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Extreme sports comes to St. Petersburg

ASA World Tour looks to ramp things up at Al Lang Stadium

By Sean LeRoux
Staff Reporter

Things are about to get rowdy at Al Lang Stadium, but not in the way local soccer fans have grown to expect. Some of the biggest names in skateboarding, BMX and freestyle motocross are set to compete in St. Petersburg on Dec. 4 and 5.

This is the first time the city will host the ASA Action Sports World Tour, where X Games legends like Ryan Nyquist, Andy Macdonald, Pierre-Luc Gagnon and Paul-Luc Ronchetti will face off.

According to ASA, skateboarders will compete on the “biggest half-pipe in the world,” BMX riders will face off in a big air triples series, and motocross pros will showcase their best freestyle tricks in double elimination battles.

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Far more runs than a traditional format contest. It will also be a lot easier for the crowd to understand,” Macdonald said.

Typically, skate competitions are scored on a point-based system that involves multiple skaters. The competitors compete against one another, with success depending on the personal score of each skater’s run. However, the man-on-man approach aims to simplify the process. Limiting the competitions to two-man brackets will help eliminate the ambiguity that often surrounds large-scale skate events.

“St. Pete Action Sports will give fans the most authentic and entertaining Action Sports experience available,” said Rick Bratman, CEO of ASA Entertainment. “The field of athletes will rival the X Games, and the pros are looking forward to delivering mind-boggling tricks for the fans throughout the Bay Area.”

Project 10 STING RAY encourages inclusive education

The campus organization pairs student mentors and special diploma high school graduates to create a true college experience

By Julia Marcuzzo
Staff Reporter

Most students on campus have never heard of Project 10 STING RAY, a program that allows students who graduated high school with a special diploma to experience college life.

The long interview and acceptance process makes Sting RAY a sought-after program, which is limited to just 12 openings per semester. Students between ages 18 and 22 can apply.

“One of our main goals in this program is (to) teach the students how to live on their own,” said STING RAY mentor coordinator Eric Vaughan.

Along with independence, the organization helps students focus on career and employment ambitions.

“Say a student says they want to work at Disney, for example. We will work on taking classes geared toward that line of employment, so we’ll try doing public speaking (and) leadership courses,” Vaughan said.

In addition to the standard curriculum focused on literacy and finances, the program also enables students to audit one course per semester.

Students in the program receive aid from faculty and teachers along with three different mentors: academic, community and peer.

Academic mentors assist with school work, while community mentors encourage students to gain independence by helping them create and manage a budget, open a bank account, and offer help with grocery shopping.

Finally, peer mentors encourage social skills by spending quality time with students, whether it’s hanging out.

The program encourages the idea that learning should be an equal opportunity.

Thanks to the Vocational Rehabilitation Federal-State program, their tuition fees are paid in full, unless they have Florida Prepaid. This is unlike other Florida programs that are similar to Project 10 STING RAY, where tuition usually costs anywhere from $20,000 to $30,000 per school year.

The students also participate in Bull Buds, a USFSP club that started in 2012. The group allows them to participate in community service work and meet new friends on campus. Recently, the students have volunteered at the Elk’s Lodge to serve food to retired veterans.

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“We’re hoping to just get a bigger name on campus and have more people recognize us and hopefully work on this idea of inclusive education, which means anybody who wants to go to college and is dedicated has a chance to experience what it’s like to be a college student,” he said.

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IF YOU GO...

One-day general admission costs $30, but those looking to get closer to the action can purchase VIP access for $75.

Platinum access, a step further, includes special seating, early entry and a private athlete meet-and-greet. Two-day admission is $50, with VIP tickets costing $140 and platinum tickets costing $235.

Students will receive a $10 discount on general admission with a valid school ID.

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USF St. Petersburg senior has a novel idea

Student participates in National Novel Writing Month, an international event that challenges writers to create a 50,000-word story during November

BY ERIN MURPHY
CROW’S NEST CONTRIBUTOR

For USF St. Petersburg senior Denia Angelino, writing a novel is more than just a hobby to cram in between psychology classes and her shift at California Pizza Kitchen.

Instead, it is a passion she takes pride in, a form of catharsis, a way to sort through the past.

“Writing makes me see things differently,” said Angelino, who finds solace in love with the craft in the third grade.

“Sometimes, it’s like I slow down the moment to visualize all the details and observe my surrounding environment. It has made me more observant and appreciative of memories.”

In fact, it was her memories, specifically those regarding a past relationship, that inspired Angelino to start writing her first novel one day in June 2014.

Cuba in the Stars is the story of Abe and Eliza, a lovable young couple who get lost in their own world the summer before they begin college.

“I was engaged, plan their lives, and motivate each other to work for their dreams,” described Angelino. “(But) a series of events take place, and their lives change drastically. My novel is about love, romance, heartbreak and staying true to the person you are instead of the person you want to be.”

That same month, Angelino would struggle to continue writing, and would eventually stop altogether. It wasn’t until National Novel Writing Month rolled around this November that she would gather the courage to start writing again.

National Novel Writing Month, or “NaNoWriMo,” is an international event that invites participants to create their own 50,000-word novel during the month of November. Writers can use the event’s official website to create an online profile and interact with other novelists, and are encouraged to upload their completed 30-day manuscripts at the end of the month.

Angelino, who first heard of NaNoWriMo through Twitter, aimed to write a minimum of 1,000 words a day for the project. Although she tried to write as much as possible each day, balancing work and school did not always make the novel-writing process easy.

“She had entered the process with the hope of being involved with the recipient parents and the surrogate who would carry her fertilized eggs, at least to the extent of having a few conversations.

When Griffin expressed these desires to the woman at the agency who orchestrated the whole affair, she was given repeated verbal assurances that her wishes would be honored.

In the end, none came to fruition.

The couple in Ireland who was to receive her eggs wanted no contact, and after an attempt was made, neither did the surrogate in Florida. But, this was only made clear after contracts were signed and the donation process was well underway.

When the eggs were harvested and Griffin awoke from the fog of sedation, she asked how many eggs there were.

When she heard the number, she was immediately disappointed. As an ideal donor, Griffin had the potential to produce 40 eggs – and only had five.

But what hurt worse than the surgery was the agency’s coldness, which made her feel more like a commodity than a person.

In the end, the experience proved to be emotionally taxing, not only for Griffin, but also for her mother and boyfriend who supported her throughout the process – even if they didn’t necessarily approve of her choice.

The idea of IVF becoming a trend for affluent, but infertile couples across the globe raises many ethical questions: Is it right to produce babies in a lab when there are children born without families to care for them?

Beyond that, the possibility of genetic tampering could lead to unforeseen consequences, both positive and negative.

Lastly, IVF is not cheap, costing an average of $20,000 to $40,000 for the procedure alone, which doesn’t include the cost of eggs, sperm and, if necessary, surrogacy.

Interestingly, it’s illegal to sell body parts in the United States – they must be donated – and money can only be paid as compensation for the donor’s time and discomfort.

Egg donors are typically given $3,000 to $10,000, but Ivy League graduates with model good looks can command up to $50,000.

Some say that amount is beyond the “appropriate” limit, which begs the question: How can we put a price tag on women risking their fertility in the name of supplying someone else’s?
The holiday shopping hype

After giving thanks, people crowd stores to take advantage of Black Friday sales

By Lauren Hessley
Staff Reporter

The turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce are still on the dinner table, but lines are already wrapped around retail stores across America.

Folks are getting a head start on holiday shopping deals in lieu of after-dinner conversation.

Stores used to open during regular hours on Black Friday, but as the years have gone by, stores have started to open earlier and earlier, extending the holiday shopping madness.

The fierce competition between stores has caused Black Friday shopping to begin on Thursday — on Thanksgiving.

In retail, Thanksgiving day has become known as gray Thursday,” said USFSP senior Brigitte Toulon. She has worked in retail for the past four years, but refuses to work on the holiday.

“I find it disgusting that stores now open up on Thanksgiving,” Toulon said. “It’s an unspoken rule within retail that everyone works Black Friday, but I think it’s despicable to ask employees to cut their family time short just so stores can open a few hours sooner.”

During her time in retail, Toulon has developed an aversion to the holiday shopping hype. She compares fellow retail employees to gazelles and customers to lions, eager to pounce on and attack the helpless employees.

“Before I started working retail, I wholeheartedly believed in Black Friday. I was all about it. Here’s the thing: I would go out at 6 a.m., meaning that it’s already Friday. I didn’t go out on Thursday.”

Not everyone who works in retail shares her view of the holiday shopping extravaganzas. USFSP junior Rachel Erickson also works in retail, but holds a more moderate position on the topic.

“I just think it’s important for people to know that working on Thanksgiving does mean giving up time with family. So, just be nice and respectful to us. We are working so you can make other people happy,” Erickson said. “The holiday time is supposed to be about being nice to one another, not getting upset at employees if we don’t have something in stock, or it’s not the sale they thought it was going to be.”

She has many fond memories of shopping with friends and family on Black Friday and continues to do so, even after her experience working in retail.

“It’s just so fun for me and my mom to go out on Black Friday. We’ve been going shopping since I was about 12. We always have a game plan and know what we are getting and where,” Erickson said.

“The rush as a retail employee is just as fun in my opinion. Seeing everyone out buying for family and loved ones is a great experience and there’s never a dull moment.”

Whether or not to “feed the beast” by shopping on Thanksgiving or Black Friday remains to be a touchy subject for those in the business.

But regardless of where retail employees stand on the holiday shopping madness, they agree that shoppers should be kind to those who are working.

“Think of your significant other, your child, your mother, your father,” Toulon said.

“Would you want them to be yelled at or harassed? No. Then don’t do that to those of us working on Black Friday. We’re human too.”

What started as a story became a lifestyle

By Sean LeRoux
Staff Reporter

One month ago, I wrote an article on the comeback of vinyl records. I knew nothing of the format. The seemingly departed method of music delivery was of no interest to me.

Then, something terrible happened.

In the last 30 days, I have spent $347.62 on records and record-related items. An Audio Technica turntable, standalone speakers, and a stack of vinyl capable of supporting the Parthenon — are now scattered across my bedroom.

I have made multiple returns to downtown St. Petersburg’s record shop, Daddy Kool. While at a college media conference in Austin, Texas, I took a trip to Waterloo Records.

I dragged my vinyl finds back to St. Pete in a cardboard box, crudely stuffed inside my luggage; sandwiched somewhere between a mountain of clothes and electronics.

The collectors were right. It has become an obsession. A costly one.

It all started while I was interviewing Renny Normal and the rest of the staff at Daddy Kool records. The high fidelity sound, the unique colorways, the amazing tone and the overall collectability — it all had me hooked.

Sure, they’re pretty expensive compared to CDs or digital downloads, but at least I no longer have to worry about being hunted down by the FBI for all my time spent on The Pirate Bay.

“I’ll buy one soon enough,” I thought, trying to prevent myself from making the impulse purchase that I knew, deep down, was inevitable. I left the interview empty-handed.

However, one day later I was the proud owner of an Audio Technica AT-LP60 fully automatic, belt-driven turntable. I also purchased two MF Doom albums — Special Herbs Volumes 9 and 0, as well as Mm...Food

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Sand sculpture competition makes waves at Treasure Island

For the seventh year, Sanding Ovations has brought world-class sand sculptors to Treasure Island’s Master Cup Sand Sculpting Competition. From Nov. 18 to 22, ten artists created sculptures using just sand and water. The sculptures will remain on the beach until January and are illuminated at night to accentuate and showcase each piece.

Susanne Ruseler from Utrecht, Netherlands, won first place with her sculpture “Pan and Syrinx.” The mythical creature stood tall atop crashing waves, winning the Sculptor’s Choice award as well.

Dan Belcher from St. Louis created a sculpture called “Signature.” The piece featured an old-fashioned feather pen with the word “Signature” written in cursive.

Although record stores are scattered across the Bay area, Daddy Kool seems to be the go-to spot in the ‘Burg. The store carries records from just about any music genre imaginable.

2. ROASTED RED PEPPER HUMMUS

The garbanzo bean blend gets shoved into the chip and dip category far too often. Reinvent your next sandwich with roasted red pepper hummus for a mediterranean spin on lunch. Turkey sandwich, meet your new best friend.

Clocking in at just 5 grams of fat per 2 tablespoons, hummus is half the fat of mayonnaise and it’s gluten free. You can buy hummus at most major food retailers, and some grocery stores make it fresh on site, but Sabra is vegan and always delicious.

Sabra // Walmart, around $3.50 for a 7 oz tub

3. GUACAMOLE

For a southwestern spin on the classic sandwich, try substituting mayo for creamy guacamole. The star of the show? Hass avocado. Praised for its healthy fat content, this green superfood is blended with spices, cilantro and lime to create guacamole.

You can buy guacamole premade or whip some up on your own. Homemade guacamole can brown quickly, so beware. My favorite way to enjoy the dip is in individual packages that are only 100 calories each. Don’t be put off by the 9 grams of fat, avocados are full of healthy fats, so eat up!

Wholly Guacamole // Walmart, around $4.00 for four packs

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– since I had no records prior to this exact moment.

“It (listening to a record) is a totally unique experience,” Normal said.

I hate that he was right.

While most of us see music as convenient background noise – a passive action best saved for Facebook scrolling or the daily commute – listening to vinyl is an action in and of itself.

Before purchasing my turntable, I couldn’t tell you the last time I sat down for the sole purpose of listening to music.

I mean, really listening. Absorbing it. Experiencing it, unadulterated, in its purest form.
Would Jesus #FeeltheBern?

By Duncan Rodman
Crown’s Nest Contributor

Who would Jesus vote for? Over the last four decades, Christian conservatives have overwhelmingly supported the Republican Party. But next year, when Evangelical voters make their way to the polls to help decide the future of this nation, they urge them to ponder, “What would Jesus do?”

There’s one candidate who seems to epitomize the ideals of Christ more than any other—and he’s not even a Christian. He’s a Jew, a former farmer, and an outspoken foe against the scourges of greed, inequality, war, and the destruction of God’s green Earth.

Sound familiar? It’s not Jesus who I describe, but it very well could be. The man I speak of is Bernie Sanders.

Sanders’ economic platform—one which champions the redistribution of wealth in order to create a more equal and just society—sounds like something straight from the Bible: “You cannot serve both God and Money.” [Matthew 6:24]

“Truly, I say unto you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” [Matthew 19:23]

“But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.” [Luke 14:13]

Perhaps the crux of Jesus’ teachings, Sanders is a firm believer in the Golden Rule: “Do unto others…”

“I am motivated by a vision…” Sanders said in a speech at Liberty University. “So beautifully and clearly stated in Matthew 7:12, and it states, ‘So in everything, do also to others what you would have them do to you, for this you have put the war and the prophets.’ That is the golden rule.”

“...a great fan of Pope Francis,” Sanders said in a CBS interview with John Dickerson.

The Vermont Senator and His Holiness agree on two of the biggest challenges this world faces today—wealth inequality and climate change.

Pope Francis has compared the idolatry of money to the idolatry that is expressly forbidden in the Bible. “We have created new idols,” Francis said. “The worship of the golden calf of old has found a new and heartless image in the cult of money and the dictatorship of an economy which is faceless and lacking any true humane goal.”

Sanders has reiterated this quote by Pope Francis in front of his sizable, ardent crowds on the campaign trail.

Il Papa is also somewhat of an eco-warrior—because his faith commands him to be. “We human beings are part of the environment,” Pope Francis said in a speech made to the United Nations in September. “Any harm done to the environment, therefore, is harm done to humanity.”

Sanders has taken a similarly tenacious stance on climate change, calling it the “greatest threat to our national security.” While Republican candidates unanimously label radical Islam the greatest threat to the homeland, Sanders remains steadfast in his claim that it is the environmental destruction caused by the unchecked, relentless greed of man.

It turns out that this “not very religious” socialist Senator may have more in common with Jesus of Nazareth than a preacher, Mike Huckabee or any of the devout Christians that comprise the GOP primary field. Ironically, this secular, Jewish Brooklynite has more in common with the Pope than any of the six Catholic presidential candidates currently running.

If Jesus were alive today (and an American voter), I believe it is safe to say that he would, undoubtedly, #FeeltheBern.

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USF Football took home the win on Thanksgiving night, dropping the UCF Knights to 0-12 for the season. Although the Bulls are no longer in contention for a conference crown, tunish, the team will be playing in its first bowl game in five years this year.

Bulls close regular season on high note

By David Stoner
Crown’s Nest Contributor

USF football finished its 2015 regular season with a 44-3 drubbing of the University of Central Florida Knights on Thursday night in Orlando.

USF, which has made a reputation of being a shut-out team, put up 44 points in the first half of the game, most of which came from a 13-3 drive that ended in a 100-yard rushing game of the season, a USF record.

Quarterback Quinton Flowers orchestrated a symphony of jets sweeps in the zone-read offense that the Bulls have consistently mastered. Flowers did his best Houdini impression multiple times throughout the game, turning probable sacks into positive gains for the offense.

I realize that UCF was 0-11 going into the game, leaving few surprised by their demise, but the win was still vindicating. The reason? The Knights are our biggest rival and have beaten us the last two seasons.

It was nice to get a little payback.

The win continues the turnaround that has taken the team from the depths of mediocrity to having a chance to play for a conference championship— an opportunity that ultimately ended with Temple’s win over UConn on Saturday.

The fact that the Bulls even had the opportunity gives us pride in knowing they are one of the hottest teams in the country.

This time a year ago, the team could barely get a snap off, and first downs were cause for excessive celebration.

Now, offense is cutting through opposing defenses like a hot knife through butter. They put the football program back on the map and we, as students and fans, have something to be proud of again.

Let’s see which Bowl game the Bulls’ get a bid to—the team’s first in five years—and continue to support them in what has become a season to remember.

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#FeeltheBern
By Emily Tinti
Staff Reporter

In July, FIFA honored the U.S. women's soccer team's World Cup win with $2 million. In 2014, FIFA awarded Germany's men's soccer team with $35 million for their win.

This is just one example of inequality in competitive sports—an issue that has receded on the collegiate level since the 1972 landmark legislation Title IX. But it still exists nonetheless.

On Nov. 18, USF's Women in Leadership and Philanthropy (WLP) club visited the St. Petersburg campus to present "A Leveled Playing Field?—An Exploration of the Impact of Title IX" in partnership with Dr. Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, USFSP associate professor and adviser to the Women Empowerment Club (WEC).

Projects included sexual assault on campus, pregnant and parenting students, employment discrimination and transgender students.

"The structure of the event allowed my students to be able to share their research on Title IX with the campus community, and in particular, to spark a dialogue with my students and the community leaders of WLP," McLauchlan said "Each of whom have an interesting story to tell."

The event served as the capstone for McLauchlan’s Women and the Law course, where students in the class presented their semester-long research through poster presentations and conversation with guests before the panel discussion.

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few days up to a whole year," said Angelino.

"For the most part, the right music will inspire me to write. There are times when my dreams will do the trick, or maybe I’ll run into a long-lost friend."

A timeless poet can also prove a good source for reigniting that spark of creativity.

"Robert Frost is one of the authors who inspires me to keep writing," she said. "When I read his poetry, I feel emotion, and not every author is able to convey that in me. I always try to incorporate emotion into my free writes."

Although the close of November also means the end of this year’s NaNoWriMo, its departure doesn’t mean that Angelino is going to stop writing.

"I think (NaNoWriMo) is a great motivator to anyone who needs that extra push to keep writing," she said.

"It has definitely pushed me to write more consistently, and it reminded me that writing can be a part of my every day if I make the time for it. The important thing is to just write."

And just writing is what Angelino adores.

She would love to see Cuba in the Stars get published, and one day, when the chaos of writing that 50,000-word draft dies down, she hopes to expand her book into a series.

"There are no boundaries when it comes to writing," said Angelino. "I owe it to myself to finish this novel. My main reason for completing it is myself. I want to stay true to my passion, and say that I’ve written a novel."

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Florida films and craft beer

Green Bench Brewing partnered with Pilot Moon Films to host its first Craft Film Festival with hopes of making the event annual.

Distinguished women discuss the impact of the 1972 federal law barring discrimination based on sex

While in Africa, she led two dozen African school girls in the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro — the first all-female group to do so.

For years, she served as a Florida State Senator, as well as a Florida County Commissioner, and in 1994, Castor became USF’s first female president.

Castor considers Title IX as one of her favorite topics because of the significant changes she has observed in the last 45 years of her life that resulted from the legislation.

The distinguished panelists expressed the growth that they, too, have seen in their personal and professional lives.

Claire Lessinger, a former student-athlete and USF head volleyball coach, is now the sales and director of special events for the Tampa Bay Sports Commission.

Mary Milne, also a former student-athlete, was the head field hockey coach at Ohio University, and is now the vice president of guest experience for the Tampa Bay Lightning. And Lessinger initiated the talk by describing herself as a “byproduct of Title IX.”

Sports defined me since the day I came out of the womb,” she said.

Taking the advice of a persistent, supportive coach, she went from playing basketball to show up at a volleyball practice, just to see how she liked it.

“I held my own, I kept being given the opportunity to play. Then recruiting letters started showing up in my mailbox.”

Through all the highs and lows, Lessinger said she is glad she was able to see and experience true equality, and feels that she has been a part of all changes.

Audience members were encouraged to ask questions and share ideas with the panel.

When asked how sports have made an impact on her life, USFSP Distinguished women discuss the impact of Title IX — a time when she found that gender roles.

“The people you need to meet are going to be at these events, and it will help you follow your passion.”

“I like to see the visceral reaction, and watch people experience the movies as a group, as a community,” said Helfrich. The filmmaker had two movies entered in the festival, the second being “Lives of Chance.”

Green Bench also partnered with Aaron Walker, assistant professor at the University of Tampa.

UT Students had films in the festival and many volunteered their time to keep things running smoothly. One UT student, Zane Moulton, won the Viewer’s Choice award for his film “Blackwater.”

Amber Steele, a student from the University of Central Florida, was awarded the Msci Falvo Legacy Award for Emerging Female Filmmaker. She entered two films for the drama block: “Runner” and “Freeform.”

“Title IX has had an impact on LGBTQ women in sports.”

Are we at equality? Have we achieved that?”

All the panelists agreed that women still have many challenges to overcome, mainly due to deeply ingrained societal gender roles.

“As a society, we have not figured out how to have women live a balanced life,” Milne said.

McGlinchy reflected on her experience as a director in the USF athletics department in the 80s — a time when she found that Title IX didn’t arrive as a result of sports. Instead, it came from the reality that women were able to reach higher professional ranks, even in the face of ongoing social inequality.

“They would say, ‘She’s too strong for a woman,’” McGlinchy said.

Castor approached the microphone and used what she called “moderator’s prerogative” to respond to the panelists.

“Just look at men’s football and basketball games,” Castor said.

She continued to say that while women have made leaps in fulfilling goals and achieving great success, they still have a ways to go, and women’s sports are still viewed vastly different than men.

“But I think we’ve come a long way, baby,” McGlinchy added. "A long way."