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Conference to highlight ways to combat beach pollution

Maintaining healthy beaches in Florida is the focus of a one-day conference at USF-St. Petersburg Dec. 15.

Red tides, climate influences and solutions for combating beach pollution will be explored. Policy issues that could affect the future health of beaches and beachgoers alike also will be discussed.

Presenters will include researchers and environmental managers from USF as well as representatives from local environmental agencies. Suzanne Giles of the American Oceans Campaign is scheduled to present a national perspective.

Hosted by the College of Marine Science and the Pinellas County Health Department, the conference is open to the public. There is a $5 admission fee.

The conference is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Florida Marine Research Institute.

For more information, call Joan Rose at 553-3928.

By AARON QUINN
Of the Crow's Nest

Bio-terrorism may be a substantive threat to national security and the well-being of Americans, officials say.

Thursday, Nov. 30, was the first day of a two-day conference analyzing the roles of government officials and the media in case of a bio-terrorist attack.

The event was sponsored by USF's College of Marine Science, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the Pinellas County Department of Public Affairs.

Presentations were held in the Florida Marine Research Institute's auditorium.

Major media figures and prominent local and federal government officials attended the conference in hope of streamlining a crisis protocol specific to bio-terrorism.

The conference began with a philosophical symposium from a Poynter Institute scholar, Roy Peter Clark. He addressed many of the general concerns between media and the government.

Charles Bailey, a former commander of the Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Disease, followed Clark. Bailey discussed the ease with which a bio-terrorist attack can occur.

From commercial biological depots to black markets, bio-terrorism is always a possibility.

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Inspired by Dali, outdoor figures set sculptor's dreams a-bobbing in floating museum exhibit

By CHRIS CURRY
Of the Crow's Nest

Look across Bayboro Harbor toward the Salvador Dali Museum and you will spot what looks to be a trio of tall brightly colored buoys floating just off the seawall. The three 15-foot sculptures consist of various geometric shapes wrapped in yellow, red and blue nylon. They make up the museum's "Floating Dreams" exhibit, created by artist Paco Simon.

Simon designed the exhibit specifically for the Dali, said Meredith Brand, director of public relations at the museum.

Although Simon is primarily a sculpture artist where Dali was a painter, the exhibit was inspired by the legendary Spanish surrealist's interest in dreams.

"The sculptures are free-floating; they move around as the mind moves through dreams," Simon said. "The configuration of the sculpture is never the same due to wind movement," Brand said. "It's a surreal way."

When illuminated from below at night, geometric shapes painted on the inside of the sculptures become visible.

Simon said that he designed the exhibit to show that we see things during our dreams that are not visible while we are awake. He also wanted to connect the water to the museum just as Dali's art was connected to the landscape of his native Spain.

As the first floating exhibit at the Dali, Brand said the sculptures did pose some problems unusual for a museum.

"We had to make it float so we had to weight it down but let it have give for wind and the current," Brand said. Another difficulty was running underwater electrical lines to the exhibit.

Simon, who was unavailable for interview, has a similar floating exhibit in the harbor of Melbourne, Australia.

"Floating Dreams" will be on exhibit through Dec. 31.

GRE prep classes set for St. Pete campus in spring

GRE test preparation classes will be given on the USF-St. Petersburg campus next spring.

Math and verbal skills review classes will be offered on six Saturdays between Feb. 3 and March 10. Math review will be from 9 a.m. to noon; verbal skills review from 1-4 p.m. Cost of either class is $207.

Course withdrawals are subject to a $25 administrative fee. No refunds will be given after the first day of class.

Test preparation classes for the SAT, GMAT, LSAT and TOEFL will be given on various dates during the spring semester. Most of the classes will be on the USF-Tampa campus.

For more information, or to register, call (813) 974-2403, or visit the Web site at www.outreach.usf.edu.
Student Web shopping may top $2.2 billion

BOSTON (PRNewswire) — A recent survey by an online retailer catering to college students reports that college students plan to spend an average of $156 online, for a total of $2.2 billion this holiday season.

Often cited as the most wired demographic, the nation's 15 million college students plan to make multiple purchases online this holiday season, the survey found.

Conducted by edocr.com, the survey said college students listed clothing (78 percent) and gadgets and electronics (57 percent) as the holiday gifts they would likely purchase for their friends and family. Also showing up in the survey were books (38 percent), health and beauty products (38 percent) and sports equipment (20 percent).

The survey, conducted in November 2001 by the edocr.com Customer Insight Group, was based on responses from 583 verified, enrolled college students to determine their intended holiday shopping behavior.

Key survey findings include:
- 44 percent of students plan to spend $500 or more this holiday season. The average student will spend about $520.
- 75 percent of students (11.3 million) plan to do at least some of their holiday shopping online.
- 28 percent of students (4.2 million) plan to do more than half of their shopping online.
- Students who plan to buy gifts online will buy an average of six gifts online this holiday shopping season.
- Most students plan to buy clothing and some type of electronic gadget.

* Convenience is the primary reason most students will shop online this holiday season.
* High shipping costs are the primary reason most students will avoid shopping online this holiday season.

Founded in 1999 and privately held, edocr.com is located in Boston. The Mayfield Fund, Information Technology Ventures, Student Advantage and HarbourVest Partners are principal investors in edocr.com.

Study finds families not saving enough for college education

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Perhaps the idea of keeping a "savings jar" to pay for college may not be a bad idea after all, according to a new economic survey co-authored by the dean of the University of California business school.

"Most students think of college as an assignment for the beginning reporting class taught by Dr. Robert Dardennes. (The editor is a volunteer assistant in the class). Dardennes notes that all students in that class have been instructed to tell subjects that their stories may appear in your Crow's Nest. In her e-mail messages, Ms. Singh did not presume to speak for the lead researchers, nor did she try to claim more authority than she has. — Editor"

Lizz Singh Research Staff Harmful Algal Blooms study found. "That's the amazing thing about this study is that we can summarize the rate of return to college spending and examine the dramatic effect college costs have on consumers' quality of life, standard of living and retirement security," said Laura Tyson, dean of the UC-Berkeley Haas School of Business. "That's why a college education is so important today."

"The study goes beyond researching rising tuition rates and examines the dramatic effect college costs have on consumers' quality of life, standard of living and retirement security."

Individuals should make yearly saving decisions based not only on current income, but also on expected future income and expenses, the study found. In theory, people need to continually anticipate retirement and unforeseen expenses. It seems painstaking, however, does not plague only college students. America currently has the lowest savings rate of the past 60 years, Tyson said.

"There is evidence that families are not very good at thinking long term, and that can get them into trouble," Orszag said.

"This short sighted behavior can affect families, preventing them from forming a steady, progressive plan for the future," Orszag wrote. "Families understand that college is very expensive, but feel like it is out of their control," said Liz Carpenter, a UPromise spokesperson. "Many of these families believe that they will need financial assistance to help pay for college."

The most common strategy parents undertake to save money for retirement and college expenses is to reduce current spending and increase savings. A significant percentage of families, however, also reported taking on an extra job, working more hours, digging into retirement funds, or even taking out a second mortgage, the study added.

"The most amazing thing about this study is that it reveals that even upper-middle income families are having a hard time," Carpenter said. "We really want to educate American families about the long-term effects of not saving."
Incumbents returned to seats in student government voting

In the largest student voter turnout in at least three semesters, all current student government officers were returned to their positions in last month's campus elections.

Some 155 votes were cast in the election, said nominating committee member Phyllis Lenshan. In the fall 1999 election, 80 students voted; in the spring 2000 contest 43 students voted.

President Clayton Tieman, Vice President Jason Atwell, and Treasurer Christine Kelsey were returned to the offices they held during the fall semester. Bobby Koonce was elected secretary. He had not previously held any student government office.

All ran unopposed. Their terms are for the spring semester. Tieman, a senior MIS major, was elected a student representative in the spring term. He was elected president this term. He has an Associate of Science degree in computer information systems and management information system from Anne Arundel (Md.) Community College.

While at Anne Arundel, Tieman was president of Students in Free Enterprise. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has been recognized for academic achievement in the National Dean's List.

Atwell, a freshman, graduated from Palm Harbor University High School. He was senior producer of his high school's morning show and co-founded Palm Harbor Productions. He has been employed as head editor for Universal Studios film team.

He has won first place trophies and certificates for his films.

Kelsey, 31, is a senior early education major. She is a non-traditional student, having returned to school after a nine-year absence. She has a 2-year-old daughter and is a member of New Apostolic Church.

Koonce, 24, is a 1994 graduate of Boca Ciega High School and earned an Associate of Arts degree from St. Petersburg Junior College. He also holds a black belt in martial arts. Each candidate received the following number of votes:

- Tieman - 155
- Atwell - 153
- Koonce - 151
- Kelsey - 154

Lenshan said one write-in vote was cast, but was disqualified. Write-in votes are not allowed under student government bylaws.

BIO-TERROR

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threat. "Even a disgruntled employee of a university could have access to pathogens [a bacterium or fungus which causes a disease]," he said, noting that academics sometimes grow dangerous bacteria for study.

There are many ways in which humans contract deadly disease. "Potentially, someone could infect a cow with a pathogen, and through consistent contact it would spread to humans," he said.

Bailey made reference to a strain of equine encephalitis that infected many Florida horses in the 1970s. "It afflicted horses, and then two weeks later it showed up in people, he said.

A bio-terrorist attack, perhaps, can be simpler than an animal to human connection. Bailey demonstrated that common chicken eggs, found in most U.S. refrigerators, produce a favorable environment for deadly bacteria that cause diseases such as small pox and Venezuelan equine encephalitis.

"We know that there are groups who are looking into this... and collecting literature on the topic," said Dale Watson, an FBI counter-terrorism expert.

As the convention converted to the issue of media and government relationships, the prominent topic was dealing with public hysteria.

"We need to stop the panic," said Barbara Reynolds, a public information officer for Centers for Disease Control. The language used by reporters, she says, has an effect on audience response, which in some cases can be hysterical.

Reynolds cited an instance where "exotic" was used in a news report to describe a virus that was affecting a small area in the United States. In the opinion of medical doctors, the virus was not considered exotic. To the contrary, it was quite common and treatable. "Because of the word exotic, the public response was to panic," she said.

Reporters frequently misinform the public, said Ronnie Goodstein, a Pinellas County spokesperson. They're in a rush to get the story first, she added.

Several health officials admit that medical language can be complex, and often is poorly conveyed. "Medical terms are left with the task of interpreting medical jargon that doctors feel comfortable with," said Greg Smith, a health communications officer.

Smith alluded to mistakes that are made because of poor communications from government officials.

Despite acknowledging occupational challenges, agendas sometimes clashed between journalists and government officials at the conference. Officials implied that journalists sensationalize. Journalists countered that government officials are too conservative in their press conferences.

There are consequences to either side. "When media push," said Goodstein, "people worry." Some journalists felt that a small degree of fear is healthier than remaining calm because the government isn't talking.

Despite opposing views, both sides agreed that improving the relationship is a necessity. "We need to have pre-incident relationships," said Robert Kanes, a crisis expert with the Department of Health and Human Services. The system will avoid a shock if both parties are acquainted, he said."

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Campus Calendar

Upcoming activities on the St. Petersburg campus

6 • Immunization clinic, noon-2 p.m., BAY 110
7 • Academic advising - freshmen and sophomores, 12:30 p.m.
8 • New student orientation, 2-6 p.m.
9 • Student government meeting, 4:30 p.m., CAC 133
10 • Immunization clinic, 3:30-5:30 p.m., BAY 118
11 • New student orientation, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
12 • LAST DAY OF CLASSES
13 • Campus holiday party, 3-5 p.m., DAV 110 (Food only)
14 • SAIL Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bayboro Cafe
15 • Student leadership banquet, 7 p.m., CAC
16 • EXAM WEEK
17 • USF BASKETBALL v. Texas (Dodge Shootout), 7:30 p.m., Sun Dome, Tampa campus
18 • FALL SESSION ENDS
19 • CHRISTMAS - Holiday
20 • POOL and waterfont closed
21 • NEWYEAR'S - Holiday
22 • POOL and waterfront closed
23-25 • USF BASKETBALL v. Buffalo or Eastern Illinois, 7:30 p.m., Sun Dome, Tampa campus
26 • CHRISTMAS weekend
27 • USF BASKETBALL v. Central Florida, 7:30 p.m., Sun Dome, Tampa campus
28-29 • NEW YEAR'S Holiday
30-1/1/2001 • SAIL Club meeting, 7 p.m., CAC
31 • Student government meeting, 4:30 p.m., BAY 118
31 • POOL and waterfront closed

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3 • SPJC new student orientation, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
4 • SPJC new student orientation, 1-2:30 p.m.
5 • Academic advising - freshmen and sophomores, 3-5 p.m.
6 • Immunization clinic, 3:30-5:30 p.m., BAY 118
7 • New student orientation, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
8 • Academic advising - freshmen and sophomores, 10 a.m.
9 • Immunization clinic, noon - 2 p.m., BAY 118
10 • New student orientation, 2-6 p.m.
11 • SAIL Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bayboro Cafe
12 • Immunization clinic, noon-2 p.m., BAY 110
13 • Academic advising - freshmen and sophomores, 12:30 p.m.
14 • New student orientation, 2-6 p.m.
15 • Student government meeting, 4:30 p.m., CAC 133
16 • EXAM WEEK
17 • USF BASKETBALL v. Southern Miss, 7:30 p.m., Sun Dome, Tampa campus
18 • POOL and waterfront closed
19 • POOL and waterfront closed
20-21 • FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
Moving day arrives!

After a long wait, the journalism department finally moved Wednesday, Nov. 29, into its new offices in the Florida Center for Teachers. Originally planned for August, the move was put off by construction delays. Above, it’s 15 minutes before the movers are scheduled to arrive, and Dr. Michael Killenberg looks — anxious! — to get going.

Organization was key to an quick and efficient move. Dr. Killenberg checks the future location of packed boxes against his list (above) as graduate student Doug White (left) and Dr. Jay Black (right) confer with Tim Underwood of AAA Moving and Storage. Graduate students worked amid the packed boxes, file cabinets and empty bookcases all semester while waiting for moving day.

Dr. Robert Dar­denne unpacks old files into new furni­ture in his newly­relocated office in the Florida Center for Teachers. The view out his win­dow is of Sixth Avenue South. The journalism depart­ment will share the building with the Florida Center for the Humanities. Classes will be taught in the building next semester, but an official grand opening has not yet been set. (Photos by M.E. Baker)

CONTINUING

Through Dec. 24

"Season of Lights"

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Stillwaugh Hill Studio at 8 p.m.

The band is scheduled to play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cover is $15.

The Casino is located at 5500 Shore Blvd. S. in Gulfport.

SAVINGS

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If the current increase in college tuition persists, tuitions will more than double in the next 20 years. Still, in 1998, nearly two-thirds of parents with children under 18 failed to save a single dollar for any purpose, the study said.

Tyson served in the Clinton adminis­tration from January 1993 to December 1996.

For almost two years, she was the president's national economic advisor and the highest-ranking woman in the White House. She was the chairperson of the National Economic Council from 1995-96, and has headed the business school since 1998.

Organizations seek volunteers for holidays

Volunteers are needed for two upcoming events.

Now through Dec. 24, Hospice of Florida Suncoast is asking for volunteers to help wrap gifts or to assist with their Trees of Love at Tyone, Countryside or Seminole malls.

Volunteers also are needed in various jobs for the First Night New Year's Eve celebration. Three-hour shifts are available. Volunteers receive free admission and a T-shirt.

To volunteer for either of these events, contact Barry McDowell, 553-1622, or go by BAY 110.

British swing band to open US tour at Gulfport Casino

The Jive Aces, a swing band from Britain, will begin their third American tour Friday with a performance at the Gulfport Casino.

The band is scheduled to play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cover is $15.

The show will be preceded by East Coast swing lessons given by Right Step Studio at 8 p.m.

The Casino is located at 5500 Shore Blvd. S. in Gulfport.

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