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Scuttlebutt
Impertinent questions:

• What is so magical (besides Easter) about the weekend of April 1-4 that will make the air and water temperature rise overnight to such a level that the people who run the pool will no longer consider the months of warm days sporadic?

• Is it the same magic that allows young adults to be too irresponsible to drink alcohol one day and mature, responsible adults the next?

• Who’s looking out for the constitutional rights of self-determination of unborn children? Should they not have some say to as which state they are native to? For instance, if expectant parents were to consider moving, during pregnancy, to a cold and distant state from the sun-drenched land in which they had carpetbagged, should not some children’s advocate or guardian ad litem step in and say, simply, “Uh-uh, No.”

• Is the continuous howl and scream of a colicky baby protected speech under the First Amendment? As such, is it not censorship to stick a pacifier in the mouth of said infant? Further, if the child were to, through the random vocalization of guttural utterance, to form a sound strikingly similar to an obscenity, who would be legally responsible — parent or minor?

• What kind of scheduling faux pas allowed students the use of the gym area in the Campus Activities Center one recent weekend? And shouldn’t they have put flyers up around campus to announce this special once-a-semester event?

• Did the recent memo advising CPS employees that they would have to purchase parking to stickers to park on campus mean that they could park on campus before without stickers?

High bids delay library

By Ola Sefert

A gold painted shovel with a fluffy green bow tied to its handle hangs on a wall. A green marble paperweight engraved with the date, April 16, 1993, sits on a desk. They’re decorations in the office of Jackie Shewmaker, acting director of the library. Both items commemorate the groundbreaking event for the new library held almost a year ago.

So far, no construction on the new building has begun. Why the delay?

Under normal circumstances, work would have started last fall, said Jim Grant, USP’s architect. But in the past year or so, the Board of Regents Office of Capital Projects, the authority in charge of funding campus building projects, noticed that construction bids in the St. Petersburg area were coming in well over budget.

Grant explained how this had happened. Looking to cash in on the building boom caused by Hurricane Andrew, he said, several construction firms had pulled up stakes and moved south.

Also, as a result of the economic downturn experienced in this area in the last few years, some companies had moved north.

This created a situation where the remaining construction companies now feel free to name higher prices for construction jobs knowing they have little or no competition.

To get around the situation, the Board of Regents decided not to put every project out for bid. Instead, it allowed the university to use a construction manager for selected projects, including the new library.

Working within a budget, the construction manager must identify the true costs to complete a project and then select and supervise competent subcontractors to do the work. He receives a flat fee for his work.

Getting approval to use a construction manager for the library and hiring him took longer than the typical two month bidding process, Grant said. By the time these were done, the project’s original start date had passed.

So, we’ll see the new building going up soon, right? Well, not this month - or next month either.
Forest through the trees

Although taken from the second floor bridge between Coquina and Davis halls looking out toward the harbor, this photograph could be used as an advertisement for Sunken Gardens.

Blood mobile is not testing ground

By Michele Murray

George Miller, 20, a college sophomore, emerged from the bloodmobile looking slight after donating his pint of blood, but still, a smile covered his good-natured face. Miller said he became a first-time donor to help his fellow man and to get tested for HIV infection.

Carol Taylor of the Palms of Pasadena Hospital Blood Bank has heard these reasons before. "We seem to have a problem getting the idea across to college students that we are not an HIV testing center," she said, "and we definitely do not want to be judged as such."

Prospective blood donors must complete a donor history card and a donor self-exclusion card for high risk behaviors such as intravenous drug use and anal intercourse.

Honesty on the history card and donor self-exclusion card is essential as HIV antibody testing is not 100% accurate. These added steps have greatly reduced the risk of transfusion-borne AIDS, but if an individual is attempting to get tested at the blood bank, the answers given on these cards may be less than honest.

Students often see donating blood as an opportunity to be tested without the stigma attached to getting tested at a clinic designed for that purpose. Taylor emphasizes that due to a phenomenon known as "window-period," using the blood bank in this way is like "playing Russian Roulette" with another person's life.

The "window-period" is the period of about six weeks in which an individual infected with the AIDS virus will test negative because the body has not had time to produce antibodies in response to the viral infection. Blood donated during the "window-period" will slip through the screening process, and may infect anyone who receives it in a transfusion which is infected with the AIDS virus.

The head of education at Community Regional Blood Center, Penny Hainey, also cautions that the reliability of the blood screening process is still uncertain and that the test results may, in some cases, indicate a false positive as well as a false negative. That is why it is so important to be completely honest on the donor history card, even if it means that you are excluded as being eligible to donate.

Taylor feels the fact that the blood bank should not be used as testing facilities is not emphasized enough, particularly to college students. Taylor moans, "I don't know what it is about college students, but we know that it is a fairly widespread misconception in that group that we are a free and effective facility which tests for HIV infection."

Those who wish to be tested may do so anonymously at the Pinellas County Health Department. For more information on testing call (813)823-0401. A final plea is displayed prominently on a wall at the Community Regional Blood Center, "If you are here for AIDS testing; DO NOT DONATE."

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Wake the neighbors and tell 'em you read in The Crow's Nest
Eighth Easter egg hunt cooking

Special to The Crow's Nest

Egg dyeing, egg hunts and a petting farm will highlight the eighth-annual Easterfest Egg-Stravaganza will be begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2 on the harbor side of Davis Hall.

The Easter egg hunt for two-and-under will begin at noon, for 3-5-years-old at 12:15 p.m., for 6-8-years-old at 12:45 p.m. and for 9-11-years-old at 1:15 p.m.

The petting farm, courtesy of HOF Pony Express, will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Other activities include a meet the Easter bunny, roomwalk, face painting, egg dyeing, crafts, games and Skippy the clown. Live entertainment will be provided by Larry Lynch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Easter cartoons will be shown in Davis 130 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Rudy the Reptile, a costumed character from the Great Explorations Museums, will be at the event and the Army Reserve Landing Craft will give rides.

All the events are free to the campus community.

Sponsored by the USF-St. Petersburg Department of Campus Activities and Recreation, the event is part of the Family Fest activities. For more information call 893-9596.

The Egg-Stravaganza is being held in conjunction with the 11th annual Bayboro Windsip Regatta, the Bull Halsey Challenge, Spin Art and the K-9 team from the St. Petersburg Police Department.

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"It's an interconnected process," Shewmaker said. "That's why it's not as simple as just breaking ground and building a library."

Because campus parking spaces are already limited, any building projects must deal first, with the impact on parking, Shewmaker said. As a result, the initial step in the $14 million library project will be to replace the 80 spaces over which the new library will be built.

The replacement spaces - about 100 of them - will come from creating a new parking lot near the Piano Man building and from enlarging the current parking lot east of the Campus Activities Center.

Preliminary work on the new library site will follow, including ripping up asphalt and creating a retention pond to hold rain runoff. Finally, work on the foundation of the new library should begin this coming November.

The building is scheduled for completion fifteen months later, in January 1996.

The next phase of the project will start soon afterwards - renovation of the old library to house administrative offices, computer rooms and four classrooms.

When it opened in 1980, the old library was designed to be adequate for about 10 years, Shewmaker said. But the new library will last into the next century.

Not only have we passed the 10 years, she said, "at the time, we had no idea how much computers would impact on us. We had no vision for using so many terminals or for storing discs."

As a result, "we've had to shoehorn things in wherever we could stick them," Shewmaker said.

A glass-walled atrium filled with tropical plants will link the library's three stories. Featuring an open, flexible layout, the building will measure 81,000 square feet, three times the size of the old library.

In addition, there will be individual study rooms and a group study room.

Reflecting the realities of dealing with the daily activities of running a library, Shewmaker said, "the main thing is that in the new library everything will be less crowded."

Because "technology has changed the whole direction of library science," Grant said, the new library's electronics will feature fiber optic cables, many more computers for accessing information and a teleconference center. The library also will be linked to the new magnet school in Palm Harbor.

"The new library is designed to be the last library on campus," Grant said. "It should last a minimum of 25-30 years."

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Editorial

It's time to head down to the dock and sign-up to set sail on The Crow's Nest. Volunteers are sought before conscription begins.

Little Bobbie Ishmael signing up to help track down the white whale, here's a chance for fame, fortune and whaling glory. If you haven't noticed the house ad on page seven or any of the flyers around campus yet, we'll pause a minute for you to go read it (Sea Ad, page 7).

Finished? That's right. The Crow's Nest is looking for a captain to take the helm and steer this vessel, we'd like to call a newspaper, on its second voyage — the 1994-95 school year.

Applications can be picked up at the Campus Activities Center, the Student Affairs office or in Coquina 217. The line forms to the left.

It's not a complicated application — name, rank and number (Cap'n Crunch eaters go to the front of the line). Fill out and return the application before April 20 and return to the CAC.

The requirements are few and far between. Candidates must be enrolled in school, maintain a GPA (2.5 for undergraduates, 3.0 for graduates), and have a working knowledge of the Pirates' Codes of Ethics.

A promise of a gold doubloon for spotting Moby Dick may not seem adequate will put in, the rewards go balloon for spotting Moby underground on a sandy beach far away.

The only known treasure map is the application form. Follow the directions for a shot at the treasure. Remember X marks the spot.

Opinions

It's life and death, stupid

Watching the two opposing gangs thrust and parry with each other over Whitewater would be amusing if there weren't so many millions of people on this planet watching the first and last glimpse of hope in the world flicker if they weren't all so hurt; so hungry; so in need of jobs homes, food, health care and on and on

America, the beacon of hope and light for the world.

When guys like Dan Rostenkowski get re-elected by a landslide there can be only one explanation.

Americans want their own personal crook in place to insure that they, at least will survive — no matter what.

When we see pictures of starving refugees all over the world we do not see people needing help. What we really see is what happens to people without money and power. That's what it's all about. Not the economy, not ethics. Survival.

Does anybody really think the Clintons didn't profit from the savings and loan rip-offs? Who do you think got the half trillion dollars? Not the poor. It was people smart enough and deliberate enough to get and stay on the inside. People who have access to friends who trust as a tool to make sure they and their families don't ever, ever end up too — at your expense. They get the gold watch and everything.

America is touted as a nation of laws. We are not an homogenous society held together by national origin, religion, or anything but our laws.

Law students are taught that the law is not a moral code. Whatever the legislative bodies decide is legal is okay, as long as it is also constitutional. The tragedy is that philosophy has been taken to the extreme.

Bribery has been made legal under the guise of campaign financing, de-regulation was used to allow bankers and their co-conspirators to legally empty the savings and loans with impunity (except for a few cases), The lawyers trade union, a/k/a the Bar has actually become a part of the judicial branch of government with the power to determine who has access to the courts.

The founders of this nation originally established the courts to allow the most common of citizens a place to redress their grievances. To settle disputes without violence. That has been perverted to the point where only the rich can afford "justice."

We are all being victimized by this most insidious form of criminal behavior. It is immoral, unethical, disastrous, and will end in chaos — but it is legal.

As long as we allow this kind of perversion to continue we deserve what we get. It seems that the only hope is to join the gang, get what you can and to hell with everyone.

So as you struggle to make it one more day, remember — it's not the economy, it's not ethics, it's survival stupid — not yours — mine.

Guest Column

Peter Angelo

Codes of Ethics, .

Those pitiless creatures crawling in the dirt with flies on their faces. It was people like Bill, and you and me.

Do you blame them? I don't. I want to be just like them. I want to be safe from the horrible nightmare of life without money. I will also do anything to avoid that. I will even vote for Dan or Bill or any of the "winners" who can make me believe that I can get what they have if I'm smart enough.

I'm in a slow learner, but I'm getting there.

After all, the reality is Bill and Hillary have nothing to worry about. Their place in history is safe no matter what. Even if the poor dears aren't re-elected, they will have plenty of money, security, lots of friends, and a library in their honor too — at your expense. They get the gold watch and everything.

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Langauge contains overtones

We often hide racial slants in our language through the use of code words, pointed out Keith Woods, an editor of the New Orleans Times Picayune, at a recent ethics seminar I attended at the Poynter Institute.

Mr. Woods gave an example from a seminar, "What do they mean by family-oriented neighborhood."

Mr. Woods asked the students of the seminar, "What do they mean by family-oriented — what neighborhood is not family-oriented? What they are actually trying to say is 'white neighborhood."

He pointed out other code words we frequently use in our language, like "inner city" (for describing a black neighborhood). Headlines from the Rodney King trials read "Police arrest black man" instead of "White police arrest black man" or "Police arrest man."

I was struck by Mr. Woods' insights. The main point he was trying to raise was that we use this type of language without realizing it. Ridding ourselves — and our society — of prejudice is not going to happen overnight. But if we are going to accomplish it, we must begin to recognize where it exists in our society and seek to change it.

Learning to listen to what we say and identify code terms we use can help us begin to eliminate prejudice — but it is something that we cannot do on our own. Code terms can creep in blindly — we might not even know we are using them unless it is pointed out to us, as Mr. Woods did.

We must be willing to learn about other cultures by seeking to learn how they think — and how they feel about what we say. One way to do this is to read. Magazines of other cultures can be included in our reading to help us understand a different view.

Of course, I am writing this from a white perspective, and prejudice is certainly not limited to blacks and whites. I think this principle applies to many people and many circumstances, and we all need to learn to better understand one another.

Certainly, Mr. Woods' has a good starting point.
By Jeff MacKenzie

Elizabeth Haslam brings the same smile to Haslam's Book Store, Florida's largest, in downtown St. Petersburg that she brought there 48 years ago.

Today she does everything from supervising unpacking of new inventory to improving tours for elementary school children on a field trip to her store.

"People who spend their lives with books are the luckiest people in the world," said Elizabeth, now in her 80s.

"There are a lot of good authors out there," she added. And which books does she rate the rest (referring to the authors who come to the store for book signing). Recent visitors have been Don Wood, Old Turtle, Randy White, The Man Who Invented Florida, and Jeff Klinkenberg, Real Florida.

The promotions all work, according to Ray Hinst, Haslam's son-in-law. "We have had a particular ambience here for years," he said, adding that Haslam's is considered a "desti-
nation book store" by book publishers and publicists, meaning that customers often live a sig-
nificant distance from the store.

He views the store's Central Avenue location — its third since opening in 1933 — favor-
ably, saying business is steady and profitable.

"There's less for the public to buy," because publishers offer book stores fewer titles, Hinst said. But he is confident. "We don't think that books will be replaced, at least not in the short run," he said, though citing ref-

erence books as an exception, explaining that computer data bases are now replacing them.

In a quiet way, Haslam's is adapting to technological change, having the distinction of being the first book store in the country to sell Sony electronic books on compact disc, accord-
ing to Hinst. In addition, Haslam's offers books on audio and computer software.

But human enterprise dating back hundreds of years is just as likely to draw Haslam's cus-
tomers as preparedness for the future. The store boasts an unspecified number of used books among its 300,000 titles, which are too unwieldy to put on a computer data base, according to Elizabeth Haslam's son Andy, another manager.

And said the difference between going to a store with only new books and one with both new and used is like "the difference between fishing in a lake and fishing in an ocean."
Saturday is Bayboro Windship Regatta Day

The 11th annual Bayboro Windship Regatta will be Saturday morning. Faster boats than seen in this photo, will race between Haney Landing and The Pier. Other festivities are also scheduled. Call 893-9597 or 893-9596 for more information.

Water craft program prepared for its busiest season if the year

By David Schindler

USF-Bayboro’s water craft program is cruising full speed ahead with Suzanne Hollis, program specialist in the recreation department, at the helm.

The program boasts recreational sailing and special events along with a sailing club and courses.

Recreational sailing is a key component of the program, because USF has six sailboats to choose from and many faculty members, students and staff people eager to use them.

“This is a very good time of year,” said Hollis. “Boat use is heaviest Saturdays and Sundays, she said.

Boats are donated to USF-Bayboro and can be sold after two years, Hollis explained. Different factors are weighed in decisions to sell, including condition of vessels and extent of their depreciation. Money from sales goes to the program, she added.

Recounting the program in the 1980s under her direction, Activities Program Coordinator J. M. (Sudsy) Tschiderer said, “There was an initiative to develop the donation program more fully.”

The Pirate, a Soverel 30 sailboat, was one of the vessels donated in the 1980s, she said. It was sold by the program during the 1989-90 academic year.

Special events of the program include a regatta slated for April 2 and participation in the St. Petersburg Christmas lighted boat parade.

“The regatta is the highlight of this whole department,” Hollis said. USF is one of several hosts of the event, which includes races, an awards ceremony and social activities.

The regatta, with cruising and spinnaker class yachts, will begin at Haney Landing and end at the Pier.

The water craft program’s sailing club and courses offer many events and training. The club will have a banquet some time in May. Sailing courses include basic sailing April 8 through May 27 and intermediate sailing March 4 through 25.

Students may sign up for the courses at the campus activities center.

In addition to its sailboats, the university owns a power boat to aid anyone encountering trouble on the waves — including mechanical problems with vessels and rough weather — and two canoes.

To advertise in The Crow’s Nest call 893-9596

Regatta sets sail Saturday

USF-St. Petersburg hosts the 11th Annual Bayboro Windship Regatta Saturday, April 2. This race, featuring cruising and spinnaker class yachts, will leave Haney Landing and race off to the Pier.

The skippers meeting will be Friday, April 1 at 6 p.m. Late registration begins April 1 at 8 a.m. A race meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Late registration fee is $30 after March 15.

A safe boat demonstration and the K-9 demo team events will begin at 10 a.m. A petting zoo will begin at 11 a.m. Food and beer will begin at noon.

The Bohemian Swingers will begin playing at 1:30 p.m. and the awards presentation will begin at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call USF-St. Petersburg Recreation Department at 893-9597.

Designs on display

Urban architectural designs by Jan Reiner, a local architect and educator, will be displayed at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library in April.

The display will include proposals for converting Homestead Air Force Base into an aviary, convention hall and a marina, downtown redevelopment of Homestead City, proposals for building an apartment building in St. Petersburg’s Rose Park area and redeveloping the Central Plaza area.
Most long-time St. Petersburg residents know "The Original Bill's Hot Dog House" at 2636 Central Ave. It's practically an institution. Bill's is one of those places where reputation is spread by word of mouth. It's a place to savor the juicy, tart sweetness of Vienna beef with a slice real dill pickle. Bill Allen calls his 735-square foot hole in the wall hot dog stand, but some consider it a mouthful of heaviness.

A customer walks toward the door, pauses to slap Allen on the back and says, "See you next time I need a fix."

Allen ambles across the room with a rag in his hand. He cheerfully wipes his scratched linoleum counter, polishing it until it shines. Allen approaches his work with the gusto of a teenage boy waxing a brand new Chevy.

"The Original Bill's Hot Dog House" began as a love affair with Vienna Beef in 1977. Bill and Jeanne Allen moved to St. Petersburg from Chicago. He had lived his whole life in Chicago until warm weather brought him to Florida. He worked as an accountant and even sold cars.

"I was motivated to open the place for the simple reason that I couldn't get a good dog anywhere in town except at 'Mel's' in Tampa," Allen said.

After succeeding at 'Bill's Hot Dog House,' he was influenced to start a franchise of sorts. He sold the business on Central and opened a restaurant at 28th Street North.

"My former partner's father said, 'If you can think of a business to go into, take my son.' He put up the money. Then, one day the old man came in and said, 'We're gonna start a business in Largo.' They called it 'Hotdog Heaven.' It's been sold 10 times since."

In February 1987, the Allens moved to Keystone Heights. "We didn't particularly like Keystone Heights. It was a farm town, too slow."

One day Allen received an unexpected call from a former landlord on Central Avenue. "He said, 'Why don't you come back and start the place up again? It's empty!' I was shocked," Allen said. "It'd been sold seven times since I left! That was October of '87.' So, in September, nine months later, Allen returned to the site of his love affair with hot dogs.

Allen attributes much of his success to good publicity. Framed, appreciative reviews cover the walls of his small business. A survey of hot dog stands named him, "The best hot dog man in St. Petersburg," and a series of newspapers - the St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune and Gainesville Sun - pronounced him "the summa cum laude hot dog chef."

"I've always had fun," Allen says. For a man who suffered a stroke in 1991, his philosophy of life is decep­tively simple: "Life goes on and the wheel keeps on turning."
WEDNESDAY, March 30 • An Orientation to On-Campus Recruiting will be held from 5-5:30 p.m. at the Counseling & Career Center. • Arie Beenhakker will lecture on "Enterprise Funds" at noon in th St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers. Cost is $20. Call 893-9160 before March 25 for reservations.

THURSDAY, March 31 • The lecture "Building Woman Power" will be delivered by Jacqueline Jasiota at noon in the CAC.

• An "Interviewing Skills Development," workshop will be given by the Counseling & Career Center between 4-6 p.m. The workshop is for students who want to learn how to participate in a job interview, and about "before interview" tasks such as self-evaluation and research. Participants will review physical presentation, assessment of the interviewer, answering or asking questions, and planning post-interview actions.

SATURDAY, April 2 • The 1994 Bayboro Regatta sponsored by the watercraft department will begin at 10:30 a.m. off the Pier. There will be after-race events including a pool-side party. For further information, call 893-9597.

MONDAY, April 4 • Thomas French, a St. Petersburg Times reporter, will talk about life in high school at the end of the 20th century at 6 p.m. in the Campus Activities Center.

• The Counseling & Career Center will hold a Stress Management and Relaxation workshop from 4-6 p.m. for those who want to try new ways to lessen stress and avoid burnout. Experience relaxation through deep breathing, visual imagery and progressive muscle relaxation.

• A "Job Search Strategies" workshop will be held by the Counseling & Career Center from 4-6 p.m. Skills like learn how to structure a job campaign and research organizations will be taught. Participants will learn about different job search methods and how to utilize the hidden job market.

WEDNESDAY, April 6 • The Counseling & Career Center will hold an "Interviewing Practice" workshop from 4-6 p.m. Participants will practice interviewing skills through role-playing exercises. All interested must attend the "Interviewing Skills Development" workshop before attending the "Interviewing Practice Workshop."

FRIDAY, April 8 • From 3-5 p.m., a "Reducing Test Anxiety" workshop sponsored by the Counseling & Career Center, will explain techniques that lower anxiety and enhance concentration during examinations.

MONDAY, April 11 • Joseph Newman, professor of educational foundations at the University of South Alabama, will lecture on religion and public schooling at 6 p.m. at the CAC.

• The Counseling & Career Center will hold a "College and Career Planning" workshop from 4-6 p.m. for prospective USF students who are unsure about their majors. Topics include how interests relate to college majors, USF academic programs and admission procedures.

• An "Orientation to On-Campus Recruiting" workshop will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. The Career & Counseling Center will provide an explanation of the procedures for participating in on-campus employment interviewing. Placement registration materials will be distributed only after a student has attended this workshop.

THURSDAY, April 14 • The Career & Counseling Center will hold an "Orientation to On-Campus Recruiting" workshop from noon to 12:30 p.m. and from 5-5:30 p.m. An explanation of the procedures for participating in on-campus employment interviewing will be given. Placement registration materials will be distributed only after a student has attended this workshop.

Deadline for the April 13 'The Crow's Nest' is April 6 at 5 p.m. in the Campus Activities Center. For more information, call 893-9596.