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Impertinent questions:

- Wouldn't you have loved to have gone for a dip in the pool last week? Which part of the phrase "South Florida" do the folks who keep the pool closed while the temperatures edge toward 90 not understand?
- Think of the hundreds of million Americans who can't go swimming right now because they're too busy shoveling snow or chipping away ice. Would they want us to squeander this weather?
- Is life so short that people have to cut through a corner gas station just to avoid a red light?
- When will the rowing campus police crack down on the smoker who uses the second floor Coquina Hall restroom? Are citizens arrests permissible on campus?
- Where have all the flowers gone, long time passing?
- Why did the taxpayers foot the bill for the extra parking spaces? Do we have the space that was promised to be forever?
- Do two-day-old Valentines count the same as those that arrive on time? If not, why not? Isn't love supposed to be forever?
- Can reduced-price Valentines Day candy be used in Easter baskets?
- Who put the lang in the lang-a-dang-a-dang?
- When will the university police need to enlarge the overall campus footprint to accommodate future expansion?

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Chinese celebrate Year of the Dog

By Michelle Lawson

Chinese people from all over the world will be setting off fireworks to take part in the celebration of the Lunar New Year, marking the beginning of the “Year of the Dog.”

“T he dog is associated with loyalty, honesty and good, strong characterist ics,” says Dr. Scott Liu, USF assistant professor. Twelve different animals are on the Chinese calendar, each year a different animal is represented.

“I think it will be a good year, although not a very colorful, exciting year,” says Liu. “The year of the dog tends to be more calm and more peaceful where nothing too unusual is expected to happen. It will be the year to try and maintain stability rather than try to come out with new innovative ideas.”

Dancing, playing games, eating and the setting off of fireworks are a large part of the New Year’s eve celebration.

“The fireworks are a spiritual symbol to ward off the evil spirits and to bring good fortune in the new year,” says Liu. “Most Chinese people approach these traditions knowing they are superstitions and nothing bad is associated.”

“Sometimes good things do come out of the traditions because in a way it provides some sort of direction for people and gives a sense of priority,” says Liu.

Special to The Crow’s Nest

USF-Bayboro political science major Christopher Eckhardt was part of a panel on censorship held on the USF-Tampa campus February 14.

Eckhardt, a plaintiff in Tinker v. Des Moines, will also be a guest lecturer on student rights to be held from 2-5 p.m. February 22 in PED 113 on the Tampa campus, as part of the course, American Rights Struggles: 1954-1994, taught by Sandra A. Garcia.

Women’s month set

A series of lectures, exhibits, films and activities will be held on campus this semester in recognition of National Women’s History Month. Planning and funding for these programs comes from a variety of sources including the Cultural Diversity Committee, Campus Lecture Series, Women’s Collective, Academic Frontiers lecture series, Counseling and Career Center, and the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce.

The schedule of events includes:

A feminist theater program, “Sisters, Let Us Remember,” combining women’s politics and spirituality through dramatic reading, interpretative dance and music by Goddess Productions at noon Friday, Feb. 18 in Davis 108.

A performance art poem, “A Woman Sez,” by Gianni Russo and Phyllis Taylor at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 at the Campus Activities Center.

For more details and information on campus events during women’s history month, contact Lisa Wharton at 893-9156.
What to do with those empties

By Leigh Griffiths

What do beer bottles, USF, benches and shoes all have in common? Recycling, of course.

Through the Campus Activity Center's Recycling Program, it's possible to bring recyclables to class and drop them off virtually anywhere on campus.

Items that may be dropped off include aluminum, plastic, glass, office paper, newspaper, and computer paper.

The CAC has a resource library that includes information on local recycling programs, brochures from national and international wildlife organizations, articles about the recent Earth Summit in Brazil, the Cousteau Log, and books including "Fifty Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth." Drop-off points include:

- Davis Hall Lobby — aluminum cans, glass, plastic.
- CAC: aluminum cans, glass, plastic, newspaper, office paper.
- Davis Hall computer room: office paper, computer paper, newspaper.
- Coquina Dining Hall: aluminum, cans, glass, plastic.
- Davis Hall copy rooms: office paper, computer paper, newspaper.
- Marine Science copy room: office paper, computer paper, newspaper.
- Poynter Library copy room: Office paper, computer paper, newspaper.

There also are collection sites for aluminum cans at the swimming pool and upstairs in Coquina Hall and for hours. Brodosi, skipper of the Misty Shadow, finally got his heading set and kept it steady for three hours. First Mate Scheuren sat spellbound, staring at the water until he too got something strange.

"Captain," he said. His voice strangely calm and menacing.

"Yes Johnny," responded Captain Dyer.

"Um, I don't think we've been moving for a while. I think we're stuck on the bottom."

And so it was. The heading never veered as the water lapped up against the side of the vessel. The fog obscuring view kept its landmark that would reveal their position. The crew moved to the bow of the boat and lifted her off the sand back safely into the channel.

They crept onward toward the Tierra Verde Bridge until it appeared out of the fog. As they approached the rising span an alarm went off. The bridge was stuck and evasive action was accomplished just in time. The Misty Shadow circled the dark water waiting for safe passage. The fog concealing the crew's approach.

Among the activities planned are a bike trip around Tyrolean, a lecture on marine life, a camping trip on Shell Island, a spelunking trip to Alabama and, between semesters during the first week of May, a trip to Venezuela.

The prospect of Venezuela came up when Scheuren's brother had visited there for a wedding, and found out the roundup tickets could be obtained for around $200.

"The emphasis is nobody has any money," Holzwart said. The club strives to get reasonably inexpensive activities together for students. Club members participate in only the activities they want, and can feel free to suggest any activities that haven't been covered.

The Bovine Sojourners' Club is open to anyone and everyone. Sign-ups are held at the Recreation Office. And where will they go from here?

"We hope to spread the epidemic — hit the Tampa campus next, and maybe Saravos," Holzwart said.
Who's going to take the blame?

For those of you with noses buried in schoolbooks and not tuned into the news, Mrs. Bobbitt, of bedroom Ginsu fame, was actually found not guilty of malicious wounding. The Menendez trial, which should have been an open and shut case, has turned into a five-month-long farce.

Where are the laws of this country going? There were no reservations or apprehensions that Bobbitt and the Menendez duo were the perpetrators. A crime had taken place in each instance. Were the laws that we live by meant to be selective?

Unfortunately, often at the expense of the innocent, the law is subject to an opinion by those not fit to do so. What kind of mentality has become ingrained in today's juries? Hopefully it will be contained in California.

Take a look at the precedents now being set. Loreena Bobbitt may have been considered berserk, but she was guilty without a doubt. Though acts may be performed against us, are we to retribution outside the courts? After all, I was temporarily unbalanced. Is this interpretation of the law now sanctioning revenge? Insane or not, the law was violently broken.

The outcome of the Menendez scenario was unimaginable until the recent jury decisions. Sixteen shotgun blasts to massacre their parents, and not a solid murder conviction. Call me old fashioned, but I don't think I could have soothed my grief due to alleged years of abuse the way Lyle did.

The young Menendez was so upset about blasting his mom and dad away that he spent $15,000 on Rolex watches and $70,000 on a Porsche. It's amazing what kind of healing properties an expensive car can have on such a psychological wound.

What's going on with society? Why have we sterilized our vernacular to assist blame avoidance? There was a time when drug abusers were called junkies and addicts. Today criminals are offenders, as if they have merely had an etiquette faux pas.

Where has our courage gone to assign blame? Whatever you do nowadays is justifiable. No matter how absurd — actually the more the better — those at the forefront of the therapy culture will rationalize it. Don't worry about responsibility, blame your family for screwing up your life. The result: a murderer is not always a murderer anymore. What kind of verdict do you think Charles Manson might get today? I would wager, though fearfully, that he would go free.

What has been causing over 20,000 deaths a year by violent means in the U.S.? Poverty, inequality, guns? During the Depression there were more of each, and the crime statistics were comparably lower. What Americans had back then, that is at a loss today, is a sense of shame. Moral issues were black and white and not tranquilizing, ethics-numbing hues of grey.

Gee whiz Wally, maybe that is the true traversty.
Tonya Harding has more heart than any individual I can think of at this moment. In the face of relentless media pressure she has managed to remain focused on her goal of skating for an Olympic gold medal. Her fierce determination, her apparent will of steel, and her self discipline defies the stereotype of feminine weakness.

The issues surrounding the incident transcende the Olympics, and even any of the individuals. The most important issue of course, is whether Harding had anything to do with the planning of the attack on skating competitor Nancy Kerrigan. I don't think she is guilty. I believe that her former husband is an obsessively abusive male who is actually willing to do a little jail time in order to destroy Harding's entire life's work to keep control over her.

Her success threatened his ability to manipulate her. She has, through her skating, been able to escape the abusive poverty of her youth. His hold on her weakened with every step toward Olympic fame. A gold medal would provide her with the ability to be totally independent and free of his domination. Even if he was able to brutalize her into cooperating with such a plan, she is more victim than perpetrator. From what I have seen and heard he is fully capable of doing anything to maintain a hold on Harding. Even something as stupid and destructive as setting her up to appear guilty just to prevent her from achieving her dream and creating a life for herself that would not include him.

Unfortunately the other issues surrounding this affair tend to blur the facts. The other issues are: the tabloid mentality of the media, the prosecutorial abuse of the plea bargain process that rewards perjury, the huge money interests surrounding the Olympics that must surely be drooling over the ratings that a competition between the two skaters will guarantee, and finally the indisputable fact that we are finally entrenched in an age that rewards winning at any cost. We see everyday in a million ways that there is no right or wrong — there is only what you can get away with.

Harding is a living symbol of all that is wrong with the world as well as a symbol of the power of the human spirit to persevere. As this story is played out this month we will all be watching and waiting to see who cracks first. Who wins and who loses. The drama is certain to capture the attention of the entire world. The pressure on both young skaters boggles the imagination.

It has become a no win situation for Harding and a no loss situation for Kerrigan. If she falls down the injury will be blamed. If she skates flawlessly the crowd will explode. If Harding falls, it will be blamed on her guilt. If she skates flawlessly, she will be called hard and ruthless. If one of the other competitors wins, then the medal will be tarnished by speculation and questions over the effect of the controversy on the judges.

In the end the only winners will be the money interests that profit from the high ratings the competition is certain to attract. The media will chew up and devour all of the players and move on to the next scandal for profit. If nothing else, I hope Harding finally frees herself from that abusive ex-husband of hers and gets on with her life. Her destruction would be his victory.

The cover of this week's TV Guide displays the slender, graceful image of Kerrigan. She embodies the ideal image the American media prefers. She is more suited to chiffon and lace than the pugnacious Harding. She embodies the pit bull determination and win-at-all-cost mentality that is the underbelly of the American spirit and may be what has really made this country the dominant force in the world it surely is. It is also the part that no one wants to admit to.

The award-winning Canadian documentary Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media made its American premiere at Bayboro debut Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Tampa Theatre. The screening is a teach, publish, lecture, and intellectual. Yet despite his widely on

and media critique. Peter Wintonick and Mark Achbar gathered scores of clips from interviews, speeches and debates spanning more than 20 years. They whistled this down to two-and-a-half hours interspersed with a few skits and bits of levity, and called it Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media.

Released in the fall of 1992, it soon broke box office records in Canada for a documentary. It has won 11 awards at film festivals around the world and has been sold to television in 13 countries. Suncoast residents can see what all the fuss is about Feb. 27.

Dennis Hans is an adjunct instructor at SPJC. He taught the American Foreign Policy course at Bayboro mentioned in the article.
Army recruiter living good life

By Jackie Bishop

"I guess they made me the Poster Child for the Army," said Staff Sgt. Jessie Bates. He's referring to his picture, which is plastered all over the Bayboro Campus on recruitment fliers.

Whoever decided to put his face there made a good choice. Bates, 26, is an Army success story. He's the product of a program he believes in, and his job is getting others to take advantage of it, too. A native of St. Petersburg and graduate of Northeast High School, Bates attended Central Texas College and got his degree in 1993, while still on active duty.

The Army paid 75 percent of his tuition, and he'll have $17,000 coming to him at the end of his enlistment. Throw in a very happy marriage along the way, and Bates has every reason to believe that it just doesn't get any better than this.

"Recruiting is tough, he said, but he chose it because of all the Army has to offer. Reductions in the size of the armed forces might mean that the Marines are looking for a few less good men, but the Army, according to its Tyrone Station staff, still has some critical personnel needs. The training and scholarships offered are so good in some fields, said Bates, that "turnover is a problem." People enlist, do their two-year hitch, then take the money and run.

"Typically, many people get specialized training and then leave the service for places like IBM," Bates said. "So we have to keep refilling those positions."

"The specialties that need recruits are always changing," said Sgt. De La Cruz, Bates' fellow recruiter at Tyrone. "Right now, it's military intelligence," but as Bates adds, "You've gotta be squeaky-clean." Often the openings are for medical or para-medical specialties, electronics and communications. Since these are the most popular areas with people seeking training, these turn over the fastest.

Both Bates and De La Cruz have stories of people they recruited who found a good life in the Army. In both cases, their favorite success story involves a woman.

"We are recruiting more women than in the past, now that more positions are open to them. But right now we need to get more information out there," Bates said. "Then the response will be even better."

He recently received a letter and a picture from a young woman he recruited who has now completed basic training. On leave at Christmas, she came back to thank him for nudging her into her new career.

"I feel good about that," Bates said. "She graduated from Lakewood High School, but came from a broken home and had it pretty rough coming up. She feels good about herself now, she's really happy. I've been in the Army eight years now, and that's why I stay in recruiting."

Student rocks on

By Benjamin Harper

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Information Systems Association
ISA will meet Mondays at 5 p.m. in Davis 108. The software seminars this semester will be: Word Perfect, Feb. 19. To sign up for any seminar or updated seminar schedule, please see the board in the computer lab.

Student Business Association
The Student Business Association welcomes you to our next meeting Tuesday, March 1. We are pleased to have tax accountant Lynn Crall from Anchor Hocking come in for a discussion concerning tax accounting. The meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. in Davis 108. There will not be an SBA meeting March 15.

Imperial Order of Bovine Sojourners
This new club has been formed as a travel and history club and they plan to take monthly trips around Florida and the world. For membership information, call the Recreation Office at 893-9597.

Sailing Club
The USF-Bayboro Sailing Club has announced its spring semester schedule. Meetings will be March 4, March 25, April 8 and April 22. All general meetings will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Bayboro Cafe. Food and refreshments will be served. The Sailing Club also has planned as events: a sail-out to Snell Island in February, a work day on Haney Landing in February, a 1 p.m. inter-club work day on Haney Landing in preparation for the Windship Regatta followed by a meeting and pool barbecue for all clubs, an advanced sailing clinic March 25, the 1994 Bayboro Windship Regatta April 2 and a year-end banquet. All questions about the sailing club can be directed to Scott or Suzanne at 893-9597.

Student Government
Student government will be holding its third meeting at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in Room 133 at the Campus Activities Center. The meeting is open to the campus community. For more student government information, please refer to the SG’s display case in the student lounge.

Student Education Association
If you are in the College of Education, you will not want to miss our next meeting. Gene Ofen from the Marine Science Center at USF will be our guest speaker to discuss strategies on how to teach science, particularly about space. Science can and should be an interesting subject for students. If you want to know how to engage students and keep them interested, and what materials you might use in your curriculum, come and listen to our guest. Fee free to bring in any questions you might have about teaching space. Not only will he present his strategies, but he will also have with him a full table of materials to display and manipulate. You will not want to miss this meeting. The date to remember is March 3, at noon to 12:45 in Davis 219. Remember we will be serving light refreshments.

Student Council for Exceptional Children
The SCEC continues to work hard on its fund raising. The car wash held Jan. 22 was a huge success. SCEC would like to thank McDonalds in Rutland Plaza for the use of the water and parking lot. SCEC also thanks the people who washed all the cars: Cindy Nedick and her daughter, Lorrie Cole, Debbie Robertson, Tracey Sanders, Joe Brown, Mark Lindsey, Tonya Forrester, SCEC adviser Kim Stoddard and all the SCEC officers.

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SCEC will be holding a rummage sale Feb. 5. It went so well, the club plans to continue this fundraising activity. SCEC would like to thank its advisers, Kim Stoddard and Eleanor Guetze and Mary Ann Harrell from the education office for their donations. For donating time and material, SCEC thanks Julie Scarmalis, Joe Brown, Jan Ostoits, Judy Hooks, Tina Gipner, Debbie Robertson, Tracey and Barry Sanders, and the SCEC officers. Special thanks is given to Julie Illg’s husband for allowing his garage to be used as storage space. SCEC thanks all who attended its first meeting. The turnout was terrific. Next meeting is from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Feb. 19. Refreshments will be served. The meeting will be held in Room 133 at the Campus Activities Center. The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in Davis 108. There will not be an SBA meeting March 15.

American Association of College Women
The American Association of College Women will hold its next meeting Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34th St. N, Elaine Liebschutz, historian, is scheduled to speak on "Fun and Frustrations of Teaching Our Descendants of the Past." The AAWU endeavors to enable college women to continue their intellectual growth, to further the advancement of women and, through community involvement, help to improve society. All college graduates are encouraged to attend. Membership director is Betty Barnes, 525-9707. Undergraduates are invited to attend the meetings.

Exhibit to explore cultural diversity

Special to the Crow's Nest
An opening reception for the "Action Free's Your Dreams" art exhibit will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Campus Activities Center conference room.

Prizes in the "best of" categories of poetry, photography, fiction/prose, and drawing/painting will be awarded.

Poets Gianna Russo and Phyllis Taylor will perform "A Woman's Sex," a piece that explores the relationship between black and white women.

The event, sponsored by the Culture Diversity Committee, is open to the campus community. The art exhibit will be on display in the Poynter Library Feb. 25 through April 1.
USF marchers honor King

By Nadine Henderson Price

USF-Bayboro representatives marched in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, Jan. 17, in St. Petersburg in the number 63 position. Education major Amelia Fritzmeier and her aunt, Fritzi Barber (a retired nurse), carried a USF banner in front of the Largo Band of Gold, while education major Jacqueline Douglas and Juanita Fountain, education professor and chairman of the St.-Petersburg Diversity Committee, carried another USF banner just behind the band.

The message, "Dr. King had a DREAM. He also had an education," was carried on a third banner by Diane McKinstry, director of the Counseling and Career Center; Nadine Henderson Price, mass communications major; Dean H. William Heller and Stephen Ritch, director of Student Affairs. Lenae Douglas, Jacquelines daughter, assisted Price in distributing candy and USF-Bayboro brochures to the parade crowd.

Fountain had held the number 63 spot in the lineup since 10 a.m. The USF contingent slowly crept to the start of the parade lineup where they were joined by the band some three and one-half hours later.

McKinstry said, "The band knows two songs." But Heller said, "No, I think they know three." The crowd was four layers deep by the time they reached Sixth Street and Central Avenue. "We would need at least a thousand (USF) brochures for this crowd," Price said.

Participants wore USF shirts and comfortable shoes for the walk. USF at Bayboro Campus is in the process of organizing a float committee so the campus can walk again in the upcoming Festival of State Parade in March 1994.

MONDAY, February 28
- The Counseling and Career Center will hold an Orientation to On-Campus recruiting from noon-12:30 p.m. and from 5-5:30 p.m. An explanation of the procedures for participating in on-campus interviewing will be discussed and placement registration materials will only be distributed after a student has attended this workshop.
- An Interviewing Skills workshop will be held by the Counseling and Career Center from 4-6 p.m. This workshop is for students who want to learn about job interviews, pre-interview planning and resumes.
- The Academic Frontiers lecture, "Female-Friendly Science: Gender Bias in Schooling," will be given by Sue Rosser at 6 p.m. in the Campus Activities Center.

TUESDAY, March 1
- NPR's Susan Stamberg will speak at the Campus Activities Center at 6 p.m.
- The Counseling and Career Center will hold a Job Search Strategies Seminar from 4-6 p.m. Participants will learn how to structure a job search, research organizations and how to utilize the hidden job market.

THURSDAY, March 3
- An Orientation to On-Campus Recruiting workshop will be held from noon-12:30 p.m. and from 5-5:30 p.m. Placement materials will only be given to a student after attending this seminar.

MONDAY, March 7
- Barry Lynn, attorney and executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, will lecture on school reform at 6 p.m. at the CAC.

MONDAY, March 21
- Allyson Tucker, manager of the Center for Educational Policy at the Heritage Foundation, will lecture on improving the nation's schools at 6 p.m. at the CAC.

The Campus Log contains upcoming events on and around campus for students to attend. To have your event included in the next issue of The Crow's Nest, type the information and drop it off at the Campus Activities Center.

The deadline for the March 2 issue is February 23 at 5 p.m. Items will be included as space allows with the timeliness of the event being the determining factor.

The CAC is located at the corner of Sixth Avenue South and Second Street.

For more information call the CAC at 893-9596.