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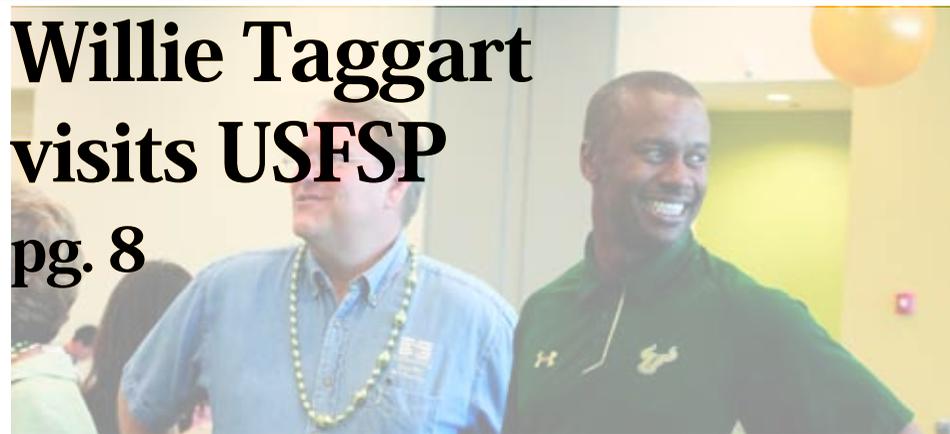
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## Justices stand by decision

BY TYLER KILLETTE  
STAFF REPORTER

A committee of three Student Government senators was appointed last week to evaluate the actions of the Supreme Court, after it made a decision to disqualify Mark Lombardi-Nelson from the presidential election.

Graham Reybitz, Kendel Mott and Russell Heller, each associate justices who agreed with the court's decision, were issued memos of impeachment by SG Sen. Jozef Gherman on the basis of "willful disregard of statutes."

Gherman said the court did not follow its guiding documents. The court believes it did.

Reybitz feels he and his colleagues are being tried for their opinions, not their actions. He said there is no reason a person should be tried for his or her opinion, and considers senate's ability to do so a "horrendous power" and a fault in the SG process.

"If you could back it up with bribery or bias, then sure, go ahead and try me," he said.

When Richards made his initial request for trial against the Election Rules Commission, the court filed it under appellate jurisdiction, not original. Reybitz said, because of whom the case was filed against, appellate jurisdiction was the only option.

Julie Wong, chief student affairs officer, said otherwise.

In her decision issued on April 18, Wong said the case should have been filed under original jurisdiction from the start, and therefore deemed the appeal null and void. She also accused the court of improperly assessing points.

Alex Johnson, the one dissenting judge, also said the case should have been filed under original jurisdiction in his dissenting opinion.

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(for real this time)

BY AMANDA STARLING  
STAFF REPORTER

Mark Lombardi-Nelson and Christa Hegedus officially secured the Student Government president and vice president positions for the 2013-2014 school year. After weeks of deliberation between the Election Rules Commission and the SG Supreme Court, Chief Student Affairs Officer Julie Wong intervened with a sweeping decision on April 18.

Lombardi-Nelson submitted an Appeal for Righteousness to Wong on April 15, after a decision handed by the Supreme Court disqualified him from the race — for a second time. After reviewing the appeal, Wong granted Lombardi-Nelson the presidency.

Jimmy Richards filed a case to contest violation points assessed by the ERC shortly after elections ended. Instead of holding a trial between Richards and the ERC, the court held a hearing for Lombardi-Nelson to defend himself on April 5. In its re-evaluation of the Lombardi-Nelson/Hegedus

campaign, the court assessed 33.32 points, as opposed to the ERC's original 10-point assessment. The court's ruling disqualified Lombardi-Nelson and demanded Richards be instated as president. Wong's decision declared this ruling null and void with no opportunities for further appeals being granted.

Lombardi-Nelson addressed issues of due process and improper procedure in his appeal as he had done throughout the review process. Primary concerns included the delivery of grievances in a timely manner and the authority of the Supreme Court's assessment of points.

"USFSP and its Student Government should be reliable assets within the USF System, and I intend to continue moving the USFSP Student Government in that direction," Lombardi-Nelson said in his appeal to Wong.

In an email, Wong said she had to weigh in the "proper procedure and process according to the student government statutes."

In a memo released on April 19, Wong found the court to have "improperly assessed points." She referred to a statute that said the court can reduce, reverse, or uphold points, but only the ERC can assess points.

Wong believes this case will create "greater utilization of student affairs advisors during the election

so the process is executed without controversy." She also suggested "a review of the election rules and procedures to improve process and accountability."

The April 18 decision resulted in the nullification of the Supreme Court orders and the granted the ERC power to certify Lombardi-Nelson and Hegedus as president and vice president.

"I now know what I will be doing for the next year," Lombardi-Nelson said.

Consequences for the Supreme Court's inaccurate filing of the case and improper assessment of points — as outlined by Wong — include the potential impeachment of three justices, Russell Heller, Graham Reybitz, and Kendel Mott.

In his memo for impeachment, Sen. Jozef Gherman charged the justices with malfeasance, or willful disregard of the statutes. SG senate responded by selecting three senators for an impeachment committee. The assessment of charges may not come for some time, as an advisor for the committee has not been selected and two senators elected to the committee will end their tenure at the end of the semester.



Vincent de Cosmo, head of the ERC, announced certification for the presidency through an email addressed to all SG members.

As a result of the controversy in this election, de Cosmo believes, "everyone will be more strict and on top of rules ... especially if they want things to go the right way."

The 2013-2014 presidential term begins Monday, May 6.

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# Not your grandmother's library

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## News Briefs

**Voting for the Florida Legislature's budget for the USF system may yield positive results for a College of Business building.** Of the system wide \$1.5 billion operating budget, USFSP may be granted up to \$1 million to break ground for College of Business according to the budget to be voted on by the state Senate.

**Christopher Browning, a Holocaust historian will discuss his latest book "Remembering Survival: Inside a Nazi Slave Labor Camp" on April 25.**

Recognized as the Frank Porter Graham professor of history at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Browning's book is the recipient of the Yad Vashem book prize for 2012. The event is co-sponsored by the Florida Holocaust Museum and will take place in the University Center Ballroom from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**De-stress with P.E.E.R.S. during their "60 Minutes to Less Stress on April 23.** The event promises tips to handle stress as finals approach. Meditation and imagery session will be provided. The gathering will take place at 2 p.m. in the Ocean Room.

**Join the Black Student Association on April 24 for a Soul Food Dinner and an evening of magic with Ran'd Shine.** Dinner will be available at 7 p.m. in the Reef. Magic will begin at 8 p.m. in the USC Ballroom.

**Glow with LASA's Glo party on April 25, featuring House music, black lighting, and glow sticks.** The USC Ballroom will be transformed into an end of the semester rave of music and light at 8 p.m.

Most of the reference books, journals, maps, videos and DVDs have vanished from the first floor of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library. That's because Carol Hixson, library dean, is livening things up.

Hixson said she has been working to strengthen the library's connection with students by making it a place for collaboration and interaction. Collections on the first floor have been "weeded out" or moved to "bring the first floor to life," Hixson said.

"People want a variety of styles and spaces," Hixson said. "There is really no such thing as 'what the students want' because they like different things, and they don't want the same thing all of the time."

Students are encouraged to move and rearrange the new furniture on the first floor of the library. Much of it is on wheels. An individual can pull a chair to a favorite spot, and groups can create meeting areas with just the right table and seating arrangements. White boards can be used as temporary walls to increase privacy.

"There is no 'where furniture belongs' on the first floor," said Tina Neville, head of library public services.

Coffee tables, floor and table lamps, couches, lounge chairs and ottomans make it easy for some students to feel at home in the library.

Christian Wintsch, a first year graduate student in the MBA program, said he likes to sit in his favorite chair with his legs outstretched on an ottoman. His computer fits nicely on a small, moveable tray attached to his chair. Wintsch said he comes to the library five or six days a week.

"It's comfy," Wintsch said. "The more comfortable you are, the

better you study and concentrate. It's appealing, you have the view, you can lay back, it's not constraining, it's free-flowing. The surroundings are always changing on a daily basis, you do not know what to expect — things move."

Ricky Cherry, a junior majoring in marketing, said he comes to the library five days a week for about four hours. He said the library's ambiance is one of the reasons he stays on campus between classes, even though he only has a 12-minute commute.

"This is perfect, looking at the water, like you're at home on your own couch," Cherry said. "It's relaxing and doesn't make studying as big of a chore. It's nice, a place to get away or get some work done. This illustrates that they care, and that we have a voice. I feel that students must have recommended this."

"When I see people from class, we move the furniture closer together and this breaks the ice," said Cherry.

In 2011, Hixson directed a Library Space Allocation Committee to look into redesigning the use of space in the library. Neville chaired the committee that studied library space design, learned about renovations in other libraries and found out what students thought a library should offer.

Students participated in focus groups, and were given outline drawings of the library so they could fill in their ideas about using the space, said librarian Deborah Henry.

It was a surprise that some of the students like to be near books to put them in the mood for studying, and this is why the leisure reading collections remain on the first floor, Hixson explained.

Some students would prefer a quieter study area on the first floor, which is not designated as a



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quiet zone, Hixson said. She said that after new carpet is installed between the spring and summer semesters, an area on the first floor will be enclosed with glass walls to create a Scholars' Lounge.

Another change will add to the number of computers students can use, in a layout that is more private and with more room to spread out than in the existing horseshoe configuration, Hixson said.

Hixson, Neville and Henry said they would love to have a café in the library, as would many students, but it is not completely under their control — financial and special issues would have to be addressed.

In the meantime, students are welcome to bring food and nonalcoholic beverages into the library (deliveries from restaurants are not allowed), as long as there are no open drinks at the computers and no food or drinks in special collections.

Henry said a student was stacking a small table on an upholstered

chair to make a higher stand for his laptop, which he used while writing on a white board. Henry said they put a speaker's podium in the vicinity where the student studies, and he found and used it, pulling out a flat shelf for his computer and using the slanted top for his book. She said he inquired if it was all right to use the podium, and he was pleased when she told him "we put it there for you."

The Nelson Poynter Memorial Library is and will remain a work in progress.

"I would eventually like to call the library something other than a library," said Hixson.

For now, Hixson said she uses a pet name, "Not Your Grandmother's Library."

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## 'Line between right and wrong was blurry'

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If it were, the case would have been thrown out because candidates do not have the ability to appeal points assessed to other parties.

The court has the power to reverse, reduce or uphold points, but Reybitz said because the ERC threw out the points it originally assessed, there were no points to work with.

According to him, the court could not simply declare a winner because saying Richards won would deny Lombardi-Nelson due process and saying Lombardi-Nelson won would deny Richards due process.

"The case was that the ERC messed up," he said.

The court used the implicit power of the constitution to

overrule the point evaluation dropped by the ERC and assess its own.

"We were basically acting as the ERC," Reybitz said.

The court held a hearing for Lombardi-Nelson to defend himself on April 5.

Reybitz said they gave Lombardi-Nelson "ample opportunity to argue his case" and because the case was against the ERC, they were not actually obligated to do so.

Plagiarism is not listed as a violation in the ERC's rules of procedure but the court cited a statute that says, "Any violations that are not specifically outlined can be left up to the Election Rules Commission to be considered a major violation."

Even though this statute asserts power to the ERC, the court used it to assess 20 points for plagiarism.

Reybitz said the court was left to make the decision that would cause the least harm and did so by re-evaluating Lombardi-Nelson's campaign violations.

When the court is dealing with a gray area that might have multiple interpretations, it must give itself implicit power to make a ruling, Reybitz said.

He feels Johnson dissented because he did not agree with the implicit power the court gave itself.

"The line between right and wrong was blurry ... There were things we had to uphold, modify and ignore," Reybitz said.

He explained that many statutes in the SG constitution are poorly written and contradict themselves. Despite this, the court must "function under the assumption that all guiding documents are correct."

He also added, "Justices owe their jobs to the people in senate. If there were bias, it'd be in [senate's] favor."

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The campus maintenance staff took delivery of the 1,100 gallon fish tank that will be installed in the University Student Center. The tank cost a total of \$37,000, with \$25,000 coming from a Progress Energy grant and the remaining \$12,000 coming from student activity and service fees. The tank will be installed next week after the three-foot tall aluminum frame is delivered to the school. The tank will be stocked with local aquatic flora and fauna to represent the ecosystem in the waters that surround the campus.

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You've seen the memes. The videos. Maybe even the documentary. The sloth has officially replaced the meerkat as everyone's favorite fuzzy fixation. It's no small feat to capture the heart of the Internet, and these unkempt beauties from South America have done it all while hanging upside down.

If you still need convincing on why you should like them, take a glance at these facts:

- There is still no official name for the fear of sloths, so, in theory, no one is allowed to be afraid of them.

- Sloths like hugging just about everything. Trees, other sloths, people. Affection has no boundaries. Love your neighbor like he or she is a sloth, and the world might one day be a better place.

- Indigenous peoples in Ecuador have named sloths "Ritto," "Rite," and "Ridette," all different translations of the words "sleep" "eat" and "dirty."

- They are descended from mighty beasts. Their long-gone family members were giant prehistoric ground sloths that could weigh as much as five tons. Comparatively, their still-living cousins are much more hold-a-bull.

- They come in two-toed and three-toed varieties, though technically they all have three toes on their back legs. Their furs are uniquely colored and patterned, and they know how to apply eye-makeup.

- You don't have to travel to their homeland to visit— some two-toed buddies are waiting for you over at Busch Gardens.

- The grooves in their crackly hair provide homes for moths, beetles, cockroaches, and various fungi and types of algae. So when your pet roach needs a place to crash for the night, sloth's got your back.

- They can swim! On foot, they move at an average of 6.5 feet per minute, though they show surprising bursts of speed when they feel threatened.

- You can now buy them as pets at a handful of licensed shops in the United States, though they might eat you out of house and home. Or, they might develop new tastes, and eat you.

# Dancer showcases talent on a whim

By JENNIFER NESSLAR  
CROW'S NEST CORRESPONDENT

The winner of the USF St. Petersburg talent show wasn't even planning on performing. Sophia Constantine, a USFSP freshman from Dallas, Texas, dances Spanish flamenco, a Spanish folklore dance.

Flamenco dancing, Constantine says, "doesn't fit into the blend here" in Florida. Constantine decided not to perform in the talent show until a friend "challenged" her. She was persuaded and signed up.

Constantine was 4 years old when she began dancing. One day, her mother took her to see a dance company from Mexico City. It was then that Constantine became fascinated with ethnic dancing. Constantine says she is half Hispanic and half Irish, so her ethnic background piqued her interest even further.

In addition to studying Spanish flamenco, Constantine trained in ballet, tap, jazz and folklorico, a Mexican folklore dance.

Constantine attended Booker T. Washington High School for

the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas, where she was able to perform her dance. She said students from her high school were "very easily picked up". It was common for students to drop out because they were cast in a movie or their band was going on tour. Constantine cited Norah Jones and Erykah Badu as two famous graduates of Booker T. Washington.

At 15, Constantine tore her medial meniscus, a shock absorbing tissue located in the knee joint. She describes the experience as her first major injury and an "eye opener". It was then that she decided that dance was going to be a hobby but not a career for her.

For college, Constantine chose USFSP. "It was the perfect school," Constantine said. "Because it gave me the opportunity to go far from home but still have family close by."

Her father lived in St. Petersburg after college, and most of his family still lives in the area.

While Constantine may not be dancing for a career, she is not going to give up being in front of the camera. She is a mass



Courtesy of Sophia Constantine

communications major, and hopes to one day become a news anchor.

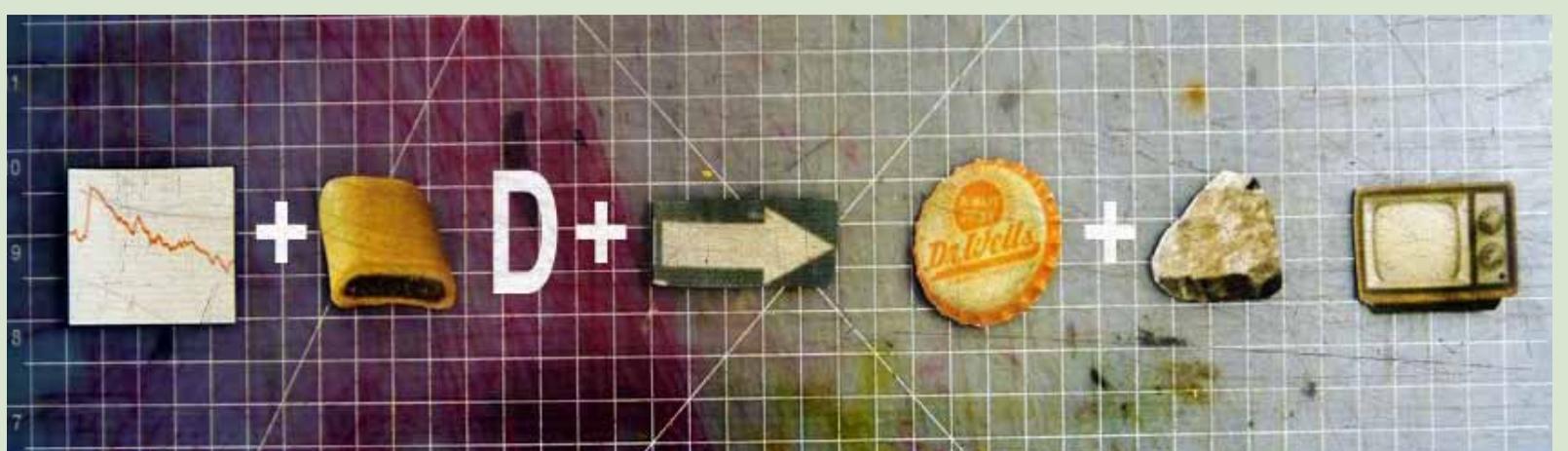
But Constantine is not giving up dance either. She has already developed a USFSP fan base. The night of the talent show, several of Constantine's friends and former roommates came sporting "Team Sophia" t-shirts.

"It hit my heart," she said. "They made me want to cry."

Many people, even her professors, have asked her what the significance of the "Team Sophia" shirts is.

This summer, Constantine will be going to Columbia with her Dallas dance company, the Ollimpaxqui Ballet Company. Constantine says she is the only "kid" going among a group of adult professionals. After the trip, Constantine would like to teach dance, either during or after college.

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Courtesy of Danielle McKinney

The USF St. Petersburg Graphic Design Department will host a display of student's thesis projects this Friday, April 26 from 6 to 11 p.m. in Harbor Hall. The exhibit, titled the Graphic Design Capstone Show, is computer themed. The wide variety of mediums on display will include music, 3D and letterpress printing, drawings and more, all designed with connectivity and interactivity in mind. There will also be a potluck.

# Anthropology professor wins award

By AMANDA CORMAN  
CROW'S NEST CORRESPONDENT

The most recent winner of the Gordon R. Willey Award for best published paper in American Anthropology over a 3-year period is USF St. Petersburg anthropology professor, Kathy Arthur. She sat down with *The Crow's Nest* to answer a few questions about the award, her research and her least favorite part of field research.

**The Crow's Nest:** What does winning the Gordon R. Willey Prize mean to you and the research that you've done?

**Kathy Arthur:** I was really honored to be recognized by my

colleagues, especially since my work really overturns some major ideas previously held about the past. I really never thought when I was starting out in my career that I was someone who would win awards, so it took me by surprise.

**CN:** What drives you to research the topics that you cover?

**KA:** I've always been driven. My mom was an English professor who also studied African literature and women's studies, and my dad was a cultural anthropologist who also studied social work and urban theatres. I grew up in the university system also during the Civil Rights and Women's Rights movements of the 1960s and 1970s. I like learning

about how other people work with each other and then teach it to others. There is just so much that the world needs to know.

**CN:** How did you continue through the struggles that you faced in a male-driven field like anthropology?

**KA:** It was hardest as an undergraduate. I was quiet, and I just kind of took it and worked really hard and tried to let my work show that I was a capable person. As a graduate student I was much more vocal.

**CN:** Favorite part of field research?

**KA:** Talking to people and

learning about their lives.

**CN:** Least favorite part of field research?

**KA:** This is going to sound vain, but cold showers are the worst. We have solar but there usually isn't sun in the mountains so we have icy mountain water. But also when things go wrong, and just dealing with the different personalities of other researchers who maybe can't handle if we don't have power for a day. So I would say the bureaucratic aspects.

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## How SEAS celebrates Earth Day

The Student Environmental Awareness Club at USF St. Petersburg has worked to put together the final day of events for the Earth Week celebration on Monday, April 22.

The biggest week of the SEAS year is coming to an end with an Earth Day birthday cake. Monday at 1 p.m. in front of the University Student Center the Earth Promises pledge tree will be revealed and SEAS will have plenty of cake to share with students who are there to support the organization. Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth will be there to speak and SEAS members hope he will also sign the Presidents' Climate Commitment.

An impressive amount of work goes into coordinating events on campus. SEAS President Catie Wonders said it takes a lot of little pieces to make it come together.

Event coordination involves permits for location, catering, parking, the use of AV systems and more. The last two meetings ran for two hours to finish up planning for the Earth Day festivities, and only eight members attended.

That is why SEAS is looking for more students to join the organization and lend a helping hand. Meetings are every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the USC Ocean Room on the second floor. SEAS members have the ideas and the motivation to accomplish their goals but they are in need of additional members. Look to the SEAS Facebook page for upcoming events, meetings and activities.



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David Dudley plays his pipa, or Chinese lute, in between classes. He collects and plays a variety of folk instruments and spends his free time playing, listening, and hunting

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# Professor unlocks the secrets of ants

BY NANCY McCANN  
CROW'S NEST CORRESPONDENT

Deby Cassill loves to peek into the dark, underground tunnels and chambers of ant nests.

Known as the "Ant Whisperer" at USF St. Petersburg, Cassill has published extensively on red fire ants.

Their scientific name is *Solenopsis Invicta* — from the Latin words for sun and invincible.

Cassill said she was among the first scientists to, "open the black box of what's occurring inside the nest." In her lab, she films fire ants under magnification to learn about their behavior, such as how foragers — ants out searching for food — deliver important information back to the colony.

"Turns out, the forager waggles her head back and forth at the entrance to the nest, where the other ants are packed in like sardines, awaiting information from the great outdoors," Cassill said. "Her wagging head is like a fast cue ball hitting the stationary billiard balls. It creates kinetic energy. It gets the ants moving and searching for the incoming news."

"The wagging forager makes her way down the 'hallway' to the underground chamber, wagging and energizing the whole time. The forager starts tapping other ants with her antennae, much as we would tap someone on the shoulder to get their attention in a crowded room."

Then, the energized ants sample food from the forager's tongue, using taste buds on the tips of their antennae, Cassill said, and the forager leads interested ants to the food site by laying a chemical trail. She said that foragers are more

enthusiastic "wagglers and tappers" when food quality is high, and ants are recruited only when they are "unemployed and hungry," ignoring the forager if they are sleeping, busy, or full.

"Deby Cassill has added an important new chapter in the study of ant communication, showing the degree of complexity," said Edward O. Wilson in an email. Wilson, professor emeritus at Harvard University, is known as the father of sociobiology and regarded as the world's leading authority on ants. Some of Cassill's notable work is an extension of Wilson's discovery in the 1950s that ants communicate with chemicals called pheromones.

Cassill said she has noticed that ants have different personalities and moods.

"Some are workaholics and feed 100 or more infants in an hour. Others feed one or two infants and go take a nap," said Cassill.

Some of her most interesting observations have not been published because she has not been able to capture them on film.

"The queen is typically surrounded by many workers licking and grooming her. One day, in a small nest in my lab, I noticed that there were no workers around the queen," Cassill said. "Then I saw a worker cruising through the eggs and larvae, getting close to the queen. The worker stopped, crouched down on her belly, turned in slow motion, and walked sideways like a crab away from the queen. The queen must have been having a PMS moment."

Cassill said that ants transport and feed their disabled, behavior she has seen repeatedly in her lab experiments. They suffer and feel pain, play dead when under attack,

build bridges to food supplies and have opposable thumbs on their forefeet. Cassill said there is evidence suggesting that queen ants dream, complete with "rapid antennae movement."

Another significant observation made is that ant larvae regulate their own diet. Prior to this, it was thought that sterile female workers, whose job it is to feed the larvae a variety of proteins, oils and sugars, determined what the larvae ate.

Cassill said that larvae, which look like tiny yellowish jellybeans in her laboratory films, "clamp down their mouths and refuse to suck and swallow" certain foods that a worker is offering.

"A larva fulfills its own caste destiny by choosing what it needs to grow to its full capacity," said Cassill.

Cassill's interest in ants began when she was a young girl in Iowa in the 1950s.

"My brothers got guns and bows and arrows, and would go hunting and come back with all kinds of interesting stories," Cassill said. "I got dolls. I would take my doll outside, into the garden, and set her aside while I watched butterflies and beetles, and then creepier insects like scorpions, flies and ants, so I could have my own cool stories to tell. Ants were easy to observe because they stayed in one area. My doll just sat in the dirt and



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eventually lost her head."

In later years, Cassill said she favored ants for research because ant societies are easy to set up in the lab, and "you can do experiments with ants that you can't do with other animals."

In addition to pursuing her passion for ants, Cassill has developed an evolutionary theory related to cooperation and maternal investment strategies in many animal species. She likes to try her new ideas out on students in class.

"I am testing this theory on you," Cassill said during her sociobiology class. "Why do societies evolve when predation is high and food is scarce?"

"To share food," said one student.

"Safety in numbers," said another.

Cassill wrote answers on the board as she led an orchestra of

student voices.

In the classroom, Cassill often takes a break from serious scientific discussions to be playful.

"Go-nads, go-nads, go-nads," Cassill chanted to her class while pumping her fist in the air.

"While Dr. Cassill may be known as the 'Ant Whisperer' among her students, I would expect she may be known better as the 'Student Whisperer' among her colleagues," said Frank Biafora, dean of the college of arts and sciences, in an email. "She is among the very best at what she does, passionate about student learning, and a champion for USF St. Petersburg. Dr. Cassill exemplifies what is best among university faculty."

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# Robinson's everlasting legacy

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Last week, I went and saw the film "42" while on a date with my girlfriend. Aside from some minor historical inaccuracies, the film was fantastic.

For those of you who do not know, the movie is about Jackie Robinson who was the first Major League Baseball player in the modern era who happened to be black; there were a handful of blacks who played in the majors before this, but none had been in the bigs in over a generation.

The film had an all-star cast and included some cities and stadiums that, though I've only seen pictures of, are among my favorites in the history of baseball: The Polo Grounds in New York City, Sportsman's Park in St. Louis, Shibe Park in Philadelphia, and Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

Jackie stayed in Sanford, Fla. at one point during the movie. For those that have not read my previous columns over the past two years, Sanford holds a special place in my heart in spite of the negative press it has recently received. It is the seat of Seminole County, where I grew up in, it is the home of

the community college I attended to get my associate degree, and is also home to Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium. While leaving Sanford, Robinson passes the old downtown clock located at First Street and French Avenue, hats off to historic detail.

One inaccuracy in the movie was that it insinuated that Robinson played a spring training game in Sanford; unfortunately that never occurred in Seminole County and Robinson broke the color barrier in neighboring Volusia County. However, Sanford native Red Barber was featured throughout the film as the radio announcer for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Yes, you read that correctly, they played in Brooklyn before moving to Los Angeles.

Another inaccuracy occurred in the beginning scenes of the movie when a Dodgers representative meets the Kansas City Monarch's, Negro League team that Robinson played for, along a road in Missouri. The location that was given was Interstate 24, there were no interstate highways, in sense that we know them, in the mid 1940s and their construction was about a decade away, but that is just nit-picking on my part.

There were some points during the film that I was ashamed to be white, such as when the Philadelphia Phillies manager was verbally abusing Robinson. As well as the racism exhibited in Sanford; I reckon some "traditions" die hard.

I do not know what it is like to be black, however one of the bright points of the movie was seeing a black family with a seven or eight year old child entering the theatre. The father was explaining to his kid that this is the way it was, and because of Robinson's courage it is not as bad now. There were cheers when Jackie got his first hit, home-run and other good baseball plays.

I work at Tropicana Field, and the Tampa Bay Rays are our major tenant. While working a home game on Friday night against the Oakland Athletics I noticed the amount of black players on both rosters. Some of the best players on the Tampa Bay's roster are black: Desmond Jennings and Fernando Rodney. Coco Crisp of the Athletics put on a show while on the base paths during the first inning.

What a shame it would be if these players would not be allowed to play in MLB because of the color of their skin and were forced to play in another league. At one point

during the film the Dodgers' manager says something along the lines of "Robinson is just the first, there are more coming."

And more came; blacks in baseball reached a peak in the 1960s and 1970s. Some of the sport's greatest athletes were black: Bob Gibson, Satchel Paige, Ozzie Smith, Ken Griffey Junior, Frank Thomas, Ernie Banks, Barry Bonds (even before the steroids), Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Josh Gibson, Tony Gwynn, Ricky Henderson, and Reggie Jackson just to name a few.

The sport is better because these gentlemen played in the majors. Hopefully they will provide inspiration for young blacks to continue to play baseball, which at the professional levels is seeing lower numbers than in the 1970s.

All of these players have one thing in common, they would not have had the opportunity if it was not for the courage of Jackie Robinson.

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## No Idea

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### Quotes & Notes

According to German mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler, the universe was created on April 27, 4977 B.C. Born in Germany in 1571, Kepler is considered a founder of modern scientist and is best known for his theories surrounding the motions of the planets. When scientists in the 20th Century developed the Big Bang theory, Kepler's calculations were thrown off by about 13.7 billion years.

*"There is a theory which states that if ever for any reason anyone discovers what exactly the Universe is for and why it is here it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another that states that this has already happened."*

- Douglas Adams in "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"

# We are all 'Boston Strong'

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BY MIKE HOPEY  
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Before he attacked the Boston Marathon, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, one of the suspected terrorists, wrote on the Internet that he had no American friends and didn't understand them. In the days after he attacked Boston and before he was killed, I hope he finally came to understand what Americans were like.

In the days after the attack Bostonians showed the world the true American spirit. They showed that we as a people can come together and support one another in times of great suffering. What Boston showed was that bravery and strength are in no short supply.

Despite the differences in our day to day lives the American people showed that our rivalries are only sibling rivalries. Disagreements here arise out of mutual goal to make sure that all citizens in this country are free.

Being from Boston, the attacks at the marathon were difficult to watch. The first hours after seeing

the breaking news alert were terrifying for me. I live 1,300 miles from home. Cell networks in the region were overloaded making reaching friends and family impossible.

The only thing that could quell the fear after seeing the attacks was to hear that they were safe and I couldn't even get that.

The thing that made those moments so terrifying was that, at the time the bombs went off, everyone in Boston had a reason to be standing on Boylston Street.

Patriots Day is a uniquely Massachusetts thing. It is a holiday that only we celebrate. It is a day where we honor our role in the founding of our nation – how we stood up and told King George enough was enough, we weren't going to be manipulated.

That quality has endured generations later in the citizens of Boston. This past week, many of the inspiring images from the Bay State showed the strength of its people and the depth of their hearts.

Regular people ripped off shirts to make tourniquets, marathoners who had just crossed the

finish line continued running to Massachusetts. General Hospital to donate blood and, of course, enough cannot be said about the first responders.

Images made their way around the Internet of former New England Patriots offensive lineman Joe Andruzzi carrying an injured woman to a triage tent near the finish line. Just one of the countless heroes.

There is the notion that sports can help people heal. That just gathering together and cheering for the same thing can help a community. Wednesday night's Bruins game served that purpose for Boston.

It was the first time that citizens had gathered in a large group since the attacks. Seventeen-thousand fans stood together to honor the fallen and show the cowards who bombed the marathon that they would not let fear win.

The crowd's rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" was one of the most moving performances of the song I have ever or will ever see. The crowd in the TD Garden truly sounded like one voice.

Next year, I am willing to bet, will bring the largest turnout of both runners and spectators the Boston Marathon has ever seen. I hope that I can be among that group.

The people will run "Heartbreak Hill" and line Boylston Street to show the world that Boston and the United States don't run from bullies.

We may never know why these brothers decided to hurt so many people but the goal was clear. They wanted to scare us and change our way of life. They failed.

Instead, they brought us closer together and showed us we are all Boston Strong.

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## And now for a change of pace ...

BY CHELSEA TATHAM  
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It's been a rough week for America — the bombings in Boston, the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas and while the families of victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy were in attendance, the U.S. Senate failed to pass a law that requires background checks for gun purchasers at gun shows.

However, we can always count on Florida do give us some comic relief. Not only is Florida about to be taken over by giant blood-sucking mosquitoes, residents will also be sharing their gardens (and possibly homes) with giant snails. The snails can grow to the size of rabbits, are known to carry parasites and can eat through plaster.

Poor snails and mosquitoes, it's not their fault they are so big and scary.

Criminals in Florida, however, have no one to blame for their stupidity but themselves. On Tuesday, homeless church burglar Steven Hardwick left cigarette butts, an empty bag of Funyuns and a Natural Ice beer can for police to find after he stole money from Giles Presbyterian Church in Orange Park.

Parents of the year Sonya Barbour and Glenn Martin were caught attempting to steal over \$2,000 worth of baby formula from a Palm Springs Walmart last Thursday. Apparently, the couple has been stealing baby formula for months and selling it for thousands of dollars to fund their pain pill addictions.

Police officers are known for drug busts and stakeouts. Well, in Florida, the brave officers of Hallendale Beach are putting their lives on the line, and their clothes on the floor, in "nude stings."

In an attempt to combat human trafficking, officers are visiting massage parlors and arresting unlicensed workers who perform illegal sexual acts for clients. The stings are so effective, police departments in other parts of South Florida are looking to the officers of Hallendale to teach them their methods.

When hard times hit the United States, citizens can look to Florida for proof that the world is not just full of terrorists and murderers, but also outstanding parents and police officers looking for happy endings to their traumatic shifts. Thanks, Florida.

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# Our tragedies are universal, your empathy should be too

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On Oct. 30, 2006, a CIA strike on a religious school in Pakistan killed 80 civilians. Up to 69 were children.

On Dec. 15, 2010, a U.S. attack on al-Majala in Southern Yemen killed 55 people. Fourteen of those were al-Qaeda members. The rest were women and children.

According to a report from the law schools at Stanford and New York University, the 259 strikes for which the Obama administration is responsible killed between 297 and 569 civilians. At least 64 were children.

On April 15, 2013, three people were killed in a bombing in Massachusetts. One was a child.

The Stanford/NYU report says Pakistani children scream in terror whenever they hear a drone — which, according to the Council on Foreign Affairs, are launched, on average, once every four days.

Children in the United States do not live in such fear. They don't have to. Sure, there are exceptional circumstances that have rightfully made us reluctant to go to school or the movies for a few days. But these

instances are rare, mostly unavoidable and caused by people with serious psychological issues — not governments.

The reason Americans were so shocked by the Boston Marathon bombing was because it had no precedent. The last successful bombing in the U.S. occurred on Sept. 11, 2001 when al-Qaida hijacked four commercial jets and used them as suicide bombs. Three known bombing attempts have been made since then, but each was subdued, according to a history of U.S. bombings by Fox News.

As Americans, we don't walk down the street fearing a drone attack. We are not at risk of being a civilian casualty of war. On any given day, we probably face a greater chance of death by slipping on a banana peel than being a victim of a bombing. We're not lucky; we're privileged.

The Boston Marathon story has dominated media since it began. That's fine, that's good; Americans are scared and angry and want to see justice. But I think it's worth recognizing that far more tragic things have happened, receiving far less attention.

Gary Younge, a British journalist for The Guardian, tweeted the day after the bombing, "I'm up for us 'All Being Bostonians Today,' but can we be Yemenis tomorrow and Pakistanis the day after? That's how empathy works."

It's human nature to feel more empathy for things that hit closer to home. It's hard to relate to the terror occurring in the Middle East every day because it's so far away. And when American media does so little to perpetuate our empathy, we really can't be blamed. But maybe we should be.

Should we not hold ourselves responsible for American-caused civilian casualties overseas? Were the 69 Pakistani school children less important than the one child who died in Boston? Where are their candles? When was the ceremony in remembrance of their lives — lives that we took?

This is not an attempt to downplay the tragedy of the Boston bombing. I realize my rehashing of the event is ridiculously oversimplified. This is simply a request to globalize yourselves, realize how good you have it, and have empathy for all the world's people, not

just the ones with whom you share a residency. Keep running, walking, praying (if that's your thing), raising money and having empathy for the Boston Marathon victims. And if you have anything leftover, broaden your scope of compassion to reach those victims who go unrecognized.

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BRIEFS

**The University of South Florida has added home-and-home football series against Wisconsin and Maryland for upcoming seasons, Director of Athletics Doug Woolard announced on Friday.** USF will visit Wisconsin on Sept. 27, 2014 with the Badgers coming to Tampa on Sept. 16, 2017. The Bulls will also host Maryland on Sept. 6, 2014 and travel to play the Terrapins on Sept. 19, 2015. USF football is now set to play eight games against Big Ten schools between 2013 and 2017, making up 40 percent of the Bulls' out-of-conference schedule. This will be the first time USF has played either Wisconsin or Maryland in football.

**The Tampa Bay Storm continued "The War on I-4" Saturday evening against the Orlando Predators, defeating their cross-state rivals 53-35 at the Amway Center to keep the Predators winless on the season.** Storm quarterback Adrian McPherson threw for 223 yards and had four touchdowns in the victory, boosting Tampa Bay's record to 3-2. The Storm now sits second in the American Conference behind the undefeated Jacksonville Sharks. With the win, Tampa Bay broke the stalemate in this storied rivalry; the Storm is now 26-25 all-time against the Predators. The two teams are scheduled to meet again this season on June 8 at the Tampa Bay Times Forum.

**After an emotional week in Boston, the three professional sports teams that call the city home returned to action on Saturday.** The Boston Red Sox and the Boston Bruins played at home, while the Boston Celtics traveled to New York to take on the Knicks. For the Red Sox, it was the team's first home game since the Boston Marathon bombings. The Red Sox went on to beat the Kansas City Royals 4-3 in a game that featured an emotional speech by Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz and an eighth inning performance of "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond. The two other teams were not as lucky: the Bruins, who had resumed play at home on Wednesday, fell to the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-2; the Celtics lost 85-78.

# Taggart connects with St. Pete fans

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USF football head coach Willie Taggart visited USF St. Petersburg Friday afternoon, becoming the first coach in the history of the program to visit the campus.

The event, called "Locker Room Lunch" was presented by USFSP Student Government in the University Student Center. The event provided both the campus and the St. Petersburg community a free opportunity to meet with the Bulls' newest leader. Taggart, a Bradenton native, who graduated from Manatee High School, appeared to be right at home during his first visit.

After an introduction from USF President Judy Genshaft, coach Taggart began the event with a conversation with Jim Louk, the radio voice of USF football. The



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conversation provided insight into Taggart's journey to USF and why he chose to come take this job after being pursued by schools such as Wisconsin and Auburn.

"One reason is the passion that our fan base has here in the state of Florida and in the Tampa area," Taggart said. "Being around a program that is very passionate, a young program where the sky's the limit, a program I really believe is a sleeping giant. Not often in this profession do you get the chance to come back home and be the head coach. That's a big part of it, too."

When asked how he planned to change the culture of USF football, Taggart noted that support from USFSP would be critical to the Bulls' success next season. Though the campus and its students are geographically separated from Raymond James Stadium, cultivating passion for the football program throughout the region is one of Taggart's foremost goals.

"They brought me here to turn it around, but I can't do it by myself," Taggart said to the lunch crowd. "It's going to take every single one of us, including our students here at USF St. Pete. We're all Bulls. We need to go into Raymond James and make it very, very hard for any opposing team to come into that stadium."

Local fans were eager to ask Coach Taggart questions about his expectations for the upcoming season and beyond during the question and answer session that followed his talk.

Fans asked Taggart questions ranging from his plans for the field



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to his home life. The 300 people on hand for the event got to know the new coach in a more familiar way.

Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth declared that the "Locker Room Lunch" was something that should become an annual event. Hogarth and the crowd seemed appreciative of Taggart's enthusiasm about USF and the community.

"Our vision is to win multiple championships in a first-class manner," Taggart said. "I want to make everyone proud. This is my

area, and I want the entire country to know about USF. But it won't be Coach Taggart doing it all; it's going to be all of us."

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# Rowdies still confident in Fontein

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Entering last Saturday's match with the Atlanta Silverbacks, Tampa Bay Rowdies goalkeeper Andrew Fontein had not allowed a goal this season. Not a bad start, considering the first two games of the spring season were also the first of his career.

Fontein's shutout streak lasted for 202 minutes before Atlanta's Rubén Luna tied Saturday's match 1-1. Nothing lasts forever and Fontein could be happy with two clean sheets and a one-goal game in his first three career starts, but then came the second half.

After dominating the first half and taking a commanding 3-1 lead over the Silverbacks, the Rowdies allowed three unanswered goals in the second half and lost for the first time this season, 4-3.

Head coach Ricky Hill wasn't

happy with the full 90-minute effort. He criticized his defense for their spacing which allowed Atlanta's forwards to advance the ball down field and create scoring opportunities. Hill didn't put the entire blame on Fontein, but said there were a couple goals he wished he could have back.

He pointed to the second and third goals, in particular, as goals that shouldn't have happened. He chalked it up to inexperience on the part of his goalkeeper.

On Atlanta's second goal Fontein moved forward from the goal line allowing Pedro Mendes to volley the ball over his head and into the net.

Fontein made a more tragic error on the third Atlanta goal scored by Luna, his second of the night. Fontein attempted to clear the ball as it came towards him, but instead, he collided with Rowdies' defender Jay Needham, allowing Mendes to

tap the ball past the keeper.

Hill had a hard time putting the blame for the other two goals on Fontein. He said that both goals were the result of poor defense and required Fontein to make big saves. The defense has to play well in front of the goalie he said.

Entering the season, the goalie position was a question mark for the Rowdies. The unproven Fontein was stepping in to replace departed NASL Best XI goalkeeper Jeff Attinella who signed with Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake during the offseason. The two clean sheets in the first two weeks were a confidence builder for Fontein and Hill.

But Saturday's performance was a setback. However, Hill likes to point out that Attinella was in a similar position two years ago; no experience and a lot to prove.



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