holbrook, Esquire  
 Broad and Cassel  
 P.O. Box 3310  
 Tampa, FL 33601-3310  
 16057 NOV 27, DEC 4, 2009 112703

# Bookmobile arrives Dec 15

ST. PETERSBURG- St. Petersburg Public Library System will host the Digital Bookmobile, an immersive download experience inside a 74-foot, high-tech tractor-trailer, on Tuesday, Dec 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N.

Readers of all ages are invited to engage in digital downloading through interactive demonstrations and experience Pinellas Public Library Cooperative's (PPLC) audiobook download service at this free event. Pinellas County public library card holders can also check out and download digital titles any time, anywhere by visiting <http://pplc.lib.overdrive.com>.

"The OverDrive audio downloadable audiobooks are a convenient way to check out audiobooks from any location,

even when the library is closed," said Library Director Mary Gaines. "The Digital Bookmobile is a great introduction to this remarkable technology."

The Digital Bookmobile is housed inside an 18-wheel tractor-trailer. This 74-foot vehicle is a high-tech update of the traditional bookmobile. The vehicle is equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players, all of which help visitors explore Pinellas Public Library Cooperative's download service.

Card holders can browse the growing collection of best-selling, new release, and classic titles, and check out a digital title with a valid library card. Many audio titles can also be burned to audio CD.

## Men's Basketball continued from pg 1

Junior Dominique Jones got the scoring started for the Bulls on the opening possession by nailing a three from the top of the arc. Jones tied a season high with three treys on the night, tying four other players.

The Bulls went on to start the game on a 9-0 run, and led the Pirates 14-2 through the first six minutes of action.

"When South Florida started out, I think that first stat sheet I got was 6 for 7," said Hampton head coach Edward Joyner, Jr. "You know, it gets hard then. And then you begin to doubt yourself and doubt what you're doing. And then you have to fight your way back in it."

USF led Hampton in points in the paint 20-6 in the first half, and went on to dominate the low post by outscoring the Pirates 36-28 in the post. USF also dominated in points off of turnovers, outscoring Hampton 21-9 in that category.

The Bulls came out firing in the second half and with 16:19 remaining in the game doubled the Pirates score with a 44-22 lead.

Jones took over the game by

nailing a three followed by a coast-to-coast layup with 12:06 remaining to give USF its biggest lead of the game at 31 points, 60-29.

Freshman Mike Burwell hit his first three of the season and his career with five minutes remaining to extend the Bulls' lead to 70-46, and two possessions later he knocked down a second three to give him 13 points for the night.

"This time of year it's easy to lose your focus and so I was really happy we were able to get the win and play some guys," said Heath. "It wasn't as smooth as I like but still solid."

The Bulls' 74 points against Hampton is the third highest output this season, as USF is now averaging 75 points per game in the last four games after starting the season with 66 per game in the first four outings.

With the win, USF is now 23-6 against teams currently in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

The Bulls also improved to 13-2 in non-conference home games in the Stan Heath era.

NOTICE OF ACTION  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL COURT

CASE NO. 09-12911-FD-23  
 IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF  
 DAVID PENDLETON  
 Petitioner

and

KELLI R. PENDLETON  
 Respondent

TO: KELLI R. PENDLETON  
 Last known address:  
 UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE has been filed and you are required to serve a copy of your written denial to it, on Petitioner's Attorney, JOSEPH EVANSON, whose address is PO BOX 629, Largo, Florida 33779 on or before January 4, 2010, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's Attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

WITNESS, KEN BURKE, as Clerk of the Circuit Court, and the seal of said Court at the Courthouse at Clearwater, Florida.

Dated: November 30, 2009

KEN BURKE  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Rhonda R. Ditty  
 Deputy Clerk  
 10845 DEC 4, 11, 18, 25, 2009 120404

NOTICE OF ACTION  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 UCN: 522009CA019710XXCICI  
 Case No.: 09-019710-CI-8

EZ LOANS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,  
 ROBERT WRIGHT, DOTTIE WRIGHT,  
 and PERFECT PROPERTIES,  
 LLC, a Florida limited liability company,  
 Plaintiffs

vs.

THE TEMPLE OF SAINT PETERSBURG, INC.,  
 a Florida not-for profit corporation,  
 ARIEL BERGERMAN, AFFORDABLE REALTY AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., a Florida corporation,  
 TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
 TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH,  
 ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF ST. PETERSBURG, INC.,  
 a Florida not-for profit corporation,  
 and any PARTIES IN POSSESSION INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN TENANTS,  
 Defendants.

To: TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property has been filed in Pinellas County, Florida:

LOT 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 AND 64, HARBORDALE, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

which has been filed against you and THE TEMPLE OF SAINT PETERSBURG, INC., ARIEL BERGERMAN, AFFORDABLE REALTY AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF ST. PETERSBURG, INC., and ANY PARTIES IN POSSESSION INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN TENANTS, you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on:

Karen E. Maller, Esq.  
 Powell, Carney, Gross, Maller & Ramsay, P.A.  
 One Progress Plaza, Suite 1210  
 St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

on or before December 28, 2009, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs' attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2009.

KEN BURKE  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Rhonda R. Ditty  
 Deputy Clerk  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,  
 FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 FILE NO. 09-6639-ES3  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 KEVIN R. STURSBURG  
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Kevin R. Stursberg, deceased, whose date of death was September 23, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756-5165. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is December 4, 2009.

Personal Representative:  
 Thomas Drtina  
 2547 Redwood Circle  
 Clearwater, Florida 33763

Attorney for  
 Personal Representative:  
 William Rambaum  
 Attorney for Thomas Drtina  
 FBN: 0297682; SPN: 00220429  
 28960 U.S. Hwy 19 North,  
 Suite 100  
 Clearwater, FL 33761  
 Telephone: (727) 781-5357  
 10720 DEC 4, 11, 2009 120403

Notice to Bidders  
 Purchasing & Materials Management  
 City of St Petersburg

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing and Materials Management Director, City of St. Petersburg, Municipal Services Center, 5th Floor, One 4th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33701 for: **913-66 Bridge Repair at Tropicana Field, Project No. 09015-330, Bid No. 6926, pre-bid conference to be held at 10:00 a.m. ET, Friday, December 4, 2009, at Tropicana Field, One Tropicana Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33705, bid opening at 3:00 p.m. ET, Thursday, December 17, 2009.**

A copy of this solicitation can be obtained in the Purchasing Department. For more information please visit our website at <http://www.stpete.org/purchase/solbidn.asp> and click on the bid number referenced below. The City of St. Petersburg, Florida reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. The City reserves the right to waive technicalities on bids. The decision as to what constitutes a technicality shall rest solely with Louis Moore, CPPO, Director of Purchasing and Materials Management.

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NOTICE OF ACTION  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 UCN: 522009CA019710XXCICI  
 Case No.: 09-019710-CI-8

EZ LOANS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,  
 ROBERT WRIGHT, DOTTIE WRIGHT,  
 and PERFECT PROPERTIES,  
 LLC, a Florida limited liability company,  
 Plaintiffs

vs.

THE TEMPLE OF SAINT PETERSBURG, INC.,  
 a Florida not-for profit corporation,  
 ARIEL BERGERMAN, AFFORDABLE REALTY AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., a Florida corporation,  
 TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
 TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF ST. PETERSBURG, INC.,  
 a Florida not-for profit corporation,  
 and any PARTIES IN POSSESSION INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN TENANTS,  
 Defendants.

To: TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property has been filed in Pinellas County, Florida:

LOT 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 AND 64, HARBORDALE, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

which has been filed against you and THE TEMPLE OF SAINT PETERSBURG, INC., ARIEL BERGERMAN, AFFORDABLE REALTY AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF ST. PETERSBURG, INC., and ANY PARTIES IN POSSESSION INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN TENANTS, you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on:

Karen E. Maller, Esq.  
 Powell, Carney, Gross, Maller & Ramsay, P.A.  
 One Progress Plaza, Suite 1210  
 St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

on or before December 18, 2009, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs' attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2009.

KEN BURKE  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Rhonda R. Ditty  
 Deputy Clerk  
 112008 13340 NOV 20, 27, DEC 4, 11, 2009 112703

# Panera breaks bread with Tampa Cancer Center

## Panera gives Community Breadbox collection of \$100,000 to the children

TAMPA – Panera Bread donated \$100,000 to the Children’s Cancer Center of Tampa. The money was collected through the company’s Community Breadbox™ donation program in 24 bay-area bakery-cafes and matched by Covelli Family Limited Partnership, a franchisee of Panera Bread.

Ron Shaich, CEO and Chairman of Panera Bread and Saint Louis Bread Company joined Albert Covelli, owner/operator of Covelli Family Limited Partnership to present the check to the Children’s Cancer Center. Families, children, and supporters of the center enjoyed festivities including music, face painting, cookie decorating, balloon twisting and food from Panera Bread.

Along with the \$100,000 donation, Panera Bread kicked off its next Children’s Cancer Center benefit through its Giving Tree campaign. From now until the end of December, twenty-four Tampa-area Panera Bread bakery-cafes are displaying Giving Trees filled with wishes from bay-area children who are battling childhood cancer. This year, customers will receive a free gingerbread man cookie for every gift purchased for a child on the tree. In its six-year partnership, Panera Bread’s Giving Tree program has provided gifts for 400 families.

“We chose the Children’s Cancer Center as our community partner because of their passion and com-

mitment to the families of Tampa Bay,” said Kevin Ricci, operating partner for Covelli Family Limited Partnership who serves on the board of directors for the center. “Our extended family of Panera Bread customers has embraced the Children’s Cancer Center through their generous cash donations to our Community Breadboxes and support of various fundraisers we held throughout the year.”

“The Children’s Cancer Center is so honored to be the chosen charitable partner of Panera Bread and the Covelli Family Partnership,” said Shannon Hannon Oliviero, director of community relations, marketing & fundraising for the Children’s Cancer Center. “For over six years their constant support and strong links with our community have enabled us to continue our mission of providing priceless and immediate assistance to families battling childhood cancers and chronic blood disorders.”

Covelli Family Limited Partnership has been partnering with the Children’s Cancer Center in Tampa since 2003. For 35 years, the center has been providing immediate support to families of children with cancer, hemophilia, sickle cell disease and other chronic blood disorders. The Center works with children and their families to address their immediate nonmedical needs, which include educational support through various programs.

# Bronson nails second time telemarketing offender

TALLAHASSEE -- On Wednesday, the Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson announced the arrest of an unlicensed Central Florida telemarketer who had been charged on a previous occasion with the same offense.

Arrested by Bronson's Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement was Mary Karen Benoit, 46, of Orlando. Authorities allege that Benoit was soliciting telemarketing sales without a license at Jams Management of Central Florida, Inc., located at 8421 South Orange Blossom Trail, Suite 261, Orlando, on September 22 during a compliance inspection conducted by Bronson's Division of Consumer Services. According to Bronson's Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement (OALE), Benoit gave a fictitious name to an OALE investigator who was present during the compliance inspection in an attempt to disguise her identity.

Authorities claim that three days later the woman submitted an application to the Division of Consumer

Services and denied having been previously charged with telemarketing without a license. The Central Florida woman had been arrested on that charge in March 2008.

Following her arrest, Benoit was immediately booked into the Orange County Jail on charges of soliciting sales without a license, falsifying information on her commercial telephone salesperson license application and obstruction by disguised person. Bond was set at \$5,500.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services regulates the telemarketing industry in Florida through its Division of Consumer Services. Bronson encourages consumers to call his office at 1-800-HELPFLA (1-800-435-7352) to check on the registration status or complaint history of such businesses. Consumers wishing to file complaints against telemarketers can do so online at <http://www.800helpfla.com> or by calling the toll-free number to obtain a complaint form.

# McCollum recognized for protective efforts in foreclosure and loan modification program

TALLAHASSEE – The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) commended Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum for his proactive efforts to combat mortgage foreclosure rescue and loan modification scams in Florida. On Tuesday, the FTC unveiled “Operation Stolen Hope,” a national sweep targeting these types of scams, and announced the filing of just over 100 state and federal legal actions throughout the country. These filings are in addition to the continuing efforts by Attorney General McCollum's office, which has filed 17 civil actions in the past year with more expected in the coming months.

“Nationwide, people are struggling financially to stay in their homes,” said Attorney General McCollum. “I’m pleased to see more federal and state partners joining our efforts to protect our homeowners from these disgusting schemes.”

Since October 2008, Attorney General McCollum's Economic Crimes Division has filed 17 civil lawsuits for mortgage fraud or foreclosure rescue violations, recovered \$1.5 million in restitution for distressed homeowners and shut down businesses when appro-

priate. The Attorney General's office is also actively investigating 83 businesses for potential violations of Florida's Foreclosure Rescue Fraud Prevention Act, a law he first envisioned in 2007 and championed in the 2008 legislative session.

“If consumers are asked for an up-front fee, are told to stop making their loan payments, or are guaranteed" a modified loan - it's a tip off to a rip off," said David Vladeck, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. Vladeck commended the enforcement efforts of Attorney General McCollum, saying that they "send a clear message to scammers that Florida will not tolerate the victimization of its citizens."

Consumers who wish to file a foreclosure rescue or loan modification fraud complaint with the Attorney General's office may call 1-866-966-7226 or may file a complaints online at <http://www.myfloridalegal.com>. More information about the Attorney General's efforts to combat mortgage fraud in Florida is available online at: <http://www.myfloridalegal.com/mortgagefraud>.

# AAA sets up 13 Metropolitan Ministrie drop-offs

TAMPA — At this time of year, almost everyone is driving from retailer to retailer to get the perfect gift for their loved ones, but there are many families in the Tampa Bay area who are not so fortunate. The unstable economy has left many families without jobs and the means to buy their loved ones gifts or in many cases essentials like food or clothing. In the Tampa Bay area, there are more than 20,000 homeless people and numerous families who are on the brink of homelessness according to data provided by Metropolitan Ministries.

AAA works diligently with Metropolitan Ministries to provide food and toys to needy families in the Tampa Area. In 2008, 24,598 families received food and toys during the holidays. This year, Metropolitan Ministries expects to serve more than 29,000 families; up 17.9 percent from last year.

“The ability to make a difference this holiday season is very important to us at AAA,” said Jessica Brady, public relations specialists, AAA Auto Club South. “We realize how fortunate we are and there are many families who don’t have enough food to serve a good meal during the holidays as well as children whose parents can’t afford to buy them gifts. That’s why we’re asking everyone in the community to donate a food or toy item at one of our AAA locations to help needy families.”

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1515 N West Shore Blvd  
Tampa, FL33607  
813-288-7294

Brandon  
415 West Robertson Street  
Brandon, FL33511  
(813) 681-5761

Carrollwood  
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Tampa, FL33618  
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St. North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33702  
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St. Petersburg, FL33701  
(727) 826-3600

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(727) 584-7678

Sun CityCenter  
717 Cortaro Drive

Sun City Center, FL33573  
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Westchase  
11667 Countryway Blvd.  
Tampa, FL33626  
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20315 Bruce B Downs  
Boulevard  
Tampa, FL33647  
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Seminole  
9200 Seminole Boulevard  
Seminole, FL33772  
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2170 Rainbow Drive  
Clearwater, FL33765  
(727) 448-2600

Palm Harbor  
32050 US 19 North  
Palm Harbor, FL 34684  
(727) 789-7850

Port Richey  
10532 Devco Drive  
Port Richey, FL34668  
(727) 868-9523

# Sungodess scholarship applications available

ST. PETERSBURG - The 2010 Festival of States, produced by The Suncoaster’s of St. Petersburg, is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 54th Annual Junior Sungodess Scholarship Program.

The Junior Sungodess program, which began in 1956, is a scholarship-based program which recognizes high school Junior and Senior girls in Pinellas County who display community awareness and involvement, academic achievement, and embody the values and poise to represent the Festival of States as goodwill ambassadors.

Kirsten Teresi, a freshman at the University of Florida is the current Junior Sungodess. Kirsten was selected last spring while a senior at Lakewood High School.

Over \$5,000 in scholarship awards were provided to the winner and two runners-up last year.

Applications are available on the Festival of States website at [festivalofstates.com](http://festivalofstates.com)

All applications must be completed and returned to the Festival Office by January 11,

2010. Applicants must be the daughter of a family residing in Pinellas County with plans to further her education after high school and must be 16 years of age by March 1, 2010.

The applications will be judged on community service, academic achievement, and three essay questions and will be used to determine the top 20 candidates who will serve on the 2010 Junior Sungodess Court.

The 2010 Junior Sungodess will then be selected from the Court based on leadership qualities, personality, poise and their ability to speak comfortably to the judges and large groups.

Karen Simpson, Senior Vice President at American Momentum Bank will serve as the Junior Sungodess Committee Chairperson again this year. Other members of the Junior Sungodess Committee include Sylvia Ameen, Claire Aucremann, Lenne Nicklaus-Ball, Jim Brown, Linwood Gilbert, Stephanie Goforth, Mandy Hand, Guy VanMiddlesworth, and Jill Wilkinson.

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# Returning record-brakers give USF track and field an edge

TAMPA - A pair of sophomores fresh off their record-breaking rookie campaigns provide the University of South Florida track and field team with a strong nucleus in the throwing events for the Bulls.

Jared Thomas in the discus and Casey Wagner in the javelin both came in right away for assistant coach for throws Toby Colyer and immediately began to put together a strong resume. Wagner threw 152-8 at the BIG EAST Outdoor Championships to set the new standard for the all-time best mark in program history.

Wagner didn't stop there, though, as she traveled to Eugene, Ore., in late June to compete in the USA Track & Field Junior National Championships. Wagner proved to be the best around, as she captured the title in the javelin, USF's first ever at the championships. Wagner would later take fifth at the Pan American Junior Athletics Championships in Port of Spain, Trinidad to cap a historic season for the freshman.

Thomas, meanwhile, also had a strong season, taking third at the BIG EAST Championships after setting the school record earlier in the season at the LSU Alumni Gold Meet with a heave of 181-2. Like Wagner, Thomas also competed at the Junior Championships, taking fifth to earn All-America honors.

Senior Tyler Perkins also gives the Bulls depth in the throws, as he will look to move up the all-time ranks before season's end. Perkins currently sits third in the discus at 174-10 feet and fourth in the hammer at 160-2 while also ranking in the top 10 in the javelin and shot put. The senior will also aim to improve his ninth-place showing at the NCAA East Regional Championships in the discus.

Providing additional depth on the men's side will be sophomore Marcus Hicks, a former Florida state champion in the shot put who competed sparingly during his freshman year but comes in as the strongest athlete on the team.

The sophomore stronghold continues on the women's side, as second-year players Atasha Warren, Lauren Noe and Sarah Canter all give USF a good nucleus of talent for the next several years.

Warren made her way into the top 10 in USF's all-time records in the shot put, hammer and discus during the outdoor season, including the fifth-best mark in the



Casey Wagner, javelin.

photo courtesy of USF



Jared Thomas, discus.

photo courtesy of USF

shot put at 46 feet. Warren also performed at the USA Junior National Championships in the event after qualifying for the BIG EAST Championships in all three of her events.

Noe's strongest outdoor event is the hammer, where she finished the 2009 season holding the third-best mark in school history with a throw of 176-4. Noe competed in the discus and hammer at the league championships, finishing 10th in both. She also took eighth in the weight throw at the indoor championships. Her mark of 57-5.5 stands fourth all time.

Canter competed in the discus and javelin at BIG EAST and was less than a foot away from cracking USF's all-time top 5 javelin record book. She also sits in 10th in the discus.

USF lost two players to graduation in Jara Cornett, USF's No. 2 all-time record holder in the javelin behind Wagner, and Jazmine Highsmith, a top 7 all-time performer in the shot put and hammer.

# Junior National Decathlon Champion becomes a Bull

TAMPA - The addition of a junior national decathlon champion to the University of South Florida track and field team gives the Bulls firepower in the combined events for the 2010 season.

Rookie Neamen Wise brings to the Bulls a long resume of success at the junior level, as the 2009 Florida Gatorade Track Athlete of the Year won both the Nike Indoor National Championship in the pentathlon and the USATF Junior Olympic Championship.

In addition, Wise also finished third in the USA Junior National Championships

in the decathlon and won state titles in the 300 hurdles and long jump all as a senior. Wise will be counted on to replace the production of senior Grant Scelzi, who set the school record in the decathlon with 6,532 points at the Bulldog Decathlon last season.

Junior Rachel Etienne anchors the women's side for USF in the combined events, as she ranks second in the pentathlon and fifth in the heptathlon in USF's all-time record book. Etienne took seventh in the heptathlon at the BIG EAST Championships and also

owns the fourth-longest long jump mark in school history.

Sophomores Alexandria Ware and Alex Rosenberger will switch to the combined events for USF in 2010 to provide more depth there. Rosenberger previously competed in the high jump and the 400 hurdles for the Bulls in her first season, while Ware is a former high school hurdler after not competing in 2009.

USF will kick off its 2009-10 season this weekend when the Bulls travel to Findlay, Ohio Friday and Saturday.

# Lady Bulls revisit victory

## USF Women's Basketball tournament banner raised tonight

TAMPA - The University of South Florida women's basketball team will take one final look back at its 2009 Women's National Invitation Tournament post-season title this week when it raises its championship banner tonight at 7 p.m. The Bulls, who are coming off a four game winning streak, will take on Washington at 7 p.m. in the Sun Dome. In recognition of the banner rising, the first 500 fans through the turnstiles will receive a commemorative USF WNIT Rally Towel.

"Friday night will be the final time that we look back at an absolutely amazing time for USF women's basketball," said head coach Jose Fernandez. "Once that banner goes up, though, we will put that great experience behind us and look to take the next step in our program's history, and that's

to make it back to the NCAA Tournament."

Last season, the Bulls posted a 27-10 record - the best in school history - and an 8-8 eighth place finish in the BIG EAST Conference. USF finished the year winning five consecutive games en route to the WNIT postseason championship - including three consecutive on the road. After a first round bye, the Bulls took care of Florida Gulf Coast (88-81 in overtime) on March 21 and Mississippi (74-57) on March 26, both coming at home. USF then hit the road, for 10 straight days, to defeat St. Bonaventure (80-66) on March 29, Boston College (82-65) on April 1 and Kansas (75-71) on April 4 in the title game.

The championship game with the Jayhawks was played in front of a USF, Kansas and Big 12 women's

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BASKETBALL**



**2009 WNIT CHAMPIONS**

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USF Women's Basketball WNIT Championship banner

basketball record crowd of 16,113 at historic Phog Allen Fieldhouse. It was also the eighth largest crowd to see a women's basketball game in Division I last year.

# RECIPE of the Week

## Very Cran-Apple Pie

**Prep Time:** 25 min  
**Total Time:** 1 hour 15 min  
**Makes:** 8 servings

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1 cup Gold Medal® all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 to 3 tablespoons cold water
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup Gold Medal® all-purpose flour
- 3 cups thinly sliced cooking apples
- 2 cups fresh or frozen (thawed) cranberries
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter

### DIRECTIONS

1. In medium bowl, cut shortening into 1 cup flour and the salt, using pastry blender or crisscrossing 2 knives, until crumbly. Sprinkle with cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time, and toss with fork until dough forms. Shape dough into a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate 15 minutes.
2. Heat oven to 425°F. Shape dough into flattened round on floured surface. Roll dough into 13-inch circle. Place on ungreased large cookie sheet.
3. Mix brown sugar, 1/3 cup flour, the apples and cranberries. Mound mixture on center of dough up to 3 inches of edge. Dot with margarine. Fold edge of dough over apples.

4. Bake pie 20 minutes. Cover center with 5-inch square of foil to prevent overbrowning. Bake 10 to 15 minutes longer or until crust is light golden brown.



### Substitution:

You can make an apple-only pie. Four medium cooking apples, thinly sliced, will yield 4 cups.

### Special Touch:

Top with your favorite ice cream. Cinnamon or caramel ice cream would make a great flavor combination.

### NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

Calories 265  
Total Fat 10g  
Saturated Fat 2g  
Cholesterol 0mg  
Sodium 170mg  
Total Carbohydrate 45g  
Protein 2g

### PERCENT DAILY VALUE

Vitamin A 2%; Vitamin C 4%; Calcium 2%; Iron 8%

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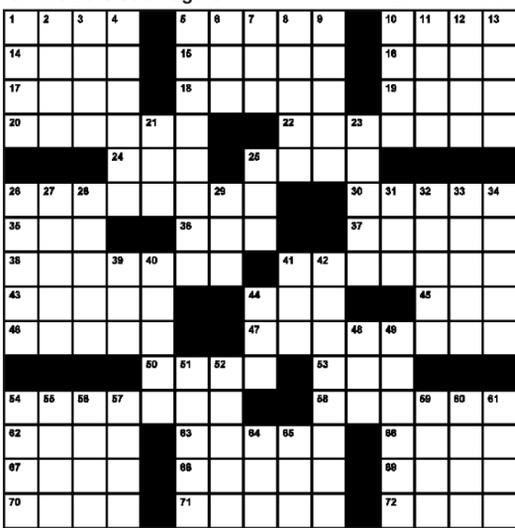
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- 2 Fruit
- 1 1/2 Fat

\*Courtesy of bettycrocker.com

# Crossword Puzzle

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### Across

- 1- Aggregation
- 5- Musical endings
- 10- Aggregate
- 14- Siouan speaker
- 15- Express mirth
- 16- Dull pain
- 17- Cure, in a way
- 18- Bert's buddy
- 19- Portico
- 20- 1994 Denis Leary comedy
- 22- Instructor
- 24- Cornerstone abbr.
- 25- Squealed
- 26- Small guitars
- 30- Collect
- 35- Acceptable score for a professional golfer
- 36- Like some vbs.
- 37- Apartment sign
- 38- Group within a group
- 41- Japanese art of arranging flowers
- 43- Clear the board
- 44- Barely make, with "out"
- 45- Rocky hilltop
- 46- Fungal infection
- 47- Dire warning
- 50- Heroin, slangily
- 53- Moo goo \_\_\_ pan
- 54- Book of hymns
- 58- Spots
- 62- Ambience
- 63- Bellowing
- 66- Mrs. Chaplin
- 67- Not e'en once
- 68- Gravy, for one
- 69- A party to
- 70- Greek letters
- 71- Lauder of cosmetics
- 72- Writing table

### Down

- 1- Couldn't find
- 2- D-Day beach
- 3- Yard tunneler
- 4- Diving seabird
- 5- Split labium superioris
- 6- Boat propeller
- 7- Dull brown
- 8- Heartburn
- 9- Luster
- 10- Not fem.
- 11- Pituitary hormone
- 12- Foot covering
- 13- Scorch
- 21- Compass pt.
- 23- Playing marble
- 25- Georgia, once: Abbr.
- 26- Overturn
- 27- New Zealand evergreen tree
- 28- Living in a city
- 29- Before
- 31- Crowd
- 32- Winged
- 33- Spanish Mister
- 34- Begin
- 39- Half a fly
- 40- Brewer's need
- 41- Tina's ex
- 42- Rice dish
- 44- Unit of energy
- 48- Small batteries
- 49- Fatty
- 51- Break off
- 52- Hand woven wall hanging
- 54- Sheet of stamps
- 55- Hard fatty tissue
- 56- Calculus calculation
- 57- Metallica drummer Ulrich
- 59- Actress Skye
- 60- Slaughter of baseball
- 61- Subside
- 64- Escape
- 65- "\_\_\_ Ventura" was played by Jim Carrey

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