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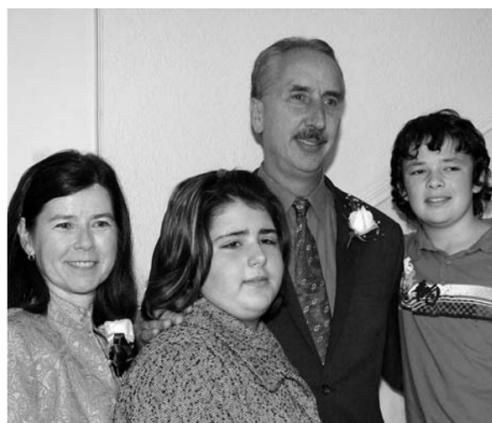
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Rick Baker: St. Petersburg has a new mayor

St. Pete holds city inauguration day for city council members and Mayor Bill Foster



Rick Baker poses for pictures with his wife, Joyce, and children Julianne and Jacob, as he says good-bye to the city he helped manage for nine years.

BY DANIELA DISTEFANO
PINELLAS NEWS

Rick Baker has a lengthy to-do list waiting for him at home. Nine years long to be exact.

"There's a lot I want to get done around the house," he says over coffee at Midtown Sundries in downtown St. Petersburg. "The Christmas decorations are finally down."

Those unfamiliar with the name Rick Baker would call it procrastination. But those who know better would understand that as mayor of St. Petersburg since 2001, there has been a lot going on to distract the man from household chores.

This week the city said "good-bye" and "thank you" to Rick Baker and welcomed the 53rd mayor, Bill Foster, into the position. Looking back on his two-terms spent in City Hall, Baker, 52, says running for mayor was one of the best moves he ever made.

"You learn a lot about yourself and the people around you, especially during the challenging times," he says. "I have no regrets."

Chicago-born Baker had never worked for a city government before he was first elected as mayor in 2001. "I'm not sure I knew what to expect, so there was not too much pre-judgment," he says.

An FSU alumnus, Baker was president of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and also served as senior class president. With an M.B.A. and law degree, he practiced corporate and business law in the city for 20 years.

It was astonishing to some that a lawyer with an established practice would run for a position that would earn him half his usual salary.

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ST. PETE PIER DUE FOR A FACE-LIFT

BY DANIELA DISTEFANO
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ST. PETERSBURG - Downtown St. Petersburg's iconic waterfront Pier is showing its age.

What comes next for the facility will depend on the decisions of the Pier Advisory Board. The 20-person Task Force met with representatives of the Miami architectural firm Bermello Ajamil & Partners at City Hall Tuesday.

"The Pier has been an iconic feature since the 1900s," said Mayor Bill Foster as he addressed the Task Force. "It's a nice visual for people throughout the country to see of our city."

City officials are hoping to give the deteriorating structure a new look while still preserving the view of the mainland from the Pier.

Consultants Luis Ajamil and Scott Bakos presented more than a dozen options for the pier as well as the land leading up to the city landmark.

Some of the options include simply repairing and renovating the Pier "as is", or demolishing the structure and rebuilding the area to become a one of a kind destination for St. Petersburg.

Consultants presented plans that included a waterfront amphitheater, amusement park activities, and a full-scale water park, along with

restaurants, tourist and retail facilities, and parking garages.

Costs could run anywhere from \$13 to more than \$90 million depending on the scale of renovations and the number of new facilities.

The original Pier was built in 1926 with the upside down pyramid arriving as part of the last renovation in the 1970s. Today more than one million people visit the St. Petersburg Pier, which stretches out 1,100 feet out in the bay from Beach Drive.

The consultants studied pier attractions from California to Atlantic City and Europe to come up with concepts for the advisory board members to consider. They will then be narrowed down to about four choices that Bermello Ajamil & Partners will develop into formal plans with firmer cost estimates and market analysis.

The task force, which was formed last March by former Mayor Rick Baker, will seek public input during the first of three public meetings on January 19th at 7 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Coliseum. Recommendations will eventually be forwarded to the city council.

Construction won't start until at least 2012 when \$50 million in funds are available, but in the meantime, officials want people to remember the Pier is open for business.

BY DANIELA DISTEFANO
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St. Petersburg, Florida - It's a new chapter in St. Petersburg's political history. After nearly nine years in office, the city said good-bye to Mayor Rick Baker and welcomed its 53rd mayor Saturday afternoon.

Bill Foster received a standing ovation as he was sworn into office at City Hall with his wife, Wendy, and children, Will and Christine, by his side.

Foster, 46, an attorney and former two-term City Council member had long dreamed of running his hometown, but told community members at the packed council chambers that the ceremony was not about him.

"This is about the great citizens of St. Petersburg," he said. "I am humbled and I pray we will continue to do the work of the people."

Foster acknowledged his family for their support, as well as his parents, sister from Georgia, and college roommate who came all the way from Germany to witness his inauguration.

He celebrated the milestone beginning with a church service at Mount Zion AME Church on 16th Street S. led by Rev. Clarence Williams.

Foster's longtime pastor Jerry Lancaster at Starkey Road Baptist Church in Seminole later lead a prayer in the chambers, asking God to help the new mayor lead "with the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ," and thanking God "that he is a man of faith."

There was barley an empty seat as residents, city staff, and elected leaders gathered to bid farewell to outgoing Mayor Rick Baker at his final council meeting. Many warm moments and achievements from the last decade were shown in tribute videos played to honor Baker, as well as retiring council member James Bennett.

Baker was presented with a key to the city as well as a cardboard version that stood over six feet high, poking fun at his recognizable height. City Council declared January 2, 2010 as "Mayor Rick Baker Day."

As he addressed council for the final time Baker said the hardest part will be leaving the friendships he has made. Baker, who was first elected in 2001 and re-elected in 2005, said he is optimistic of the future of the city adding, "It will always be another great day in St. Petersburg."

Mapping out his transition, Baker is looking into many options for employment, including an application to become president of St. Petersburg College.

Of Foster, Baker said, "I'll be proud to call him my mayor."

Newly elected council member Steve Kornell was also sworn in Saturday, along with Jim Kennedy, Karl Nurse, and Jeff Danner as members of the eight-person City Council. The council's longest-serving member, Leslie Curran, was named chairman, and council member Herb Polson was named vice chairman.



Foster is sworn in as the 53rd mayor of St. Petersburg by Judge John C. Linderman with Wendy, and children Will and Christine by his side.



Foster and his wife, Wendy, wait as the other city council members are sworn in.

City Council will look to keep St. Petersburg running smoothly in the New Year, focusing on public safety issues. Foster and his team will also have to make decisions about the future of the Tampa Bay Rays and a plan for rebuilding the downtown Pier.

He told the newly instated council he is ready to get to work right away. "I know I have big shoes to fill, and not just because they are a size 13," he joked. On a more serious note he added, "Mayor Baker left the city much better than he found it so, yes, we're going to do great things."

Like Baker, Foster is a Republican and a Christian conservative. Like the former mayor, he said he would not support the city's annual St. Pete Pride parade.

Foster won the city's top job in November over opponent Kathleen Ford after a 10-month campaign. He has since closed his law practice.

In the past, the St. Petersburg native had applied to become city manager in 1991 and ran for city council in 1993.

Foster was appointed to City Council in 1998. He was first elected in 1999 and re-elected in 2003. He was chairman on City Council from 2004 to 2006.

Six council members sworn in on Jan. 2

ST. PETERSBURG - While Mayor Bill Foster was taking his place as mayor on Saturday, so were six other members of City Council.

Six men and women were sworn in as a part of Foster's team, including the council's longest-serving member, Leslie Curran, who will now serve as chairman, with the assistance of Herb Polson, vice chairman.

The eight person City Council also added Steve Kornell, Jim Kennedy, Karl Nurse, and Jeff Danner. The council will help Foster in his attempt to improve public safety and overall resident satisfaction.

St. Petersburg's record cold snap

BY CAITLIN CRAFT
PINELLAS NEWS

ST. PETERSBURG - While some Florida residents appreciate the break from the scorching temperatures during the summer, but no one expected to scrape ice off the windshield of their car. Plants were covered and fireplaces burning a steady fire for the first time since early last year. Exactly two years ago the Pinellas News highlighted the chilling temps in the city and now we are back to tell you it's colder now.

Progress Energy can barely keep up, the Department of Agriculture is making special arrangements to get produce vulnerable to the cold weather out of state before farmers crops go to waste.

A state of emergency was declared on Tuesday due to the cold weather. Hillsborough county fish farms fear the water may get below 50 degrees and have a dramatic effect on their crop.

The cold was responsible for two nights of power outages in St. Petersburg.

On Thursday morning, several planes were delayed due to an excessive amount of frost and lack of deicing equipment. The Wednesday night temps broke record lows when they dipped below 30 degrees for the first time in 10 years.

St. Petersburg was 43 degrees on Thursday morning, Hernando County Airport was falling below 20 degrees.



Jim Kennedy



Leslie Curran



Steve Kornell



Jeff Danner



Herb Polson



Karl Nurse

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Saturday Afternoon Fun: The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E., St. Petersburg, FL. 1 to 4 p.m. Family fun activities with a character from Fritzy Brothers One Man Circus. Second and fourth Sat. www.stpetepier.com or 727-821-6443

Guided Tram Tours: Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. 1101 Country Club Way S., St. Petersburg, FL. Tues. through Sat. 1 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Ranger guided tram tour through Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. www.stpete.org/boyd or 727-893-7326

Jan. 8 to 10 - Sunshine City Antiques and Collectibles Show: Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL Fri. 5 to 8 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This nationally recognized show features nearly 100 exhibitors of antique furniture, art, pottery, jewelry, silver, toys, and glass. The event also features a two-day Antiques Appraisal Fair held Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$5 per item. www.stpete.org/coliseum or 727-892-5202.

St. Pete Shuffle: St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Courts, 559 Lake Dr. N. St. Petersburg, FL. 7 to 11 p.m. Mirror Come out and enjoy a hip twist to an old game under the stars. Fun family activity. All equipment is provided and instruction is available. The "World's Largest Shuffleboard Club" promotes and sponsors year-round competitive and recreational outdoor shuffleboard play on 65 courts. Every Fri. www.stpeteshuffle.com or 727-822-2083.

Side Door Jazz: Whitney James CD Release Party: The Palladium at SPC, 253 5th Ave. N. 8 p.m. www.mypalladium.org or 727-822-3590.

Salsa Dancing: The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E., St. Petersburg, FL. 9 p.m. to midnight. Salsa dancing inside Captain Al's Waterfront Restaurant. Come early at 8:30 p.m. for free Salsa lessons. Have fun dancing the night away. www.stpetepier.com or 727-821-6443.

Saturday, JANUARY 9, 2010

Breakfast with Dali: The Dali Museum, 1000 3rd St. S. 9:30 a.m. Join us on in that magic hour before the museum is open to the public and the ghost of Salvador Dali still lingers! Explore the Dali Museum in a tour expressly designed for children age 5 - 12. This interactive tour is led by a Dali docent who has chosen Dali paintings and other works which specially appeal to children. The tour is followed by a scrumptious breakfast buffet. Following the tour, each child receives a souvenir of the day's experience. Dali hands-on activities follow at 11:30 a.m. www.thedali.org or 727-823-3767

Pinellas Science Center Bot Challenge: Science Center of Pinellas, 7701 22nd Ave. N. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. www.sciencecenterofpinellas.org or 727-384-0027.

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Walking Tour of Historic Downtown: Starts at Central Ave. and 2nd St., 10 a.m. to noon. Second Sat. monthly. www.stpetepreservation.org or 727-824-7802.

Passing the Non-Violent Torch Reading Event: Hear stories of freedom by Dr. King read by retired educators to 2nd-5th grade students who can take the books home for their collection. A parent/guardian/older sibling/other representative must accompany the child. Pre-registration is required. You may choose any one-hour block: 11 a.m. to Noon; Noon to 1 p.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.; or 2 to 3 p.m. Call 727-323-1104 to register.

Face Painting by Joanne Conte: The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Face Painting can be found at The Pier every Saturday with face painter extraordinaire - Joanne Conte - on hand to create full face, hand, cheek, arm or leg images for your child or you! Every Sat. www.stpetepier.com or 727-821-6443.

Sunday, JANUARY 10, 2010

Jan. 8 to 10 - Sunshine City Antiques and Collectibles Show: Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL Fri. 5 to 8 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This nationally recognized show features nearly 100 exhibitors of antique furniture, art, pottery, jewelry, silver, toys, and glass. The event also features a two-day Antiques Appraisal Fair held Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$5 per item. www.stpete.org/coliseum or 727-892-5202.

Alligator Tour: Learn all about the fascinating and mysterious life of the American Alligator. Cost: \$3, Adults; \$1.50, children. Space is limited to 15; call 727-893-7326 to reserve your spot! www.stpete.org/boyd

Music Fest on the Water: The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 4 p.m. Every week The Pier hosts a new musical act for your listening pleasure water-side. www.stpetepier.com or 727-821-6443.

Monday, JANUARY 11, 2010

Celebrity Critter of the Week: The Pier Aquarium. 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Every Monday a Celebrity Critter of the Week is chosen in the aquarium. Ask for a copy of the Animal Fact Sheet at the admission desk. You can also ask for sheets on previously featured celebrities. www.pieraquarium.org or 727-895-7437.

Jan. 8 to Feb. 1 - "Through The Eyes of My City, It's James" Photography by James Whittinghill: Studio@620, 620 1st Ave. S. Days and hours vary. www.studio620.org or 727-895-6620.

Tuesday, JANUARY 12, 2010

Awaken Yoga at Sunken Gardens: 1825 4th St. N. Breathe in and relax. Every Tues. and Thurs. \$8/class or \$28/monthly. www.sunkengardens.org or 727-551-3102.

Natural History Speaker Series; Exploring the Wild Side of Florida: Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S., St. Petersburg, FL Fascinating presentations on the natural and cultural history of Florida. Through April. www.stpete.org/boyd or 727-893-7326.

Wednesday, JANUARY 13, 2010

Jungle Boogie: Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S., St. Petersburg, FL. 11:15 a.m. For ages 3 to 5, from crafts to walks in the Preserve, your child will learn about Florida's natural ecosystems, animals and plants. Every Wed. www.stpete.org/boyd or 727-893-7326.

Guided Tram Tours. Boyd Hill Nature Preserve: 1101 Country Club Way S., St. Petersburg, FL. Tues. through Sat. 1 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Ranger guided tram tour through Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. www.stpete.org/boyd or 727-893-7326.

Thursday, JANUARY 14, 2010

Tampa Bay Job and Career Fair: Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Over 80 employers on site, interviews, testing, and more. www.stpete.org/coliseum or 727-892-5202. Meet local companies who have immediate employment needs, from entry level positions to skilled trade, health care jobs and even top managerial positions. The Tampa Bay Job & Career Fair covers all areas of business and is open to everyone. This is a special event designed to put you face to face with companies that have open positions which they are looking to fill immediately. This January event will also include a Career Fair. Several of the area's top schools, universities and vocational/technical institutes will be on hand. You will be able to meet with various representatives of these local institutions and hear about their courses and programs. It is a great opportunity to examine ways to further develop your skills for the jobs of today and prepare for the bright career prospects of tomorrow. Expand your skill set or even learn a whole new career.

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Looking back on nine years as Mayor

"My wife, Joyce, knew me in college so she wasn't too surprised, but my dad thought it was one of the dumbest things I ever did," he says. Although he didn't think it made sense strategically at first, Baker's father, who passed away four years ago, soon became proud of his sons' new career.

His mother, who he credits as a mentor along with his father, also enjoyed the excitement, getting regular calls from friends when they would see her son on the evening news.

Baker had various leadership roles in political campaigns in the past, running the Jeb Bush 1994 and 1998 campaigns in the area. When he became mayor, however, Baker learned the transition from a private citizen to one of the most public figures in the bay area would not be simple.

"People are writing about you daily, you're being mentioned on the radio and shown on television all while you are still learning the job," he says.

But Baker was a quick study and he learned to run the city by doing; meeting with staff members, having work days in the various city departments, visiting students in the classroom, and playing guitar at the Saturday Morning Market.

"Being mayor is a high visibility position," Baker says. "You need to get out there so they know who you are. If you have a good plan too, then people will follow you and it will propel the city forward."

Health Department finds minor contamination in local wells

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) today released findings from a November 2009 irrigation well sampling project in the vicinity of the APF/4800 site, a former metal plating business in St. Petersburg. Residents whose irrigation wells were sampled were notified of the results through letters and phone calls.

Some irrigation wells sampled had minor exceedances of drinking water standards for iron, sodium, manganese and aluminum. However, all residences are connected to the public drinking water system. Although the results exceeded drinking water standards for certain minerals, the wells were determined to be safe for use for irrigation. Coming in contact with the well water or breathing its vapors was determined to not be a public health threat.

In his two terms Baker saw St. Petersburg though a period of transformation in the areas of education, public safety, and economic development. Hundreds of annual events including the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg and the St. Petersburg Bowl have distinguished the place as an independent city in the Tampa Bay Area.

Baker says the image of the city now is quite different than it was 10 to 15 years ago. "Residence have a real sense of pride for their city," he says. "They love this place and that has been an evolution of a lot of efforts."

He credits his family for keeping him grounded over the last nine years. "I didn't want my children to lose their dad while I was mayor," he says.

His children, Julianne and Jacob, grew up in City Hall, but he always made sure time with them took priority by going to their school plays, helping to coach their sports teams, and taking family trips to Fontana Village in North Carolina.

Not everything may have worked out perfectly during his time in office, but Baker understands it's just the nature of the job and he is pleased with the progress.

"I ran for office to help make the community better, not to leave a legacy, and not to take all the credit," he says.

Whether he likes to admit it or not, residents owe a large part of the quality of life in St. Pete's to Rick Baker. And because of his dedication, it will always be another great day in St. Petersburg.

It is safe to use the wells for lawn watering, skin contact, breathing water vapors, eating fruits and vegetables grown with the water and similar purposes. It is not certain at this time that these metals are related to the metal plating operation site or naturally occurring in the area.

The sampling was conducted by the Pinellas County Health Department under contract with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Wells within a 500-foot radius of the former APF plating business at 4800 95th Street North in St. Petersburg were sampled. The DEP's Southwest District Office is working with the Florida Department of Health to continue to analyze the data.

Progress Energy struggles with 75% power increase due to cold snap

ST. PETERSBURG – To beat the winter chill currently gripping the sunshine state, Progress Energy Florida customers are collectively using about 75 percent more power than is typical this time of year. As Floridians brace for another cold day and night, Progress Energy is working diligently to meet customers' energy needs.

The company anticipates being able to produce and deliver the power customers want and need during this week's cold spell. However, even with ample generation capacity, inclement weather can cause scattered outages. Progress Energy's control center operates around-the-clock and is prepared to dispatch service crews at the first sign of trouble.

"Our top priority is ensuring our customers' energy needs are met," said Progress Energy Florida President and CEO Vincent Dolan. "We upgrade power plants, power lines, and other

infrastructure throughout the year and closely monitor weather conditions to best prepare to meet our customers' growing needs when extreme temperatures set in."

Electricity use in the region is nearing record levels. Last February, Progress Energy Florida customers set an hourly peak-demand record, using 10,276 megawatt-hours (MWh) as temperatures dipped into the 20s throughout much of the state. While it is too soon to say whether customers will eclipse that mark this week, energy use will certainly remain higher than usual throughout this cold spell.

With customer energy use high, the company is emphasizing its year-round commitment to helping its customers save energy and money. To learn more than 100 energy-saving tips, visit savethewatts.com.

St. Pete Times Forum makes Billboard Top 10 Venues 2009

TAMPA – The St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Florida has been recognized as one of Billboard's Top 10 Venues world-wide of 2009 for buildings with a capacity of 15,001 or more. It was also ranked in Venues Today within the year-end Top 10 Top Stops. Both publications ranked the St. Pete Times Forum fourth in the United States based on concert and event grosses.

In its twelfth year of operation, the St. Pete Times Forum ranked fourth in Billboard amongst venues in the United States and tenth in the world, with more than 571,000 in attendance for 90 events, which generated \$33.7 million in gross. Billboard's year-end touring recaps are compiled from Boxscore data collected from Dec. 6, 2008, through Nov. 21, 2009. As the world's premier music publication,

Billboard and its popular music charts have evolved into the primary source of information on trends and innovation in music, serving music fans, artists, top executives, tour promoters, publishers, radio programmers, lawyers, retailers, digital entrepreneurs and many others.

In Venues Today, the arena ranked eighth in the world amongst arenas with a capacity of 15,001-30,000. According to the magazine's year-end report, the St. Pete Times Forum generated over \$34.6 million in concert and event grosses from Oct. 16, 2008 through Oct. 15, 2009. Venues Today is a leading international trade publication that covers the business side of entertainment and sports, particularly as it relates to venues. "The 2009 calendar year was a great one for us from an entertainment

standpoint," said Oren Koules, CEO of the St. Pete Times Forum and the Tampa Bay Lightning. "We appreciate the promoters and artists for working with us to make Tampa Bay a priority for their tours and we expect 2010 to be an even better year for our guests, suite holders and sponsors."

The 21,500 seat arena, hosted shows including Star Wars: A Musical Journey, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's ZING ZANG ZOOM, Harlem Globetrotters "Spinning the Globe" Tour, Cirque du Soleil Saltimbanco and Walking With Dinosaurs – The Arena Spectacular, in addition to concerts such as Britney Spears, Green Day, Jonas Brothers and Sugarland. The arena boasted eight sell-outs with acts including Billy Joel & Elton John, Miley Cyrus and Metallica.

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SOUND, the common reference point between nearly 500 species

GAINESVILLE — Scientists who compare insect chirps with ape calls may look like they are mixing aphids and orangutans, but researchers have found common denominators in the calls of hundreds of species of insects, birds, fish, frogs, lizards and mammals that can be predicted with simple mathematical models.

Compiling data from nearly 500 species, scientists with the University of Florida and Oklahoma State University have found the calls of crickets, whales and a host of other creatures are ultimately controlled by their metabolic rates — in other words, their uptake and use of energy.

"Very few people have compared cricket chirps to codfish sounds to the sounds made by whales and monkeys to see if there were commonalities in the key features of acoustic signals, including the frequency, power and duration of signals," said James Gillooly, an assistant professor in the department of biology at UF's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a member of the UF Genetics Institute. "Our results indicate that, for all species, basic features of acoustic communication are primarily controlled by individual metabolism, which in turn varies predictably with body size and temperature. So, when the calls are adjusted for an animal's size and temperature, they even sound alike."

The finding, reported in today's Proceedings of the Royal Society B, will help scientists understand how acoustic com-

munication evolved across species, uniting a field of study that has long focused on the calls of particular groups of animals, such as birds.

The results also provide insights regarding common energetic and neuromuscular constraints on sound production, and the ecological and evolutionary consequences of producing these sounds.

"Acoustic signals are used to transfer information among species that is required for survival, growth and reproduction," Gillooly said. "This work suggests that this information exchange is ultimately governed by the rate at which an animal takes up and uses energy."

Animal communication is a long-studied area of biology, going back at least to the days of Aristotle. But generally the studies were species-specific, made in the context of courting calls or parental care of a certain type of animal — nothing to relate an animal call across a variety of species.

"From my perspective this is one of the first true attempts to provide a general theoretical framework for acoustic communication," said Alexander G. Ophir, an assistant professor of zoology at Oklahoma State, who began the painstaking process of compiling data on animal calls in hundreds of different species while a postdoctoral student at UF. "This seems to provide unifying principles for acoustic communication that can be applied to virtually all species. In terms of producing

sounds, we use vocal cords, but other mechanisms of sound production exist, such as insects that rub their legs together. Until now, these sounds have been treated differently. But by providing a general mathematical framework — a baseline — we have a reference point to compare those differences.

"So if we say one animal's call is loud, we can provide a predictive reference point to say whether it is truly loud when compared with other animal sounds," he said.

That common reference point can even predict what animals long extinct — think of Tyrannosaurus rex of "Jurassic Park" fame, may have truly sounded like.

"These findings say if you give me information about an animal of a certain body size and the mechanisms it uses to make sounds, I can give you a rough idea of what it sounds like," said Jeffrey Podos, an associate professor of biology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, who did not participate in the study. "It allows us to imagine where the evolution of acoustic signals might go, and where it might have come from. Further study will probably put these principles in a more explicit evolutionary framework, but this is an interesting idea and presented with such a broad view. I can't think of anyone in at least 30 years who has tied together data from such a diversity of species. These authors are really trying to see the forest instead of the trees."

Dog of the Week Knuckle Head



Photo courtesy of SPCA

His name is Knuckle Head, but he is very intelligent. He is a sweet and lovable yearling so he is still a puppy. He needs a little leash training to round him off but he learns fast. He loves to play with other dogs. He's a silly boy at times and an all around fun guy. He firmly believes that he is a lap dog, and he is never happier than when people are petting him. He's just loves to be cuddled and lives for snuggle time. Visit Knuckle Head at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave N in Largo, or call 727-586-3591.

Cat of the Week Tilly



Photo courtesy of SPCA

This lovely torti girl with the medium long coat is longing for a home with you. She transferred in from another shelter and we are still learning about her. However, Tilly welcomed me from the moment we met. She was willing to be held and she posed with grace. This ten year old lady would make a wonderful companion. Her age may suggest that she go to a quiet home. If you have a place in your heart and home for a sweetheart, visit Tilly at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave N in Largo, or call 727-586-3591.

Chilling temps frost sunshine state

Time to cover the plants, clean out the fireplace, and break out the ice scrapers

TALLAHASSEE — State officials are urging residents, visitors and agricultural interests throughout Florida to prepare for temperatures near or below the freezing mark throughout this entire week. Temperatures could reach the lower 20s away from the coast across northern Florida and near the freezing mark as far south as Lake Okeechobee.

"An arctic cold front has moved through the state this weekend and this has resulted in much cooler morning temperatures. The cold air-mass will produce a widespread freeze across much of Florida through the entire week," said Meteorologist Amy Godsey. "Residents and visitors across the state should prepare for an unusually long period of freezing or sub-freezing temperatures each morning that could harm vegetation, pipes, animals and people."

Durations of freezing temperatures will range from 5-7 hours inland and 2-4 hours near the coast. Freeze Warnings could be issued for a large portion of Florida, with

Hard Freeze Warnings likely for much of North Florida through the middle or latter parts of this week.

Residents and visitors should remember the "Five P's" of cold weather safety. The "5 P's" are: Protecting People, Protecting Plants, Protecting Pets, Protecting Exposed Pipes, and Practicing Fire Safety.

The following actions are important safety measures:

- * Stay indoors and use safe heating sources.

- * Be aware of the fire danger from space heaters and candles, keep such devices away from all flammable materials such as curtains and furniture, and install recommended smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

- * Indoors: Do not use charcoal or other fuel-burning devices, such as grills that produce carbon monoxide. Install at least one carbon monoxide detector per floor in your home.

- * Outdoors: Stay dry and in wind-protected areas.

- * Wear multiple layers of loose-fitting, warm clothing.

- * Drink non-alcoholic fluids.

- * Shelter or bring inside animals, especially pets.

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson is also reminding people to take measures to protect their pets during the extreme cold, including bringing them inside if possible or at least providing proper shelter outdoors. Bronson says his department is keeping a close eye on the weather to determine whether there will be an impact on any crops but the jury is still out. "Our farmers have some methods to protect their crops but it really comes down to not only how low the temperatures get but also how long the extreme cold lasts," Bronson said. "We will continue monitoring the situation throughout the week." Anyone interested in weather updates for agriculture can log onto <http://ag-er.blogspot.com/>.

NASA uncovers 17 Pulsars in 3 months, creates a "galactic GPS"

WASHINGTON -- Radio astronomers have uncovered 17 millisecond pulsars in our galaxy by studying unknown high-energy sources detected by NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope. The astronomers made the discovery in less than three months. Such a jump in the pace of locating these hard-to-find objects holds the promise of using them as a kind of "galactic GPS" to detect gravitational waves passing near Earth.

A pulsar is the rapidly spinning and highly magnetized core left behind when a massive star explodes. Because only rotation powers their intense gamma-ray, radio and particle emissions, pulsars gradually slow as they age. But the oldest pulsars spin hundreds of times per second -- faster than a kitchen blender. These millisecond pulsars have been spun up and rejuvenated by accreting matter from a companion star.

"Radio astronomers discovered the first millisecond pulsar 28 years ago," said Paul Ray at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington. "Locating

them with all-sky radio surveys requires immense time and effort, and we've only found a total of about 60 in the disk of our galaxy since then. Fermi points us to specific targets. It's like having a treasure map."

Millisecond pulsars are nature's most precise clocks, with long-term, sub-microsecond stability that rivals human-made atomic clocks. Precise monitoring of timing changes in an all-sky array of millisecond pulsars may allow the first direct detection of gravitational waves -- a long-sought consequence of Einstein's relativity theory.

"The Global Positioning System uses time-delay measurements among satellite clocks to determine where you are on Earth," explained Scott Ransom of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Charlottesville, Va. "Similarly, by monitoring timing changes in a constellation of suitable millisecond pulsars spread all over the sky, we may be able to detect the cumulative background of passing gravitational waves."

The sources Fermi detected are not associated with any known gamma-ray emitting objects and did not show evidence of pulsing behavior. However, scientists considered it likely that many of the unidentified sources would turn out to be pulsars.

For a more detailed look at radio wavelengths, Ray organized the Fermi Pulsar Search Consortium and recruited a handful of radio astronomers with expertise in using five of the world's largest radio telescopes -- the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope in W.Va., the Parkes Observatory in Australia, the Nancaj Radio Telescope in France, the Effelsberg Radio Telescope in Germany and the Arecibo Telescope in Puerto Rico.

After studying approximately 100 targets, and with a computationally intensive data analysis still under way, the discoveries have started to pour in.

"Other surveys took a decade to find as many of these pulsars as we have," said Ran-

som, who led one of the discovery groups. "Having Fermi tell us where to look is a huge advantage."

Four of the new objects are "black widow" pulsars, so called because radiation from the recycled pulsar is destroying the companion star that helped spin it up.

"Some of these stars are whittled down to masses equivalent to tens of Jupiters," said Ray. "We've doubled the known number of these systems in the galaxy's disk, and that will help us better understand how they evolve."

NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope is an astrophysics and particle physics partnership, developed in collaboration with the Department of Energy, along with important contributions from academic institutions and partners in France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden, and the U.S. The National Radio Astronomy Observatory is a facility of the National Science Foundation operated under cooperative agreement by Associated Universities, Inc.

Sink raises \$5.06 million for 2010 governor's race

TAMPA -- Democratic gubernatorial candidate Alex Sink announced Wednesday that she has raised a total of over \$5.06 million dollars for her 2010 governor's race, including \$1.05 million in the last fundraising quarter.

"I am so grateful and humbled by the historic support I received in 2009 from the people of Florida," said Sink. "Floridians are sending a strong message that they want new leadership, accountability

and commonsense solutions in Tallahassee."

With over \$5 million raised almost a year from election day, Alex Sink has surpassed the fundraising efforts of any previous Democratic candidate for Governor of Florida. Sink ended 2009 with \$4.32 million cash-on-hand.

"This is a huge milestone for Alex Sink and shows the excitement her campaign has generated over the last year," said

Sink campaign manager Paul Dunn. "No Democratic campaign for Governor has ever had these kinds of resources this early on in an election cycle, proving what a strong position our campaign is in going into 2010."

Sink's fourth quarter contributions came from 3,688 contributors who gave an average of \$164 to her gubernatorial campaign and her online donations totaled over \$140,000.

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Where to find our Boxes

ST. PETERSBURG

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, **6301 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**

SEMINOLE

Perkins, **8841 Park Blvd. (Behind CVS)**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 09-007098-ES**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF
 LESSIE M. SMILEY**
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of LESSIE M. SMILEY, deceased, whose date of death was August 10, 2009; File Number 09-007098-ES, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 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: January 8, 2010.

Personal Representative:
 EUGENE SMILEY
 Co-Personal Representative
 3387 Crescent Oaks Boulevard
 Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

MALINDA SMILEY-SMITH
 Co-Personal Representative
 1809 Amberley Woods Way
 Helena, AL 35080

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 DEREK B. ALVAREZ, ESQUIRE
 GENDERS ALVAREZ
 2307 West Cleveland Street
 Tampa, FL 33609
 FBN: 0114278 SPN: 01891073
 Telephone: 813-254-4744
 11285 JAN 8, 15, 2010 010801

**NOTICE OF ACTION
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 52-2009-CA-016892-020**

WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES,
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, CREDITORS AND ANY OTHER
 PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST RAUL R.
 ZAYAS AKA RAUL ZAYAS, DECEASED, ET AL

Defendants.
 To the following Defendant(s):
 ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES,
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, CREDITORS AND ANY OTHER
 PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST
 RAUL R. ZAYAS AKA RAUL ZAYAS, DECEASED

1504 S.W. 102 Ave.
 Miami, FL 33174
 RAUL ZAYAS AKA RAUL ZAYAS, III
 8013 NW 153rd Terr.
 Miami, FL 33016

And
 1504 S.W. 102 Ave.
 Miami, FL 33174

_____, AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAUL ZAYAS
 AKA RAUL ZAYAS, III, IF ANY
 8013 NW 153rd Terr.
 Miami, FL 33016

And
 1504 S.W. 102 Ave.
 Miami, FL 33174

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

**SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO a/k/a
 17250 GULF BOULEVARD, UNIT 30,
 NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA 33174
 EXHIBIT "A"**

Unit 30, SEA ROCKET, a Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 10204, Page 1284, as thereafter amended, and as par Plat thereof recorder in Condominium Book 120, Page 52, as thereafter amended, of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on **Moskowitz, Mandell, Salim & Simowitz, P.A.**, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose, address is 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 500, Fort Lauderdale, FLORIDA 33334 on or before February 2, 2010, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the THE PINELLAS NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 315 Court Street, Rm.170, Clearwater, FL 33756, Phone No. (727)464-4062 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 30th day of December, 2009.

KEN BURKE
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: Rhonda R. Ditty
 As Deputy Clerk
 010809

18114 JAN 8, 15, 2010

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. 09-7988-ES-004**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF
 DENISE MARIE
 KRASNODEMSKI, A/K/A
 DENISE MARIE KRANODEMSKI**
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Denise Marie Krasnodemski, A/K/A Denise Marie Krasnodemski, deceased, whose date of death was November 25, 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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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 January 8, 2010.

Personal Representative:
 Kathleen Munoz
 10 Fawn Lane West
 South Setauket, New York 11720

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Cynthia J. McMillen
 Attorney for Kathleen Munoz
 Law Offices of Joseph F. Pippen, Jr. & Associates, PL
 1920 East Bay Drive
 Largo, FL 33771
 Telephone: (727) 586-3306
 FBN: 351581 SPN: 01769503
 13105 JAN 8, 15, 2010 010803

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. 09-6694-ES-003**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF
 JAMES H. RUSSELL**
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JAMES H. RUSSELL, deceased, whose date of death was September 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. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is January 01, 2010.

Personal Representative:
 SALVATORE A. HANSEN
 818 Woodside Ave
 Clearwater, Florida 33756

Attorney for
 Personal Representatives:
 Susan M. Charles
 Attorney for Salvatore A. Hansen
 The Charles Law Offices
 801 West Bay Drive
 Suite 403
 Largo, FL 33770
 FBN: 11107 SPN: 02763037
 Telephone: (727) 683-1483
 Fax: (727) 683-1484
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**NOTICE OF ACTION
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 52-2008-CA-014444-01**

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 RUTH BUCKINS, et al,
 Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Partition entered in this cause on December 23, 2009, in the Circuit Court of Pinellas County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Pinellas County, Florida, described as follows:

Spear's Subdivision C.E., Lots 9 and 10, Pinellas County; Parcel #25/31/16/84726/000/0090;
 Street Address, 1900 13th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the lobby of the Pinellas County Judicial Building, 545 First Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on January 28, 2010.

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

Dated: January 5, 2010.

Ken Burke
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 315 Court Street
 Clearwater, FL 33756
 (727) 464-7000
 By: Kennan M. Borne
 Deputy Clerk
 17931 JAN 8, 15, 2010 010807

**NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY,
 FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 52-2008-CA-014444-01
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,
 AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER
 NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING
 TRUST, SERIES 2006-2
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 THOMAS TULLOS, ET AL
 Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated December 28, 2009 and entered in Case No. 52-2008-CA-014444 of the Circuit Court of the 6TH Judicial Circuit in and for PINELLAS County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-2 is Plaintiff and THOMAS TULLOS; MICHELE A. TULLOS; KAREN K. ST. PIERRE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN K. ST. PIERRE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF KAREN K. ST. PIERRE, IF ANY; JOHN DOE OR ANY OTHER PARTY IN POSSESSION; STATE OF FLORIDA - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD & NECK SURGERY ASSOCIATES, P.A.; all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s), whether living or not, and whether said unknown parties claims as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or in any other capacity, claiming by, through under or against the named Defendant(s) are the Defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the NORTH FRONT DOOR OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, in PIN, in PINELLAS County, Florida, at **11:00 a.m., on the 4th day of February, 2010**, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1, CROSS BAYOU ESTATES FIRST ADDITION REVISED. REFILED REPLAT, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 54, PAGE 88-89 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
**Street Address:
 8332 MAGNOLIA DR,
 LARGO, FLORIDA 33777**

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 31st day of December, 2009.

KEN BURKE
 By: **KENNAN M. BORNE**
 As Deputy Clerk

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FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE
 Pursuant to section 865.09
 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **LEGASEE LLC**

Located at 7440 2nd St N. in the County of Pinellas, in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, zip code 33702 intends to register the same name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at St. Petersburg, Florida, this 25th day of December, 2009.
**Janet M. Izzo, Treasurer
 James Gotti, President**
FN010805 JAN 8, 2010 010805

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE
 Pursuant to section 865.09
 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **IT SUPPORT**

Located at 7201 9th St N. in the County of Pinellas, in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, zip code 33702 intends to register the same name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at St. Petersburg, Florida, this 4th day of January, 2010.
**Sabine Niehaus,
 President and Secretary ESN, Inc.**
FN010804 JAN 8, 2010 010804

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE
 Pursuant to section 865.09
 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK OF PINELLAS**

Located at 6415 1st Avenue South in the County of Pinellas, in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, zip code 33707 intends to register the same name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at St. Petersburg, Florida, this 6th day of January, 2010.
**CONOP, LLC
 JOSEPH V. CAVALERI, JR.
 MANAGER**
FN010815 JAN 8, 2010 010815

**NOTICE OF SALE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA,
 SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIRCUIT
 COURT DIVISION
 REF: 07-7216-CI-08**

PERLENA WORDLS, and
 ROBERT BORWN,
 Plaintiffs,
 vs.

RUTH BUCKINS, et al,
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Highway restrictions eased for transportation of produce vulnerable to cold weather

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson is alerting the state's agricultural producers that highway restrictions have been eased so that they can quickly harvest and transport crops that are vulnerable to the freezing weather that continue to affect Florida.

On Tuesday, Bronson requested that Governor Charlie Crist declare a state of emergency and issue an Executive Order directing the state Department of Transportation to relax the weight, height, length and width restrictions for commercial vehicles transporting vulnerable crops to processing sites. Governor Crist signed Executive Order No. 10-01, which takes effect January 5, 2010, and remains in effect for 14 days.

"Transporting the vulnerable crops to processing sites without delay is necessary to save them from destruction and the relaxation of the restrictions on the weight, height, length and width for commercial vehicles transporting these crops is necessary to protect the agricultural interests of the state," Governor Crist stated in the Executive Order.

After reviewing data from around the state to assess the impact that the severe cold weather is having on crops, Bronson requested the Governor issue the Executive Order when it became apparent that the freezing weather would continue for several more days and that growers needed to harvest and transport crops as quickly as possible to help lessen their losses.

"This freezing weather has created a serious situation for our state's agricultural producers, who now must rush to harvest their crops to prevent further losses," Bronson said. "The temporary easing of highway restrictions enables farmers to more quickly transport their crops to processing facilities and help avoid financial disaster."

Bronson has alerted organizations representing the state's agricultural producers and trucking interests of the governor's action so they can load and transport crops in accordance with the relaxed highway restrictions.

"Florida's growers produce nearly all our nation's domestically produced fresh fruits and vegetables



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Young orange trees in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences' grove off Hull Rd are covered in a layer of protective ice on Tuesday. While seemingly counter-intuitive, the ice prevents them from being subjected to temperatures lower than 32 degrees.

during the winter," Bronson said. "There is much at stake, both for our state's farmers and for consumers all across the United States who count on Florida to provide them with fresh domestic produce in the winter."

FWC publishes Manatee casualties for 2009

TALLAHASSEE - Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute documented 429 manatee carcasses in state waters in 2009. A combination of factors contributed to the high total, as indicated by record high numbers in several of the categories of manatee deaths.

The high number of manatees affected by cold stress during the winter months of 2008-2009 can, in part, explain the higher-than-average number of manatee deaths last year. Biologists documented a record high of 56 cold stress-related deaths in 2009, which was more than double the five-year average.

Biologists also documented high numbers of watercraft-related and perinatal (newborn) deaths – the two most commonly documented causes of death in

2009. Biologists documented 97 watercraft-related deaths and 114 newborn deaths. The preliminary data indicate the numbers for both categories were at a record high for a calendar year.

Given the high count of manatees from 2009 aerial surveys, it might be perceived that the high number of deaths is simply because of a larger manatee population. The situation is not that simple. Both the carcass totals and the annual counts from statewide aerial surveys are considered minimum numbers only, and they cannot be used to calculate long-term population trends. However, models used by the FWC to assess the status of the species indicate the manatee population is stable or increasing in most areas of the state in the near term. Yet, manatees continue to face a combination of human-related

and natural threats. To maintain the species into the future, the FWC will continue to monitor threats such as watercraft strikes and loss of warm-water habitat, which models indicate can profoundly affect the manatee population.

FWC researchers, managers and law enforcement staff work closely together to evaluate mortality data and identify necessary actions. Managers focus on actions that can reduce risks to manatees and protect foraging and warm-water habitat. FWC law enforcement, in cooperation with partner agencies, uses knowledge of local boating habits, well-posted speed zones and up-to-date manatee information to focus on-the-water enforcement operations.

GOODWILL OFFERS MENTORS FOR TROUBLED TEENS

ST. PETERSBURG – Goodwill Industries-Suncoast is proud to launch a new program designed to assist youth in overcoming disadvantages and avoiding delinquency. The effort is part of a national mentoring program known as Goodwill GoodGuides™ that helps teens finish school and transition into productive careers with the guidance of trusted adults.

The program, which kicks off during National Youth Mentoring Month, targets young people between the ages of 12 and 17 who face risk factors such as school failure, family violence, homelessness or other challenges. Youth will be paired with a caring mentor who will lend a supportive ear and lead them to resources that will help them build career plans and set educational goals. The local

GoodGuides program serves teens in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.

The Goodwill GoodGuides program is funded by a \$19.1 million grant to Goodwill Industries International by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Goodwill-Suncoast is one of 56 Goodwill organizations across the country participating in this national effort.

Goodwill will hold information sessions for prospective mentors at the following times:

St. Petersburg – Tuesday, Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m., at the Goodwill Business Center, 10596 Gandy Blvd. (just east of Derby Lane Dog Track).

Tampa – Tuesday, Jan. 26, 6 p.m., at the Goodwill Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Center, 6800 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Suite 130.

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE
Pursuant to section 865.09 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of
GATOR JIM'S TACKLE
Located at 4805 GULF BLVD. in the County of Pinellas, in the City of Saint Pete Beach, Florida, zip code 33706 intends to register the same name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Clearwater, Florida, this 29th day of December, 2009.
James R. Bickel
President
Discount Tackle Outlet Inc.
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FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE
Pursuant to section 865.09 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of
REBATH OF TAMPA BAY
Located at 7000 Bryan Dairy Road in the County of Pinellas, in the City of Largo, Florida, zip code 33777 intends to register the same name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at St. Petersburg, Florida, this 6th day of January, 2010.
BATH REMODELING OF TAMPA BAY, INC.
18162 JAN 8, 2010 010814

NOTICE OF SALE
(Unit No. 336)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 08-008930-CI-19
JUDGE: Amy M. Williams
FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,
v.
SHELDON J. SHORE, et al., Defendants.

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 45 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 09-8577-CI-20
JAMES WALLACE Plaintiff,
vs.

GERARD T. WALLACE AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Judgment dated December 2, 2009, in Case No. 09-8577-CI-20 of the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pinellas County, Florida, in which GERARD T. WALLACE AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Clearwater Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida 33756, at 11:00 a.m. on March 2, 2010, the following described real property set forth in the Final Judgment:
Lot 30, WEXFORD LEAS, UNIT NO. 2-B, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 79, Pages 45 and 46, of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida Section 4.

Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations should call (727) 4643267 (V/TDD), no later than seven (7) days prior to any proceeding.
Dated January 4, 2010

KEN BURKE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: DERELYNN REVIE
Deputy Clerk
16011 JAN 8, 15, 2010 010806

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 09-007453-ES-4
IN RE: ESTATE OF HERMAN F. JUDAH, Deceased.
The administration of the estate of HERMAN F. JUDAH, deceased, whose date of death was November 16, 2009, File No. 09-007453-ES-4, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 09-8174-ES-003
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN P. GILMARTIN Deceased.

The administration of the estate of John P. Gilmartin, deceased, whose date of death was November 24, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756. 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 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 January 8, 2010.
Personal Representative: Steve Cogan 2607 Oak Road, #D Walnut Creek, California 94597

Attorney for Personal Representatives: Susan M. Charles Attorney for Steve Cogan The Charles Law Offices 801 West Bay Drive Suite 403 Largo, FL 33770 FBN: 11107 SPN: 02763037 Telephone: (727) 683-1483 Fax: (727) 683-1484 10735 JAN 8, 15, 2010 010812

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 DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME 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 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 January 8, 2010.
Personal Representative: REBECCA J. CLEMENS 3321 Whispering Drive S. Largo, FL 33771
Attorney for Personal Representative J. RICHARD RAHTER Keiffer & Rahter, P.A. 6670 First Avenue South St. Petersburg, Florida 33707 (727) 344-5788 Facsimile (727) 384-2696 Flora Bar No. 188395 SPN No. 00008511 10050 JAN 8, 15, 2010 010813

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