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Baker releases new wildlife to complete 20-year renovation of Lake Maggiore



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Mayor Rick Baker helps FWC repopulate Lake Maggiore with bluegill and redear sunfish.

ST. PETERSBURG - Wednesday, Mayor Rick Baker joined leaders from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission as thousands of bluegill and redear sunfish were released into St. Petersburg's largest lake. A jewel in the heart of Florida's most densely populated county, over the past few decades, the lake had been choked by a four to six foot thick blanket of nutrient-rich lake bottom sediments, exotic aquatic weed growth and a steady flow of untreated stormwater.

After a 20-year effort, St. Petersburg can now lay claim to "the best water quality success story to date in the state of Florida," said Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fishery Biologist Ray Watson. "What separates this project from many others is the multi-faceted approach St. Petersburg took to improve water quality on all fronts - dredging millions of tons of muck from the bottom of the lake, renourishing the shoreline with native Florida wetland growth, restoring natural habitats, removing exotic species, pretreating stormwater, and installing outflows."

"Today is truly another great day in St. Petersburg," said Mayor Rick Baker. "This day is about quality of life, and quality of the environment. What we have accomplished here at Lake Maggiore with the help of our partners at SWFWMD and the Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board is a textbook story of accomplishing both."

Here is a chronology of the \$20 million effort to return Lake Maggiore into a healthy, viable recreational and environmental asset:

1989 - The city of St. Petersburg and the Pinellas-Anclote Basin Board of SWFWMD recognized the need to address the decline of the lake, and began restoration efforts at Lake with a cooperatively-funded diagen-

tic/feasibility study. The results of that study became the basis for the development of a Lake Maggiore Restoration and Management Plan implemented through an agreement between the SWFWMD and the city of St. Petersburg.

1993 - Shoreline re-vegetation.
1994 - Mechanical weed harvesting began.

1995 - Lake Outflow Control Structure Replacement (original structure built in 1941).

1997 - Alum stormwater treatment facilities completed and operational.

2003 to 2006 - Dredging, dewatering and disposal of lake bottom sediments. Dredging occurred over a 27-month period. By removing nuisance aquatic weeds, less decaying biomass adds to lake bottom sediments. The outfall control structure has enabled the lake to control upstream flooding and stabilized the freshwater/saltwater water mix. The alum pretreatment facilities provide ongoing treatment of stormwater runoff prior to entering the lake. By removing 1.4 million cubic yards of nutrient-rich lake bottom sediments, more than 65 percent of the lake bottom has been restored to its natural sandy condition, and water depths of up to 11 feet. Since the completion of the Lake Maggiore Restoration Project, water quality continues to improve. Concentrations of chlorophyll A, nitrogen and phosphorous have diminished, water clarity has increased and the salt water/freshwater mix has stabilized.

2008 - On June 12, 2008, the City of St. Petersburg was awarded a 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award from the Florida Stormwater Association for the Lake Maggiore Restoration Project.

2009 - On Dec. 9, 2009, 100,000 bluegill and redear sunfish were released into the lake.

SUNRAIL BILL HEADED TO TALLY

Florida's proposal for a high speed train just a few signatures from Nov. ballot

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PINELLAS NEWS

Last month Hillsborough county residents stood clear of a penny tax that would increase residents' taxes by \$144 a year. This is a tax that commissioners hoped would go straight to the transit department to help with the cost of a high speed rail in Florida.

Well, Wednesday afternoon county commissioners got what they wanted. The bill is on its way to the governor to sign. The state proposed this bill on the basis that it would improve public transportation and create hundreds of jobs during tough economic times.

However, now the real work begins. In the Tampa Bay area, that means implementing the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Regional Transportation Master Plan, which will connect our entire area - from Citrus to Sarasota.

Florida's High Speed Rail project has an abundance of potential to a city, which relies in a big way on tourism, to stay alive during this recession; however, tax payers want to know what it can do for them? While the rail will connect three major regions, Orlando, Tampa, and Miami, it will also give manufacturers a chance to move goods and services.

The bill is requesting \$2.6 billion for the SunRail in Central Florida. U.S. Senator George LeMieux has good faith in the government to grant them the opportunity to pursue, what he calls, a ground breaking project that will merge Tampa and Orlando.

Congressional negotiators put the finishing touches on a transportation spending bill that sends \$40 million to Florida for SunRail, an installment that rail backers hope will add up to \$307 million federal investment once the 61-mile commuter train is finished.

On the other hand, will Florida residents see the rail as an important money-making tool when they realize how much it is going to cost them? Last week, former Hillsborough County Commissioner Brian Blair, who is now running for Florida Senate House, voted against a tax increase that would help pay for such projects.

Blair said that there was over \$1 billion set aside for just that and it has yet to be spent. As of now the

state is trying to take just stimulus money from the government for their new high speed toy, and high-speed projects will do be better in competition than other requests for money.

The Federal Railroad Association predicted that in January or February grants would be given out to the states that would benefit most from the bullet trains. Among Florida, Washington and Texas have their names in the running. Other states are conducting environmental studies before they write their proposal. Most of the states are asking for large amounts that the \$8 billion in economic stimulus won't be able to cover.

Another potential road block is where the jobs will come from. The SunRail plan calls for purchasing 61.5 miles of track from CSX. Labor unions are against the deal because they say about 100 CSX workers and eventually several more would be replaced by state-contracted employees who would likely be nonunion.

Rep. Gary Aubuchon, a Cape Coral Republican and a sponsor of the special session, wonders why with Florida's unemployment rate that somebody would want a guarantee that they would keep their job in perpetuity.

GOP U.S. Senate Candidate Marco Rubio still isn't sure about this proposal, while he feels the state is in need of the rails benefits, he believes that the proposal is being sold as a job market rather than a money maker.

Attorney General Bill McCollum said that he was pleased that Florida legislation pushed this bill, he says it is a crucial step forward.

The Center for Urban Transportation at USF was once against this project, saying that it would not work because the cities are too spread out and not as populated as other cities; however, when Charlotte, NC debuted their train in 2007 they never would have predicted that it carries the amount of passengers it does today.

While a high speed rail would take more business from busses and cars, which would emit less fossil fuel into the air, and create a better flow of tourism into otherwise overlooked areas, is the commuter population big enough to keep the trains running year round without taking more tax dollars from an already struggling economy?

STS-130 mission a work in progress

Commander and team work on spacewalk simulation as shuttle is preped.

CAPE CANAVERAL - Commander George Zamka will lead the STS-130 mission to the International Space Station aboard space shuttle Endeavour. Terry Virts will serve as the pilot. Mission specialists are Nicholas Patrick, Robert Behnken, Stephen Robinson and Kathryn Hire. Virts will be making his first trip to space.

Endeavour will deliver a third connecting module, the Tranquility node, to the station in addition to the seven-windowed Cupola module, which will be used as a control room for robotics. The mission will feature three spacewalks.

Technicians at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida will lower space shuttle Endeavour onto its wheels, weigh it and balance it for its upcoming move into the Vehicle Assembly Building.

Yesterday, Endeavour was hooked up to the vehicle that will tow it from Orbiter Processing Facility-2 to the VAB. The move, or rollover, is scheduled to start at 7 a.m. EST on Saturday.

At NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, the six STS-130 astronauts are conducting an integrated simulation to practice techniques for the second of three scheduled spacewalks.

Shuttle Endeavour, with its payload of the Tranquility node and the seven-windowed Cupola module, is targeted to launch Feb. 4, 2010.



Photo credit: NASA/USC

Mission Specialists Nicholas Patrick (left) and Robert Behnken participate in a training session on the middeck of the crew compartment trainer at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Bronson looks out for scamming scanners

TALLAHASSEE -- When consumers are holiday shopping this year, chances are pretty good that they will be charged the correct price. That's the conclusion of Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson following a pre-holiday scanner survey in which 54 stores in 27 Florida cities were inspected for scanner accuracy.

In all, only 32 errors were detected at the checkout lines among 2,975 items tested, for an error rate of just over 1%. Moreover, the majority of the errors were in the favor of customers.

"Our retailers do a good job keeping up with prices, including sales prices which frequently

change, and inputting accurate information into their scanners to reflect the actual price of the merchandise that they're selling," Bronson said.

None of the stores tested failed for overcharges, which requires an error rate of 2% or greater. Two failed to meet the 98% accuracy requirement during their inspection, but those were due to excessive undercharges. The two receiving a failing grade were a Miami Ross and Winn Dixie.

"The important thing is to know the price of the item that you're buying, make sure that's what you're charged at the checkout line and keep receipts," Bronson said. "If there is any discrepancy, bring it to the attention of store personnel."

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The Great Weedon Bird Quest: 1800 Weedon Drive N.E. 8 to 9:30 a.m. Come and join us on a quest to find Weedon Island Preserve birds! Learn the identifying marks and behaviors of our feathered year-round residents and seasonal visitors while helping us compile an annual checklist of the Preserve's birds. These hikes are designed to take advantage of all levels of birding experience. Binoculars and bird guides are available. Hikes are scheduled for the second Friday of each month. Please join us for a relaxing morning outing led by experienced birders. Call us for more information and to register. This event is free and open to the public. Recommended for adults. www.weedonislandpreserve.org

Sunscreen Film Festival 2009 Holiday Outdoor Film Series in the Park presents "Prancer": 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 or 727-893-7465.

Rick Gees & Dr. Robert D. Rehnke presents Hands In Motion Band – "Taking Control – On Stage, On Fire!": Progress Energy Center for the Arts, Mahaffey Theater. 7:30 p.m. Come listen as Battistini demonstrates his exceptional articulation as a keyboardist, and how evocative and fluent he is in the many idioms of modern jazz keyboard, while maintaining an Ellingtonian balance between his ensemble and individual excellence. www.mahaffeytheater.com or 727-892-5798.

Saturday, DECEMBER 12, 2009

Bikes in the Park: Williams Park, located between First and Second Avenues North and Third and Fourth Streets North. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friends of Williams Park and Art in the Park are co-sponsoring this free bicycle event. The event will feature an antique bike exhibit, historic photos, late model bikes and gear, and a bicycle trick and stunts exhibition. All bicyclists or those interested in biking are welcome, including bike commuters, mountain bikers, and users of specialized bikes. For more information ron@solarics.com or 727-398-1855.

Christmas Jamboree: Pinellas Pioneer Settlement, 2900 31st St. S. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See Christmas from the Pioneer perspective. This is the Pioneer Settlement's gift to the community. A free festival full of carols, crafts and gifts for friends and families. www.stpete.org/boyd or 727-893-7326.

Pauline Salzman ~ Perils of Pauline: Florida International Museum at St. Petersburg College, 244 Second Ave. N. 11 a.m. Share Salzman's quilts from her beginnings to the present, including the trials, tribulations and joys of quilt-making. www.spcollege.edu/fimuseum or 727-341-7900.

Lost in Time Fossil Show: The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.stpetepier.com or 727-821-6443.

Walking Tour of Downtown St. Petersburg Historic District: Central Ave. and 2nd St., 10 a.m. to noon. St. Petersburg Preservation Inc. visits historic buildings and tells the history of St. Petersburg. www.stpetepreservation.org or 727-824-7802.

World of Holidays: Great Explorations Children's Museum, 1925 4th St. N. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Multicultural activities, special visit from Santa, gingerbread making, Kwanza activities, special games and crafts! www.greatex.org or 727-821-8992.

Holiday Open House in the Dali Store: The Dali Museum, 1000 3rd St. S. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Shop & save for the holidays for gifts you can't get anywhere else! This free celebration takes place in the Dali store with complimentary Starbucks, food, special merchandise discounts and live music in afternoon! Additional merchandise discounts for Dali Museum Members. Complimentary Starbucks coffee and sweets in the morning, food, Sangria and holiday punch in the afternoon. www.thedali.org or 727-823-3767.

Horticulture Workshop: Create a Tabletop Christmas Tree of Succulents: Sunken Gardens, 1825 4th St. N. 11:30 a.m. www.sunkengardens.org or 727-551-3100.

Sunday, DECEMBER 13, 2009

AWAPS Santa Luncheon: Albert Whitted Airport, Noon to 2:30 p.m. Come see Santa arrive by Helicopter and enjoy a holiday lunch. Lunch: Spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. www.awaps.org or 727-822-1532.

Music Fest on the Water: "Bump in the Road" band: The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 4 p.m. Relax with the water and enjoy 60's to today's music. www.stpetepier.com or 727-821-6443.

Historic Old Northeast Candlelight Tour of Homes: Old Northeast neighborhood. 3 to 8 p.m. 12th annual holiday event. Tour festively decorated homes of varying architectural styles. Tickets will be sold the day of the event at Westminster Palms, located at 830 North Shore Dr. N.E. or at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 126 11th Ave. NE. www.honna.org or 727-895-4443.

Chanukah - The Festival of Lights. "Fire on Ice" Menorah Lighting Ceremony: South Straub Park 4:30 p.m. Featured will be a Giant 8 ft. Menorah carved out of a huge block of ice - keeping up the tradition that the Chabad Jewish Center has become known for - original and fun structures for the menorah that can actually be kindled! Other exciting facets to the event include a Bohemian Fire show featuring fire juggling, fire eating, and fire dancing, a hands-on Olive Oil press, face painting, hot latkes, fresh homemade donuts, music, crafts and dreidels. Bring your children and make this your special Chanukah celebration. For more information, contact the Chabad Jewish Center of S. Petersburg at www.ChabadSP.com or 727-344-4900.

Monday, DECEMBER 14, 2009

Celebrity Critter of the Week - Sea Cucumber: 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 or 727-895-7437.

Hot Off The Presses: Four Middle-aged Jewish Men Discuss Love, Death, and the Inescapable Presence of God by Mark E. Leib: 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

Tuesday, DECEMBER 15, 2009

St. Petersburg Bowl Week begins Tuesday, Dec. 15: Teams arrive in St. Petersburg, BIG EAST vs. Conference USA. www.stpetersburgbowl.com.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 16, 2009

The Nazi Genocide of European Roma: Florida Holocaust Museum, 55 Fifth St. S. 6:30 p.m. www.flholocaustmuseum.org or 727-820-0100.

Cherish the Ladies: A Celtic Christmas: Progress Energy Center for the Arts, Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 8 p.m. The Irish traditional music and dance group, Cherish the Ladies, will toast the holiday season with their wondrous weaving of Irish vocals, old-world airs and tug-on-your-heartstrings yuletide tunes. www.floridaorchestra.org, www.mahaffeytheater.com or 727-892-5798.

Thursday, DECEMBER 17, 2009

Beach Bash: TradeWinds Island Resort, 5500 Gulf Blvd. St. Pete Beach. 3 to 6 p.m. Come spend the afternoon with your favorite teams as they show off other talents besides passes and touchdowns. Activities include a talent show, belly flop contest, karaoke and a dunk tank. This event is free to the public, food and drink will be available for purchase. For more information visit www.stpetersburgbowl.com.

Dali & Beyond Film Series: Peter Capaldi's Franz Kafka's It's A Wonderful Life: The Dali Museum, 1000 3rd St. S. 6 p.m. A great deranged Christmas short to usher in the holiday season. In the spirit of Frank Capra's classic film, Franz Kafka stars Richard E. Grant in the title role of this award-winning black comedy concerning the famous author suffering writer's block on Christmas Eve, stumbling over how to complete the first sentence of "Metamorphosis," while being tormented by holiday revelers downstairs. (1999, 24 min.; Not Rated, probably PG). www.thedali.org or 727-823-3767.

Pinellas County teams up with USF to go green in business partnership

ST. PETERSBURG - Pinellas County and the University of Florida Extension Service have partnered to launch a new program that offers a green designation for local businesses. The Green Business Partnership designation uses a voluntary assessment of business operations that encourages conservation of natural resources, waste reduction and energy conservation. The good news for local businesses is that money can be saved through going green.

Local businesses have embraced the concept of green practices, recognizing the benefits for cost savings on energy, reduced water use and waste reductions. "Being green" makes good business sense. Businesses can attract customers that appreciate the extra effort to reduce environmental impacts.

To learn more about this new designation, sign up for a Webinar on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Mary Campbell, director of the Pinellas County Extension and Urban Sustainability Agent, will explain the criteria of the program and provide an easy overview of how to complete the assessment and become a "Green Business Partner" in Pinellas County. Beginning at 12:30 p.m., the hour-long program is offered online, and participants use their own computers. Cost for the program is \$15. Follow-up for businesses seeking the designation will be provided.

According to Campbell, a green business employs practices to reduce waste, save resources and

promote sustainable practices. It often is as simple as having a recycling program, bringing hazardous materials to an approved facility for disposal and reducing water consumption with low flow toilets. Businesses can pick the practices that save the most money and are the most cost effective to implement to customize the program to fit their needs. Extension staff provides guidance and training to help each business reach their goal.

After completion of the self-evaluation checklist available on the Extension website, Pinellas County staff will provide support to implement many green practices and help maximize the ability of businesses to operate in a sustainable way. When all criteria that are applicable are implemented, the Green Business Partnership will be awarded and the business will be eligible to use the Green Business Partnership logo provided. This badge of honor can serve to highlight green business practices to those customers who would choose a green business among competitors.

As a Green Business Partner, participants will have access to professional advice and training, listing on the Green Business Partner website and special recognition by Pinellas County.

For more information on the Partnership program, visit www.pinellascountyextension.org, and go to the on-line registration to sign up for the Webinar (register before Dec. 14). Call Mary Campbell at (727) 582-2100 for more information.

Bronson presents Christmas trees to Governor and Cabinet

TALLAHASSEE - Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson presented Florida-grown Christmas trees to the Governor and Cabinet on Tuesday.

The live potted Carolina Sapphires are being donated by Bob and Joyce Neilson, who own Neilson's Christmas Tree Farm in Trenton. Trees were given to Governor Charlie Crist, Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink, and Attorney General Bill McCollum by Commissioner Bronson. The trees will remain on display at The Capitol through the holidays.

Neilson's Christmas Tree Farm was started in 1994 as a "choose and cut" tree farm and originally specialized in sand pines. Since 2000, the farm has also grown potted trees -- Leyland cypress, southern red cedar, Carolina Sapphire and Blue Ice -- which the customer can plant after Christmas.

Bronson said he hopes that many Florida consumers will opt for Christmas trees grown in Florida at farms such as Neilson's because of the environmental and economic benefits.

"Artificial trees are primarily manufactured over-

seas largely out of metals and plastic, so after disposal they remain in a landfill for centuries," Bronson said. "Real Christmas trees are renewable, recyclable and biodegradable. While growing they absorb carbon dioxide and other gases, emit fresh oxygen, stabilize the soil, protect water supplies and provide refuge for wildlife. Florida-grown trees don't have to be transported long distances, thus saving energy. And, buying from local farms helps local economies."

At Neilson's Christmas Tree Farm in Gilchrist County, customers who prefer to choose and cut their own tree are furnished with saws and wagons. Also available are decorated Fraser Fir wreaths, tree bags to pull up over the tree to carry it out of the house after the holidays, Christmas coloring books, candy canes, and red pencils bearing the farm's name. Visitors can enjoy family activities such as hayrides, a G-scale model train display with three tracks, a large red sleigh for family pictures, and animals including a small pig, a couple of goats, a rabbit and turkeys. For more information about Neilson's Christmas Tree Farm visit

Tis the season for flu vaccinations

The Pinellas County Health Department has received a supply of the injectable seasonal flu vaccine for distribution at its five centers. There is a \$25 fee for the seasonal flu vaccine for those without Medicare Part B.

Children and young people ages 6 months to 19 years old, adults 50 years of age and older and people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions are among the groups that should get annual flu shots, according to recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/flu).

The Pinellas County Health Department is also providing the free H1N1 vaccine at its St. Peters-

burg center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The St. Petersburg center is at 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., N.

These four other health department locations will provide free H1N1 vaccines and for-a-fee seasonal flu vaccines from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays:

Pinellas Park: 6350 76th Ave. N., (727) 547-7780

Largo: 12420 130th Ave. N., (727) 588-4040

Clearwater: 310 N. Myrtle Ave., (727) 469-5800

Tarpon Springs: 301 S. Disston Ave., (727) 942-

5457

For more information, call the H1N1 Public Information Line, (727) 824-6964, or go to www.PinellasHealth.com.

Sailors booked for detainee abuse

MACDILL - In September 2009 evidence of possible detainee abuse came to light at a Forward Operating Base in Iraq. Upon receipt of this evidence, Special Operations Command Central (SOC-CENT) initiated an investigation which was conducted by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). Based upon the evidence uncovered in this investigation, three Sailors were accused of making false official statements with the intent to deceive the investigator, and dereliction of duty for failing to safeguard a detainee who was in their custody. One of the three Sailors has been charged with assaulting the detainee after the prisoner had been apprehended and while he was in their custody at the

base. Another has been charged with an additional offense of impeding an investigation by unlawfully attempting to influence a witness in the investigation. The redacted official charge sheets in the cases of the three Sailors are attached to this media release.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the three Sailors were offered non-judicial punishment (NJP) as a means of resolving the allegations. All three Sailors exercised their right under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) to refuse the administrative punishment. After this refusal, the attached charges were then referred to Special Courts-martial.

The Sailors are presumed innocent unless and until they are

proven guilty at Courts-martial. The charges against the accused are merely accusations. SOC-CENT is committed to ensuring that the Constitutional rights of the accused are protected and to maintaining good order and discipline.

Two of the Sailors were arraigned on Monday at the Regional Legal Service Office at Naval Station, Norfolk. The third Sailor's arraignment has not been scheduled. Trial dates are tentatively scheduled for mid-January at Naval Station, Norfolk.

SOCENT is the Convening Authority. It would be inappropriate to comment further on a case that is currently in the pre-trial phase.

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Tampa Family Health Centers receives \$2.9 million through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Barack Obama and Congresswoman Kathy Castor announced Wednesday at the White House that Tampa Family Health Centers is receiving more than \$2.9 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to create jobs and improve medical services for Tampa Bay area families. Tampa Family Health Centers was one of only approximately 30 health centers from across the country invited to the White House announcement. In addition, Suncoast Community Health Centers will receive a Recovery Act award of \$3.7 million.

“Our community health centers will be able to expand and hire new medical professionals and put trades and construction professionals to work while providing necessary checkups and primary care to our neighbors. The Tampa Bay area health centers won these competitive grants because they will get right to work creating and retaining important jobs. I am very pleased that President Obama included Tampa Family Health Centers at this announcement because they are on the cutting edge of innovative health care for families throughout the Tampa Bay area. They deserve to be recognized as a national leader because they are using money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act wisely to improve the health of our neighbors and create good-paying jobs at the same time.”

Tampa Family Health Centers will use the \$2.9 million to construct a new health center on N. Dale Mabry Highway, near University Community Hospital. The clinic will be approximately 18,000 square feet and will include medical, dental and pharmacy services and will offer after-hours

care. A contractor was selected this week. The project is expected to support at least 15 construction jobs and 22 medical-related jobs.

“We will hire local people for these new jobs,” Bottoms said. “Neighbors will help neighbors and ensure that they receive the health care, dental checkups and affordable pharmacy services they need.

The \$6.6 million in grants and investments in our Tampa Bay community health centers follows announcements by Congresswoman Castor earlier this year of job creation initiatives at the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center in South St. Petersburg, Manatee County Rural Health Services and Tampa Family Health Centers. In March, Castor joined Charles Bottoms, president and chief executive of Tampa Family Health Centers, at a news conference to announce that Tampa Bay area community health centers were receiving millions of dollars through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Tampa Family Health Centers is using the money to create and retain jobs and expand services to more area families.

Earlier this year, Tampa Family Health Centers received a Recovery Act award of \$605,000. The group planned to hire family practice doctors, a nurse, medical assistants and patient support personnel.

Tampa Family Health Centers also is building a \$4 million medical clinic in East Tampa, with a portion of the funding coming from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Tampa Family Health Centers serves 25,000 patients annually, representing about 100,000 patient visits.

One in 19 Americans relies on a community health center for care and are a

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FLORIDA MARINE ORGANIZATIONS FORM ELITE OCEAN TEAM

ST. PETERSBURG – More than 10 elite oceanographic institutions in St. Petersburg have joined together to collaborate and enhance the visibility of one of St. Petersburg’s key industries. Wednesday, Mayor Rick Baker announced the formation of the St. Petersburg Ocean Team, www.spoceanteam.org.

The St. Petersburg Ocean Team comprises the premier consortium for marine science, oceanographic, and environmental research agencies and institutions in the Southeast and is one of the top such industry clusters in the nation. St. Petersburg Ocean Team members include: USF-St. Petersburg, USF’s College of Marine Science and its Center for Ocean Technology, USF’s Research Foundation, SRI St. Petersburg, Florida Institute of Oceanography, International Ocean Institute - USA, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Geological Survey Center for Coastal and Wetland Studies, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, The City of St. Petersburg, The Pier Aquarium, and United States Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg.

These team members, along with related agencies and businesses, will work together to raise awareness in the community and nationwide about the member organizations and the research that they do.

The St. Petersburg Ocean Team will also allow for team members to pool their collec-

tive staff expertise, infrastructure, and research capabilities so that member organizations can better address numerous issues facing the State of Florida and the nation including: red tides, hurricanes, climate change, and offshore oil and gas exploration.

“The agencies, institutions, and businesses of the St. Petersburg Ocean Team have long been key components of St. Petersburg’s economic vitality,” said Mayor Rick Baker. “Formalizing the connection between the team members will allow for greater opportunities to partner and collaborate while still allowing for each organization to continue their individual mission. The Ocean Team will also amplify the team members’ collective impact on the scientific community in addition to their economic impact on the city, surrounding region, and the entire state.”

Industry “clusters”, like the Ocean Team, are groups of competing, complementary, and interdependent firms and institutions that are located near one another. In the case of the Ocean Team, these agencies have found a home in St. Petersburg’s Bayboro Harbor. These cluster organizations draw productive advantages from their proximity and connections as well as the similarities between their workforce and vendor needs.

“This new collaboration is an important one for The Pier Aquarium as it formalizes the relationships we’ve established through the years with the local marine science and environmental research organizations,” said

Doctor Recommended Florida docs in favor of health reform bill

TAMPA—On Wednesday Florida’s Doctors for America members went on the record in favor of the Senate health reform bill’s Medicare provisions to preserve guaranteed benefits for Medicare patients and patients nearing the age of 65 who will soon qualify for benefits.

“As a physician I am confident that health reform will be good for seniors, especially seniors who rely on Medicare. Politicians who argue for the status quo are asking for earmarks for already profitable insurance companies and Florida’s seniors deserve better,” said Dr. Mona Mangat, a Tampa physician and Doctors for America’s Regional Director. “The improvements to Medicare in the bill will mean your tax dollars are used to help Medicare patients get the treatment they need and rely on.”

The Senate bill provides seniors with free annual wellness visits under Medicare to give seniors a chance to focus on prevention with their doctors to address health conditions and other risk factors for disease. The Senate Health Reform bill also stops the impending 21 percent cut in payments to physicians due next year and replaces the cuts with a payment increase, so doctors can continue to serve their Medicare patients.

“The health reform proposals I have seen will extend the life of Medicare so patients now nearing retirement will see the benefits they were promised all those years they paid into the Medicare trust fund,” said Dr. Sultan Rahaman, State Director of Florida’s Doctors for America. “I am pleased that health reform will also ensure my Medicare patients will not have to worry that access to their doctor will change.”

Doctors for America is a grassroots group of over 16,000 physicians with a presence in all fifty states committed to passing meaningful health reform legislation. The group works to convey the ideas and experiences of physicians in order to achieve reform that provides high quality, affordable healthcare for all Americans.

E. Howard Rutherford, President/CEO. “What makes it so exciting is the scope and breadth of the Ocean Team.”

“The St. Petersburg Ocean Team is one of the most important economic drivers in St. Petersburg,” said Economic Development Director Dave Goodwin. The St. Petersburg Ocean Team and its related cluster agencies and businesses employ over 800 people and have an annual payroll in excess of \$24 million. The continued growth of the St. Petersburg Ocean Team and its members will mean that like-minded research institutions and agencies, as well as businesses seeking to capitalize on technology transfer, will continue to locate nearby, magnifying the synergies between the organizations. “SRI St. Petersburg’s recent relocation to St. Petersburg is a perfect illustration of that,” said Goodwin, “and is typical of the type of synergy that collaborative organizations such as the Ocean Team can accomplish.”

“The University of South Florida’s College of Marine Science is proud to be a member of the St. Petersburg Ocean Team,” said Dean William Hogarth, Ph.D. “This recognition of as well as the future growth of the synergies between the various team members will mean an even greater opportunity for our students and faculty to build partnerships that will expand not only their research capabilities but also the relevance this research has to greater societal issues.”

Study finds new way to fight colon cancer with half the chemo drugs

GAINESVILLE — University of Florida researchers have found a way to use just a fraction of the normal dosage of a highly toxic, debilitating chemotherapy drug to achieve even better results against colon cancer cells.

More research is needed before the therapy can be tested in patients, but the discovery in human colon cancer cell lines and mice with established human tumors suggests that the addition of a small molecule to the cancer drug Temozolomide disrupts repair mechanisms in a type of tumor cells that is highly resistant to treatment.

The discovery will be featured on the cover of December’s Molecular Cancer Research, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

“This is very important because aside from aggressive surgery with possibly chemotherapy, there are no specific treatments for colon cancer,” said Satya Narayan, a professor of anatomy

and cell biology at the College of Medicine and a member of the UF Shands Cancer Center. “The recurrence rate for this type of cancer after surgery is very high, about 30 to 50 percent, and there is an urgent need to develop new approaches to manage this deadly disease.”

The National Cancer Institute estimates there will be about 106,000 new cases of colon cancer in the United States in 2009. It is the second most common cause of cancer-related death in both men and women in the Western hemisphere. The disease forms in the large intestine and survival rates vary according to how soon the cancer is diagnosed and the treatment is started.

Narayan’s research team evaluated more than 140,000 small molecules, finally arriving at a tiny molecule that precisely blocks the ability of cancer cells to recognize and repair the DNA damage inflicted by Temozolomide, or TMZ.

“Our idea was if you induce DNA damage (with TMZ), and at the same time block cell repair, you can synergize toxic effects to the cancer cells,” Narayan said. “We hope that with this combination treatment we can reduce the tumors drastically and expand the lifetime of patients much longer than is currently possible.”

TMZ is commonly used against certain types of brain cancer. It works by damaging the DNA of the cancer. However, the challenge of treating patients is that colon cancer is not a single disease but an array of disorders with distinct molecular mechanisms, with one type being quite proficient at repairing the DNA damage inflicted by the drug.

By combining TMZ with the small molecule, Narayan’s team was able to disable the colon cancer’s ability to manufacture repair enzymes.

The UF researchers effectively used an amount of TMZ that is about 10 times lower than recom-

mended in its studies of mice with human colon cancer tumors.

If only about one-tenth as much TMZ is needed to kill cancer cells, Narayan said, it will be possible to use lower doses of a drug that creates a great deal of adverse side effects, a partial listing of which includes anxiety, back pain, breast pain, constipation, cough, diarrhea, dizziness, drowsiness, dry skin, hair loss, headache, joint pain, loss of appetite, mouth sores, muscle aches and nausea.

“By using these strategies we can predict that disruption of DNA repair by small molecules can bypass drug resistance factors and dramatically reduce side effects caused by toxic doses of TMZ,” Narayan said.

More study is needed before the combination can be tested in patients, but Narayan believes that TMZ can be combined with the small molecule in a single dose in pill or capsule form.

The research demonstrates

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Dog of the Week Kanga



Photo courtesy of SPCA

Kanga is a very pretty Shepherd mix, with floppy ears and deep brown eyes. She came to the SPCA Tampa Bay as an injured stray and was treated by the medical department. She is all better now and ready to find a new, loving family and a home to call her own. Kanga walks well on a leash and knows how to sit. She is also learning other obedience commands with the volunteers. She is very treat-motivated and takes treats gently when offered to her. If you think you’d be right for Kanga, please come visit her at the SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave N in Largo, or call 727-586-3591.

Cat of the Week Bathsheba



Photo courtesy of SPCA

This beautiful cat has lived indoors all her life because she has been declawed on her front paws. Nobody is perfect and she will admit to not being keen on living with children, dogs or other cats (they’re just not her thing) - however she is a PURR-FECT kitty for you if you have a quiet and calm home to share. She is such a gentle, loving, trusting girl; you’ll see immediately how she will be a perfect companion. Come and see her and many, many other delightful kitties at the SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave N in Largo, or call 727-586-3591.

Military News

Navy - Fleet News

Seaman Ryan K. Lentz

Navy Seaman Recruit Ryan K. Lentz, a 2008 graduate of Lake Brantley High School, Seminole, Fla., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Seaman Justin A. Shue

Coast Guard Seaman Justin A. Shue, son of Susan E. and stepson of William R. Denne of St. Petersburg, Fla., recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

Shue is a 2009 graduate of Lakewood High School of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Seaman Christopher L. Licata

Navy Seaman Christopher L. Licata, son of Lourdes G. and Christopher L. Licata of Seminole, Fla., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Licata is a 2009 graduate of Admiral Farragut High School of St. Petersburg, Fla.

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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
120404
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TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH,
ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF ST. PETERSBURG, INC.,
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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.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
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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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,
FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
UCN: 522009CP001972XXESXX
FILE NO. 09-1972-ES3
IN RE: ESTATE OF
DON K. VILENDRER, A/K/A
DON KAY VILENDRER
Deceased.
The administration of the estate of DON K. VILENDRER, A/K/A Don Kay Vilendrer, deceased, whose date of death was August 22, 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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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.
Personal Representative:
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Attorney for
Personal Representative:
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Dated: November 30, 2009
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,
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PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 09-6052-ES-003
IN RE: ESTATE OF
Randall L. Fickel
Deceased.
The administration of the estate of Randall L. Fickel, deceased, whose date of death was October 14, 2008, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-8780, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756. 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 11, 2009.
Personal Representative:
Brenda Pearson
1013 Meadowlawn Dr. N.
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702
and
Beverly A. Matthews
P.O. Box 1231
Port St. Joe, Florida 32457-1231
Attorney for
Co-Personal Representatives:
Cynthia J. McMillen
Attorney for Brenda Pearson and
Beverly A. Matthews
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1920 East Bay Drive
Largo, FL 33771
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Lobster thief nabbed

PALM BEACH - A traffic stop along the Florida Turnpike Wednesday revealed a major wildlife law violation. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers responded when summoned to the scene by Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies.

A vehicle inspection revealed a cooler containing 232 lobster tails, 167 of which were undersized. Alberto Varea, 54, of Hialeah, was

charged with possession of the illegal tails, a second-degree misdemeanor. Officers seized the lobsters.

"This is a perfect example how interagency cooperation often results in detection of major wildlife law violations," said Lt. Chuck Russo. "This case is a sad example that shows some people have no respect for Florida's natural resources."



FWC officers seized 232 lobster tails, 167 of which were undersized, in Palm Beach County on Wednesday.

Sarasota to implement state manatee protection rule

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) heard several recommendations on Wednesday regarding manatees and directed staff to move forward with proposed changes to the state manatee protection rule for Sarasota County.

The manatee management plan, passed in December 2007, provides a schedule for the review of existing manatee protection rules. The first action required a review of Sarasota County's rules because of new manatee and boating data from recent years in that area and because these rules are some of the oldest ones in Florida.

Kipp Frohlich, the FWC's Imperiled Species Section leader, told the Commission that staff began gathering information and analyzing data in 2008.

"We identified 25 potential rule changes that might be warranted. We then notified Sarasota County in early April, asking them to form a committee to consider the potential rule changes," Frohlich said. "After several meetings in Sarasota County, the 14-member Local Rule Review Committee provided its recom-

mendations to us."

The Manatee Management Plan recommends amending the rule for commercial fishing and professional guiding permits to allow permits only for commercial net-setting. Currently, exemptions on boat speeds are available in limited locations for commercial fishermen and professional fishing guides. Frohlich said staff met with stakeholders and current permit holders over the past several months to discuss the issue. He recommended the Commission wait before making changes to the rule.

"Given the current economic conditions, now is probably not a good time to add another constraint on these small businesses," Frohlich said. "Given the relatively small number of permits currently active, delaying this decision will not have a significant effect on manatee protection for the near term."

The Commission directed staff to explore alternatives and assess the likely impacts of a change on manatee protection as well as on permit holders.

WORLD'S CITRUS CROP THREATENED BY SINGLE SPECIES OF BACTERIA

BY STU HUTSON
UF NEWS BUREAU

GAINESVILLE — University of Florida researchers have shown that the disease that threatens to devastate the world's citrus crop is almost certainly the result of a lone species of bacteria, and not that of a combination of bacterial or viral pathogens as some have feared.

Using three types of next-generation genetic analysis, researchers from UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences examined inner bark from Florida citrus trees infected with citrus greening.

While the team conclusively found the genetic fingerprint of the bacteria commonly suspected to be behind the disease, *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*, the analysis showed no other DNA of suspect viral or bacterial pathogens.

The research, published in the December issue of the journal *Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions*, is important because the disease has been especially difficult to analyze, said Eric Triplett, chairman of UF's department of microbiology and cell sciences and lead researcher on the study.

Normally, researchers would prove that the bacteria is behind the disease by capturing a sample of the bacteria, growing it in a petri dish, and then inserting it into a healthy tree to see if it causes the disease.

However, scientists have not yet found a way to get the bacteria to grow in a petri dish. This means that scientists are having trouble using their normal approaches to researching the pathogen.

This genetic analysis is just one of the innovative

ways UF researchers have dealt with the irksome bacteria. For example, researchers have developed complex 3-D computer models of the bacteria in infected tree tissue, while other efforts have focused on stopping the insects that spread the pathogen.

"This research tells us that our work, much of which has been focused on *Liberibacter*, is dead-on, on-target," said Jacqueline Burns, director of the UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center at Lake Alfred. "And it gives us confidence to move on with research that helps target this pathogen."

Along with potential treatments, the genetic analysis could help lead to new quick and inexpensive testing methods that can be early indicators of disease.

Greening slowly weakens and kills all types of citrus trees, while making their fruit malformed and discolored. However, one of the most problematic issues with greening is that infected trees often go years before showing any of these symptoms.

This gives the disease plenty of time to spread without detection. Since there is currently no cure for greening, the only solution is to destroy infected and possibly infected trees.

So far, greening has devastated citrus crops in Asia, Africa, the Arabian Peninsula and Brazil.

In the U.S., it has been sporadically found through Louisiana, Georgia and South Carolina. The biggest presence, however, is in Florida. Since its presence was first confirmed in Florida in 2005, it has been found in 34 counties — making it a major threat to the state's \$9.1 billion citrus industry.

FWC targeting charter boats for illegally selling saltwater fish

Six thousand pounds of fish bought and sold. Ten thousand dollars in money exchanged. Six charter boats cited. Forty-two charges filed. These are the results of a three-month Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) investigation targeting charter boats selling saltwater fish illegally.

The investigation, dubbed "Operation Mack Attack," began in September. The FWC identified a man buying kingfish (mackerel), a restricted species, and other fish from charter boats in the Fort Lauderdale area. The investigation revealed the man, Causley M. Coutain, 52, of Plantation, was selling the fish without a license. Licenses are required for anyone intending to deal in the saltwater products industry, as a wholesale or retail dealer.

Coutain is facing 14 charges, including the unlawful purchase of saltwater products and the unlawful

purchase of a restricted species. Officers observed Coutain selling the fish to a local fish market, the Broward Meat and Fish Company. The market was cited for purchasing fish from an unlicensed dealer.

Additionally, investigators discovered six charter boats were breaking the law. Some boats did not have the required licenses to sell the fish. Other boats were cited for failing to comply with reporting requirements and failing to have a restricted species endorsement.

"Being that we are officers charged with protecting our fish and wildlife resources, we are concerned about the impact back-door fish sales have on our marine resources, said Lt. David Bingham, who supervised the investigation. "We are working to ensure the sustainability of the resource."

Restaurant reveals new concept on Dec. 15

PINELLAS PARK — The holidays are arriving early for Pinellas Park residents. Pollo Tropical®, the restaurant famous for its "Chicken On the Grill," is undergoing a transformation at its Pinellas Park location at 3900 Park Boulevard to grill to a different beat, with a format change and new look — all in the name of a great experience, and great food. The new restaurant will be unveiled at a Grand Re-opening red carpet premier, scheduled for Tuesday, December 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event also kicks off a significant holiday partnership.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, The Salvation Army and Pollo Tropical have teamed up to host a Toy Drive for Sallie House, a local shelter that provides a safe haven and services for children. Customers who bring in a new unwrapped toy from December 15 to 22 will receive a free treat from Pollo Tropical, the new soft serve ice cream with all the sweet trimmings. One offer per customer.

For those eager to get a taste of the new flavors, the restaurant will be open for business starting at 11:00 a.m. on December 15.

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key source of local employment and economic growth in many economically challenged communities. These centers support thousands and thousands of jobs nationwide, including physicians, nurses, dentists and other health care professionals. Recent research demonstrates that for every dollar spent on patient care at a community health center, states save money in healthcare spending because services delivered at community health centers are less expensive than services at other outpatient provider settings.

"Our community health centers are important lifelines in our communities, and the jobs they create are a critical part of our economy," Castor said. "I was honored to join them today at the White House and talk with President Obama about the work they are doing to improve health care throughout the Tampa Bay area."

USF Center for Jazz up for a GRAMMY

TAMPA — A GRAMMY nomination has just been added to the critical acclaim around the University of South Florida Center for Jazz Composition's first CD project, *The Comet's Tail*: *Playing The Compositions of Michael Brecker* featuring Chuck Owen & The Jazz Surge and guest artists. The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences recognized Vince Mendoza in the arranger category for his charts on the CD for the piece "Slings and Arrows." A prominent Los Angeles-based composer, Mendoza was commissioned by Owen, the center's director to contribute to a work celebrating the work of the late saxophone star. Mendoza, along with Gil Goldstein was a frequent behind-the-scenes Brecker arrangers. Grammy winners will be announced on January 31st in Los Angeles.

"The Comet's Tail" was released Fall 2009 to great re-

views, "Sensational. One of the year's great jazz discs," Buffalo News; "A truly outstanding recording. Explosively played. . . . Deserving of universal attention," Michael G. Nastos, All Music Guide; ". . . a memorable gem," Jazzy magazine.

USF professor Jack Wilkins is featured on "Slings and Arrows," the GRAMMY nominated song. Michael Nastos of All Music Guide describes Wilkins playing as skillful and clever, comparing him to "Michael's post-Coltrane voicing's."

"The Comet's Tail" is available in the USF bookstore for purchase or on the College of The Arts online store at shop.arts.usf.edu. For additional information about "The Comet's Tail" visit www.chuckowen.com.

For more information visit: <http://usfweb3.usf.edu/absolutenm/templates/?a=1628&z=45>.

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that it is possible to sensitize colon cancer cells to TMZ more broadly than is now possible — a benefit of particular importance to patients with cancers that are as varied as colon cancer, said Sankar Mitra, a professor in the department of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, who did not participate in the study.

"This could be the start of other small molecule inhibitors," he said.

Mitra also noted that the researchers selected their therapeutic molecules through sophisticated analysis of the structure of tens of thousands of potential small molecules from the National Cancer Institute database. The computer-based process, which can suggest likely cancer therapeutics within hours, replaces analysis that would normally have taken weeks or months.

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Bull defeat Huskies 61-50

TAMPA - The University of South Florida women's basketball team finally had an opportunity to take one quick look back at the 2009 Women National Invitation Tournament Friday night as it raised its championship banner. USF had previously postponed the pregame ceremony, scheduled for the season opener on Nov. 13, due to head coach Jose Fernandez being hospitalized.

The Bulls had the same outcome it did at the conclusion of the WNIT title game, on April 4 against Kansas, and it was a pretty good bet that Fernandez was feeling a lot better after USF pulled off a solid 61-50 win over Washington at the Sun Dome.

KaNeisha Saunders led three players in double figures for the Bulls with a game-high 16 points while Jessica Lawson and Sequoyah Griffin added 15 and 12 points respectively.

Melissa Dalembert chipped in with nine points along with career highs in rebounds with 12 and steals with five.

USF (6-2), who is in the midst of a five-game winning streak, had one of its best defensive efforts of the season in the first half holding Washington (2-4) to just 24 points and 31 percent (9-29) shooting in the first 20 minutes.

The Bulls would take its six-point halftime lead and push it to what was, at that point, a game-high nine



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Leondra Doomes-Stephens grabs a rebound during USF's Dec. 4 victory vs. Washington.

points when Allyson Speed hit both ends of a two shot free throw to make the score 35-26 just under a minute-and-a-half into the second stanza.

The Huskies, however, would put together their own 11-2 run from the 18:27 mark to the 14:06 mark of the second half to tie the game at 37-all on a lay-up by Mollie Williams.

After USF recovered and got the lead back to seven, 44-37 with 11:43 left, Washington would once again get back into the contest when Williams tied the game hitting two free throws with 6:19 left.

The Huskies would then take its final two leads of the game - each one-point advantages - with 5:28 left and 3:53 left in the contest.

After Regina Roberts scored on a lay-up at the 3:53 mark to make the score 50-49 Washington, the Bulls would proceed to

score the final 12 points of the game en route to the victory, spearheaded by Saunders connecting on 8-10 from the free throw line down the stretch.

On the night, USF would end up shooting 38.1 percent (16-42) from the field while forcing the Huskies into 27 turnovers.

Williams and Rogers led Washington with 12 and 11 points respectively in the loss.

The Bulls held the Huskies' leading scorer, Sami Whitcomb, to two points on 0-6 shooting from the field, including 0-3 from behind the three-point arc. Whitcomb came into the game with USF averaging 16.6 points per contest.

The Bulls will now take a week off for final exams before getting back to work on Dec. 13 at 4:30 p.m. against in-state foe Jacksonville.

USF WOMEN'S TRACK WINS THREE EVENTS IN OILER INVITATIONAL

FINDLAY, Ohio - The University of South Florida women's track and field team captured three events titles as the Bulls completed their first meet of the season Saturday at the Oiler Invitational in the Malcolm Athletic Center hosted by Findlay University. Team scores were not kept.

Freshman Dariel Jackson captured the 200 meters in her first collegiate action, while junior Stephanie Duffy took first in the pole vault. Senior Yvana Hepburn made a strong statement to begin her last season with the Bulls, winning the 60-meter hurdles.

Jackson clocked in at 25.60, nearly a full second faster than the second-place finisher, to easily win the event title. Fellow rookie Ena Johnson finished eighth with a time of 27.04. Jackson also took third in the 60 meters, running a time of 7.74 in the finals after going 7.76 in the preliminaries.

Hepburn took first in the prelims of the 60 hurdles in 8.63, then followed that up by running the finals in 8.62, a mere 0.04 seconds faster than Findlay's Raven Clay.

Duffy, who owns USF's second-best indoor mark in the pole vault, cleared a height of 12-5.5 feet to finish in a tie for first with Courtney Siebenaller of Dayton, although Duffy had a higher seed coming into the meet than Siebenaller. Junior Dana Webb finished in a tie for ninth with a mark of 10-11.75.

Freshman Courtney Anderson began her collegiate career by clearing 5-6 in the high jump, putting her in fourth place overall. Anderson, who won the Florida state title in the spring during her senior year of high school, earned a tie for fifth on USF's all-time charts with her height.

Sophomore Lauren Noe, an Ohio native, took fifth in the weight throw with a heave of 55-0.75 feet, while sophomore Atasha Warren easily threw a personal best of 53-7.75, more than 4 1/2 feet farther than her



photo courtesy of USF

Stephanie Duffy, pole vaulter

previous high mark, as she moved up into eighth all-time on USF's top-10 list. Warren also threw 43-9.25 in the shot put for seventh place.

Senior Samantha Shade grabbed a pair of top-5 finishes in the triple and long jumps. Shade took fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 37-5 feet, while also finishing fifth in the long jump with a mark of 17-4.25. Junior Rachel Etienne went ninth in the long jump, while junior MaShonda Rayner and freshman Tralanda Todd finished seventh and eighth, respectively, in the triple jump.

Senior Kayla Richmond finished in first in the 400 meters in 1:00.97, while freshman Rachel James and junior Meagan Smithyman went 6-7 in the 800 meters with times of 2:24.56 and 2:26.01, respectively. USF also took fourth in the 4x400 relay, finishing the race in 4:02.61.

The Bulls return to the track after the holidays, as USF will head back to Ohio for the Akron Quad Jan. 15, hosted by the University of Akron.

Coach Jeff Osterman spreads Christmas cheer to Hillsborough Kids Foster Care Program

TAMPA - Join the Bulls in the spirit of giving this holiday season and take part in University of South Florida associate head women's basketball coach Jeff Osterman's Giving Tree which benefits the Hillsborough Kids Foster Care Program.

Select an angel off the Christmas tree at entry three of the USF Sun Dome, at any men's or women's basketball game, shop for the item, and then bring the unwrapped item to the drop off box provided at the next home game for either team, or to the women's basketball office until Dec. 21. Donations will also be accepted during regular office hours at the women's basketball office.

Hillsborough Kids, Inc. (HKI) oversees

the care of approximately 2,800 children and teens in Hillsborough County due to abuse or neglect. HKI's mission is to keep kids safe while strengthening families.

Funded primarily through Florida's Department of Children and Families, HKI is the lead agency managing child welfare in Hillsborough County.

Upcoming December men's and women's basketball dates are as follows: Dec. 13 men vs. Central Michigan (2 p.m.) and women vs. Jacksonville (4:30 p.m.), Dec. 16 men vs. UCF (7 p.m.), Dec. 17 women vs. Tulane (7 p.m.), Dec. 19 women vs. North Carolina Central (4 p.m.), Dec. 20 women's vs. East Carolina or Houston Baptist (noon or 2 p.m.).

RECIPE of the Week

Cherry-Fudge Cheesecake

Prep Time: 15 min
Total Time: 3 hours 25 min
Makes: 16 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package Betty Crocker® Original Supreme brownie mix (with chocolate syrup pouch)
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/2 cups whipping (heavy) cream
- 1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Stir together 1 1/2 cups of the brownie mix (dry) and the butter. Press in bottom of ungreased springform pan, 9x3 inches, or square pan, 9x9x2 inches.
2. Beat cream cheese in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed about 2 minutes, scraping bowl frequently, until smooth. Add remaining brownie mix, the whipping cream and chocolate syrup. Beat on medium speed, scraping bowl frequently, until smooth. Pour over crust in pan.
3. Bake 45 to 50 minutes for springform pan, 35 to 40 minutes for 9-inch square pan, or until set;

cool 20 minutes. Run metal spatula along side of cheesecake to loosen before and after refrigerating. Spread pie filling over cheesecake.

Cover and refrigerate until chilled, about 2 hours. Cover and refrigerate any remaining cheesecake.

Success: Removing the dessert from the pan will be easier if you press the crust rather than pack it too firmly.

Variation: Looking for another great flavor combo? Use strawberry or raspberry pie filling.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

Calories 370
Total Fat 21g
Cholesterol 55 mg
Sodium 50 mg
Total Carbohydrate 41g
Protein 4g
PERCENT DAILY VALUE
Vitamin A 16 %; Vitamin C 0%; Calcium 6 %; Iron 6 %

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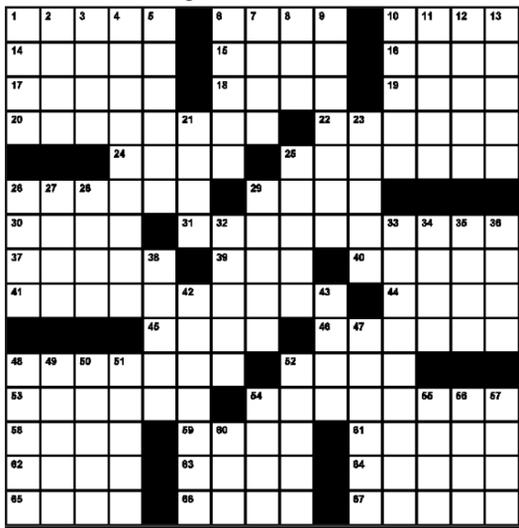
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- 14- Minotaur's home
- 15- Support beam
- 16- Bakery fixture
- 17- Floating bombs
- 18- Silver salmon
- 19- Hue
- 20- Inhabitant of Cairo
- 22- Unsteady gait
- 24- Juror
- 25- Husky
- 26- Go at full speed
- 29- Observed
- 30- Put ___ on it!
- 31- One of the Graces
- 37- Theatrical entertainment
- 39- Actress Charlotte
- 40- Chirp
- 41- Firmly established
- 44- 3:00
- 45- London gallery
- 46- Hans Christian Andersen's birthplace
- 48- Forbidding
- 52- Legal wrong
- 53- Hoarded
- 54- Domestic
- 58- Shrivelled, without moisture
- 59- Narrow inlets
- 61- Author of fables
- 62- Goes astray
- 63- Auricular
- 64- Lobster state
- 65- Playthings
- 66- Graph prefix
- 67- Declare

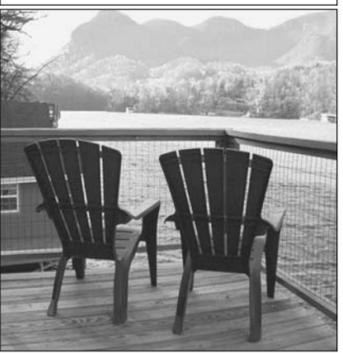
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- 1- Apex, pinnacle
- 2- Math course
- 3- Start of a counting rhyme
- 4- Accelerated
- 5- Exam taker
- 6- Cleric
- 7- Black, in poetry
- 8- Encouraging word
- 9- Male sibling
- 10- Maxim
- 11- Madonna role
- 12- Belief
- 13- Diary bit
- 21- Able was ____
- 23- Ready ____
- 25- Snickering sound
- 26- Ace, e.g.
- 27- "Hard ____!" (sailor's yell)
- 28- Split apart
- 29- Flood
- 32- Component of organic fertilizer
- 33- Confection
- 34- Bring forth young
- 35- Capone's nemesis
- 36- Kitchen addition
- 38- Lauder of cosmetics
- 42- Dangling item of jewelry
- 43- Adverse fate
- 47- Visions
- 48- It's a good thing
- 49- In ___ (unborn)
- 50- Grieved
- 51- Head lock
- 52- Puccini heroine
- 54- Bristles
- 55- Bhutan's continent
- 56- "___ you dare!"
- 57- Blunted blade
- 60- Give ___ rest

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Leading scorer out until Feb



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The Bulls will have to do without their leading scorer until Februray. Wednesday night, sophomore Gus Gilchrist was injured during practice. Gilchrist severely sprained his ankle and is unable to play. Gilchrist averages 18 points per game, it will be a big void to fill.