

CATCHING WIND: What's the difference between fact and opinion? Apparently, some of the people who receive the Pig Report e-mail from Bart Siegel weren't sure and started to complain ... to the St. Petersburg Times.

Siegel, who copies stories from area newspapers into an e-mail and adds his commentary about downtown redevelopment plans in Temple Terrace, received an e-mail of his own last week from Alison Steele, an attorney with Rahdert Steele Bryan Bole & Reynolds PA that represents the Times.

"Recipients have e-mailed the Times complaining about having been placed on one of [the report's] mailing lists and about the tone and content of the commentary inserted into the copy of the Times article in the e-mail," Steele wrote.

Steele has demanded that Siegel stop reprinting articles from the Times in his e-mail reports and further indicate there is no connection between his Pig Report and the Times.

"Please be assured that the St. Petersburg Times is in no way connected with any of this blogger's commentary," Siegel told his readers.