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USF St. Pete to get Dali site?

Irena Milasinovic
Features Editor

Under a plan proposed by St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker, the Salvador Dali Museum could become a homeland security center associated with the University of South Florida's College of Marine Science, located at the USF St. Petersburg campus.

But USF St. Petersburg Regional Chancellor Karen White said the university, the museum and city of St. Petersburg officials are still trying to achieve the goal approved by St. Petersburg citizens.

"I am adamant that USF St. Petersburg achieve that property and land," White said.

On Nov. 2, more than 75 percent of voters approved the referendum authorizing the transfer of the existing building and land to the campus.

Under the plan, the university could then pay for the purchase with funds from the state. That money would offset the cost of the Dali's proposed three-story facility at the site of the Bayfront Center Arena, located at 400 First St. S.

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The building housing the Salvador Dali museum, located at 1000 3rd St. S., may one day belong to USF St. Petersburg if city voters have their way.

Senate drafts new dating policy

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Mark Pezzo, assistant professor of psychological science at USF St. Petersburg, speaks with firsthand experience on the issue. He dated and later married a student in the College of Medicine in Tampa.

"We were dating when she applied," Pezzo said. "I immediately went to my supervisor at the time and explained the situation."

Because his wife attended school in another college on a different campus, it was decided that no conflict of interest existed.

For some students, the potential for conflict is at the heart of the issue.

"It's too easy to question whether there is favoritism," said Benjamin Hardisty, a senior who thinks the ban is a good idea.

"I don't think it [dating] should be strictly banned, because that is taking away somebody's rights," said freshman Elizabeth Rehse. "But I..."
Men and women equally smart

University Wire

LOS ANGELES—The ability of females and males to use different brain structures in order to attain the same result once again proves the versatility and complexity of the human body.

Recently, there has been much controversy in the public sphere over the innate intellectual differences between the sexes. Though brain structure varies among the sexes, general intelligence has proven not to vary, researchers say.

"It may be convenient for people to keep their grades up if they are taking more classes than they planned," she said.

Morgan Mallory, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, said he already takes 15 credit hours.

"It could also polarize effect on students, with some taking 13 credit hours," he said.

"There is a lot that is not known about the brain and to draw conclusions is premature at this time," she added.

Many different components can lead to excellence in both math and the variance in this capacity does not allow one sex to be deemed superior in intelligence to the other.

"There was a week, Monday through Friday, that I worked 45 minutes from New Port Richy. He used to lose his temper a lot, and the block tuition rates, he said, "I thought it was unfair to students," said Michele Wille, a senior majoring in business management, whose student loans pay for classes.

"When Ritter discovered what was going on, he took the pills away and called the police..."
Editorial
By Brittany Fenske

The U.S. Supreme Court will decide in February on a case that will change how courts address religious part in public institutions. It has been 25 years since the Court ruled it unconstitutional to display the Ten Commandments in public schools. Now the Court will decide the fate of every public Ten Commandments display in the country, and will set a precedent for other government acknowledgments of religion.

Thomas Jefferson and James Madison are said to have been the least religious of our early presidents. However, both attended church services and defended other government acknowledgments of religion.

"If James Madison, author of the First Amendment, attended church in government buildings and allowed Congress to begin each day with a prayer, then where is this wall of separation that secularists are seeking to impose through the Supreme Court? Secularism is starting to go too far. Whad about the rules for public schools? Are we going to take "God off coins and dollar bills?""

Editorial
By Anthony Salveggi

The USF Faculty Senate recently denied a sexual relations policy — which still needs to be approved by the administration — restricting faculty members and other employees of USF from dating anyone over whom they have a position of authority. Specifically, the document states: "It is a violation of university policy for a faculty member, academic administrator or employee to engage in an amorous, dating or sexual relationship with a student or employee with whom he/she instructs, evaluates, supervises, or advises, or over whom he/she is in a position to exercise authority in any way.

This would be a revision of the current guidelines, which do not prohibit faculty from dating students with whom they have a supervisory relationship, but merely warn of the dangers in doing so (particularly with regard to sexual harassment). Apparently, the impetus for the change stemmed from a complaint made two years ago by a graduate student against her USF English professor. The student, Julia Makosky, accused the professor, James Inman, of sexual harassment. Inman was later cleared of the charges and held to be unable to date other students. His contract was not renewed in 2004.

University around the country have instituted measures similar to the one proposed by the Senate. However, the recommended faculty-student dating without exception.

In 2003, University of California regents approved a policy prohibiting faculty from engaging in romantic relationships with any students they teach or oversee. It also restricts professors from dating any students known to have an interest in the professors' field of expertise.

Paul Abramson, a professor of psychology at UCLA, called the measure "draconian," and posted that the rule effectively violates the Ninth Amendment by limiting the rights retained by citizens to choose a sexual partner. Such an interpretation is appealing on its surface for its defense of liberty. But it is still misguided. The law in such policies is not that they are too restrictive, but rather that they do not provide enough to ensure there are no exceptions to freedom of association.

A stronger policy is needed
By Irena Milasinovic

Imagine a human family with a mother who has stored all of her dead husband's sperm in a special cavity of her body, said Deby Cassill, assistant professor at USF St. Petersburg.

With a doctorate in biology, Cassill has spent most of her career studying and researching ants, specifically fire ants, which originate from tropical and subtropical America, live in a warm climate and inflict a painful sting.

Fire ants to Cassill are more than painful sting bites. They are "a lifetime worth of questions," she said.

"She packs the egg with hormones that regulate development by turning on or off genes at certain times," said Cassill, who frequendy videotapes ants' behavior and has gathered hundreds of videotapes for observation. "Or, she regulates the development of the larva after the larva has hatched from the egg."

"No one knows for sure," Cassill said. "This we know. The females have similar sets of genes and can become fertile queens or sterile workers, which is determined by the queen mother, Cassill said. "I don't know why, but this stuff turns me on," said Cassill, who has been an assistant professor at USF St. Petersburg for three years. "Just like politics or sports turn on someone else," she said.

Cassill, who grew up in the 1950s, said that when her brothers were off hunting, she was following small animals in her backyard. "Ants were much more interesting to follow than rabbits." Fire ants are the focus of her new bio-economic model—skew selection—which explains social behavior as a mixed strategy of Darwin's profit-seeking and competition in combination with philanthropy and cooperation as self-serving behaviors, Cassill said.

It is possible because social behavior evolves in predation, cycles of resource abundance, where animals are modeled as profit-seekers, and periods of resource scarcity, Cassill said. Profit-seekers, motivated by greed, accumulate more resources than they need, survive winter famine and share some of their resources when in danger. "Sharing is self-preserving because the profit-seeker can now hide in a crowd," Cassill said. "Sharing with those less able than the profit-seeker means that the predator is more likely to eat the less able because they are easier to catch."

Philanthropy is self-seeking in two ways. First, it is safety in numbers; second, the safety is in a central position of status away from the vulnerable edge of the crowd. Cassill is writing a paper with USF St. Petersburg business school dean Ronald Hill on ant communication at the corporate level. She said fire ants are cooperative because they are protected from predators if they are in large groups. They are not the only ones standing on the empty field. High-quality players, which are considered to be fertile queens and sons of the queen, recognize excess resources to increase group size for safety. About 2.5 million are sterile offspring per ant colony.

Natural selection regulates the distribution of worker size and function, and the ratio of sterile workers to fertile offspring. Cassill said. Queens produce different ratios of offspring by combination of nature and nurture. Nature offers a mix of nutrition (flowers, insects), shelter (soil, clay, rock or sand), predators (birds, lizards, frogs) and disease (fungus, bacteria). "Queens genes respond to the environment much like a keyboard, the genes play different tunes (protein and hormone production to build the body and regulate the behavior) depending on the environment," Cassill said.

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**Feeling Super Bowl fatigue?**

**Media Matters**

*By Anthony Salvaggi*

As I wrote this, the Super Bowl is still a week away and I'm already dreading it. By the time The Game is played in Jacksonville, we'll have endured two weeks of mindless chatterboxes on ESPN and Fox Sports, in all of their permutations — television, the internet, and talk radio (where mindlessness seems to be a prerequisite for employment) — offering their commentary and similar-sounding analyses of a game that will probably end up being remembered more for its commercials and halftime show.

There are only so many angles from which to approach a sporting event, and the press has not tried very hard to think outside the standard cycle of write, rinse, and repeat. Will Terrell Owens play? Terrell says one thing his doctor says another. Do the Eagles have a chance? The consensus seems to be yes; they have a chance — the same chance the snowball had when it rolled into hell.

In Patriot quarterback Tom Brady, the Eagles receive Freddie Mitchell and the Patriots secondary. Fascinating stuff.

Which makes me wonder — why doesn't the press simply tell us like it is? The set-up to this game has been dull. Better for reporters to ask the public by naming the ways in which the lead-up to this Super Bowl has been a monotonous letdown. Why not try and convince us that we should be excited about the prospect of seeing stone-faced Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri and the contest with yet another game-winning field goal?

Oh, I see Patriots and Eagles fans are dutifully psyche-up for the occasion. But that doesn't mean the non-patriots have to be.

When I think of Super Bowl players and teams with great character, I think of the Pittsburgh backfield of the 1970s and their vaunted Steel Curtain defense. I think of the '83 Redskins and their quote-machine, running back John Riggins. Tommy Johnson, when he's in the game, can't say the same thing about my team.

John Madden and his band of football mercenaries known as the Oakland Raiders.

But I don't think of any other Eagles coach Andy Reid, Patriots coach Bill Belichick, or Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb. It's probably not all their fault. Their public relations experts have likely schooled them to be as bland and non-controversial as possible.

And that's the problem. Because when two weeks separate the conference finales from the Super Bowl, the press needs something to hang on. And unless the players have something interesting to say or do, reporters will behave exactly as they have for the past week — being not boring.
But Baker wants an alternate course of action in case the state decides to spend its money on hurricane relief.

In Baker's new suggestion, reported in the St. Petersburg Times, the federal government would pay $6 million out of its homeland security budget for the Dalí's waterfront location, which is located at 1000 Third St. S. on land leased from the city. It would then be used for port security research.

Even though the College of Marine Science is situated on the grounds of USF St. Petersburg, it is technically part of the Tampa campus. It is unknown whether or not a new referendum would be needed if USF St. Petersburg doesn't control the building.

Assuming the original plan holds true, the university will not obtain the Dalí's current building until a new museum is built and all of the artwork is transferred. That project is expected to take two to three years to complete.

White said that there were no definite plans for the use of the building, when and if it is acquired.

USF St. Petersburg controls the College of Business facility south of the museum as well as buildings to the north, including the Poynter Memorial Library, and Beyer, Davis and Coquinto halls.

DATING

would personally feel very threatened by a fellow student if he or she was sleeping with a professor of mine because I would wonder if they were getting better grades."

Some universities forbid consensual relationships between school employees and students, even if there is no apparent conflict of interest. Pezzo said that these types of dating policies go overboard.

"Taken to its extreme, we would reasonably infer that a janitor who works the night shift cannot date a student despite the fact that there is no clear "power differential," Pezzo said.

But Pezzo also thinks that professor/student courtship is risky business.

"Certainly it's not a good idea to date a student in your class, because there is the potential for a conflict of interest," Pezzo said. "Further, students who are not currently in your class may still be in the future. So if there is any possibility that a student might end up under your supervision in any way, it's best not to go down that road -- even if the policy allows it."

University of California regents anticipated such a possibility two years ago when they approved a policy prohibiting faculty from dating students who have an interest in their areas of expertise.

Some students feel the faculty should be judged on the merits of their work performance, not their dating habits.

"I don't think it's anyone's concern so long as they're fulfilling their contract," senior Neesa Andrews said.

Freshman Kristyn Nicely believes such relationships can work if the people involved can separate their private and professional lives.

"If you're able to separate your personal matters from your work, then it's acceptable," Nicely said.

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Dino's jazzes up downtown

Katie Wilson
Contributing Writer

A glossy grand piano is rimmed with leaning listeners sipping cocktails. Faces are aglow with candle light. Soulful voices warm the stage. As far as jazz venues go, Dino's Jazz and Piano Bar and Grill is typical. But compared to St. Petersburg's bar scene, it is not. Snuggled in among a throng of downtown nightspots at 16 Second St. S., Dino's provides a different atmosphere for bar-goers in the area. People keep coming in saying that we've needed this for a long time," said Dino's co-owner Craig Malogrides. He describes Dino's as having an authentic, New Orleans gas-light district feel.

Dino's occupies a place of the historic Detroit Hotel, built in 1896. The building's brick walls stretch high to the ceiling. Windows reach from one end of the bar to another and provide a view of Second Street. Inside Dino's candles flicker on tables facing a stage, which sits 3 or 4 feet above a dance floor. High-top tables hug close to the back, and a rich, cherry-colored wood bar stretches across the length of the room. An upstairs loft seat about 40 and overlooks the stage, which also holds two TVs and a pool table.

Dino's opened in late November of last year and replaced Bertoni Restaurant, which closed in 2003. Dino's co-owner Ted Bagly, 46, said Mondays are some of the busiest nights because of the Local Jazz Series hosted by Al Santanta from WST 94.1. Guest jazz musicians from the area heat the place up these nights. "Last Monday night you couldn't even stand up here," said server Branton Luke, 31. "It was packed." From Tuesday through Saturday, pianist Carl Furstman plays top-40 style tunes. "It's not karaoke. It's not a sit-in. He just does his show," co-owner Malogrides said.

"He gets silly sometimes. He makes people laugh," Luke added. "People love him to death." Although most of the crowd at Dino's is approximately 30 and older, Bagly and Malogrides said Dino's also hosts younger people.

"What's nice about this kind of music (jazz and blues) is that a lot of the younger people are just starting to get into it," Malogrides said.

On a recent night, the dance floor knew no age and stayed busy. Couples peeled off layers of clothes as they returned again and again to get down to the On Que Players, who covered artists such as India Arie, Barry White and Janis Joplin, and played other Motown and jazz selections.

Some people seemed to be kindling romance, while others laughed and socialized. Several servers sat back and closed their eyes, tapping their feet or swaying their heads to the music.

"Whether they come in to hear the Local Jazz Series or to hear Carl, people come to have fun," Luke said. "You walk in and you're in that comfort zone."

Dino's Jazz and Piano Bar occupies a piece of the historic Detroit Hotel, built in 1896. Its owners and employees agree that the recently opened bar is a place to have fun. "You walk in and you're in that comfort zone," said Branton Luke, who is a server at the bar.

History

Today

This Week in History, entertainment page

- Feb. 3, 1997 - The Howard Stern radio show premiers in Detroit.
- Feb. 4, 1865 - Robert E. Lee is appointed commander in chief of the confederate army.
- Feb. 8, 1994 - Jack Nicholson attacks a car with a golf club.
- Feb. 9, 1895 - W. G. Morgan of Massachusetts invents volleyball.

Slide Show

By Jason Merritt

Unlucky Thirteen

A review of "Assault on Precinct 13"

When a New York Winter snowstorm strands a prisoner transport bus at a Detroit police precinct, everyone assumes that its merely an inconvenience. But what they've forgotten is that one of the prisoners being transported is a high-profile crime figure in Detroit. The prisoner, Martin Bishop (Laurence Fishburne), is a cop killer with little regard for anyone else's life.

What started out as an inconvenience turns into a fight for life when Bishop goes on the warpath and attacks anyone out of the precinct. The officer in charge of Precinct 13, Jake Roenick (Ethan Hawke), ends up killing one of the gang members, only to find that he was a Detroit police officer.

In fact, all of the gang members turn out to be crooked cops out to kill Bishop before he can testify against them in court for taking money from him.

Being in the wrong place at the wrong time leaves the rest of the police department reeling as the good guy and bad guy forced into fighting side by side.

The film makes small attempts to have substance and emotion, but falls short of grabbing the audience's heart. Most of the 109 minutes seem like an excuse to shoot people and blow things up on screen.

Don't worry, you can wait for the DVD.

Rated R, 109 minutes Grade: C

In pretty good company

A review of "In Good Company"

"In Good Company" is a film about relationships, with a little corporate humor thrown in. A sports magazine, Sports America, gets bought out by a large media corporation, leaving some of the magazine's employees jobless and others demoted. One of those demoted is Dan Foreman (Dennis Quaid), who loses his position as head of advertising sales to a young hotshot named Carter Duryea (Topher Grace).

Winner of the first half of the film, Carter, 26, gets divorced after only seven months of marriage and Dan, 51, finds out his wife is pregnant with their third child. Carter latches on to Dan and ends up secretly dating his 18-year-old daughter, Alex (Scarlett Johansson).

Three main relationships take center stage in the film. Dan and Carter's relationship is the most interesting of the three. Carter is the younger boss, but Dan has the experience in both the business world and in life. Somehow director-writer Paul Wisateur ("About a Boy", "American Pie") manages to create a dynamic that is good for laughs as well as touching moments.

Rated PG-13, 109 minutes Grade: B
Thinking about getting a tattoo? Here's what you should know before getting your body art.

- Tattooing involves injections under the skin, so poor infection control practices before, during and after the procedure by the tattooist and the customer can lead to risk of bacterial and/or viral infection.
- There have been cases of hepatitis B transmission through tattooing. Transmission of hepatitis C and HIV are also possible with lack of proper sanitation.
- The two most significant health risks tattoos pose are allergic responses to the pigments and exposure to blood borne pathogens.
- Check whether the tattooist at a particular parlor has been certified by the Alliance for Professional Tattooists (APTI). This nonprofit professional organization has developed a set of infection control guidelines in association with the FDA for its members to follow.


Jackie Hall, 39, purses her lips in pain as tattoo artist Vonn Gillespie injects ink into her back with a needle. The indian feather on her back is Hall's 7th tattoo.

"I can't wait to come back in 3 weeks," Hall said; this is far from her last tattoo.

Soundoff

How do you feel about the new dating policy?

(See full story on front page 1)

"I think it'd be fine as long as it doesn't disrupt anything." - David Grillo

"I think that's alright. As long as the student isn't in the professor's class it's not a problem." - Lindsay Mobsby

"I think that you can't hold back love. If a teacher and a student have feelings for each other, USF can't tell them they don't have a right to relationship." - Phil Conner