

*There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.*

*Albert Schweitzer*

## June Is Adopt-A-Cat Month

There isn't anything better than a cat for warming your lap, sitting on your newspaper, and keeping your house free of lizards.

And there is no better place to find a cat to love you than at Hillsborough County Animal Services, 440 Falkenburg Road, north off S.R. 60, west of Brandon.

Adoption hours are 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays.

For a glimpse at the cats waiting for you and to get complete adoption information, go to: [www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animsvcs](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animsvcs) and click on the Online Kennel. **For more information, call 744-5660.**



**This mother cat, resting safely in a drawer with her litter at Animal Services, isn't aware there are more cats and kittens waiting to be adopted than there are homes for them.**

## HTV22 Receives National Recognition

TV watchers who flip to cable channel 22 land on a prize-winning station, as Hillsborough County's government station recently received both the national Beacon Award and Telly Awards.

HTV22 was selected as a finalist, vying for the top prize, in three categories in the inaugural 2002 Beacon Award Competition: best station, best graphics, and best regular program-talk show for the public affairs program "Weekly Review."

"HTV22 is a great station. The commitment to quality is evident in each programming element sampled," the judges commented.

The Beacon Award Foundation was established to recognize individual and agency-wide achievement in the areas of government communication and access television operations. The Telly Awards recognize outstanding non-network and cable TV commercials, film and video production.

Silver awards, equivalent to a first place, went to "Insights," produced by Kevin Hoag and Terri Cobb, for a program on Alzheimer's disease, and "Your Community, Our Improvement," a feature on the Community Improvement Department produced by Tammy Peralta.

Bronze finalist awards went to: "Hillsborough Horizons," a regular program hosted by County Administra-

tor Dan Kleman and produced by Patrick Dowling; the documentary "Timeline: Bealsville," also produced by Dowling; "Able, Determined & Aware," a regular program hosted by county ADA Liaison Sandra Sroka and produced by Cornelia Washington; "Game Day of Champions 2002," a feature by producer Scott Hunt; the monthly "Paws Club," producer, Kevin Hoag; "Sheriff's Office Spotlight - Aviation Unit," producer, Steve McClure; and "Your Money's Worth," hosted by Steve Valdez and produced by Ligia Large.

Ruslana Panov was a finalist for the Message Board graphics which air between programming.

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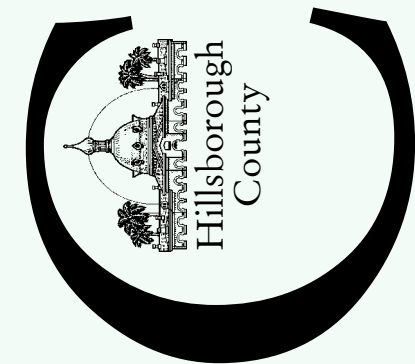
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## First The Super Bowl... Now This!

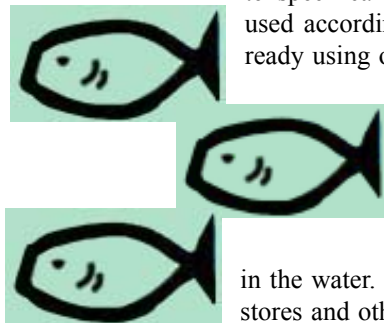
**Tampa Bay Buccaneers Martin Gramatica, kicker, and Monte Kiffin, defensive coordinator, hold the Favorite Sons & Daughters Award they accepted for the Buccaneers from County Commissioners on May 7. Established in 1995, the award is given to recognize individuals in our community who have achieved honor and distinction in their field of endeavor. Commissioner Jim Norman, who nominated the Buccaneers for their 2003 Super Bowl win, said, "You created a spirit in our town that has never been matched before...this is Hillsborough County's way to present you our thanks for your outstanding achievement."**

## Fish Owners Need To Know About Chloramines

In 2002, Tampa Bay Water, Hillsborough County's water supplier, began using chloramines rather than chlorine as the disinfectant residual in its drinking water. This change was made in advance of new federal and state drinking water regulations for disinfection by-products. Chloramines have been successfully used throughout the country for decades.

Chloramines are a chlorine compound. Like free chlorine, they are oxidants and kill bacteria by penetrating their cell walls and disrupting their metabolism. Chloramines, however, are much slower to break down.

Chloramines are harmful to fish and other aquatic life including Koi fish, lobster, shrimp, frogs, turtles, snails, clams and live coral when they directly enter the bloodstream. Since fish and other aquatic animals take chloramines directly from the water into their bloodstreams through their gills, chloramines, like chlorine, must be



removed from their water.

A water-conditioning agent or an activated carbon filter specifically designed to remove chloramines must be used according to product instructions. If you are already using one of these products to remove chlorine, it's possible that the same product will also remove chloramines. However, you must read the product label to be sure.

Chlorine removal agents that are not specifically designed to also remove chloramines could leave excess ammonia in the water. Too much ammonia could harm fish. Pet stores and other retail outlets have sold these products for years and have generally recommended their use. Your pet supplier should be able to provide any further guidance you may need.

Letting the water sit does not remove chloramines. Unlike chlorine, which dissipates when water sits for a few days, chloramines are longer lasting and may take weeks to dissipate.

## Water Department Needs Utility Maintenance Workers

Meet Kenneth Carlisle. This 30-year-old is one of the Hillsborough County Water Department's utility maintenance workers. A 1991 graduate of East Bay High School, he and his wife, Cheryl, have two children Corey, 9, and Brianna, 3.

A 6-year employee, Carlisle's job involves working on meters, handling heavy equipment and, oftentimes, long hours.

With more than 120,000 residential customers, Water Department utilities maintenance workers oversee more than 1,400 miles of potable water pipes and more than 1,100 miles of reclaimed lines. In addition, they are re-



ponsible for maintaining meters and other equipment vital to the water system. The starting hourly pay is \$10.54.

"You need to be motivated to work," said Carlisle, referring to the demands of the job.

With a family to care for, Carlisle said one of the biggest pluses of working for the county is the benefits. County employees are eligible for health and dental insurance, two retirement plans, paid vacations, sick days and 12 holidays. In addition, short-term and long-term disability plans are available.

To learn more about applying as a Utilities Maintenance Worker and for other available positions:

- go online to [www.hccsb.org](http://www.hccsb.org)
- or call the Job News Line at 272-6975.

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