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## FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR Four strong candidates considered for Clearwater Police Chief



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Firefighter of the year, FM Travis Connolly, with Fire Chief Jamie Geer.

## PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR



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Paramedic of the Year, LR Anthony Tedesco, with Fire Chief Jamie Geer.

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**CLEARWATER** – This past Tuesday night at the Harborview Center in downtown Clearwater, residents had a chance to sit in on a public forum which highlighted the four candidates being considered for Clearwater Police Chief.

After a 28-year career, Chief Klein announced his retirement on Aug 13 making his last day in office Jan 29, 2010. Chief Klein will be a hard act to follow.

The need for a new police chief brought in 102 applications, which was narrowed down to 11, and then to the final four after a panel interview.

The four remaining applicants are Eugenio "Gene" Bernal of Orlando, Anthony Holloway of Somerville, MA., Thomas Lawrence of Dallas, TX., and John Jackson of Alamosa, CO. While city

manager Bill Horne will have the final say on who gets the job, city council as well as the public's opinion will be heard before the final decision is made.

All of the candidates had an extensive civil duty background as well as a broad spectrum of skills; however, every city is different and the public wanted to know how their skills would cater to the large populous and tourist area that makes up the city of Clearwater.

Chief John Jackson was both honored and humbled to have gotten this far. When he mentioned to his family of two boys and his wife back home they jumped at the opportunity to move to sunny Florida. Clearwater is exactly the kind of city Jackson sees himself being a part of.

"Clearwater is a national benchmark for other city departments to look and see how things are done," said

Jackson. "I'm leaving a good place to come to a great place."

When asked about his experience with cultural diversity Jackson announced that his department in Alamosa just hired their first Hispanic female officer.

"It is the best decision I have ever made. She is fantastic," said Jackson. Jackson has also taken Spanish classes.

Holloway would be a returning resident of Clearwater from two years ago. He worked with the Clearwater PD for 21 years. Within four months of holding his position in MA., crime decreased 18%. Within his district over 50 languages are spoken and he oversees a city population of 80,000 people.

When asked why he wanted to leave, which means taking a \$40,000 pay cut he said, "It's not about the money it's

about doing what I need to do to commit to the city. It's about coming back to a city that gave me something and give back to it," said Holloway.

Holloway believes in quality of life issues and including the neighborhoods in the police department.

In Somerville he has his patrol officers park, walk, and talk for 20 minutes to the local businesses and populous of their selected area.

A local officer from Orlando, Chief Bernal has extensive work in the Hispanic community as well as nearly every division of the department. Bernal was part of the airport division during the September 11th attacks.

When asked about prescription drug abuse, Pasco and Pinellas counties have the highest death rate associated with prescription drug

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## 125,000 policies dropped by State Farm

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (Office) today announced that Commissioner Kevin McCarty has issued a Consent Order that resolves the pending litigation between State Farm Florida and the Office over State Farm Florida's plan to leave the property insurance market. By the terms of the Consent Order, State Farm Florida will remain a significant player in the Florida residential property insurance marketplace.

"This agreement is the product of a long and arduous negotiation process," remarked Commissioner McCarty. "The final result is beneficial to the people of the State of Florida, and beneficial to the Florida insurance marketplace. The consent order satisfies the Office's requirements issued in our Order dated Feb. 13, 2009, and allows State Farm Florida to remain a viable insurer in the Florida market."

Under the terms of the Consent Order, State Farm Florida

will non-renew no more than 125,000 policies of its 810,416 residential property policies reported as of Oct. 2009. Even after these non-renewals, State Farm Florida will remain the largest private insurer of property insurance risk in the state of Florida. The Consent Order also grants State Farm Florida a 14.8 percent rate increase for all homeowners' and condominium unit owners policies, which was based on information provided to the Office by State Farm Florida.

The consent order concludes a series of events that began with the Office's denial of State Farm Florida's ultimate average rate request of 67.1 percent. The Consent Order signed today results in the withdrawal of State Farm Florida's withdrawal plan filed Jan. 27, 2009 and the cancellation of the Jan. 25, 2010 hearing before the Division of Administrative Hearings.

## CRIST SIGNS SUNRAIL BILL USF students conduct H1N1 survey on campus

### House Bill 1B outlines Florida's current and future transportation situation

**TALLAHASSEE** – Governor Charlie Crist signed House Bill 1B, historic legislation passed during the recent special session on Wednesday. The bill establishes a comprehensive framework for Florida's current and future passenger rail system, which today includes SunRail, Tri-Rail and plans for high speed rail. The Governor congratulated Senate President Jeff Atwater and House Speaker Larry Cretul, along with the entire Florida Legislature, for recognizing the importance of the jobs and economic development that will result from passenger rail throughout the Sunshine State.

"Future generations of Floridians will look on this day as a bold step toward modernizing how residents and visitors will travel in our state," Governor Crist said. "Individuals and businesses from North Florida to South Florida will benefit from the economic and job opportunities that will arise along each of the rail corridors. Together, we move the Sunshine State into a new era of collaboration and innovation."

Governor Crist signed the bill in Tallahassee alongside Mark Wilson, president and CEO of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, and Agency for Workforce Innovation Director Cynthia R. Lorenzo. Also joining Governor Crist for the bill signing ceremony were Bobby Jernigan, executive director of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, and Sally Benjamin of the Florida Council of the Blind.

"As elected leaders we have a re-

sponsibility to create an environment in which Florida's families, communities, and businesses can be successful," said Florida Senate President Jeff Atwater. "Today, Florida is embracing the opportunity to lead the nation in developing a comprehensive transportation system, thereby ensuring our competitive edge in the 21st Century global economy. A comprehensive transportation system, creating opportunities and avenues to connect employers and employees, is integral to building a stronger future for Florida."

The primary components of House Bill 1B include the following:

• SunRail – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is working with the federal government and Central Florida officials to develop and operate SunRail, a commuter rail transit project that will run along a 61-mile stretch of existing rail freight tracks in Orange, Seminole, Volusia and Osceola counties. The legislation authorizes FDOT to complete the purchase of the Central Florida Rail Corridor once the Federal Transit Administration has established a full-funding grant agreement.

• Tri-Rail – The legislation also provides additional funding for Tri-Rail, which currently operates 50 trains daily from Palm Beach County to Miami-Dade County. The operator of the passenger line, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), announced in April 2009 that it was in danger of significant service reductions without additional resources.

• Florida Statewide Rail Commission and Florida Rail Enterprise – The legislation creates the Florida Statewide Rail Commission to advise the FDOT and the Legislature on the development and operation of Florida's passenger rail systems. In addition, it creates the Florida Rail Enterprise within FDOT to oversee all state-owned passenger rail systems. The legislation addresses liability risks associated with state-owned passenger rail corridors and requires FDOT to work with communities affected by increased freight rail traffic resulting from routing modifications.

"I appreciate the hard work, discipline, and focus demonstrated by the House and Senate, and the Governor's Office, in approving this important bill," said House Speaker Larry Cretul. "We have opened the door to a new and improved transportation future in Florida, one in which citizens and visitors will find travel easier and more efficient, and we did so with no new taxes. It's a win/win for all parties."

Florida has applied to receive \$2.6 billion in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds for the Tampa-Orlando segment. Once the high speed rail segment is developed, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority plans to develop commuter rail connections throughout the Tampa Bay region.

Last week, Governor Crist wrote to Secretary Ray LaHood of the United States Department of Transportation, asking him to approve Florida's application to develop high speed rail.

### USF students conduct H1N1 survey on campus

**TAMPA** – Media warnings, school notifications and even student-produced public service announcements made available through popular social media have not been able to break through entrenched attitudes about H1N1 vaccination, according to a survey conducted by students in a University of South Florida public relations course.

Though many of the 252 USF students in the sample did not want to miss class or work because of illness and did not have issues with the time it would take to get the vaccine, many were deterred by not being worried about getting the flu and by being afraid of the side effects.

After viewing one of nine student-produced PSAs in one survey, slightly more than 68 percent of respondents indicated they were somewhat or very unlikely to receive the H1N1 vaccine, a negligible decline from the almost 71 percent who indicated they were unlikely before viewing the PSA. Some PSAs were more successful than others at increasing intention, including a slideshow of photos of people interspersed with H1N1 facts, a FreeCreditReport.com commercial parody, and a video that shows students spreading germs – in the form of red paint – as they go from one activity to another in a carefree manner.

Courtney Wilson, a student in the course, echoes the sentiments of the respondents.

"After watching some of the videos in class, it made me think twice about touching certain objects on campus or in my daily life without washing my hands after," she said, "but unfortunately, it doesn't make me any more likely to want to get the vaccine."

Despite little movement in intention to receive the vaccine, students did indicate that the PSAs increased their knowledge of H1N1, with almost 60 percent indicating the PSA they watched increased their knowledge "very much" or "somewhat."

"This study indicates that although students feel informed about H1N1, the vaccine, and how to pre-

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### Today, Friday, December 18, 2009

**Battle of the Bands:** TradeWinds Island Resort, 5500 Gulf Blvd. St. Pete Beach. 2:30 to 5 p.m. Pump up your team spirit as the two school bands go head-to-head. Enjoy family-fun activities and a Tailgate Cookout right on the beach! This event is free to the public, food and drink will be available for purchase. For more information visit [www.stpetersburgbowl.com](http://www.stpetersburgbowl.com).

**Bowl Block Party:** Ferg's Sports Bar, 1320 Central Ave. UCF Coaches Radio Show at 4 p.m. and Block Party at 5 p.m. College fans this party is for you. Team band and cheerleader Pep rally activities, music, food and fun. This event is free to the public, food and drink will be available for purchase. For more information visit [www.stpetersburgbowl.com](http://www.stpetersburgbowl.com)

**Morean Arts Center Holiday Open House:** 719 Central Ave. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for a holiday open house held in the studio classrooms, meet the center's art instructors and view student masterpieces for 2009. 727-822-7872 or [jonathan@moreanartscenter.org](mailto:jonathan@moreanartscenter.org), [www.moreanartscenter.org](http://www.moreanartscenter.org)

**Tampa Bay Ballet's The Nutcracker:** The Palladium, 253 5th Ave. N. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A magical holiday adventure. [www.mypalladium.org](http://www.mypalladium.org) or 727-822-3590. Rutgers Pep Rally: N. Straub Park. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Team spirit celebration for the fans of the Scarlet Knights.

**Sunscreen Film Festival 2009 Holiday Outdoor Film Series in the Park presents "Miracle on 34th Street":** 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.

### Saturday, DECEMBER 19, 2009

**Walking Tour "North by Old Northeast":** Central Ave. and 2nd St., 10 a.m. to noon. St. Petersburg Preservation Inc. visits the waterfront and Old Northeast neighborhood to tell the history of St. Petersburg. [www.stpetepreservation.org](http://www.stpetepreservation.org) or 727-824-7802.

**Christmas Toy Giveaway:** Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum, 2240 Ninth Ave. S. 10 a.m. to noon. Last year the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum gave away food certificates, toys, and clothing to 50 families as part of its Christmas Toy Giveaway. With the assistance of local churches and other non-profit organizations the museum is looking forward to making even more families happy this year. Please join us for this event! [www.woodsonmuseum.org](http://www.woodsonmuseum.org) or 727-323-1104.

**Family Photos at the Poinsettia Tree:** Sunken Gardens, 1825 4th St. N. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Buy one get one admission. [www.sunkengardens.org](http://www.sunkengardens.org) or 727-551-3100.

**Dali Family Fun Saturdays:** The Dali Museum, 1000 3rd St. S. 11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dilly dally with Dali with fun games, puzzles and craft activities which educate and encourage family interaction. In addition, Dali Family Guide brochures are available that enable families to explore the collection on their own and discover the magic of Dali. Dali Family Guide brochures are always available at the admission desk. [www.thedali.org](http://www.thedali.org) or 727-823-3767.

**Marian Smith ~ Impact of Quilts on the Civil War:** Florida International Museum at St. Petersburg College, 244 Second Ave. N. 11 a.m. It was often up to civilian women to provide clothing and bedding for Civil War soldiers. The United States Sanitary Commission recorded a quarter million donated quilts for the Northern effort, and the Southern women raised money through quilt auctions. [www.spcollege.edu/fimuseum](http://www.spcollege.edu/fimuseum) or 727- 341- 7900.

**Super Special Saturday/Family Holiday Hands-On Fun:** Museum of Fine Arts. 255 Beach Dr. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org) or 727-896-2667.

**Classic Auto Show:** The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classic beauties will surround The Pier. Bring an unwrapped new toy for All Children's Hospital's kids. [www.stpetepier.com](http://www.stpetepier.com) or 727-821-6443.

**FISH-ful Saturday Celebrates The Year of the Fish:** Once Upon A Tide: The Pier Aquarium, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. Noon to 2 p.m. [www.pieraquarium.org](http://www.pieraquarium.org) or 727-895-7437.

**Baywalk Holiday Spectacular:** Baywalk Courtyard, 153 2nd Ave. N, 1 to 4 p.m. Bring the family for a Radio Disney holiday celebration! Live music, interactive games, giveaways and special Disney prizes from Santa! Don't forget your camera! Sponsored by Radio Disney. [www.newbaywalk.com](http://www.newbaywalk.com)

**Fan Tailgate Extravaganza:** Lot 7A outside Tropicana Field, 2 to 8 p.m. Fans enjoy music from team bands, games, contests, food and official Bowl merchandise is available for purchase. Featuring The Ultimate Tailgate Challenge! Tailgaters will put their recipes, hoopla, attire and tailgate traditions to the test during this pre-game celebration! If you think you've got what it takes, register at [www.stpetersburgbowl.com](http://www.stpetersburgbowl.com) before Dec. 4.

**Sunscreen Film Festival 2009 Holiday Outdoor Film Series in the Park presents "It's A Wonderful Life" (1946 / Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed):** 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.

**Family Flicks! Movies on the Waterfront. "Miracle on 34th Street":** The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. Waterside Courtyard. Movies begin at dusk. Fun for the whole family. Bring your blanket and pillow. Jammies allowed! Third Saturday monthly. [www.parentguide.com](http://www.parentguide.com), [www.stpetepier.com](http://www.stpetepier.com) or 727-821-6443.

**BEEF 'O' BRADY'S St. Petersburg Bowl:** Tropicana Field, Kickoff 8 p.m. BIG EAST Rutgers University vs. Conference USA University of Central Florida. Televised nationally on ESPN. For information and tickets, visit [www.stpetersburgbowl.com](http://www.stpetersburgbowl.com), Tropicana Field box office or call Ticketmaster 1-800-745-3000.

### Sunday, DECEMBER 20, 2009

**Ditchfield Family Singers Christmas Concert:** The Palladium, 253 5th Ave. N. 2 p.m. [www.mypalladium.org](http://www.mypalladium.org) or 727-822-3590.

**Music Fest on the Water: Late Night Brass:** The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 4 p.m. Relax by the water and enjoy the melodies of local musicians. Tampa Bay's Horn Band holiday show. [www.stpetepier.com](http://www.stpetepier.com) or 727-821-6443.

### Monday, DECEMBER 21, 2009

**Celebrity Critter of the Week - Dwarf Octopus:** 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.

### Tuesday, DECEMBER 22, 2009

**A Journey to Redemption:** Wildwood Recreation Center, 1000 28th St. S., 10 a.m. Guest Speaker, Victor Woods- Motivational speaker and author of "A Journey to Redemption. Bring your youth and support this dynamic speaker during this holiday season and be moved by his passionate message. 727-893-7750.

### Wednesday, DECEMBER 23, 2009

No Events Scheduled for today

### Thursday, DECEMBER 24, 2009

**Wee-time at Weedon: Where Would I Be in an Evergreen Tree?:** 1800 Weedon Drive N.E. 10:30 a.m. 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, children explore forest ecology in Where Would I Be in an Evergreen Tree? by Jennifer Blomgren. This rhyming text reveals a diversity of wildlife that relies on the evergreen tree for shelter, food, and nesting space. In addition, the author reveals how the tree supports a myriad of plants and other species. 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)

## County votes against non-discrimination protections to LGBT employees

TAMPA - By a vote of 4 to 3, the Hillsborough County Commission today failed to extend non-discrimination protections to their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) employees. The proposed change would have modified the internal personnel policy, not amend to the county Human Rights Ordinance. Commissioners Beckner, White and Ferlita voted to protect all employees while Commissioners Hagan, Higginbotham, Sharp, and Norman opposed such protections.

"Today's vote is a step away from progress but we are committed to continuing our work so that all employees in Hillsborough County are protected from discrimination and harassment, including gay and transgender employees," said Nadine Smith, executive director for Equality Florida.

In the wake of today's vote, Equality Florida is asking local elected officials to take a personal pledge that reads: "I pledge to prohibit discrimination and harassment with respect to the hiring or promotion of individuals, conditions of employment, disciplinary and discharge practices, or any other aspect of employment on the basis of sex, race, color, class, age, national origin, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy or veteran status."

County Commissioner Kevin Beckner, who took the pledge, had requested the proposed change as part of a policy overhaul by the Commission to create specific protections against discrimination and harassment in the workplace.

Major Tampa Bay employers, including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida and the Carlton Fields, called on Commissioners to create a fully-inclusive non-discrimination policy that would mirror their own policy.

This past month, Equality Florida worked closely with the Tampa City Council to expand non-discrimination protections in the Tampa's Human Rights Ordinance, which now includes both sexual orientation and gender identity.

"Communities are recognizing what the world's best companies have already embraced - that diversity and treating all people fairly is not only the right thing to do, but it adds to the bottom line," said Richard Florida, Author of Rise of the Creative Class and an internationally recognized expert in the area of building diverse communities.

Last month, Equality Florida was proud to announce the filing of the Florida Competitive Workforce Act in the Florida House of Representative. House bill 391, filed by Rep. Kelly Skidmore, would add sexual orientation and gender identity to Florida's civil rights statutes.

The Federal Employment Non-discrimination Act (ENDA) is currently winding its way through the US Senate with the backing of President Obama. Soon, the Hillsborough County Commission may be required to institute specific protections against discrimination for all of their employees in order to avoid costly litigation in the future.

## City begins construction on trail that connects Pinellas Trail and Childs Park

ST. PETERSBURG - Construction is set to begin on a recreational trail through the Childs Park neighborhood that will connect the very popular Pinellas Trail to neighborhood destinations in Childs Park and the Clam Bayou Estuary. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Wednesday in Childs Park, 43rd St and 11th Ave S. to mark the occasion.

This first 1.4 mile phase of the Clam Bayou Trail is a part of the city's award-winning CityTrails program that provides over 95 miles of additional bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout St. Petersburg. Once completed, the 3-mile Clam Bayou Trail will become part of the Skyway Trail that will connect the Pinellas Trail to a recreational trail that leads to the fishing piers along the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, and will also connect to a planned trail along the Pinellas Bayway to Fort De Soto. Once completed, a recreational cyclist could travel from north Pinellas in Tarpon Springs, through St. Pe-

tersburg to Tierra Verde and the Pinellas tip at the Sunshine Skyway.

The Clam Bayou Trail began as a partnership between the city and the Southwest Florida Water Management District to provide a unique recreational opportunity through the improved Clam Bayou Estuary. It was also included as a part of the Greater Childs Park Area Initiative that was developed in 2007 to improve the quality of life in the greater Childs Park neighborhood.

"We have worked very hard to create a trail system that meets the needs of our community. This section is important because of the many young people here in the Childs Park area," said Mayor Rick Baker. The trail will provide access to many neighborhood assets such as the Childs Park Lake, Childs Park Recreation Center, Queen Dennis Park, and Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School.

## Clearwater has increase in defacement of city property

CLEARWATER - Code inspectors have seen an increase in the defacement of City of Clearwater traffic signs, signal boxes, mast arms, and property over the past couple of years. The City takes graffiti defacement seriously and enforces codes to help ensure a safe, pleasant environment. Areas that become blighted with graffiti, debris, and overgrowth become more susceptible to crime. Graffiti is monitored and tracked by the City's Code Compliance Team, Solid Waste & General Services Department, Public Services Department, and the Police Team.

While the City takes the initia-

tive to clean or replace the damaged property in a timely manner, this costs the City of Clearwater - the taxpayers - both time and money. In order to protect drivers, passengers, and pedestrians, street signs must be clear and legible to ensure the safe flow of traffic. Graffiti makes signs hard to read and could cause dangerous vehicle accidents.

It is not just the taxpayers who suffer from graffiti: it is your neighbors, your friends, your families. Graffiti ruins the ambiance of our neighborhoods. For those who feel they are expressing themselves artistically, please do so in a responsible manner. Think

twice before destroying City property. Defacing any traffic control device is a Class III Felony offense, punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

In order to keep Clearwater a clean, safe place to live, prompt removal is required. Assistance is available for those properties defaced by graffiti. If you see signs that need repair due to graffiti damage, please call (727) 562-4952 or (727) 562-4776. If you see graffiti defacement in the public rights-of-way such as along sea walls or city structures, contact Public Services for removal at (727) 562-4950.

## St. Pete Saturday Morning Market hosts Festival of the Last Minute' on Dec 19

ST. PETERSBURG - On Saturday December 19th, St Petersburg's Saturday Morning Market will be bringing a festive holiday spirit to the weekly community event. The Market will be hosting the Festival of the Last Minute' in honor of the long standing tradition of never getting all one's holiday purchases complete until the last minute.

What better place to shop for of all those little special gifts still on your list. And you know that what ever you pick, it will be a one-of-a-kind choice!

To make the normally celebratory mood at Market even more festive, we've planned the following additions:

From 9 - 10 am, St Petersburg mayor Rick Baker will be performing music with veteran troubadour Sam Stone and Roy Peter Clark on keyboard!

Veteran blues guitarist Steve Arvey will perform from 10am - 2pm.

Additional entertainers will be present including henna body painters, balloon artists and more. Some elves have officially informed us that the

white-bearded man will make an appearance.

The market will be decorated out in holiday colors.

And many vendors will be dressed for the season. With up to 10,000 customers a week, and 200 vendors rotating through 130 spaces, the market is the largest farmers market in the southeast US.

The Market is held weekly on Saturdays from October through May, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located at the Al Lang Field parking lot (also known as Progress Energy Park) which is located on the corner of 1st Ave S and 1st Street.

Each week, shoppers can browse for farm-fresh produce, gourmet- prepared foods, loaves of rustic bread, fresh flowers, plants, hand crafted gifts and much more. Live music adds an upbeat tone to the market atmosphere.

More information is also available at [www.saturdaymorningmarket.com](http://www.saturdaymorningmarket.com), or by contacting Gail Egge-man, Market Manager, at (727) 455-4921 or at [saturdaymkt@yahoo.com](mailto:saturdaymkt@yahoo.com).

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# 87.7 million will travel this holiday despite economy

TAMPA — The perception of economic recovery is delivering a rebound in holiday travel this year as 87.7 million Americans are projected to travel during the Christmas/New Year's Holiday (Dec. 23 to Jan. 3).

"The 87.7 million who are planning to travel represent 28 percent of the total U.S. population and the overall increase over last year is certainly a positive sign for the economy," said Kevin Bakewell, senior vice president, AAA Auto Club South.

However, Florida and Georgia are projected to show a 4.7 percent decrease in overall travel versus 2008 while in Tennessee a 3 percent increase is projected in holiday travel this year. Regional holiday travel declines are expected to range from 2.4 percent for areas such as the Middle Atlantic region (NJ, NY, PA) to 4.7 percent for the South Atlantic region (FL, GA, SC, NC, DC, DE, MD, VA and WV) and 4.8 percent for the Mountain region (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT and WY).

"Despite the difficult economy, the South Atlantic region is expected to experience a subdued, but still heavy travel volume for the year-end holidays," Bakewell said. "A five percent decline is expected from last year's unexpectedly strong year-end holiday travel, but the volume of travel will remain above, or comparable to, the levels experienced prior to the economic crisis." (Projected numbers this year exceed last year's 84.5 million travelers, but are less than the 88.7 million

who traveled during the year-end 2007 Christmas/New Year's holiday.)

"Additionally, for the first time in many years a large segment of the population is making very hard and in some cases last minute choices between traveling during one holiday or another," noted Bakewell. "As a result, consistency between holidays is less likely to be observed, and we see evidence of that now."

With some 88 percent of all travelers choosing to travel by car, AAA reminds motorists that they can estimate the fuel cost of their holiday trip and access locations and prices at more than 100,000 gas stations by using AAA's web tools located at [www.AAA.com/gas](http://www.AAA.com/gas) prices.

For those planning to fly, additional airline information and updates may be found at [www.AAA.com/airfares](http://www.AAA.com/airfares).

AAA's holiday travel projections are based on research conducted by IHS Global Insight and D.K. Shifflet & Associates which conducted a national survey of 1,350 U.S. households.

AAA Travel, with 4.1 million members in Florida, Georgia, Western and Middle Tennessee, and Puerto Rico is the largest leisure travel agency in the Southeast United States and is one of the top 10 leisure travel agencies in the nation. AAA is the largest membership travel organization in the world with more than 51 million members in North America.

## Castor amends Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act in attempt to aid homeowners

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswoman Kathy Castor successfully amended the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to aid struggling homeowners on the way to final passage by the House of Representatives today. The landmark legislation offers relief to homeowners and protects consumers from bank, credit card and risky financial practices that led to the economic collapse of 2008 and Great Recession.

Castor last year voted against the Wall Street bailout bill, known as TARP, because it focused directly on Wall Street rather than middle class families and did not include safeguards for executive pay, bonuses and transparency.

"I opposed the Wall Street bailout last year because it did not provide direct help to middle class families in the housing squeeze or safeguard taxpayer money. The Wall Street Reform bill now levels the playing field despite the opposition from the big banks and Republicans. Democrats fought

through the special interest resistance to provide new help for homeowners while reining in the unscrupulous behavior like predatory lending practices."

Castor and Rep. Doris Matsui, D-CA, coauthored an amendment approved by the House that requires banks and mortgage servicers to provide monthly details on their loan modification efforts under the Home Affordable Modification Program. While the Making Home Affordable initiative aimed to help an estimated 3 million to 4 million at-risk homeowners avoid foreclosure, lenders and servicers have been resistant to requests for modifications from qualified families.

"Many families are doing everything right and want to stay in their homes and pay their mortgages, but banks and loan servicers have been slow to respond to requests for a modification," Castor said. "My amendment will pressure lenders to meet the needs of their borrowers and keep qualified families in their

## England gets a taste of Florida Pink Grapefruit

TALLAHASSEE — Shoppers in England will have the opportunity to "taste the warmth of Florida sunshine" during January and February when Florida pink grapefruit are featured in 220 Waitrose stores in and around London. The promotion builds upon a multiyear marketing relationship between Waitrose and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS).

"We are very happy to again partner with Waitrose so that shoppers can enjoy Florida's world-famous pink grapefruit," Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson said. "In addition to helping brighten the winter for many Londoners, the increased sales generated by this retail marketing campaign will be good news for Florida's growers."

As part of the Waitrose promotion, the upscale chain will feature in-store product signs produced by the department touting the theme "Taste the Warmth of Florida Sunshine." Recipe cards for Florida pink grapefruit will also be available to Waitrose shoppers. In addition, the Florida pink grapefruit promotion will be featured in a half-page ad in "Waitrose Magazine."

The promotion was originally planned for the month of January, with FDACS providing marketing and advertising dollars. However, Waitrose marketing executives decided to extend the promotion through February, absorbing all costs for the second month, to help maximize the exposure of the Florida pink grapefruit marketing initiative.

Over the years, promotions

with Waitrose have generated an additional \$6 million in farm gate receipts for Florida growers, based on export increases reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and FDACS marketing staff analyses. Those increased sales generate additional jobs and tax revenues for the state. The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences estimates that each \$1 million in gate receipts produces approximately 34 full-time jobs and over \$130,000 in indirect tax revenues.

Since 2000, the Department's Division of Marketing and Development has partnered with grocery chains around the globe to feature Florida-grown agricultural products in numerous retail promotions as part of the "Fresh from Florida" campaign. Over the years the number of retail partners has increased from two grocery chains and 298 stores, to 40 chains and more than 10,000 stores.

The marketing campaigns have featured more than two dozen Florida products. Participating grocery chains agree to include ads for Florida products in their advertising circulars. On average, about one-fourth of the ads are in Florida, half are in the continental United States, and one-fourth are in Canada, the United Kingdom, Central America, the Caribbean and South Korea.

Department marketing analysts estimate that last year's retail marketing campaigns generated \$142.8 million in farm gate receipts, resulting in 4,834 jobs in Florida and \$17.9 million in indirect tax revenues.

## Dog of the Week Saphire



Photo courtesy of SPCA

This Catahoula Leopard mix has the most beautiful eyes. At just over a year old, Saphire is 56.6 pounds. She is friendly, affectionate, alert and energetic. Saphire is looking for a new forever home to give her unconditional love. She will become a best friend and companion to someone that will give her the loving care she deserves. Please come meet Saphire at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave N in Largo or call 727-586-3591.

## Cat of the Week Callie



Photo courtesy of SPCA

This kitty is almost 4 years old so she is fully grown, but still very dainty and petite. Her last owner has sadly gone into a nursing home so she has to find a new human to live with. She is totally endearing in quite a charming way; invite her to sit with you and she will show you what it is to be loved. Callie has always been an inside cat since she was born on Christmas 2005 - What she wants more than anything for her birthday is to find a loving companion - Could that be YOU? Visit Callie at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave N in Largo or call 727-586-3591.

## Military News

### Navy - Fleet News

#### Seaman Joshua R. Cunningham

Coast Guard Seaman Joshua R. Cunningham, a 2007 graduate of Lighthouse Christian Academy, Seminole, Fla., recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

#### Seaman David M. McClintock

Navy Seaman Apprentice David M. McClintock, a 2009 graduate of Seminole High School, Seminole, Fla., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

#### Pvt. Nicholas A. Brochu

Army National Guard Pvt. Nicholas A. Brochu has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Christiane Brochu of Ranchwood Drive S., Dunedin, Fla., and Alain Brochu of West Stewartstown, N.H. Brochu is a 2007 graduate of Dunedin High School.

homes. It will keep lenders honest by requiring transparent, up-to-date information about modifications - no more excuses."

Tampa Bay neighborhoods also will receive an important boost with new mortgage assistance resources for communities with high unemployment under provisions in the Act for new low-interest housing loans and money set aside for neighborhood revitalization efforts.

"These initiatives begin what we should have done long ago: directly help and protect neighborhoods and homeowners. Foreclosure rates are still far too high in Florida, so I know these measures will go a long way toward helping Florida families pay their mortgages and stay in their homes.

"A new Consumer Financial Protection Agency will prevent the financial industry from offering predatory mortgage loans to people who cannot afford repayment: reform aimed squarely at the subprime lenders. I heard



photo courtesy of the office of congresswoman Kathy Castor  
Representative Kathy Castor

from thousands of Floridians who attended the four foreclosure assistance workshops I organized about how they had been taken advantage of by their lenders. Now there will be penalties for irresponsible lending and strong consumer protections for mortgages. The Consumer Financial Protection Agency's mission will be to protect homeowners and small businesses - rather than banks and Wall Street."

## Old Palm Harbor Main Street named Florida Main Street Community of the Month

TALLAHASSEE — Last week Secretary of State Kurt S. Browning announced that Old Palm Harbor Main Street has been named the Florida Main Street Community of the Month for December 2009. Selection for this award is based on a record of active participation in the Florida Main Street Program.

"Old Palm Harbor Main Street represents the quiet history of some of Florida's small towns," said Secretary Browning. "The application of a modern approach to preservation has enabled Old Palm Harbor Main Street to retain its historic character while encouraging a diverse and thriving downtown."

The Palm Harbor area was originally known by the location of the Bay St. Joseph Post Office, established in 1878. By 1888, the area had become known as Sutherland, then as Palm Harbor by 1925. The first postmaster, J.C. Craver, came south from Illinois to find a climate to ease his tuberculosis, and his general store became the nucleus of the new community. In the late 1880s, another northerner, Henry Plant, built the San Marino Hotel on a hill in Sutherland overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, drawing visitors to the area. Although a fire in its second season burned

the hotel, it was soon rebuilt and expanded, later becoming Florida Southern College in 1902. Portions of the campus burned again in 1921, but bricks salvaged from the rubble were used to build Palm Harbor United Methodist Church, locally known as the White Chapel.

Downtown Palm Harbor grew and became an important commercial center for the area after World War II, when citrus packing houses, lumber yards, and cement works were established around the town center. Citrus production and transportation, along with tourism, have been staples of the local economy since Palm Harbor's settlement. The relocation and expansion of U.S. Highway 19 to the east of Palm Harbor's historic district in the 1970s encouraged urbanization in northern Pinellas County and led to rapid residential and commercial growth in the area. The Downtown Palm Harbor Historic District is entirely within Old Palm Harbor Main Street's Program Area, encompassing portions of Florida Avenue, Nebraska Avenue, and Georgia Avenue.

Since Old Palm Harbor's designation as a Florida Main Street Program in 1999, the

community has benefited from the reinvestment of almost \$5 million in public and private funds toward downtown revitalization and rehabilitation. The town also has gained a net of 16 new businesses and 112 new jobs within the local program area. The Main Street Four-Point Approach has enabled Old Palm Harbor Main Street to revitalize, support, and foster preservation efforts in its historic downtown, and to recover its vibrancy as a local commercial and economic center.

Florida Main Street is a technical assistance program of the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State. The Bureau conducts statewide programs aimed at identifying, evaluating, and preserving Florida's historic resources. Main Street, with its emphasis on preservation, is an effective strategy for achieving these goals in Florida's historic retail districts. Since 1985, the Bureau has offered manager training, consultant team visits, design and other technical assistance, as well as the benefit of experience gained by other Florida Main Street Programs.

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# PINELLAS NEWS

Where to find our Boxes

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Pinellas News Offices, 533 4th St N.  
CVS, 845 4th St. N.  
Dave's Restaurant, 2339 MLK Blvd. N.  
Exxon, 3201 MLK Blvd. N.  
KFC, 6300 MLK Blvd. N.  
Sweetbay, 7491 4th St. N.  
Corner of 1st Street North & 23rd Avenue North  
Corner of Barrett Blvd. N.E. & Snell Isle Blvd. N.E.  
Bayboro Books (USF campus), 121 7th Ave. S.  
Corner of 4th Avenue N.E. & Beach Drive N.E.  
Bank of America Tower, 200 Central Ave.  
St Pete Chamber, 100 2nd Ave. N.  
Open Air Post Office, 400 1st Ave. N.  
City Hall, 175 5th St. N.  
Dome Grill, 561 Central Ave.  
Haslam's Book Store, 2025 Central Ave.  
Skyway Jack's Restaurant, 2795 34th St. S.  
Winn Dixie at Tyrone Gardens, 1050 58th St. N.

## ST. PETE BEACH

Jen's Java, 7410 Gulf Blvd.

## KENNETH CITY

Winn Dixie, 5800 54th Ave. N.

## PINELLAS PARK

Busy Bee Restaurant, 7317 49th St. N.  
Bob Evans Restaurant, 7550 U.S. 19 N.  
Pinellas Park Post Office, 5260 78th Ave. N.  
DeMills Family Restaurant, 6501 Park Blvd.

## CLEARWATER

Corner of Tropic Hills Drive & U.S. 19  
BP Station, 2198 Gulf To Bay Blvd.  
Chris & Co. Beauty Factory, 1701 Drew St.  
Municipal Service Bldg., 100 S. Myrtle Ave.  
Clearwater Court House North, 315 Court St.  
Corner of South Osceola Avenue and Court Street  
The Atrium, 601 Cleveland St.

## CLEARWATER BEACH

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

## SAFETY HARBOR

Corner of 5th Avenue and Main Street  
Corner of 2nd Avenue and Main Street

## INDIAN SHORES

The Pub, 20025 Gulf Blvd.  
7-Eleven, 19531 Gulf Blvd.

## REDINGTON SHORES

Corner of 183rd Terrace West & Gulf Blvd.  
Dubai Long Pier, 17490 Gulf Blvd.

## TREASURE ISLAND

Corner of 119th Avenue & Gulf Boulevard

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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  
120404

10845 DEC 4, 11, 18, 25, 2009

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 PROPER-  
TIES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,  
Plaintiffs

v.

THE TEMPLE OF SAINT PETERSBURG, INC.,  
a Florida not-for profit corporation,  
ARIEL BERGERMAN, AFFORDABLE REALTY AND PROPER-  
TY 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  
112701

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA  
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.

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 11, 2009.

Personal Representative:  
Danny M. Fickel  
2745 E. Powell Road  
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

Attorney for  
Personal Representative:  
Douglas E. Hoover  
6660 N. High Street 2E  
Worthington, OH 43085-2537  
FBN: 177535  
Telephone: 614-436-1001  
39155 DEC 11, 18, 2009 121101

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
UCN: 522009CP007000XXESXX  
FILE NO. 09-7000-ES03  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
PAULINE C. ARMSTRONG,  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of PAULINE C. ARMSTRONG, deceased, whose date of death was September 15, 2009, File Number 522009CP007000XXESXX, 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 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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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 11, 2009.

Personal Representative:  
WILLIAM M. ARMSTRONG III  
c/o The Yates Law Firm, P.A.  
320 W. Kennedy Boulevard,  
Suite 520  
Tampa, Florida 33606

Attorney for  
Personal Representative:  
CARLA B. YATES, Esquire  
320 W. Kennedy Blvd, Suite 520  
Tampa, Florida 33606  
FBN: 709166  
Telephone: (813) 254-6516  
18005 DEC 11, 18, 2009 121103

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 09-005968-ES  
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 representatives and the personal representatives' 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 SO FILED 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 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  
Law Offices of Joseph F. Pippen,  
Jr. & Associates, PL  
1920 East Bay Drive  
Largo, FL 33771  
Telephone: (727) 586-3306  
FBN: 351581 SPN: 01769503  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO.: 09-6742-ES-004  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
MABLE L. DEAN,  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MABLE L. DEAN, deceased, File Number 09-6742-ES-004, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 545 1st Ave. N. St. Petersburg Florida. 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 including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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 persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is November December 11, 2009.

Personal Representative:  
LORNA L. STULTZ  
3177 Baybrook Dr.  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Attorney for  
Personal Representative:  
JAMES W. O'NEILL, ESQUIRE  
2120 52nd Street South  
Gulfport, Florida 33707  
(727) 327-4586  
SPN: 78069 FBN: 277339  
10540 DEC 11, 18, 2009 121102

NOTICE OF  
ADMINISTRATION IN THE  
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SIXTH JUD CIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR PINELLAS  
COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO. 09-6222-ES-04  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
MICHAEL JOHN ROSS,  
Deceased.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE Estate of MICHAEL JOHN ROSS, Deceased, File Number: 09-6222-ES-04, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756. The name and address of the Personal Representative is set forth below.

All interested persons are required to file with the Court, WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE: (1) All claims against the Estate and (2) Any objection by an interested person on whom this notice is served that challenged the validity of the Will, the qualifications, of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the Court.

PUBLICATION of this Notice has begun on December 18, 2009.

Personal Representative:  
Michelle A. Hatton, a/k/a  
Michelle Ross Hatton  
765 - 7th Street South  
Safety Harbor, FL 34695  
Attorney for  
Personal Representative:  
Herbert E. Gould, Esquire  
Post Office Box 11823  
St. Petersburg, FL 33733  
(727) 327-5842  
19025 Dec 18, 25, 2009 121801

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,  
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PROBATE DIVISION  
UCN: 522009CP006812XXESXX  
FILE NO. 09-6812-ES03  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
WAYNE MARSHALL SMITH,  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of WAYNE MARSHALL SMITH, deceased, whose date of death was August 28, 2009, Reference Number 09-6812-ES03, 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 served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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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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 11, 2009.

Personal Representative:  
BOBBI JEAN SMITH  
c/o Carla B. Yates, Attorney at Law  
The Yates Law Firm, P.A.  
320 West Kennedy Boulevard,  
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Tampa, Florida 33606

Attorney for  
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Tampa, Florida 33606  
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# Tree with a guarantee

ST. PETERSBURG - With all the headaches that the holidays bring, especially with the economy in recovery, the last thing any family wants to worry about is a decorated tree falling down on top of all they could produce to put under it. Thankfully there are those companies who believe in genuine customer service.

Christmas trees are cut into their traditional shape throughout the growing process; however, if the trees aren't inspected carefully a flawed trunk can make the best looking tree the last one left.

Pinellas News publisher Robert Potter became the story for once when his family Christmas tree had a curved trunk that prevented it from remaining upright. After many adjustments to the tree stand, and a few more broken ornaments, Potter called the tree farm where he bought the tree, Kathy's Korner Nursery.

An associate showed up at their home and discovered the problem. The tree was replaced and the money refunded. In light of the holiday spirit it was nice to see a local company looking after their products with such care, especially when their customer's holiday cheer is on the line.

Kathy's Korner is located on 6095 Haines road in St. Petersburg. They can be contacted at (727) 525-9640. Their hours are Mon-Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4.

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abuse, Bernal said that he would create a task force in order to spread the word and educate the youth.

Bernal also made comments about texting a driving, using his own personal experience. "Traffic was stopped dead in front of me. It took everything I had to keep from hitting the person in front of me. I will never do that again," said Bernal.

Deputy Chief Thomas Lawrence is in charge of the largest patrol division in Dallas. Lawrence believes there are three components to manage a police department. The first is to form city partnerships, geographic responsibility, and active engagements between police and their neighbors.

While Lawrence seems to have had a difference set of challenges in Dallas, he realizes what he would need to focus on if he were to get the position in Clearwater.

"My biggest challenges here would be maintain the beach areas to keep tourism revenue up, reaching out the Hispanic population, and looking at the more depressed areas of town," said Lawrence. "This city has a lot of challenges that I would be looking forward to tackling."

With four very qualified candidates the city really has to look at the best fit for Clearwater. The city's violent crime has been above national average for a few years and the city needs an available, no-nonsense, able body to protect its citizens.

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vent the spread of flu, they are still not convinced the vaccine is right for them when they weigh the risks against the rewards," said Kelli Burns, assistant professor in the School of Mass Communications, whose students conducted the research. "The challenge for any communicator is to motivate people to take action, a much more difficult task than increasing their knowledge on a subject.

"The survey project was part of a broader initiative by Burns to bring more social media tools into the classroom, particularly for collecting and presenting data. Through an Innovative Teaching Grant from the Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence at USF, Burns was able to purchase the Flip cameras students used to record and edit their videos. After uploading the videos to YouTube, students were able to embed the videos in an online survey hosted by SurveyMonkey. For another assignment, students recorded interviews using their laptops and a Monitors microphone, created podcasts and uploaded the podcasts to their blogs. This part of the project garnered the most enthusiastic response.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the social media component of this class," said Joan Landquist, another student in the class. "The aspect of social media really helped me apply the material. I had fun using the Flip Cam, it was a fun tool. I really enjoyed the interview project as that enabled me to interview a professional, which provided me with solid evidence as to why social media was important. I admit, I was skeptical at first, but this project was a great intro to conducting research."

Her classmate Varuni Jaipershad agreed. "Before this class I never really used social media and I thought it was more a tool for fun. Now, I think social media can be used in many situations like gathering research and communicating with people. It is important."

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# JESSICA LAWSON NAMED BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

TAMPA - University of South Florida women's basketball standout Jessica Lawson has been named the BIG EAST Conference women's basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Dec. 13.

Lawson, a 6-3 center from Orlando, scored a career-high 26 points in helping USF to a 76-64 win over Jacksonville in its lone game of the week on Dec. 13. Lawson was 12-19 from the field and 2-4 from the line in 33 minutes of action while also recording two blocked shots. In addition, the sixth-year senior grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds - two off equaling her career-high - for her fifth double-double of the season, and her first since 15-point, 15-rebound outing against Montana on Nov. 27. It was also her 15th double-double as a Bull and the 16th of her collegiate career dating back to her time at California.

On the year, Lawson is averaging 16.6 points per game, sixth in the BIG EAST, and a league best 12.8 rebounds per outing. Lawson is also shooting 51.3 percent (58-113) from the field on the year.

Lawson's is the sixth USF player to be named BIG EAST Player of the Week since joining the conference prior to the 2005-06 season, and the first since Shantia Grace was named for the week ending Nov. 20, 2006. Jessica Dickson has had the



Senior center Jessica Lawson

photo courtesy of USF

honor bestowed upon her the most out of all USF players with four.

USF will get back on the hardwood on Thursday, Dec. 17 when it faces Tulane at 7 p.m. in the Sun Dome. That game will mark the first of three that the Bulls will play in a four-day stretch at home. They will host the USF Shootout on Dec. 19-20 taking on North Carolina Central in the first round at 4 p.m.. Houston Baptist will take on East Carolina in the opening game of the day at 2 p.m.. The losers will play in the consolation game at noon on Dec. 20 with the winner's facing off for the Shootout title at 2 p.m.

# USF, among others, wins grant money for sports medicine research

TAMPA - NFL Charities, the charitable foundation of the National Football League, has awarded \$1.5 million in grants to support sports-related medical research at 11 organizations nationwide, including the University of South Florida, the NFL announced last week.

USF Sports Medicine expert Eric Coris, MD, received a \$124,390 NFL Charities Medical Research Grant to study the prevention and treatment of heat stress among athletes. This is the third consecutive NFL Charities research award won by Dr. Coris; he has received a total of more than \$272,000 in funding from the foundation since 2004.

"This grant from NFL Charities means more than just another funded research project to us; it means we are one step closer to being able to protect youth, collegiate and professional athletes who participate in sports in the heat," Dr. Coris said.

Dr. Coris, associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine and director of Primary Care Sports Medicine at USF, will be collaborating with Dr. Douglass Casa from the University of Connecticut and Dr. Ollie Jay from the University of Ottawa in Canada during the course of his research, which will begin in spring 2010. The researchers will build on previous studies evaluating how to predict which players are at most risk for heat illness. They will monitor players' core internal temperatures with a "heat pill," an ingestible thermometer the size of a large

multivitamin, and fit players with high-tech masks to measure their oxygen consumption during practice drills. They will assess how the body physiologically reacts to high-intensity exercise under high heat and humidity on the football field.

The NFL has long supported sports-related medical research through NFL Charities Medical Research Grants. Since 2000, NFL Charities has committed more than \$20 million in grants to medical facilities nationwide to address issues including studies on heat illness, knee biomechanics, artery blockage in retired players and stem cell usage for tendon repair.

A four-member panel of medical experts evaluates and recommends grantees each year that must be approved by the NFL Charities board. This year's grants include studies on heat illness, knee biomechanics, artery blockage in retired players and stem cell usage for tendon repair.

Formed in 1973, NFL Charities is a non-profit organization that enables the league to contribute collectively to charitable causes on a national level. NFL Charities, which has approved more than \$120 million in grants to more than 600 different organizations, approves grants annually to support sports-related medical research, youth health programs, and the charitable work of current and retired NFL players.

# USF assistant coach wins coach of the year

TAMPA - University of South Florida's men's soccer assistant coach, Ryan Anatol, was named the winner of the 2009 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) College Assistant Coach of the Year Award for the Northeast Region. Anatol will receive his regional award at the NSCAA/adidas College Coaches Awards Reception in Philadelphia on Thursday, Jan. 14.

As a regional assistant coach of the year recipient, Anatol is now eligible for the national coach of the year award - The Glenn "Mooch" Myernick National Assistant Coach of the Year Award - which will be presented on Jan. 15 at the NSCAA Awards Banquet.

"I believe Ryan is well deserving of the award and I'm very happy for him," head coach George Kiefer said. "Ryan is one of the hardest working assistants in the Country."

The NSCAA Assistant Coach of the Year Award is designed to highlight outstanding assistant coaches at the college and high school levels.

Since being named assistant coach in 2005, USF has posted an impressive 64-26-14 record. The Bulls have also made four appearances in the NCAA Tournament (2005, 2007, 2008, and 2009) and have won one BIG EAST Conference Championship (2008). In 2008, USF advanced to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament before falling to Wake Forest.

Anatol has also been influential in recruiting for the Bulls. Since joining USF's staff, Anatol has closed the deal on several of the nation's top recruiting classes including top 10 classes. Included in those



Men's Assistant Soccer Coach Ryan Anatol

photo courtesy of USF

recruiting classes since 2005 were: 23 All-BIG EAST selections, nine all-region picks (Jordan Seabrook, Rodrigo Hidalgo, Simon Schoendorf, Kevon Neaves, Yohance Marshall and Jeff Attinella) and one NSCAA All-American (Yohance Marshall).

A native of Trinidad and Tobago, Anatol is no stranger to the Bulls. Anatol, who played for USF from 1997-2000, helped his team win two Conference USA Championships (1997 and 1998) while also advancing to the NCAA Tournament both years.

The 2009 season was Anatol's fifth season as assistant coach for the Bulls. In 2009, USF advanced to the second round in the BIG EAST Championships before falling to Notre Dame in penalty kicks. The Bulls also advanced to the second round in the NCAA Tournament before falling to No. 1 ranked and top-seeded Akron. USF concluded the 2009 season with a 14-4-3 record and a 6-3-2 record in the BIG EAST.

# RECIPE of the Week

## Reindeer Cupcakes

**Prep Time:** 20 min  
**Total Time:** 1 hour 45 min  
**Makes:** 24 cupcakes

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 box Betty Crocker® SuperMoist® cake mix (any non-swirl flavor)
- Water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on cake mix box
- 1 container Betty Crocker® Rich & Creamy chocolate frosting
- Chocolate shot
- 24 large pretzel twists
- 24 miniature marshmallows
- 24 red cinnamon candies
- 24 small red gumdrops

### DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pans). Make and cool cake as directed on box for 24 cupcakes.
2. Frost cupcakes with frosting. Sprinkle chocolate shot over tops of cupcakes.
3. For each cupcake, cut pretzel twist in half; arrange on cupcake for reindeer antlers. Cut miniature marshmallow in half; arrange on cupcake for eyes. Center gumdrop below marshmallow halves for nose. Place red cinnamon candy below gumdrop for mouth. Store loosely

covered.  
**Special Touch:** Bake these festive cupcakes in holiday-themed baking cups for even more holiday spirit!



**Do-Ahead Touch:** Save time during the holidays! Freeze these cupcakes in an airtight freezer container up to 4 months. Decorate the frozen cupcakes; they'll thaw while you're decorating.

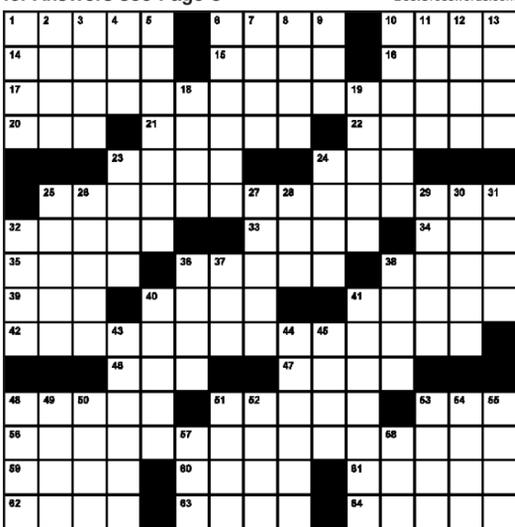
### NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

Calories 270  
Total Fat 10g  
Cholesterol 25mg  
Sodium 310mg  
Total Carbohydrate 43g  
Sugars 28g  
Protein 2g  
**PERCENT DAILY VALUE**  
Vitamin A 0%; Vitamin C 0%; Calcium 4%; Iron 6%  
**EXCHANGES**  
1/2 Starch  
2 1/2 Other Carbohydrate  
0 Vegetable  
2 Fat  
\*Courtesy of bettycrocker.com

# Crossword Puzzle

for Answers see Page 5

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Across</b>                              | <b>Down</b>                       |
| 1- Ablaze                                  | 1- "Hard ___!" (sailor's yell)    |
| 6- ___ Blanc                               | 2- Truth                          |
| 10- Harbor                                 | 3- Need a scratch                 |
| 14- Juice of the rubber tree               | 4- Fam. reunion attendee          |
| 15- Mary Kay competitor                    | 5- Accomplish                     |
| 16- Brain wave                             | 6- Protective envelope            |
| 17- Church principles                      | 7- Egg-shaped                     |
| 20- Biblical verb ending                   | 8- Prying                         |
| 21- Begrime                                | 9- Big bang cause                 |
| 22- Totaled                                | 10- Vagabond woman                |
| 23- Deodorant brand                        | 11- Thor's father                 |
| 24- Decoration at the top of a chair leg   | 12- Breather                      |
| 25- Halt in the growth of small organisms  | 13- ___ -shanter (Scottish cap)   |
| 32- Theatrical entertainment               | 18- Achy                          |
| 33- Fill to surfeit                        | 19- Angry                         |
| 34- "___ Ventura" was played by Jim Carrey | 23- Worthless person              |
| 35- K-6                                    | 24- This, in Tijuana              |
| 36- Prospect                               | 25- Contradict                    |
| 38- Cease                                  | 26- Maintains                     |
| 39- Atmosphere                             | 27- Japanese immigrant            |
| 40- Baptism, e.g.                          | 28- Bran source                   |
| 41- Tugs                                   | 29- Waterfall                     |
| 42- Obligation                             | 30- With no emotion               |
| 46- Altar words                            | 31- Goes down                     |
| 47- Asleep                                 | 32- Back                          |
| 48- Roofing stone                          | 36- Chianti, e.g.                 |
| 51- Actor Quinn                            | 37- T.G.I.F. part                 |
| 53- When doubled, a dance                  | 38- One pound sterling            |
| 56- One recording the past                 | 40- Cowboy display                |
| 59- Chip in                                | 41- Complete                      |
| 60- Sea eagle                              | 43- Faveolate                     |
| 61- Kingdom                                | 44- Burrowing, carnivorous mammal |
| 62- Alcoholic drink of fermented honey     | 45- Support beam                  |
| 63- 365 days                               | 48- Counterfeit                   |
| 64- Fenced areas                           | 49- Queue                         |
|  | 50- Hammett hound                 |
|  | 51- Yorkshire river               |
|  | 52- New Rochelle college          |
|  | 53- Blacken the edges of          |
|  | 54- Gripped                       |
|  | 55- Upper limbs, weapons          |
|  | 57- Actor Fernando                |
|  | 58- Green shade                   |

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