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400 grill solon on USF split plan

By CHRIS CURRY
Of the Crow's Nest

State senator Don Sullivan paid a visit to the Campus Activities Center this week and discussed his vision of the future of USF St. Petersburg with a lively and often skeptical crowd of more than 400 students, faculty and staff.

Audience members lined up 10-deep at microphones to grill him with questions and doubts about the possibility of a split from USF.

Many students said the quality of education available at this campus would be hurt if the school lost its research university affiliation and transformed into a more cost-effective undergraduate teaching college.

Sullivan said such a "trade-off" might be necessary so that more high school graduates have access to a college education. He supported this statement with an automotive analogy.

"If everyone could drive a Cadillac, they would drive a Cadillac," Sullivan said. "Here, we're denying some people the opportunity to drive a Chevy so others could drive a Cadillac."

Areas of student concern included a potential lapse in accreditation, the loss of the quality faculty associated with a research university and the chances of success for a fledgling institution if the state's budget for higher education is cut five percent each year.

Sullivan began his Oct. 23 appearance with a familiar call for increased undergraduate education in Pinellas County. According to Sullivan, Pinellas is one of only three of the largest 50 counties in the United States without a fully funded public university.

Last spring, Sullivan introduced a bill to spin this campus off into a separate institution called Suncoast University that would concentrate almost exclusively on undergraduate education.

Although the bill failed in the last hours of the legislative session, Sullivan was credited with bringing increased attention and money to USF-St. Petersburg.

"Three years ago it was apparent there was a problem at this campus," Sullivan said. "When you only grow 50 students in 10 years you have a problem."

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'I'm tired of crying inside'
Clothesline project offers release, insight into lingering effects of domestic violence

By AARON QUINN
Of the Crow's Nest

A tear rested high on Diannah Biggs' cheek as she witnessed the result of years of rape, incest, murder, and physical and mental abuse.

Biggs, a USF student, walked through Harborside Wednesday, Oct. 18, and found T-shirts—hundreds of them—hanging limply from a series of clotheslines. Each shirt represented a victim of domestic violence; some victims are alive and well today, but others are not.

The clotheslines were collected and organized by the Clothesline Project of Tampa Bay, a local grass roots volunteer group.

As Biggs' lips quivered, the tear began its quick descent to the ground. There was no shame in crying, though. The irrepressible pain seeped forcefully from within. "I've known so many women who have been affected," she said. "It's just so shocking to see the magnitude of this problem."

Several hundred shirts hung between the Harborside palm trees in different colors, shapes and sizes. For a day, students, faculty and visitors walked from shirt to shirt reading messages left by survivors or those who were brave enough to make a statement for someone who didn't live through their nightmare.

Colors helped tell some of the story, said Harriet Chandler, a volunteer with the Clothesline Project.

White was for death; beige or yellow signified battery and assault; red, pink or orange were for rape; blue or green for women who were abused as children; purple or lavender for women victimized because they were lesbian; black for women who are permanently handicapped as a result of abuse, or abused because they are physically challenged.

Each shirt was adorned with a message. Many writings portrayed terror and anger, others illustrated confusion and heartache. But as disconcerting as all of the stories were, most messages symbolized an indomitable spirit capable of restoration and growth.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Read true stories of the mysterious and unexplained on pages 4 and 5.
Sullivan plan places quantity over quality

The University of South Florida is known from the inside as the largest school in the country that no one knows. State Sen. Donald Sullivan (R-Seminole) plans to keep it that way.

Before a hostile crowd Tuesday, Sullivan took a weak stand on an issue that he had previously made public. Sullivan proposed a bill that died in the last legislative session that called for USF-St. Petersburg to become Suncoast University.

Before more than 400 fuming students, Sullivan preached his openness to several different possibilities regarding the outcome of the St. Petersburg campus. Later in the presentation, however, Sullivan claimed that USF President Genshaft's plans would have to be more specific to warrant his full support.

Genshaft has proposed that the USF-St. Petersburg campus remain a part of USF, but become autonomous in the areas of faculty and staff hiring, budget usage, and other aspects of administration.

Under any circumstances, Sullivan insisted on increasing the number of students in Pinellas County while reducing the cost of education per student.

The issue at hand, Sullivan said, is to increase the number of four-year institutions that aren't research universities. A research institute student costs approximately $6,300 to educate, while a non-research institution student costs slightly more than $3,000, said Sullivan.

In numbers, Sullivan's plan sounds fruitful. In reality, his plan chooses quantity over quality. If USF-St. Petersburg partners with St. Petersburg Junior College, students lose credibility. If USF-St. Petersburg becomes Suncoast University, students lose credibility, because if you choose to attend a non-research institution, your education is simply not as good.

Research institutions draw strong students and great faculty because they embody the goals of higher education. A university "that teaches and does not research" is a community college, or perhaps less.

The people of Pinellas County need more opportunities for a four-year education, but they do not need to be stripped of the quality of education that the USF-St. Petersburg campus can provide.

The cost difference from research to non-research education probably is proportional to the value of the degree. If Sullivan uses the same plan for financing the poor in Pinellas County as he does for education, you'll see him on the side of downtown roads printing twenty-dollar bills and handing them to passersby. A university is not a degree factory.

Here are some good and not-so-good possibilities for USF-St. Petersburg as Suncoast University, phrased in terms that a Bush Republican can understand.

Florida increases its number of students, good; but students are poorly educated, not-so-good. Florida increases the number of professors they employ, good; but the standards are lowered to fill the needed positions, not-so-good.

Additionally, Sullivan made his role as senator larger than life. A woman who stood in line to ask a question of Sullivan was upset that he referred to USF-St. Petersburg as "my" university in the past. She asked why the university belongs to him rather than the students?

Sullivan replied that he is the representative of Florida in this region, and since the university is owned by the state, it is something that he feels responsible for. The questioner and the crowd did not seem pleased.

Sullivan is behaving like an overprotective father; his intentions are good, but he's missing the big picture. College degrees are great assets to individuals and to the state of Florida. Earning a degree does, however, require sacrifice and hardship, and that might mean driving for an hour to take classes.

Sullivan is fighting for more people to have an opportunity for an education, and that's commendable. To do this, though, Sullivan is disrupting the emergence of USF as an educational force that will deliver huge gains to Pinellas County. The potential that lies within USF and its regional campuses is overwhelming. If USF continues to grow without interruption, it might become that large Florida school that everyone knows.

Letters

Media intervention could calm Middle East woes

I have been reviewing a series of six one-hour video documentaries which are lectures and interviews featuring Marshall McLuhan, 1911-1980, the Canadian literary scholar who is now known by most scholars as "the father of modern media analysis" and who coined the aphorism "the medium is the message" and that television is a "cool medium" which doesn't tolerate hot characters.

In one of the interviews, Professor McLuhan made the statement that "all ordinary people become violent when they lose their identity." He went on to say that a sign of this loss of identity is an inordinate affection for nostalgia. I couldn't help seeing how this insight seems to apply to the crisis in the Middle East.

I am inclined to believe that if Professor McLuhan were alive today, the remedy he would offer for the violence in the Middle East would be to overwhelm it with media coverage. In short, the coverage of the event and the people which make up the event have to be larger and more pervasive than the event itself. It seems that the media has become the bigger source of identity restoration than nostalgia. The logic being that nostalgia by itself is no longer big enough.

Professor McLuhan would postulate that media coverage will make up for what nostalgia can no longer provide. Identity once restored the violence would cease.

For those interested, the videos are available at The Nelson Penton Library located at USF-St. Petersburg.

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USF forum to review women's economic state

By LORI GRAYSON
Contributing Writer

Even in our booming economy, the U.S. Department of Labor reports that women overall are still earning about 25 percent less than men. An upcoming conference, "Women and Money 2000," will address this and other financial issues in a town hall-type forum on the USF-St. Petersburg campus.

The workshop, which will be held Friday, Oct. 27, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. in Davis 130, focuses on the economic status of women in this country.

Topics scheduled for discussion include:
- Introducing women to the tenets of financial security, including consumer credit, social security, pensions and savings and investments.
- Exploring and dispelling prominent myths related to women's economic security.
- Providing women with concrete actions that they can take to improve their financial standing.

"Women and Money 2000" is co-sponsored by The Resource Center for Women of Pinellas/Pasco.

"We basically have two tracts of programming here," said Susan Olsen, information technology program coordinator of the center. "One is pursuing career development and the other is personal development. It all really has to do with economic self-sufficiency and emotional stability."

"We hope to see women from all walks of life to attend, so we can do a lot of sharing," said Mary Clowers of the St. Petersburg branch of the National Council of Negro Women, a co-sponsor of the conference. "We hope to help women understand the importance of planning for the future."

Olsen agreed with Clower's assessment of the conference goal. "Our goal is for individuals to take some practical steps toward the future and to empower themselves financially."

Expected panel participants include Renee Flowers of the St. Petersburg city council, Cindy Hounsell of the Women's Institute for Secure Retirement, Helen Huntley of the St. Petersburg Times and Dr. Linda Sucas, an economist at Eckerd College.

Moderator will be Stacie Schaalbe, news anchor for Channel 8.
Facilitator will be Dorris Mucidin, program specialist with the U.S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau.

A light lunch will be served and the event is free of charge.

The conference also is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau.

Campus Calendar

Halloween Button Day

Get your picture made into a Halloween button!
Tuesday, October 31
DAV Lobby
11-1:30 and 5:30-8
Sponsored by Harborside Productions

Homecoming

Activities

BILL COSBY
Friday, November 3
8 p.m. Tampa Campus
Bus leaves at 6 p.m.

Homecoming Game
Saturday, November 4
7 p.m.
Raymond James Stadium
Bus leaves at 5 p.m.
Bus provided by student government

Upcoming activities on the St. Petersburg campus:

25
+ Student Government meeting, 4:30 p.m., CAC 133
26
+ Power reading workshop, 5-6 p.m., CCC
27
+ SPRING 2001 STUDENT GOVERNMENT BUDGET REQUESTS DUE
+ Choosing a major and career workshop, 2-4 p.m., CCC
+ Sail Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bayboro Cafe
29
+ 25th Hour Bayboro event, 5 p.m., Bayfront and Mahaffey
30 through 11/4
+ Homecoming Week
31
+ Student Accounting and Business Organization meeting, 4:30 p.m., COQ 200A

November

1
+ Student Government executive meeting, 4:30 p.m., SG office
2
+ Student Council for Exceptional Children meeting, 4 p.m., DAV 130
+ Bayfront/ST. Anthony's Health Care Foundation lecture, 7:30 p.m., CAC
3
+ Tampa Bay Estuary Management policy board, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., DAV 130
+ Assertiveness Workshop, Noon-1 p.m., CCC
+ Choosing a major and career workshop, 2-4 p.m., CCC
+ Sail Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bayboro Cafe
+ Bill Cosby, Special Events Center, Tampa campus, 8 p.m.
4
+ Homecoming Football
USF v. Western Kentucky, 7 p.m., Raymond James Stadium
+ Student Affairs division meeting, 1 p.m., CAC 133
6
+ Student Government meeting, 4:30 p.m., CAC 133
7
+ Student Academic Services committee meeting, 2:30 p.m., DAV 130
+ CCC meeting, 4 p.m., CAC 133
+ HIS Society meeting, 4 p.m., DAV 130
8
+ Student Government meeting, 4:30 p.m., CAC 133
10
+ VETERAN'S DAY - Holiday
+ CAC closed
+ Library closed
+ Pool and waterfront closed
+ Speaker - P. Buckley Moss, 10 a.m.
+ Sail Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bayboro Cafe
14 - 16
+ Student Government elections, DAV lobby
14 - 16
+ Coffee with the Dean, 9-10 a.m., DAV 130
+ Public meeting of USF St. Petersburg and Pinellas legislative delegation, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., CCC
+ Student Accounting and Business Organization meeting, 4:30 p.m., COQ 200A
15
+ Student Government executive meeting, 4:30 p.m., SG office
+ CHADD meeting, 7 p.m., DAV 130
16
+ Student Education Association meeting, 4 p.m., DAV 130
17
+ CITF committee meeting, 10 a.m., CAC 133
+ Holiday - Federal office closed
18
+ Fall Fest, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Harbor side
+ Football
USF v. Austin Peay
20
+ Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association meeting, 4 p.m., BAT 105
21
+ Dean's lunch, noon - 1:30 p.m., Cafe
+ Program Strategies workshop, Noon - 1 p.m., CCC
+ HIS Society meeting, 4 p.m., DAV 130
22
+ Student Government meeting, 4:30 p.m., CAC 133
23 - 24
+ Thanksgiving Holiday
+ CAC closed
+ Library closed
+ Pool and waterfront closed
28
+ Student Accounting and Business Organization meeting, 4:30 p.m., COQ 200A

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Traveler can't unlock mystery of the station wagon

By M.E. BAKER
Editor

In 1989, I set off on a trip to Fort Myers in a faded yellow station wagon with two friends, Bob Sullivan and Carol Lyons. They were headed to a state Sierra Club meeting. I was headed to an unforgettable encounter with the station wagon.

We left St. Petersburg after work on Friday with Carol driving her station wagon. The car had been her father's before his death, and was showing its age, but it was more reliable than what either Bob or I could offer. Besides, Carol enjoyed the vehicle's electrically powered features. At least that's why I thought she liked driving the car.

It was well after dark when Carol drove the car between twin palm trees and crunched onto the shell driveway of our host. We stopped in front of what appeared to be a small two-story building. Once through the garage and up the stairs, we were in an even smaller stilt home.

We visited with our host for a while, then the three of us began preparations for the evening, toss- ing air mattresses and sleeping pads onto available spaces on the floor. Other out-of-towners began to arrive, and soon every square foot in every room was head-to-toe people. Being the smaller and shorter of Bob or Carol, I volunteered to sleep in the station wagon. This was not an entirely gracious act. I hoped to not only relieve the overcrowding in the house, but to get away from the inevitable snoring.

Dragging my air mattress and sleeping bag 50 feet across the yard, I unlocked the tailgate of the wagon. I wrestled the air mattress into the back, tossed in my sleeping bag, crawled in and pulled the tailgate closed behind me. The mattress added several inches to the level of the floor, so I couldn't sit up. I was forced to lie down. The ceiling was only inches from my nose. "This must be what it's like to ride in the back of a hearse," I thought. I decided to read by flashlight. After a few minutes, however, I switched off the light, squeezed into my bag and closed my eyes.

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A sound began to rouse me. Dunk. Dunk. Dunk. In my semi-conscious state, I figured rain must be dripping off the palm trees onto the car. The noise continued, and as I pulled myself back into consciousness, the sound became clear. Thank thunk. Thank thunk. Thank thunk.

I was awake now, and I looked around to see what was going on. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw it. Thank thunk. I sat up on my elbows. It was the electric door locks. Down. Thank up.

Thank thunk. The door locks popped up and down without any visible aid. Thank thunk. One at a time, the shafts of the locks receded into the door panels, then rose again. Thank thunk.

There! The one on the driver's door was moving. Thank thunk. Then the one on my door to my right. Thank thunk. Now the tailgate. Thank thunk. Next, the lock to my left. Thank thunk. The front passenger's door. Thank thunk. Back to the driver's door - thank thunk - and the cycle continued.

The door locks moved around me again and again, always the same stiff curtsey. I watched in fascination. "Must be an electrical short," I thought after a moment. "Perhaps if I can stop the cycle..."

I put two fingers around the lock to the left of me. The lock to the right of me went down and back up. The tailgate lock followed in its turn. I gripped the left lock and held it in place, my fingers tensed in anticipation. Thank. The lock went down, pulling my fingers with it.

A gentle rain started, drops plopping against the sides of the wagon. The wet blots blurred my view of the house, but I could see that every window in the house was dark. The door locks began to march faster. Thank-thunk. Thank-thunk. The locks moved for half an hour, not one ever missing its appointed beat. I could do nothing but watch. The pace of the rain picked up, and so did the locks. Thank-thunk-thunk-thunk. Then I remembered. I was not alone.***

When her father was alive, Carol had once told me, "Must be what it's like to ride in the back of a hearse." I remembered the sound of footsteps in her home when no one else was there. Her dogs, late at night, would stand at the foot of the bed, look past the open door, and bark into the blackness of the living room beyond. I remembered how these curiosities had stopped suddenly after two gay friends had come over for dinner.

A course of action occurred to me. The rain was coming harder, the door locks moving faster. I opened my mouth and spoke in what I hoped would be a calm voice. "Hi, Mr. Lyons. Thanks for letting me stay in your house tonight."

Rain came down in sheets, obliterating my view of the stilt house. I felt ennobled in the car. The locks moved now in unison, all five locks rising and falling together. THUNK. THUNK. THUNK. Their noise had the cadence of a primal drum, beating fast, warning of danger. THUNK THUNK THUNK THUNK.

Two hours passed, the locks not wavering in their rhythm. The rain cooled the air, and I pushed deeper into the sleeping bag. The rain slowed, and so did the door locks. I was tired. I was — disappointed? I fell back to sleep, the rain still spattering on the windows and the locks still doing their rigid dance.

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When I awoke again, it was daylight. The sky was clear, the earth drying. The door locks were silent and motionless. I wrenched open the tailgate and ran inside the house. When I told Carol of the night's happenings, all she said was, "I wondered why my battery kept dying."

She and I walked back out to the car. Carol lifted the tailgate and opened a side storage panel where my right foot had been the night before. She pulled out a plain chipboard box about the size of a shoebox and handed it to me. The box was sealed with turn after turn of masking tape, looking for all the world like a mummy building block.

The helt of the box surprised me. I weighed the box in my hand before handing her father back to her.

Later, when she went to start the station wagon, the battery was dead.

After all these years, I am still unresolved as to what happened that night. Had it merely been an electrical malfunction — or someone doing their best to escape from a life of travel? I'll let you decide for yourself.
Spectral guardian kept watch over family

By MELANIE EBARAT
Contributing Writer

The summer after my first year away at college, I returned home to the house where I grew up. My parents had moved and sold the house to my older brother who was newly married. He and his wife had invited me to spend the summer there, so I eagerly accepted and settled back into my old bedroom that I had shared with my older sister.

My sister, Starija, had died seven years before of a long illness, but the memories of times we shared were still evident in every corner of the room. I especially remember how she used to sit at the window, too sick and weak to go out, and watch us all play outside. She was the oldest so she was always watching over us.

The first night home, I fell fast asleep in the confines of familiar surroundings. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, I woke up, not believing anything but because I somehow sensed another presence in the room. I looked to the door and saw a woman leaning against the doorframe, wearing a long white gown, peering in on me. I somehow sensed another presence in the room. I looked to the door and saw a woman leaning against the doorframe, wearing a long white gown, peering in on me. I couldn’t see the woman’s face.

Thinking it was my sister-in-law checking on me, I smiled, turned over and went back to sleep. The next morning at breakfast, I thanked my sister-in-law for looking in on me in the middle of the night. She looked puzzled and said she had never gotten up in the night. I told them what I saw, and noticed that my brother had grown quite pale as he listened to my story. Then he told us what had happened to him.

He never said anything before,” he said, "because I didn’t think anyone would believe me. But several months ago, I was sleeping here alone one night and I saw the same image.” He said he jumped out of bed and ran after the woman because he knew he was alone in the house, but as he reached the hallway she had vanished.

We stared blankly at each other for a while. Finally he said, "Call it a ghost or a guardian angel, but I know what I saw.” As goose bumps formed all over my body, I mumbled, "So do I.”

Bosnian student sees hope in Belgrade coup

By CHRIS CURRY
Of the Crow’s Nest

USF junior journalism major Nataza Bulatovic has personal insight into the ongoing movement for democracy in Yugoslavia.

Born in Tuzla, Bosnia, Bulatovic and her family lived for five years in Podgorica, the capital of the Yugoslavian republic of Montenegro. She described the 10-year regime of ousted leader Slobodan Milosevic as a time of poverty and unrest, scarred by wars in Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia.

“IT was a poor economic situation,” Bulatovic, 23, said. “There was no way to prosper. If you could find a job it was a really poor one, even if you had a bache­lor’s degree or a master’s degree.”

In 1997, Nataza, her parents and sister left Yugoslavia. Much of her extended family still lives in Montenegro and Bosnia, another Yugoslavian republic. Bulatovic said that although her family members were not directly involved in the Oct. 5-6 demonstrations in Belgrade, they were happy and shocked to see democratically elected President Vojislav Kostunica take office.

“It’s what everybody was hoping for but nobody believed it was going to happen because we had so many elections before that and Milosevic kept winning and winning. People in the streets of Montenegro were carrying pictures of Slobodan Milosevic to bury them and say he’s gone,” Bulatovic said.

Bulatovic said she had mixed feelings about the revolt, which included looting just entering the parliament building and praying for a peaceful change.

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Museum marks first exhibit of collection

More than 50 works from a major Florida collection of American art will be on view at the Museum of Fine Arts Nov. 12 through Jan. 14. Primarily paintings, the works range from the mid-19th century to the 1950s and encompass traditional and modernist landscapes and still lifes, portraits and urban realism.


This exhibition marks the first public showing of such a large number of works from the Beck collection, according to museum spokesman David Connelly.

Guest curator of the show is Dr. Valerie A. Leeds. Currently an independent curatorial consultant, Leeds served as curator of 19th and early 20th century American art at the Orlando Museum of Art, as well as the curator of exhibitions at the Tampa Museum of Art.
Sullivan hears from 400 on plan from p. 1

This month, USF president Judy Genshaft introduced her plan for increased regional autonomy, which included separate accreditation and separate control of curriculum and faculty hiring, to the Board of Regents and the St. Petersburg campus administration.

Sullivan said that Genshaft was a "breath of spring" for the conversation on campus autonomy, but that her plan was vague.

"The proposal by President Genshaft is very broad and philosophical," Sullivan said. "There are very few details. By itself, it will not stand."

Sullivan said that one obstacle to campus expansion under USF is the agreement between USF and St. Petersburg Junior College to limit enrollment on this campus for the next four to five years.

"The biggest problem I foresee is how will you mesh with St. Petersburg Junior College," Sullivan said.

He added that it was important for the campus to have concrete plans for its future before the board of Regents is dissolved in 2003.

Student government president Clayton Tieman said that Sullivan's appearance showed that the senator wanted to cooperate with USF, not fight it.

"It cleared up a lot of misconceptions I had about his opinion," Tieman said. "Sullivan is doing a noble thing. He wants this campus to stop being a part of a colonial system."

Some students said they did not like the idea of trading quality for quantity in higher education.

"I think being part of a research university is very important," said Jill Ferrell, a junior elementary education major. "We will lose quality instructors and quality of graduates will go down. So we will actually be losing quality into our country." Freshman student government representative Joseph D'Ettore said Sullivan left a lot of questions unanswered.

D'Ettore said he was unsure why Sullivan might pursue a separate school despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of faculty and students wanted to stay with USF. "I'm interested in quality not quantity in education," said D'Ettore. "He'll forego quality for quantity."

Senior education major and student government representative Angela Dwyer said she agreed with part of Sullivan's reasoning.

"I think he has some good points," Dwyer said. "I understand why he's upset because he's been trying to get this campus money and we're not getting what we're supposed to."

But Dwyer said she did not want to see a split with USF.

Guidelines offer ATM safety

BY OFFICER JOHN SPIEGLIIA Contributing Writer

The safest place to use your ATM machine is on campus in the Davis student lounge. Regardless of where you use an automatic cash machine, the following safety guidelines will reduce the likelihood of you becoming the victim of ATM crime.

- Try to use an ATM located inside an open business whenever possible.
- When using a drive-up ATM, keep all vehicle doors locked and only open the window you are using. Keep the engine running and pay attention to your surroundings. If anyone approaches your vehicle, cancel the transaction and drive away.
- If you leave your vehicle, park nearby in a well-lit area, lock all doors and keep your keys ready to re-enter your vehicle when done.
- Always look out for suspicious persons or vehicles in the area.
- Never use an ATM that is poorly lighted or not visible from the street.
- When waiting in line, stay well behind the person ahead of you, and do not approach the ATM until they leave.
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Scavenger hunt to help needy

By M.E. BAKER
Editor

Let's see that list for the scavenger hunt again, Bob. Hmm. One picked herring. Two left feet. Christmas presents for underprivileged children.

What a minute. Christmas presents? What's that on there? Christmas is still two months away! "Christmas presents" probably won't be found on the list for this year's "Adopt a Family Scavenger Hunt." However, contestants who search for the unusual and the ordinary will help local needy children find gifts under the tree this coming holiday season.

Scholarship fund offers women chance for college education

HINGHAM, Mass. (PRNewsWire) - Applications for the 2001 Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund, a $100,000 fund for women seeking an undergraduate degree later in life, are now being accepted.

The program awards five women each $10,000 scholarships and 50 women each $1,000 scholarships for undergraduates at an accredited 4-year, 2-year, or vocational-technical school.


Norah's Nest seeks '60s crisis items

Florida International Museum is seeking permanent donations of material related to the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 for a special exhibition scheduled to open in December.

Items of special interest for the museum include photographs, uniforms, military items, fallout shelter materials, evacuation plans, personal items, maps, diaries, flight logs and documents.

St. Petersburg Little Theatre sets auditions

Auditions for "The Marriage-Go-Round" will be held next month by St. Petersburg Little Theatre.

The auditions will be held Nov. 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the theater, 4025 31st St. S.

Director Leon Bogaert is casting for two women, one age 20 to 30, the other 35 to 50, and two men between 35 and 50. All readings are from the script.

Backstage personnel also are needed. The play, written by Leslie Stevens, will be performed Jan 4-14.

For more information, call 866-2059.

USF flying club offers weekend skydiving

Skydiving is sponsored every weekend by Zephyrhills with the Suncoast Flying Club, a USF-St. Petersburg organization.

The club meets every Wednesday at noon at Poolside. Lunch is provided.

For more information, contact Manny, 864-3707.

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Judges selecting the 2001 recipients are Nicole Hollander, creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip "Sylvia," two-time Grammy award-winning singer and actress Jennifer Holiday, and Suze Orman, financial expert, best selling author and motivational speaker.

Since launching its scholarship program in 1997, Talbots has awarded nearly $300,000 in college scholarships to 164 women ranging in age from their late 20's to their early 60's.

The exhibition, expected to occupy about 10,000 square feet, will display images and items relating to the events from Oct. 15, 1962, until the end of the crisis on Oct. 28.

Florida International Museum is the permanent home of the largest private collection of Kennedy artifacts in the world.

For more information, call 800-777-9882 or visit www.floridamuseum.org.

'Notes from Cross Creek': Last year's scavenger hunt raised $3,500 cash and $200 in gift certificates, said Michael Drabin, volunteer coordinator for Juvenile Services Program, Inc. 'We're just not trying to raise funds,' Drabin said. 'We're trying to raise awareness of the program.'

Registration for the scavenger hunt begins at 6:30 p.m. at Tumers at Bayboro. Cost is $30 a person or $100 a carload. Pizza, beer and soda will be provided at the conclusion of the 90-minute hunt.

Sponsors are The Heritage Inn, The Tavern at Bayboro, and Haines Road Animal Hospital.

For more information, call Drabin, 584-8186, or Isabella Cox, 327-2443.

What's Goin' On?

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Round" - Florida International Museum, St. Petersburg.

The program awards five women, one age 35 to 50, two children under 12 free. INFO: 821-7391.

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USF sailing team nipping at keels of big dogs

By STEVE LANG
Contributing Writer

Those who thought USF's sloop team victory for the Intrepid Trophy at the Naval Academy last spring was a fluke need to rethink. Following a convincing win at Coast Guard for the Pine Trophy in September, USF has done it again.

In a very close and exciting regatta held in Annapolis Oct. 14-15, USF finished first, defeating nine other sloop teams at Navy's Fall 1-24 Invitational.

Sailing for USF were Jamey Rabbit, Angus Jameson, Doug Neiman, Nadia Saxman, and Nate Villarelo.

Regatta Highlights:
USF won the first two races Saturday in 5-7 knot winds from the east. Hobart and St. Mary's finished a close second and third. When USF got tangled in traffic at starts at the favored boat end, Hobart took over the top spot with two bullets of its own. St. Mary's was a point off the leaders with two seconds and two thirds in the first four races.

USF came back again, breaking away from the pack and using superior boat handling and spinnaker work to win twice more and end the day with Hobart ahead and the three leaders within three points of each other.

Sunday brought light winds on a course parallel to shore and subject to tricky currents. Hobart won the first two races and had a commanding 7-point lead over USF in the dying afternoon breeze.

With time for one more race, USF needed to win and put 8 points on a boat which had not finished less than fourth in eight previous races. Both teams had four wins.

In the pre-start maneuvering, USF brilliantly defended the right end of the line and forced Hobart and St. Mary's into less-favored, crowded middle position starts.

Tacking immediately for the shore, USF came off the last start with a clear lead. Hobart, frustrated by poor position, self-destructed and fouled Georgetown, requiring a 720 and putting Hobart into last place on the first leg.

St. Mary's sailed into a strong current with a veering breeze and quickly fell to next to last. As the teams rounded the last mark, USF was the first to recognize a 180 shift and they launched the chute to sail to an easy victory.

Hobart finished ninth, giving the overall win to the Bulls.

In a meet the week before, freshman Sandra Singleton finished sixth of 14 at Navy in one of the toughest fleets in the US. Currently ranked in the top eight of 22, the team has qualified for district champs as the top points team in the South.

The women's team traveled to Connecticut the weekend of Oct. 21, while four men took on the nationally ranked College of Charleston Cougars in South Carolina.

Paleobiologist to present Eminent Scholars lectures Nov. 1-3

A paleobiologist from Johns Hopkins University will present the Fall 2000 Eminent Scholars Lectures in early November.

Dr. Steven M. Stanley from the Morton K. Blaustein Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Johns Hopkins will speak Nov. 1-3 on the USF-St. Petersburg campus.

Stanley will lecture on the following topics:
Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. "How a Global Catastrophe Allowed the Human Genus to Arise"
Nov. 2 at 3:30 p.m. "On the Cause (and Possible End) of the Modern Ice Age"
Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m. "Secular Trends in Biological Calcification Driven by Tectonically Forced Shifts in Seawater Chemistry"

All lectures will be held in the USF/PMRI Joint Use Auditorium in the main building of the Florida Marine Research Institute. They are free and open to the public.

USF's College of Marine Science and the U.S. Geological Survey sponsor the lectures.

Stanley's research has focused on evolutionary theory and the study of fossils in the field and laboratory. A former Guggenheim Fellow, Stanley is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Stanley has introduced and is further developing a new explanation for the modern ice age, based on ocean circulation. He has also investigated trends in the evolution of horses and other grazing animals and found relationships with climate cooling and drying that resulted in the expansion of grasslands.

He is the author of "Children of the Ice Age: How Global Catastrophe Allowed Humans to Evolve, The New Evolutionary Timetable."

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