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Students at the University of Rhode Island gathered at the Ryan Center yesterday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. URI professor Robert Ballard, who discovered the Titanic, presented a lecture talking about his journey and experience involved with the sunken ship and other shipwreck discoveries.

Growing up in San Diego, Ballard explained that he always had a passion for the ocean as a child. Once Ballard received his PhD from the URI Graduate School Of Oceanography, he began to go on expeditions, exploring the bottom of the ocean.

"I grew a passion for going to the bottom of the ocean, but it took me five hours to actually get there and I could only explore for three hours," Ballard said. "I discovered that I could experience an outer-body experience by using Telespresence to view the ocean through a machine and the beauty of technology is that when I am operating the machine, I think I am there."

Ballard used the Telespresence technology to view the ocean at unlimited hours because once the video machine was at the bottom of the ocean, he did not have to worry about retrieving it. This technology was able to open many opportunities for discovery.

The discovery of the Titanic by Ballard was not a planned one. Ballard assisted French researchers in searching for the Titanic, and the search for the sunken ship was a classified cover for the search of nuclear weapons. The French researchers set up discovery lines and predicted that the Titanic would be south of the search box. In their first attempt to search in the south area of the search box, they missed the Titanic by 200 meters. Ballard jokingly stated that they cleared the search box for him to make the discovery.

"I began to think about the different ways the Titanic could have landed if they missed it in that question that we were so sure about," Ballard said. "I then realized that the ship could have split when it landed, and so I took a gamble and began looking for the trail of stuff instead of looking for the Titanic itself.

Ballard searched with single steps, 9 miles apart, in the path that he believed the Titanic would have left the

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Rhody pic of the day

Fraternities perform at Keoney Gymnasium as a part of Greek Week's Greek Sing.

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Suspect pleads not guilty in missing barista case

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Among the items that remained after a barista's abduction from an Anchorage coffee stand were two partially made drinks on a messy counter, and money from the business was missing.

Surveillance footage showed a man forcing Samantha Koenig away from the coffee shack where she was working late on Feb. 1 near one of the city's busiest intersections and to his pickup truck across the street.

Two months later, her body was recovered from a frozen lake north of the city.

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remnants of passengers and their belongings. The first item he discovered in the area was a bottle from the sunken ship, and when he continued to search, he realized he had found the Titanic on his 70th expedition.

"The most difficult part of discovering the Titanic was discovering the passengers," said Ballard. "It takes five years for the human body to dissolve completely in the ocean and I found the clothing of mothers and daughters lying next to each other, and the shoes of sailors."

Although he has become mostly known for his discovery of the Titanic, Ballard has also explored ancient shipwrecks in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. Ballard is now a professor at the URI Graduate School Of Oceanography, and has a vision for the Titanic and other discoveries in the future.

"My vision is to turn the Titanic into an underwater museum which means I would like to clean and paint the ship," Ballard said. "The ship would be more preserved, and I would like to continue finding new surprises and discoveries in the 72 percent of our planet, beneath the sea."

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an opportunity to "capture" the representation of 11 million people who died.

"The number is so enormous, you can’t even begin to think about [what it really means]," Olson said.

Besides the flags there are two stands with different information. One stand has the colors of the flags and what they signify, whereas the other stand has other miscellaneous Holocaust information.

Senior Josh Einhorn, who was one of the main organizers of the events, said the Field of Flags is one of the many events Hilcle uses to commemorate the Holocaust.

"Holocaust remembrance here at URI has developed over the last couple of years," Einhorn said. "It’s a pivotal point in the show to make people how many lives were lost in the Holocaust."

Einhorn said volunteers from various organizations helped place the flags, adding that the volunteers were also there to answer questions that anyone may have had while walking by.

"It’s so relaxing," sophomore member Dave Girard said. "At the end of the week, I know exactly what I’m doing every Friday night. There’s awesome people at the school, and it’s always a blast."

Club meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the URI Press Box.

"We are always looking for new members," Savage said. "Anybody who’s interested should definitely join in on some of our activities."

NEW YORK (AP) — Police and the FBI searched a Manhattan basement Thursday for the remains of a 6-year-old boy whose 1979 disappearance on his way to school left parents of a missing children’s movement that put kids’ faces on milk cartons.

Etan Patz vanished on May 25, 1979, after leaving his family’s SoHo apartment for a short walk to catch a school bus. It was the first time his parents had let him go off to school alone.

A forensic team planned to dig up the concrete floor and remove drywall partitions to find blood, clothing or human remains in the basement, just down the street from Etan’s home, police spokesman Paul Browne said. The work is expected to take up to a week.

FBI and police officials did not publicly announce what led them to the site, but law enforcement officials told The Associated Press that investigators made the decision to dig after an FBI dog detected the scent of human remains at the building over the past few weeks.

Investigators have long eyed the basement with curiosity because it can be accessed from the street on the boy’s route to school. At the time, the space was being used as a workshop by a neighborhood handyman who had thought to have been friendly with Etan.

FBI investigators have interviewed the man several times over the past seven years. Investigators questioned him again recently, and as a result of those discussions decided to refocus their attention on the building, according to the law enforcement official.

The official spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing. Two other law enforcement officials also confirmed to the AP the FBI had indicated the scent of human remains in the space.

Etan’s disappearance drew national attention to child safety, ushered in a generation of parents who became afraid to send their kids out alone and helped fuel a movement to publicize missing children’s cases. Etan’s face was among the first to appear on milk cartons. President Ronald Reagan declared May 25, the day of his disappearance, National Missing Children’s Day.

Etan’s parents, Stanley and Julie Patz, became outspoken advocates for his big children. For years, they refused to change their phone number, in the hope that Etan was somewhere, and might call. They never moved, although they obtained a license plate number in 2001 declaring the boy dead.

Stanley Patz didn’t respond to phone calls and email messages Thursday. A man who answered the buzzer at the family’s apartment said they wouldn’t be speaking to the media.

No one has ever been prosecuted for Etan’s disappearance, but Stanley Patz sued an incarcerated drifter and admitted child-molester, Jose Ramos, who had been dating Etan’s babysitter around the time he disappeared.

Ramos, who is not the carpenter whose workspace he suspected killing the child, but in 2004 a Manhattan civil judge ruled him to be responsible for the death, largely due to his refusal to contest the case.

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Softball team loses to UConn, wins midweek double header against PC

By Jonathan Shoolder Special Correspondent

This week, the University of Rhode Island softball team lost to the University of Connecticut, but went on to win both games in a double-header versus Planned Parenthood (PC). On Tuesday, the Rams traveled to Storrs, Conn. to play UConn. The team was held to two hits and no runs and lost to a final score of 10-0.

The Rams swept a double-header versus PC on Wednesday. In the first game, the Rams found themselves down a run early. The team had a late-game come-from-behind win as they scored three runs in the final two innings to beat the Friars.

Senior Courtney Prendergast drove in the first run with a single that scored senior Britanny Julich to knot the game up at one and force extra innings.

Kelly drove in a run in the top of the eighth as they took the lead. In the bottom half of the inning sophomore Joselyn Mattison was driven in by sophomore Stacey Fox to tie the game. Junior Megan Kelly came up to bat next and struck a single to right field. On the play Fox went from first to third; the throw escaped the third baseman and she scored the game-winning run on an error.

"Base running is really key," head coach Lesa Layton said. "Making sure we're doing the right things on the base paths is important for days we don't have the long ball."

Sam Bedore pitched all eight innings for Rhody as she got the win. She gave up six hits, two runs (two earned) and struck out five along the way.

In game two, Rhody was at a disadvantage, the metaphor again.

In the bottom of the third, the team made its push. Junior Kelly Coker supplied the team with a two-run double and with the bases loaded, it was deep to center field. The next batter was Prendergast, who walked. Coker caught the pitcher and catcher sleeping, and broke for third base on the play. Meanwhile, Prendergast began to head for second, which is where she's batted her entire career back on her. As that happened, Coker started toward home and scored the Rams' third run of the inning.

After giving up a run in the top of the first inning, junior starting pitcher Erika Szynaszki set the tone. The hitter gave up six hits, three runs (two earned) and struck out one. Sophomore Cassie Baker came in to pitch in the fourth inning and loaded the bases in the top of the seventh to get the game out to the end. "Erika did a terrific job," Layton said. "She stayed in the game and made her pitches. I've had to have Cassee come in a situation like that with the bases loaded and not give up a run is huge." This weekend the Rams will host four games. The first two are against Temple University on Friday and Saturday. They follow that up with a double header against St. Joseph's University on Sunday.

Fewer people registering for Komen races

DALLAS (AP) - For years, Katie Sanchez participated in her local Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, raising money annually to support her friend, a breast cancer survivor.

But when her local race rolls around this fall, she won't be there. She already donated her entry fee to Planned Parenthood.

"Pretty much everyone I work with and everyone I know to do something else," she said. Sanchez and other Komen supporters have abandoned registering for the breast cancer charity since news emerged in late January that it had decided to stop making grants to Planned Parenthood for breast-cancer-screening. Komen soon reversed that move following a three-day onslaught of criticism.

Organizers of individual Race for the Cure events - 5K runs and walk that account for most of the charity's fundraising - have seen participation decline by as much as 30 percent. Many leaders have seen their fundraising numbers go down, although a couple of races brought in more money.

Komen organizers acknowledge the effect the Planned Parenthood debate, which angers people on both sides of the political spectrum, has had.

"I think there's not getting around the fact that the controversy did have an impact," said Lesa Layton, spokeswoman for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "We're not back where we were. We know that it's going to take a while for that to change."

Sanchez, an occupational therapist from Denver, said she was upset when she learned that Komen had pulled the funding. And she wasn't mollified when Komen changed its mind, but that she was upset when she heard.

"I appreciate that they changed their minds, but that was still too little, too late in my opinion," said Sanchez, who has participated in five races over the past several years. Sanchez, who describes herself as pro-life but not pro-abortion, said the flip-flop caused her to lose respect for Komen's decision-making process.

"It's not that important to you, then make a decision and stick with it," she said.

Only nine races have been held this year, the Planned Parenthood controversy, but an Associated Press survey of affiliates for the Dallas-based charity showed that a downward trend is already taking shape.

A month before a southern Arizona race, people registered was about half as many as last year.

A spokesperson for the affiliate in Tucson, Gillian Drummond, said the group held a news conference to "save our race" and focused on getting the public to understand that much of the money raised at the event goes to grants for local services, including breast screenings, cancer treatments and outreach programs. The remaining 25 percent goes to national research.

"We just tried to connect with people that otherwise would have registered, told them that we do a lot of good locally," she said. "This is too valuable a race to lose."

By the time of the March 25 event, registrations had rebounded ed somewhat but were still about 30 percent lower than 2011 - roughly 7,200 registrants compared with 10,000. The $425,000 fundraising total was down by about 25 percent.

Many affiliates, including the one in Tucson, released statements saying they disagreed with the decision to pull the funding. And, like Tucson, many affiliates were not currently providing grants to Planned Parenthood.

Out of a total of about 2,000 grants nationwide, 22 currently go to Planned Parenthood, Aun said.

In Baton Rouge, the Komen affiliate's March 10 race saw registrations fall by 75 percent.

But the group raised about $85,000 more than last year to bring in about $685,000. The total crowd count - compiled with help from police - was the biggest ever, at 14,000 to 15,000. It was a "great day," those cheering on participants.

"I think this is the natural progression where a lot of people in the past just knew that Fenway wanted to support Komen, and now they're more people that understand the full range of the Red Sox do go," said the affiliate's executive director, Janet Dewey-Kollen.

For fiscal year 2011, Komen spent 83 percent of its money on its mission. Thirty-seven percent went to education, 23 percent to research, 16 percent to screening and 7 percent to treatment. Of the remaining, 7 percent went to administration and 10 percent to fundraising, Aun said.

Fenway centennial invites look at how far baseball has fallen

BY TIM LIMA Contributing Sports Reporter

Today marks the 100th anniversary of the first professional Boston Red Sox team, and Fenway Park will celebrate accordingly - by bringing back every able uniform-wearing member of the Red Sox of all time. In order to properly understand the history behind "America's most storied franchise," one must know some basic history, including details behind the games every host at the venue.

The first professional game was played on April 20, 1912 against the New York Highlanders, now the Yankees. In this game, the Red Sox won 7-6 in 11 innings, in front of 27,000 fans. This day, of course, came just days after the Titanic sank. While the first professional game was played on the 20th, the first actual ball game to be played at the venue included the Red Sox and Harvard University on April 9, 1912. This came after a rainstorm that postponed the opening of the park for two days.

Since its inception, Fenway has become home to six world champion Red Sox teams: 1912, 1913, 1916, 1918, 2007 and 2008. Though, any one who knows baseball knows that many of Fenway's history has been glazed in disappointment - including an 86-year drought of World Series victories. And, unfortunately, tomorrow's celebration will be overshadowed by disappointment.

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Fenway Park was home to some of the greatest baseball players; the sport has ever seen - players like Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Dom DiMaggio, Luis Tiant, Bobby Doerr, Carlton Fisk, "Smoky" Joe Wood and Carl Yastrzemski. All the aforementioned players were in the league at a time when money came second - and the game of baseball came first. Players worked every game to earn their paycheck. No players had their wives talking to the national media, saying that getting a deal of over $100 million was a slap in the face to their family, as was the case with former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter.

It is truly a different league, and the Red Sox are as guilty of that as any.

So back to tomorrow - birthday, Fenway! You're home to a far-underachieving team that is trying to keep up their own feet and crying when criticized. You're owned by a trio of money makers, who will do anything to make a buck, including owning a European soccer club (now commonly seen on Tuesday nights), and pitted with Boston Celtics' lead rival Lebron James. It truly is a shame.

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