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## Miss Avery Fox chosen 2010 Junior Sun Goddess

ST PETERSBURG - On Wednesday, March 3, 2010 a fashion show and finals event was held at the Gibbs High School Auditorium to announce the winner of the 2010 Festival of States Junior Sun Goddess Scholarship program, sponsored by Regions Bank, Bruce Watters Jewelers, All Children's Hospital and JC Penney.

Avery Fox of East Lake High School was chosen from the 20 member court, as the 2010 Junior Sun Goddess. Avery is President of the Student Government Association, News Editor of the The Talon school newspaper, a News Anchor for the Eagle Eye News student broadcasting station and Secretary of the National Honor Society. She is a founding member of the Young Republicans of America club at her school and serves as a representative on the Pinellas County School Board Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee. Avery has played on the Varsity Soccer and Flag Football teams and also volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club of Tarpon Springs and Big Brothers / Big Sisters.

Lydia Franzek of St. Pete High School was selected as the First Runner Up and Shamarrri Hartzog of Lakewood High School was selected as the Second Runner Up.

The 2010 Junior Sun Goddess and two runners up were selected from the Court based on academic success, leadership qualities, community involvement, personality, poise, and their ability to be comfortable speaking before large groups.



Miss Avery Fox, 2010 Junior Sun Goddess.

The 2010 Junior Sun Goddess and two runners up will receive over \$7,500 in scholarships and awards and will participate in upcoming Festival of States events.

The Junior Sun Goddess program began in 1955 and is a scholarship-based program which recognizes high school girls in Pinellas County who display academic success, community awareness, and embody the values and poise to represent the Festival and the City of St. Petersburg as good-will ambassadors.

The Festival of States, produced annually by the Suncoasters of St. Petersburg, will celebrate its 89th year in 2010. Scheduled events include the annual Coronation Ball, Illuminated Night Parade and Party in the Park and Family Funfest. For more information about the Junior Sun Goddess Program or the Festival of States, visit [www.festivalofstates.com](http://www.festivalofstates.com).

## Sunscreen Film Festival previews "December" at Channelside

SAINT PETERSBURG - On Saturday, March 13, at 7 pm the film "December" will be screened at the Channelside Cinemas, as part of the Sunscreen Film Festival preview showcase. "December" was shot entirely in Pinellas County, several locations in Saint Petersburg.

The film explores the relationships of a conflicted family. The father Larry Carter is played by veteran actor Jeff MacKay. The family's youngest son, Bobby Carter, played by Jeremy King is trying to jumpstart his fledgling acting career while the eldest son Don Carter played by Tony Armer works to take control of the family business. The father is diagnosed with a terminal illness forcing the young son Bobby to decide, Hollywood film career or family. Local physician, Dr. Gary Dresden produced and directed the film.

Sunscreen Film Festival supports independent filmmakers, producers and actors through its yearly presentation of films, educational seminar series and Q&A panels. The festival is organized by the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Film Society, is dedicated to educating the public about the art of visual storytelling, enhancing opportunities for local filmmakers to develop their craft and art, and increasing the public's awareness and support of local filmmaking as a cultural and economic asset. This year's festival will be held April 14 - 18. Tickets and detailed Sunscreen Film information available at <http://sunscreenfilmfestival.com>.

## Pinellas County Canvassing Board to Certify Election Results

CLEARWATER - Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark announces that the Pinellas County Canvassing Board will meet Friday, March 12, at the Election Service Center, 13001 Starkey Rd. in Largo.

At 9 a.m., the Board will canvass provisional ballots, certify the March 9 Municipal Election results, and conduct a post-election test of the tabulation equipment.

The Board will also draw the race and precinct for the post-election audit as required by Florida Statute 101.591 and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C.

At 2 p.m., the Board will begin the post-election audit. State law requires that the post-election audit be completed within seven days of the certification of election results. The race must be selected randomly, and 2 percent of precincts for that race must be selected randomly.

All Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Election Service Center, 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo.

## Redbay Ambrosia Beetle Found In Miami-Dade County

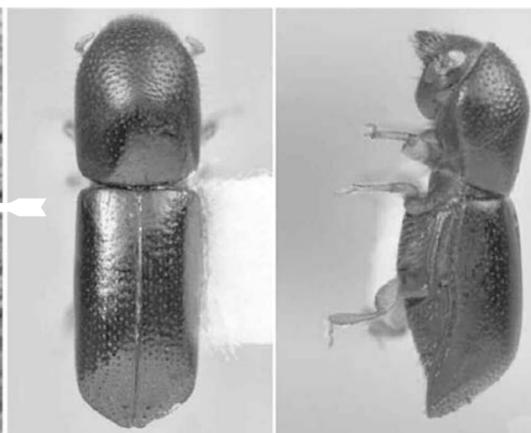


photo left by Albert Mayfield, Florida Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Svcs, center & right by Michael C. Thomas of FDACS

The redbay ambrosia beetle "Xyleborus glabratus" smaller than the date stamp on a Lincoln penny is a about 2 mm in length, dark brown to black, cylinder-shaped beetle, similar to other ambrosia beetles found in Florida. The male beetles are smaller than the females and cannot fly. In contrast, the females are strong flyers. Like other ambrosia beetles, redbay ambrosia beetles bore into the wood just below the bark, form galleries in the sapwood, and inoculate these galleries with spores of the fungus they carry *Raffaelea lauricola* or laurel wilt. The fungus feeds on the sapwood, and then the adult and larval redbay ambrosia beetles feed on the fungus.

**"The infestation by the beetle and infection by its symbiotic fungus could result in a permanent reduction ... of the avocado industry."**

S. Pollack and A. Perez, *Avocado, Fruit and Tree Nuts Situation and Outlook Yearbook. Market and Trade Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, October 2007*

By Robert M. Potter  
Editor

99 percent of Florida's avocado crop is grown in southwest Miami-Dade County according to published reports from the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida.

On Tuesday, Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson announced, that a non-native redbay ambrosia beetle, a beetle smaller than the date stamp on a Lincoln penny and the carrier or vector of laurel wilt disease, has been found in an insect trap in the Emerald Lakes subdivision in north Miami-Dade County. Prior to this find, the redbay ambrosia beetle had not been found south of Martin County.

In August 2009 Bronson, announced the confirmation of laurel wilt disease in an avocado tree sample from Homestead, however that particular sample was later identified as a close DNA fungi cousin of the *Raffaelea lauricola* otherwise known as the laurel wilt pathogen.

According to Bronson's office, it is not known if all redbay ambrosia beetles carry the pathogenic strain of laurel wilt disease, however, many other sources are much more definitive that the redbay beetle is the carrier. "If you find the Redbay Ambrosia Beetle, you have found the fungus," according to Iowa State University Plant Pathologist Tom Harrington credited with establishing the official scientific name *Raffaelea lauricola*.

Advanced diagnostic tests are under way to determine what strain the beetle trapped in Miami-Dade County carried.

"The detection of this potentially destructive beetle demonstrates the effectiveness of the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey program that is the state's early detection system against harmful plant pests and diseases," Bronson said. "Finding this tiny insect

among the high volume of other insects and debris in these traps is like finding a needle in a haystack. This detection has triggered an intensified survey effort in South Florida and particularly around the avocado production area."

Laurel wilt is a destructive fungus disease of redbay, avocado and other trees in the laurel family or "Lauraceae". The disease is caused by a fungus known as *Raffaelea lauricola* that infects the sapwood of host trees, restricting the flow of water, causing the leaves to wilt and the tree to die, from 4 to 11 weeks according to the 2009 Florida CAPS Laurel Wilt Survey Interim Report.

The fungus is carried into trees by the non-native redbay ambrosia beetle or "Xyleborus glabratus," which was first detected in a survey trap in Port Wentworth near Savannah, Georgia, in 2002. Native to India in the regions of Assam and Bengal, Japan, the Bonin Islands, Myanmar and Taiwan, according to Georgia Forestry Commission documents, the redbay ambrosia beetle was discovered in Savannah's Port Wentworth area in spring 2002.

However, records show that the three adult specimens were trapped at the port in Savannah prior to 2002. The beetle is believed to have entered the country in solid wood packing material with cargo that was imported at Port Wentworth.

In the spring of 2005, the mysterious "unusual mortality of redbay trees" at the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve in northern Duval County was not connected to the presence of xyleborus glabratus until October 2005. In 15 months, the mortality of Timucuan redbay trees increased from 10% to 90%. Once the connection was made this insect and disease complex has collectively been named "laurel wilt" and the bug the Redbay Ambrosia Beetle.

Laurel wilt has caused high levels of mortality in redbay trees in South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Florida, and has affected several other hosts including sassafras and avocado. Forest service Officials estimate that the natural spread of this disease to be about 20 miles per year, but movement of infested firewood, wood chips and logs may be a major factor in spreading

the disease into new locations not contiguous with main area of infestation. In 2006 laurel wilt jumped from St. Johns County to Indian River County.

Florida Agriculture Statistics reports the avocado industry represents a farm gate production value of \$13 million with 6,773 production acres or 99% of all Florida avocados grown in Miami-Dade County and the remainder across Alligator Alley in Collier County.

Survey and trapping efforts in Miami-Dade County have intensified around the new find and continue south to the avocado production area. The Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program, a combined effort by state and federal agricultural agencies to conduct surveillance, detection and monitoring of exotic plant pests of agricultural and natural plant resources, is conducting these efforts.

The Florida Division of Plant Industry ask the public to help prevent the spread of the redbay ambrosia beetle and laurel wilt disease by following these simple suggestions.

Become familiar with the signs of laurel wilt disease and redbay ambrosia beetle and be on the lookout for evidence of the pest/disease on your tree. [http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/pathology/laurel\\_wilt\\_disease.html](http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/pathology/laurel_wilt_disease.html).

Do not transport firewood from other states because destructive pests and diseases, such as redbay ambrosia beetle and laurel wilt, can hitchhike on infested firewood. More information is available at <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/videos.html>. Do not transport host trees such as redbay, swamp bay, avocado, sassafras, pondspice, pondberry and others in the Lauraceae family unless purchased from a registered nursery.

If your Lauraceae-family tree dies, use one of UF/IFAS's recommended methods of disposal. If you suspect your tree might be infected with laurel wilt or have found a redbay ambrosia beetle you are urged to contact the DPI helpline at 1-888-397-1517. People who would like to submit a plant or insect sample, need to visit this web site for sample submission instructions at [http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/pathology/laurel\\_wilt\\_disease.html](http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/pathology/laurel_wilt_disease.html)

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## Today, Friday, March 12, 2010

**Tampa Bay Boat Show:** Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg Hours: Fri. 10 am- 6 pm, Sat. 10 am- 6 pm, Sun. 10 am- 5 pm Free Admission. New Boats, Watercraft, Exhibits and More. This three-day sales event will feature the area's top dealers. The Tampa Bay Boat Show offers a great way to see and compare all available makes and models in one location. Plus, don't miss the Florida Fishing School Seminar Series on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Take part in a series of presentations by the area's top fishing guides and local experts. Tropicana Field charges \$5.00 per car for parking. For additional information contact: Dave LaBell 727-893-8523

**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.

## Saturday, March 13, 2010

**Art in the Park:**The 3rd annual Historic Kenwood Art in the Park festival will take place in the Historic Kenwood Park ("Seminoles Park"), corner of 29th St. and 3rd Ave. N., in St. Petersburg Florida, on Saturday, March 13 from 10 am to 4 pm. Adults and children of all ages are welcome to attend the art festival. This year we will have exhibits of many new artists as well as fun events for children and adults. Food and beverages, as well as portables, will be available. www.hkartinthepark.com

**Prince of Frogs Musical Performance:** Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Dr. N.E. 2 to 3:30 p.m. www.weedonislandpreserve.org or 727-463-6500. Enjoy this fun musical theater production based on the classic fairy tale transformed to introduce the concepts of water use, conservation, and the environment to kindergarten through 5th grade children. Explore the story of Kingdom Waste-A-Lot as the lack of rain and wasteful habits of its citizens results in serious water shortages in the land. Watch as the Prince of Frogs transforms the land into the Conservation Kingdom. Pre-registration required. Free. Recommended for families with children 5 - 10 years old.

**Abilities Wine Tasting & Auction:** Tropicana Field. 7 to 9 p.m. www.abilitiesfoundation.com or 727-538-7370. Join us for the 21st annual Abilities Wine Tasting & Silent Auction. Savor premium wine and spirits, and taste signature dishes from chefs at Salt Rock Grill, Island Way Grill, Parkshore Grill, Red Mesa, Z-Grille, Flamestone, O'Bistro, Guppy's, Caviar Bazar, Rollin' Oats, and more. See why this is Florida's long-running and most prosperous one-night tasting.

## Sunday, March 14, 2010

**Corey Avenue Sunday Market:** St Pete Beach. Stroll along Corey Avenue and enjoy booths filled with fine crafts, fresh produce, delectable foods, and native plants as local musicians bring their talents to this European Style Street Market. Sundays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Tarpon Springs Sunday Farmers:** 7 So. Pinellas Ave on the corner of Alternate 19 (Pinellas Avenue) and Tarpon Avenue. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Over 50 local vendors. including home grown produce, educational gardening information, seafood, prepared foods, gourmet baked goods, greenery, hand crafted goods and music.

**10th Annual St. Pete Cajun/Zydeco Crawfish Festival:** Vinoy Park, Fri. 5 to 10 p.m., Sat. noon to 10 p.m. and Sun. noon to 7 p.m. www.cajun-connection.org or 813-989-7978. 10,000 lbs. of Crawfish, a 30,000 sq. ft. tent pavilion, plenty of dancing, national and local Zydeco performers, fiery foods, arts & crafts and a kid's tent. vendor information 813-417-7298.

## Monday, March 15, 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

**Art in Bloom 2010:**Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr. A Fiesta of Flowers, approximately 50 floral designers respond to artworks in the collection. Many of the designers are affiliated with the local Ikebana chapter and garden clubs. Visitors can also enjoy the major exhibition The Baroque World of Fernando Botero, which continues through April 4. The designers will be available by their designs to discuss their inspiration and approach.

## Tuesday, March 16, 2010

**Hoop Dancing at Sunken Gardens:** Sunken Gardens, 1825 4th St. N. Tues. and Wed. 10 to 11 a.m. www.sunkengardens.org or 727-551-3102. Hoop dancing is the latest fitness sensation sweeping the nation. Sunken Gardens now offers a dance class for those who want a great workout while moving freely with a professional hoola hoop. The eight-class series costs \$80 or \$15 per drop-in class on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

**Walk On the Wild Side:** Evening Fitness Walk. Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S. 6 to 7 p.m. www.stpete.org/boyd or 727-893-7326. Every Tuesdays and Thursdays. Join Holly Harriman, a Neuromuscular Massage Therapist, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in a 45 minute walk designed for the working professional to work on the stiffness that comes from sitting or standing too long. Walk includes warm-up and cool down. \$4 each day.

**Natural History Speaker Series:** Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. 1101 Country Club Way S. 7:30 p.m. Fascinating presentations on the natural and cultural history of Florida. Through April. www.stpete.org/boyd or 727-893-7326

**Irish Music and Songs by Chris Morgan and Band:** Tarpon Springs Library, 138 E. Lemon St. 7 p.m. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a free concert for all ages consisting of traditional and folk songs of family, fun, love, loss, war and emigration with a respect for the context of their origin.

## Wednesday, March 17, 2010

**Tea Dance:** Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N. Dance instruction 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., taped music 12:30 to 1 p.m. and live music by various bands 1 to 3:30 p.m. www.stpete.org/coliseum or 727-892-5202. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon dancing. First and third Wed. monthly.

**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.

**Oldies But Goodies Dance:**The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. Noon to 3 p.m. www.stpetepier.com or 727-821-6443. The second and fourth Wednesdays at The Pier are alive with the sounds of Big Band music! The dance floor is all yours to enjoy with your friends or that special honey! Come alone or with some friends, this is a great way to meet new people. The Downtowners play the second Wednesday of each month and the Ron Berringer Trio on the fourth Wed.

## Thursday, March 18, 2010

**Sophie Milman:** The Palladium. 253 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Jazz Vocalist. Tickets \$35. Call 727-822-3590 for more information.

**Wine Tasting and Tapas:** Florida Craftsmen, 501 Central Ave. 7 to 9 p.m. www.floridacraftsmen.net Florida Craftsmen has partnered with local Chef Domenica Macchia and Bella Brava to bring a three course tasting and wine pairing will take place at Florida Craftsmen on March 18, 2010 from 7-9 pm. The first event diners will receive a handmade plate created by the St. Petersburg Clay Company Artist-In-Residence.

## Crawfish Festival comes to Vinoy Park

ST. PETERSBURG - The 10th Annual Cajun Zydeco Crawfish Festival comes to Vinoy Park Friday, March 12 - Sunday, March 14. Festival hours are Friday from 4:30 - 10 p.m.; Saturday, Noon - 10 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 8 p.m.

This year's festival is a Benny & Jerry production, in coordination with Cajun Connection, the City of St. Petersburg and Progress Energy Center for the Arts-Mahaffey Theater. A portion of the proceeds benefit Mayor's Mentors and More.

Sponsors include St. Petersburg Times, Coca-Cola, Shock Top, Ricky P's restaurant, CW44 and Harberson RV.

Event producers have kept the same admission prices since the inception of the Festival 10 years ago. Entry is \$12 for Friday and Sunday, \$15 for Saturday or \$35 for all three days. Children 10 and under are free.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone 800-745-3000 and at the Festival gates.

Florida Blood Services will be at the Festival on Saturday March 13, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday March 14th, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bloodmobiles will be located on the corner of Bayshore and 5th Avenue North, just outside the Vinoy Hotel entrance. All lifesaving donors will receive FREE Admission to the Crawfish Festival.

Parking is available with free shuttle service to Vinoy Park. Visit www.StPeteTrolley.com for a complete Shuttle stops and schedule. No pets (except ADA animals), coolers or umbrellas are allowed on festival grounds.

This annual festival brings all things Louisiana to St. Petersburg's Vinoy Park. Dance the weekend away to some of Louisiana's finest Zydeco, Cajun and Swamp Pop bands, including The Porch Dogs, Geno Delafosse and French Rockin' Boogie, Don Fontenot and Les Amis De La Louisiane, Kevin Naquin and the Ossun Playboys, Lost Bayou Ramblers and Same Old Two-Step.

Dance lessons will be offered each night by Ben Pagac and Debbie Shaw. There will also be dance contests and a Mardi Gras party, complete with line dancing and bead throwing.

Festival attendees can stroll around the park to feast on 10,000 pounds of crawfish and other "lagniappe" such as Crawfish Etoufee, Louisiana Crab Cakes, New Orleans beignets, Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya, Red Beans and Rice, Crawfish tails and much more. Adults and children alike can participate in the legendary Crawfish eating contest, while kids can test the speed of their favorite Crawfish in the annual Crawfish Races.

## The City of Dunedin Seeks Volunteers for Census Counting

DUNEDIN - As a partner with the 2010 US Census, the City of Dunedin is now forming a Complete Count Committee and requests volunteers. "We need to form a volunteer team consisting of community members, such as neighborhood leaders, faith-based leaders, and educators; representatives of businesses and media outlets; and other individuals appointed by our elected officials to work together towards making sure everyone in this community is counted," said City of Dunedin Mayor Dave Eggers.

Every 10 years, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution, our nation conducts a census. Participation is critical, as the results determine how Congress is apportioned and how more than \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed annually to state, local and tribal areas.

One way to help ensure that everyone is counted is to form Complete Count Committees in communities, municipalities, cities, counties, states, and tribal governments across the country.

The City of Dunedin is asking volunteers throughout the City to join this Committee to make sure all Dunedin citizens are counted. The committee's first meeting is scheduled for this Monday, March 8, 2010, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the City Hall conference room. For more information or to apply please contact Lucy Fuller 298-3194.

## City of Saint Petersburg offers new Special Assessment Lien Amnesty Program

St. Petersburg - property owners in Saint Petersburg with delinquent special assessment liens on their properties could receive relief through a new Special Assessments Lien Amnesty program.

There are hundreds of property owners who have outstanding liens, assessed generally for neglect of a private property that required the city to secure an unsafe structure, demolish a nuisance property or clear debris from private lots.

Through a new program adopted by City Council today, a property owner with an outstanding special assessment lien could pay the principal owed and the city would waive the amount owed in interest, which in some cases may be more than the original lien. For those who participate, this measure may save the property from the eventual threat of foreclosure for an outstanding lien.

Council Chair Leslie Curran proposed the new program at a recent Council meeting, and said, "We have hundreds of outstanding assessment liens that are a burden to the property owners, and to the surrounding neighborhoods. By clearing some of these liens, we can collect some revenue owed to the city, and open some parcels in our neighborhoods to new redevelopment opportunities."

To qualify for the amnesty program, property owners must meet all criteria, submit an application and pay a \$50 fee. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2010.

"During these tough economic times, the city wants to work with property owners to clear unpaid liens and allow them to remove this burden, while at the same time enhance our neighborhoods and expedite the city's ability to collect some revenue from overdue liens owed to the city," said Mayor Bill Foster.

As of December 2009, the city had more than 3000 delinquent liens for lot clearing, demolition and securing assessments totaling approximately \$3.5 million -- \$1.5 million in principal and nearly \$2 million in interest. Last year, the city offered a similar program on overdue code enforcement liens, allowing the city to clear more than \$704,000 in overdue liens from 156 customers, and recover \$140,846 in overdue fines.

For more information or to apply for the Lien Amnesty Program, call (727) 893-7196 or visit [www.stpete.org/billing/lienamnesty](http://www.stpete.org/billing/lienamnesty).

## Governor Crist Signs Bill Reducing Unemployment Compensation Tax

TALLAHASSEE - Governor Charlie Crist today, as part of his continued focus on strengthening Florida's economy, is hosting bill signing ceremonies in Tallahassee, Orlando, Tampa, Fort Myers and Miami to promote legislation that provides tax relief to nearly 474,000 Florida businesses.

Passed unanimously by the Florida Legislature on the first day of the 2010 Legislative Session and formally signed into law by Governor Crist on the same day, House Bill 7033 reduces Florida's unemployment compensation tax for two years by delaying changes to the unemployment tax calculation methodology.

"I am grateful to the Florida House and Senate for quickly passing this pro-business legislation that provides an economic boost and much-needed tax relief for Florida businesses," said Governor Crist. "This legislation will help prevent layoffs and encourage businesses to create new jobs immediately."

House Bill 7033 reduces the taxable wage base used to calculate unemployment taxes from \$8,500 to \$7,000 for two years.

Funds collected are used to pay the 26-week state unemployment benefits. In 2012, the wage base will increase to \$8,500 and sunset back to \$7,000 in 2015.

The legislation also allows employers to make their 2010 and 2011 unemployment compensation tax payments without quarterly installments without

interest or penalties, as long as the employer makes the quarterly filing and payment according to the new schedule.

"Governor Crist, with the leadership and support of the legislature and businesses leaders, signed important legislation that will help Florida continue on its road to economic recovery," said Agency for Workforce Innovation Director Cynthia Lorenzo. "Reducing the unemployment compensation tax on employers means business owners can retain more than \$1 billion over the next two years to invest in business expansion and job creation."

"This legislation is critical to Florida's economy, and critical for job creation," said Rick McCallister, president and CEO of the Florida Retail Federation. "There are few actions during this time of recovery that could have been more important. We appreciate the Governor's action, and the actions of the House Speaker and Senate President."

"Without this legislation passed by the Legislature and immediately signed by Governor Crist, Florida's small businesses would be announcing tens of thousands of jobs lost and thousands of businesses would have closed their doors," said Mark Wilson, president and CEO of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. "Delaying the \$1.2 billion tax increase is an economic shot in the arm and a strong signal that Florida is serious about keeping and creating jobs."

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## USF Softball rally to defeat Maine Black Bears, 5-3

TAMPA – The University of South Florida softball team (9-7) came from behind in its second straight game to defeat the Maine Black Bears (9-14) in a 5-3 win at the USF Softball Stadium.

For the second night in a row, the opposing team scored two runs in the top half of the first inning. Maine scored two runs to take the early lead, but once again the Bulls fought back to steal the win.

Kristen Calvetti laid down a squeeze bunt to in front of home plate in the first inning. Alexis Souhlaris, running on the hit, slid into home safely to score the first run. With runners on first and second, Kali Burnham singled up the middle to bring in the second run for the Black Bears.

For the second inning in a row, Maine tacked on another run to extend its lead to 3-0.

Senior JoJo Medina started the second inning doubling down the left field line. Pinch runner Becky Frye advanced to third on the groundout to third and advanced home on a throwing error, putting the first run on the board for the Bulls.

In the fourth inning, the Bulls threatened with bases loaded but were unable to put any runs across, keeping the Maine lead to two.

Down 3-1, sophomore Gina Kafalas singled to start the fifth and advance to second the next pitch on a passed ball. Senior Tara Toscano slapped a single through the left side to advance Kafalas to third with nobody out. Senior Alison Savarese, the Bulls RBI leader, knocked Kafalas home on a single through the left side to cut the lead to 3-2. After an illegal pitch was called on Maine's relief pitcher, Ashley Kelly, Toscano trotted down to home to even the game, 3-3.

In the sixth, Maine's Kirsten Allen reached first on an error to start in inning. After Stephanie George attempted to lay down a sacrifice bunt, Savarese quickly picked up the ball, getting the lead runner out at second for the first out. Senior pitcher Kristen Gordon, who entered the game in the sixth, retired the next two batters in her 12th appearance of the season.

With Kendall Arnold on first, sophomore Alexis Nowell doubled down the right field line to put both runners in scoring position. Kafalas chopped a ball to the shortstop who wildly threw the ball away, allowing both runners to touch home and take the 5-3 lead.

Gordon earned her second win in a row, tossing 2.0 innings while not allowing a run or walk. The righty is now 2-1 on the year.

Kelley (5-3) suffered the loss, hurling 2.0 innings and giving up four runs on five hits.

## Dunedin new policy notifies public about emergencies by telephone

DUNEDIN- The City of Dunedin is implementing a new system to notify the public directly by telephone about emergencies. The City has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides Dunedin officials with the ability to quickly deliver telephone messages to targeted areas or the entire City.

City of Dunedin Fire Chief, Bud Meyer, cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. "If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called." One of the reasons the CodeRED system was selected is that it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database. This is an extremely important feature. "No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included," Meyer said, urging all individuals and businesses to log onto the City website, [www.DunedinGov.com](http://www.DunedinGov.com), and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page. Those without

Internet access are encouraged to use the computers supplied at the Dunedin Public Library. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. Additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number. Meyer explained, "CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages." Meyer stated, "CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information. The data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes."

## Mainsail announces Student Art Show

ST PETERSBUG - Young artisans can compete for a chance to showcase their work at the 35th Annual Mainsail Arts Festival in an art competition for grades K-12.

The Young at Art student competition has been a part of Mainsail for nine years. The artwork is juried from hundreds of pieces of artwork submitted by teachers from public and private schools throughout the County. Schools showing the most outstanding body of work will receive Awards of Excellence and individual artists will receive recognition as well.

Deadline for entries is Friday, March 19, 2010. Student art must be submitted to the Pinellas County Schools Visual Arts Office School Administration Building, 301 4th St. SW in Largo.

Criteria for submissions and an entry form are available online at [www.arts.pinellas.k12.fl.us/art/calendar.html](http://www.arts.pinellas.k12.fl.us/art/calendar.html) and [www.mainsailartsfestival.org/festinfo\\_youngart.cfm](http://www.mainsailartsfestival.org/festinfo_youngart.cfm)

For more information about entry criteria or submissions, call the Pinellas County Schools Visual Art Office, 727-588-6057, or send an e-mail to [youngart@mainsailartsfestival.org](mailto:youngart@mainsailartsfestival.org). Student awards will be announced during the Mainsail Festival on April 17.

As a leading cultural event on St. Petersburg's outdoor calendar, over 100,000 come to enjoy and purchase quality art and listen to top name entertainment.

The Mainsail committee of volunteers produces this annual fine arts festival named by Sunshine Artist as one of the "100 Best" fine arts events in the United States. Artists exhibiting are competing for \$53,500 in prize money.

## Huff and Puff the Stairs at Bank of America Tampa

Tampa - Join the Fight For Air Climb Tampa stairclimb event where runners or walkers pay \$ 25.00 to huff and puff their way up the 42-floors, 914-steps in the Bank of America Plaza in Downtown Tampa on Saturday, March 20th, 7 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. first climber start.

Climbers will receive a t-shirt, medal, freebies and refreshments at continuous after party.

The 5th Annual Fight For Air Climb Tampa stairclimb event is raising awareness and funds for lung disease research, education, and prevention programs. Amy Utt is climbing in memory of her mother who died of stage IV lung cancer in 2007. "She may be gone from our sight, but will remain forever in our hearts. My goal is to spread lung cancer awareness and to raise funds to fight lung disease. Please help me reach this goal by joining our team, "Jeanie's Pennies". This will be a fun, exciting, and challenging event that will benefit a worthy organization and help save lives," said Utt.

There are more than 500 climbers who with over \$56,000 funds raised. Though

this may seem like a lot, the American Lung Association is still very far from their ambitious goal of \$165,000 to help the fight for air. Whether or not you decide to participate in the actual the climb, you can also sponsor or be a spectator.

The stairclimb brings athletes and challenge-seekers together to support the important work of the American Lung Association. Professionally timed and ranked, this vertical challenge attracts a wide range of participants, including novice to professional athletes, firefighters, police, military, corporate teams, families and lung champions. Many people climb in honor or in memory of someone with lung disease, like Utt, others are doing it to test their fitness levels.

Several firefighting teams participate in full gear, which adds an extra 65 pounds to the challenge, and still complete the climb in just 7 minutes. Overall, the best climb time to beat is just 4 minutes and 33 seconds. Whatever the reason, the climb is for a great cause. More information at [www.FightForAirClimbTampa.org](http://www.FightForAirClimbTampa.org) or call the American Lung Association in Florida at (727) 347-6133.

## Charles do bring the "Bentley" Round will you?

TAMPA BAY – HLM Entertainment presents the Street Dreams Car Show Tour 2010 at the St. Pete Times Forum on March 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Over \$10 million in cars will be on display, including Lightning Forward Ryan Malone's Lamborghini Gallardo Spyder, Lightning Forward Steven Stamkos' Mercedes SL550 and Tampa Bay Buccaneers Quarterback Josh Freeman's 2010 Range Rover Supercharged.

The car show will also feature Mercedes, BMW, Ferrari, Rolls Royce, Aston Martin and Bentley models, as well as the \$1.8 million Bugatti Veyron. The show will recognize the best cars with cash prizes and trophies, and registrants can enter to win a Giovanna bike.

Registration for the event is \$35 and includes two entry wristbands and inclusion in the car show. Interested participants can register online at [www.streetdreamscarshow.com](http://www.streetdreamscarshow.com).

Tickets: Tickets are available for purchase on day of event only at the St. Pete Times Forum Box Office. Tickets are priced at \$15.00. Prices do not include facility fees or service charges. For more information please call 813.301.2500 or visit [www.sp-timesforum.com](http://www.sp-timesforum.com).

## Manny Fragelus of DreamWorks to lecture at The Art Institute of Tampa

TAMPA - Manny Fragelus of DreamWorks Feature Animation will speak to visual media arts students at The Art Institute of Tampa on Tuesday, March 16 at 10 am. The Art Institute of Tampa is located at 4401 N. Himes Ave., Tampa, FL.

This event is open to the public at no charge. Fragelus will speak about his role in DreamWork's upcoming film, "How to Train Your Dragon," which will be in theaters in March 2010. After his presentation, he will be available to the students that would like to have their demo reel or portfolio reviewed. Fragelus will also spend time sharing career advice with students.

"You could have the best demo reel and portfolio out there. But if no one knows that you exist, you won't get a job. It's about who you know and getting your work out there in front of professionals," Fragelus said.

Fragelus is the executive producer/creator of the Evolve CG animation conference/job fair that will occur May 15 through the 16th in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The Evolve CG conference is designed to help students transition from an academic environment to the rigors of securing a job as a professional artist.

"As a graduate from South Florida I know how hard it is to network and meet professionals within the animation industry. That's why I decided to

start the Evolve CG conference. I wanted a way for students in Florida to network with professional artists and recruiters in the industry."

Fragelus works as a Producer for The Gnomon Workshop where he is currently releasing an extensive educational DVD series called "Behind the Scenes." He has worked with animation studios such as Sony, Disney, Technicolor, Paramount, Gnomon, and NcSoft. Currently, he is a senior 3-D artist with DreamWorks Feature Animation, and has been involved with projects such as Kung Fu Panda, Madagascar 2, Shrek, and How to Raise Your Dragon. His career film credits include World of Tomorrow, Species 2, Flushed Away, Over the Hedge, and others. He's also a featured artist on video game titles such as Spyro the Dragon, Medal of Honor, and Pirates of the Caribbean.

For additional information on the presentation by Manny Fragelus, please contact Sarah Vesselov at [svesselov@aii.edu](mailto:svesselov@aii.edu) or by phone at 813.393.5306

The Art Institute of Tampa, a branch of Miami International University of Art & Design, is one of The Art Institutes ([www.artinstitutes.edu](http://www.artinstitutes.edu)), a system of more than 45 education institutions located throughout North America, providing an important source of design, media arts, fashion and culinary arts professionals.

## Cat of the Week Baxter



Photo courtesy of SPCA

Baxter is a lap cat- he prefers people and dogs over toys! He is a curious cat who loves to be brushed and petted. He is very friendly, charming and quite the looker in his tuxedo! Baxter would bring happiness to any home. Make it a date and stop in today to meet him at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave N in Largo or call 727-586-3591.

## Dog of the Week King



Photo courtesy of SPCA

I am King and I am at least partly of Chow descent. People and sudden loud noises are very scary right now, but I am trying very hard to go with the flow. I will need a lot of patience and love, but I believe with time and the right person, I will come out of my shell and then you will see a very regal dog! Psst - I'm staying at the SPCA Tampa Bay, so come by soon and meet me- 9099 130th Ave N in Largo, or call 727-586-3591!

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Bank of America Tower,  
**200 Central Ave.**  
St Pete Chamber,  
**100 2nd Ave. N.**  
Open Air Post Office,  
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City Hall,  
**175 5th St. N.**  
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**561 Central Ave.**  
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Winn Dixie,  
**5800 54th Ave. N.**  
**PINELLAS PARK**  
Busy Bee Restaurant,  
**7317 49th St. N.**  
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Pinellas Park Post Office,  
**5260 78th Ave. N.**  
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**South Osceola Ave and Court St**  
BP Station,  
**2198 Gulf To Bay Blvd.**  
Chris & Co. Beauty Factory,  
**1701 Drew St.**  
Municipal Service Bldg.,  
**100 S. Myrtle Ave.**  
Clearwater Court House  
**315 Court St.**  
The Atrium,  
**601 Cleveland St.**  
**CLEARWATER BEACH**  
City parking lot besidw CVS,  
**462 Mandalay Ave.**  
Hess Express  
**32 Bay Esplanado**  
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Starbucks  
**5th Avenue and Main Street**  
**2nd Avenue and Main Street**  
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The Pub, **20025 Gulf Blvd.**  
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**183rd Terrace & Gulf Blvd.**  
Dubai Pier, **17490 Gulf Blvd.**  
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**119th Avenue & Gulf Blvd**  
**SEMINOLE**  
Perkins, **8841 Park Blvd**

City of St Petersburg  
Notice to Contractors  
Purchasing & Materials Management

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing and Materials Management Director, City of St. Petersburg, Municipal Services Center, One 4th Street North, 5th Floor, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 for: **912-21 Police Headquarters for CEB-2 Generator Addition, Project No. 08035-118, pre-bid conference** to be held at **10:00 a.m., ET, Friday, March 5, 2010** at location referenced above, 6th Floor Conference Room, **bid opening at 3:00 p.m. ET, Thursday, March 25, 2010. Mandatory Site Visit at 10:00 a.m. ET, Thursday, March 11, 2010** at Police Headquarters, 1300 1st Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33705. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.stpete.org/purchase/solbid.asp> and click on the bid number. The City of St. Petersburg, Florida reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. The City reserves the right to waive technicalities on bids. The decision as to what constitutes a technicality shall rest solely with Louis Moore, CPPO, Director of Purchasing and Materials Management.  
18313 MAR 12, 2010 031207

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 10-0762-ES-003  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
LILLIAN G. LANKFORD  
Deceased.

The ancillary administration of the estate of LILLIAN G. LANKFORD, deceased, whose date of death was January 9, 2010, 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 Friday, March 12, 2010.

Personal Representative:  
Carole Hanrahan  
PO Box 756  
Skippack, Pennsylvania 19474  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
ROBERT J. KELLY, ESQ.  
Kelly & Kelly, LLP  
605 Palm Blvd.  
PO BOX 1056  
Dunedin, FL 34697  
Telephone: (727) 733-0468  
Fax: (727) 733-0469  
FBN: 238414 SPN: 60372  
10250 MAR 12, 19, 2010 031210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 10-1216-ES

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
GREGORY BAHREY  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Gregory Bahrey, deceased, whose date of death was January 13, 2010, 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 representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 5, 2010.

Personal Representative:  
Ricky A. Bahrey  
6354 - 92nd Place N., Unit 1602  
Pinellas Park, Florida 33780  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Cynthia J. McMillen  
Attorney for Ricky A. Bahrey  
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 MAR 5, 12, 2010 030506

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 10-0788-ES-3

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
ROBERT A. TOBERGTE  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Robert A. Tobergte, deceased, whose date of death was January 28, 2010, 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 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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The date of first publication of this notice is March 5, 2010.

Personal Representative:  
Joseph F. Pippen, Jr.  
1920 East Bay Drive  
Largo, Florida 33771  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Cynthia J. McMillen  
Attorney for Joseph F. Pippen, Jr.  
Law Offices of Joseph F. Pippen, Jr. & Associates, PL  
1920 East Bay Drive  
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13105 MAR 5, 12, 2010 030505

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 10-0782-ES-3

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
KATHERINE B. BRITTEN  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Katherine B. Britten, deceased, whose date of death was January 6, 2010, 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 representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 5, 2010.

Personal Representative:  
Daniel L. Britten  
901 - 10th Street NW, #1  
Largo, Florida 33770

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Cynthia J. McMillen  
Attorney for Daniel L. Britten  
Law Offices of Joseph F. Pippen, Jr. & Associates, PL  
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Largo, FL 33771  
Telephone: (727) 586-3306  
FBN: 351581 SPN: 01769503  
13105 MAR 5, 12, 2010 030507

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 10-0333-ES-4

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
DOUGLAS GROFF WILLIAMSON  
a/k/a DOUGLAS WILLIAMSON  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of DOUGLAS GROFF WILLIAMSON a/k/a DOUGLAS WILLIAMSON, deceased, whose date of death was November 5, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Room 106, Clearwater, Florida 33756. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 5, 2010.

Personal Representative:  
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20012 Beule Court  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Law Offices of John D. Spear, P.A.  
9420 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 100  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135-4515  
Telephone: (239) 947-1102  
FBN: 0521728  
40550 MAR 5, 12, 2010 030510

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 10-1133-ES-003

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
WESLEY M. SHOWALTER  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of WESLEY M. SHOWALTER, deceased, whose date of death was December 26, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756-5165. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 5, 2010.

Personal Representative:  
Dennis Schmauch  
585 Daventry Square  
Palm Harbor, Florida 34683  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
William Rambaun, Esq.  
Attorney for Janis Schmauch  
FBN 0297682, SPN 00220429  
28960 U.S. Hwy 19 North, Suite 100  
Clearwater, FL 33761  
Telephone: (727) 781-5357  
10720 MAR 5, 12, 2010 030508

NOTICE OF ACTION  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND  
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 09-16696-CI  
DIVISION: 7

HILARCO, LLC, TRUSTEE OF THE,  
839 LANTANA FLA LAND TRUST  
#1 UTD 1/2/2009,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOSEPHINE PADDEN, TRUSTEE  
UTD JULY 5, 1994,  
Defendant.

TO: JOSEPHINE PADDEN  
205 COLUMBIA ST.  
WOOD RIDGE, NJ 07075-1701

JOSEPHINE PADDEN  
206 COLUMBIA ST.  
WOOD RIDGE, NJ 07075-1701

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Pinellas County, Florida:

**Lot 4, Block 30, MANDALAY SUBDIVISION according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 14, Pages 32 to 35, 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 **S.M. DAVID STAMPS, III ESQUIRE**, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is S.M. DAVID STAMPS, III P.A., 805 West Azelee Street, Tampa, Florida 33606 on or before **March 26, 2010**, 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 or petition. DATED on February 17, 2010.

KEN BURKE  
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, Pinellas County,  
FL 33756-5165  
By: /s/ SUSAN C. MICHALOWSKI  
Deputy Clerk  
12925 FEB 26, MAR 5, 12, 19, 2010 022602

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 10-1094-ES-3

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
CHARLEY P. HUDNALL  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Charley P. Hudnall, deceased, whose date of death was January 31, 2010, 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 representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 12, 2010.

Personal Representative:  
Lorna K. Linville  
8407 - 121st Avenue  
Largo, Florida 33773

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Cynthia J. McMillen  
Attorney for Lorna K. Linville  
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 MAR 12, 19, 20, 2010 031203

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND  
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 09-8055-ES-3

IN RE: The Estate of  
JOHN W. POU, SR.,  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JOHN W. POU, SR., deceased, Case Number 09-8055-ES-3, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida; Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Room 106, Clearwater, Florida 33756. The names and addresses of the Co-Personal Representatives and their attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is 12th day of March, 2010.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
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PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 10-1256-ES-3

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
MARIANNE J. HUBER, A/K/A  
MARIANNE JOSEPHINE  
HUBER  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Marianne J. Huber, A/K/A Marianne Josephine Huber, deceased, whose date of death was February 6, 2010, 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 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.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Florida estate on whom a copy of notice is served within three months after the date of first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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 March 12, 2010.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that CASA (Community Action Steps Abuse, Inc.) will receive sealed bids from a General Contractor for the furnishing of all materials and labor for the renovation of the CASA Thrift Store located at 1011 First Avenue, North, St Petersburg.

All materials furnished and all work performed shall be in accordance with the Drawings, Specifications and other Contract Documents pertaining thereto, as prepared by CASA.

Bidders may examine and receive the Drawings, Specifications and other Contract Documents at the office Sal Tramontano, Manager of the CASA Thrift Store.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is being held on Wednesday, March 17th, 2010 at 9:00 AM at the job site which is 1011 First Avenue North, St Petersburg. The meeting will take place in the CASA Administrative Offices on the second floor immediately above the Thrift Store. Sealed bids will be received at the office of Sal Tramontano, CASA Thrift Store Manager, 1011 First Avenue N., St Petersburg. Bids will be received until 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 25, 2010. A public bid opening will take place immediately following the receipt of the sealed bids at 3:00 PM, Thursday, March 25th in the Administrative Offices of CASA, 1011 First Avenue N., St Petersburg.

All questions are to be directed to Sal Tramontano. The last date for questions to be accepted, in order to allow time for the issuance of any addenda, is March 22, 2010.

All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Form as furnished and must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Treasurers Check or Bank Draft in a sum not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into an agreement with the Owner if his bid is accepted. Bids shall remain in force for sixty (60) days after the date of opening.

Bidders must be General Contractors licensed to do business in the State of Florida, pursuant to Florida Statute Chapter #489, and in Pinellas County.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in any bid whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of the Owner. Awards, if made, will be to the bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the Owner; price and other factors considered as determined at the sole discretion of the Owner.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 09-6503-ES-004

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
NORMAN EDWARD CRASS, SR  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Norman Edward Crass, Sr., deceased, whose date of death was June 7, 2009, and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-2236, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 5, 2010.

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# USF Baseball lose to Jacksonville Dolphins 12-6

TAMPA - The Bulls scored a half dozen runs thanks to a host of walks and hit batters, but the University of South Florida baseball team could not get the hits to fall as the Bulls fell to Jacksonville, 12-6, Wednesday evening at Red McEwen Field.

USF had just five hits on the day compared to 14 for the Dolphins. USF also committed three errors on the day but were the benefit of five walks and six hit by pitches that helped lead to the six runs, including four in the bottom of the sixth without recording a hit in the inning.

Brian Gilroy picked up the win for Jacksonville despite pitching just 0.2 innings, while senior Joe Cole picked up the loss for the Bulls, giving up two runs in the seventh for the final decision.

Senior Andrew Salgueiro had a solid start for the Bulls, giving up five runs, but just two earned, in five innings of work while striking out six.

USF fell to 3-10 on the year, while Jacksonville improved to 7-6.

Sophomore Sam Mende drove in a pair of runs for the Bulls, while junior Stephen Hunt recorded two of USF's five hits.

Jamaal Hawkins led Jacksonville with three hits in five at bats, driving in three while scoring a pair.

Jacksonville struck first to open the game, as Hawkins got hit on the top of the helmet on the first pitch of the game before Dan Gulbransen reached when freshman Chad Taylor bobbled the grounder to second.

Kevin Lehane doubled past third base one out later to plate both Hawkins and Gulbransen for the early 2-0 lead.

A walk and a hit batter put the first two runners on for the Dolphins to begin the second to bring up Jimmy Howick. A poor bunt by the Jacksonville batter went right back to Salgueiro, but the USF pitcher threw the ball down the left field line trying to get Swenson at third to bring him home for the 3-0 lead for the Dolphins.

USF got that run back in the bottom of the second when freshman Sean Buckley lined a shot past the shortstop into left-center and stretched it to a two-bagger with one out, followed by a double to left center by Hunt the very next at bat.

USF cut the deficit to 3-2 in the bottom of the third when Mende jacked his first home run of the season over the left field fence.

Salgueiro got out of a jam in the next half inning when Jacksonville's Howick lined one past third and short to reach with two outs before Hawkins chopped one over Kosco's head at third and down the line to put two runners in scoring position.

Salgueiro then calmly went out and got Esterlin Perozo to hit a harmless fly to right to end the threat.

The Dolphins struck back in their next at bat when Gulbransen singled to center to lead off the inning and Adam Brett Walker sent a blast deep over the right-center fence three

batters later to put the Dolphins back up by three runs, 5-2.

Jacksonville added another run in the sixth when Howick walked to lead off the inning then came around to score on three different wild pitches by new USF pitcher Kevin Quackenbush that pushed the lead for the Dolphins to 6-2.

The Bulls didn't even need to bring their bats in the bottom half of the inning to tie the game up, as three different Jacksonville pitchers combined to hit four USF batters and walk three more in the sixth to score four runs and tie it up, 6-6.

Johnson saved even more runs when he made a diving stop of a sharp liner off the bat of Ryan Lockwood to record the second out before Eric Sim hit into a fielder's choice to end the inning. USF scored all four runs without recording a hit in the inning.

Jacksonville, though, wasted little time grabbing the lead back, as Alex Swenson hit one just over new USF second baseman Luis Llerena before Glen Johnson placed a perfect bunt that Cole was not able to get to in time as Johnson was safe with a dive at first.

Hawkins then chopped a double over junior Jonathan Kosco's head and down the left field line to score the pair of Dolphin runners, but Cole got Gulbransen to ground to third with a runner on first and third to prevent any more runs from scoring.

USF had a great opportunity to tie it up in its half of the inning, but pinch hitter Jimmy Falla struck out swinging and junior outfielder Junior Carlin bounced out to second for the final out of the inning after USF had loaded the bases with just one out, the second straight inning the Bulls left the bases loaded.

Jacksonville padded its lead with four more runs in the top of the ninth as USF went 1-2-3 in the bottom of the ninth to end it.

### Game Notes

Sam Mende's home run was his first of the season and sixth career dinger.

USF scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth without recording a hit, as three Jacksonville pitchers combined to hit four batters and walk three more to score the four runs for USF.

The teams combined to use 10 pitchers, who collectively gave up 11 walks and hit 10 batters, five and six of which belonged to Jacksonville pitchers.

Jacksonville outhit the Bulls, 14-5.

In one of the most evenly matched series for USF, the win put Jacksonville back out in front in the all-time series, 51-50.

The teams combined to leave 24 runners on base 13 by Jacksonville and 11 by USF. Six of those 11 for the Bulls came in back-to-back innings in the sixth and seventh.

Ryan Lockwood swiped another bag Wednesday, making him 7-of-7 on the season.

Stephen Hunt posted his third straight multi-hit game and sixth overall this year.

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# Georgetown Hoyas castrate USF Bulls 69 - 49 at Big East Tournament

NEW YORK - Cold shooting woes continued from the outside for the Bulls as the University of South Florida men's basketball team fell to nationally ranked Georgetown, 69-49, in the second round of the BIG EAST Championship Wednesday afternoon at Madison Square Garden.

USF, which fell to 20-12 on the year, will now await its postseason fate as the Bulls look for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

USF struggled mightily from the field, hitting just 1-of-10 3-pointers on the day while shooting just 29.1 percent overall from the field for the game.

The Hoyas, who saw their record move to 21-9, shot 45.8 percent for the game. Georgetown also sank 7-of-14 from the 3-point line and 8-of-9 from the free throw line.

USF junior Dominique Jones led all scorers with 21 points and added five rebounds, four assists and two blocks. USF sophomore Augustus Gilchrist had the second-highest point total for the Bulls with nine points while adding a team-high eight rebounds.

Georgetown Greg Monroe and Jason Clark each posted 16 points for the Hoyas, while Monroe also added eight rebounds.

USF did hold the rebounding margin, 40-37, while Georgetown held the Bulls to zero fast break point compared to 11 for the Hoyas.

At the start of the game, USF held an early advantage to start the game off, as Howard found Jones going to the rim for an easy layup. Gilchrist hit a jumper from the left side of the rim at the 15:01 mark, matching USF's total number of field goals outside the paint from the game against DePaul yesterday, as USF went up, 6-4.

The Bulls offence then froze faster than a slaughterhouse meat locker, as Georgetown went on a 20-4 run over the next 11 and a half minutes that saw USF sink just one shot during that time.

Georgetown built the lead to 14 at 24-10 following that run, but Jones helped trim the lead after getting a backdoor cut pass from senior Chris Howard and getting fouled on the make for the three-point play with 3:31 left on the clock in the first half.

Following a 3-pointer by Clark, Jones hit back-to-back high-arching shots close to the rim to cut the lead to 10 at 27-17, the last of which he banked high off the close as he got fouled at the 1:35 mark.

Jones closed out the scoring in the half with a tip-in off his own miss with 21 seconds left as Georgetown went into the half up, 31-19.

After the halftime brake USF Jones caught fire to begin the second half, drawing defenders in on several drives to the lane before hitting open teammates down low for easy baskets.

Jones first found freshman Toarlyn Fitzpatrick under the rim for an easy dunk, while Fitzpatrick posted blocks on back-to-back possessions by the Hoyas in between that dunk before Jones sank a pair of free throws at 18:45 to cut the lead to eight at 31-23.

Jones found Famous underneath the rim again after pulling the defense in as Famous slammed home a dunk then sank the free throw to complete the three-point play.

The duo hooked up again the next possession for another three-point play before Jones found Gilchrist under the basket as USF got as close as six, 37-31, with 16:16 remaining.

After Georgetown got the lead back to double digits at 10, Gilchrist grabbed an offensive rebound and had the put-back dunk to make it 44-36 as the 13-minute mark approached.

After Howard hit a layup followed by a free throw a little later to bring USF to nine at 48-39, Georgetown would control the game the rest of the way, getting key baskets by Monroe as the lead got as high as 23 with 43 seconds to go.

During the second half, Jones hit a driving layup with 4:10 to go for USF's first basket in 6:45 when Howard made his layup at the 10:55 mark, while freshman Shaun Noriega hit a 3-pointer with 21 seconds left for USF's only trey of the tournament and just the Bulls' second basket over the last 10:55 of the game that ended the scoring at 69-49.

USF will now await its fate for postseason play, as the Bulls look for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

### Team Statistics

USF shot just 26.7 percent in the first half and scored 19 points in that first stanza, both season low record performances for the first half this year.

After starting off the second half 4-of-5, USF shot just 4-of-20 the rest of the way in that second half of the game. The loss halted a four-game win streak for the Bulls. The game was also the second time this season the Bulls faced Georgetown while the Hoyas were ranked. The other meeting occurred Feb. 3, when the Bulls knocked off then 7th ranked Georgetown on the road, 72-64.

USF matched its season low for points in a game, set Feb. 24 against 7th ranked Villanova. The Bulls are now 1-2 all-time in the BIG EAST Championship.

USF hit 29.1 percent from the floor all together, the first time being held under 30 percent for a game since March 7, 2009 at Rutgers, shooting only 29.8 percent.

Freshman Shaun Noriega hit a 3-pointer with 21 seconds to go, USF's first and only 3-pointer in two BIG EAST Championship games. USF was held to without a shot from beyond the arc against DePaul in the first round and finished 1-of-18 for the Championship, including 0-of-8 against the Blue Demons. Noriega's 3-pointer was the first by the Bulls in 92:53 minutes of play, dating back to the 13:14 mark of the second half against UConn in the season finale, when Augustus Gilchrist drained a 3 for the Bulls.

Freshman Toarlyn Fitzpatrick had two blocks in the game after contributing three against DePaul yesterday. Fitzpatrick had back-to-back blocks on the first two possessions for the Hoyas early in the second half.

Dominique Jones moved into fifth in the career field goals category, surpassing Tony Grier, who had 583 during his career with the Bulls. Jones started the game with 579 and had six during the contest. With 585 career field goals, Jones now trails Radenko Dobras, who had 714 during his time with the Bulls.

With 21 points, Jones was the only player for the Bulls in double figures. Jones was also the only one in double figures against West Virginia back on Jan. 13. USF had held its two previous opponents to the same stat, UConn in the regular season finale and DePaul yesterday.

Jones hit the 20-point plateau for the fifth straight game. Over his last four games, Jones has gone for 20 three times along with his 21 today.

Senior walk-on Ryan Kardok and freshman Mike Burwell joined Noriega in the game late, as the three have made seven appearances combined over the last seven games heading into today. Kardok saw time in three minutes against the Hoyas.

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- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- Assorted crackers or vegetable chips

#### DIRECTIONS

1. In food processor, place artichoke hearts and bell peppers. Cover and process until coarsely chopped. Add cream cheese, sour cream and parsley. Cover and process just until blended.
2. Garnish dip with additional chopped fresh parsley if desired. Serve with crackers.

#### SPECIAL TOUCH

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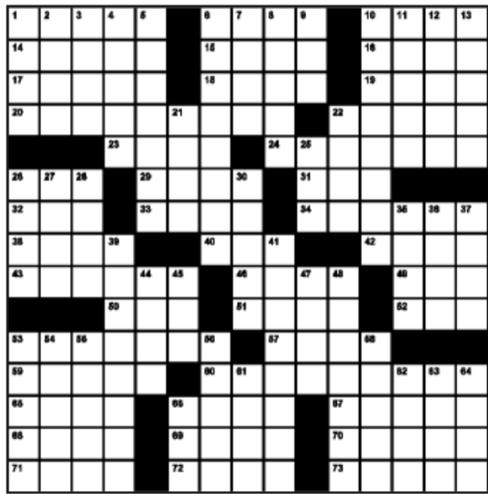
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| 15- Indigo                                 | 5- Hawaii's largest industry     |
| 16- Della's creator                        | 6- Sloth                         |
| 17- Island in the East China Sea           | 7- Burden                        |
| 18- Member of a Nguni people               | 8- Choreographer Alvin           |
| 19- H.S. exam                              | 9- Causes chills, fever, malaise |
| 20- Or else                                | 10- Witty reply                  |
| 22- New Zealand aboriginal                 | 11- Bad lighting?                |
| 23- Hero                                   | 12- Blaze                        |
| 24- Longed for                             | 13- Stinking                     |
| 26- Jackie's second                        | 21- Came to                      |
| 29- Slant                                  | 22- Potato preparation           |
| 31- Concorde, e.g.                         | 25- Pothook shape                |
| 32- Japanese computer giant                | 26- Chip in                      |
| 33- City near Phoenix                      | 27- Bridle strap                 |
| 34- Lusters                                | 28- Chilled                      |
| 38- A wedding cake may have three of these | 30- Look attentively             |
| 40- Eye infection, pig house               | 35- Dash                         |
| 42- Airline to Tel Aviv                    | 36- California wine region       |
| 43- Make beloved                           | 37- Slowly person                |
| 46- Camp beds                              | 39- Answered sharply             |
| 49- Mil. address                           | 41- Young                        |
| 50- Song syllable                          | 44- Make ___ for it              |
| 51- Injure                                 | 45- Campaigned                   |
| 52- Apprehend                              | 47- Corner                       |
| 53- Narrative                              | 48- Endurance                    |
| 57- Milk source                            | 53- Fighting                     |
| 59- Sharp-pointed plant outgrowth          | 54- Task                         |
| 60- Transitory                             | 55- Fable                        |
| 65- Habit                                  | 56- Curt                         |
| 66- Not kosher                             | 58- Domingo, for one             |
| 67- Mindlessly stupid                      | 61- Resound                      |
| 68- Commedia dell' ___                     | 62- Appraise, charge per unit    |
| 69- Biblical birthright seller             | 63- Again                        |
| 70- Short letters                          | 64- ___ majeste                  |
| 71- Hollow grass                           | 66- Hanoi holiday                |
| 72- Narrate                                |                                  |
| 73- ___ there yet?                         |                                  |

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