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First car-sharing program in Pinellas launches at USF St. Petersburg



News media from across the Tampa Bay area turned out for Tuesday's announcement of the first car-sharing program in Pinellas County at USF St. Petersburg. The membership-based program offers affordable, green transportation alternative for students, faculty and -- within weeks -- the general public. The new program, announced by St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster and USFSP Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth, will be operated by WeCar by Enterprise, which runs a similar program at USF Tampa and in cities across the country. The program, the latest in a series of sustainability initiatives at USFSP, was initiated by the Center for Urban Transportation Research at USF Tampa in partnership with WeCar by Enterprise, the Florida Department of Transportation District Seven and USF St. Petersburg. "This program will enhance St. Petersburg's reputation as a livable city," said Mayor Bill Foster.

Another green initiative brings solar power for laptops, cell phones



Associate Professor of English Trey Conner, Ph.D., is surrounded by students at a new solar-powered docking station installed recently next to Davis Hall. A similar station was installed near Coquina Hall along with a solar-powered tower next to a bench along Harborwalk. The stations are made of recycled material by Enerfusion Inc. and can power laptops, tablets, cell phones, digital cameras and similar devices. The stations were paid with fees from the Student Green Energy Fund. | *Photo by USFSP student John Funke.*

Terrorism scholar to give Sembler Florida Holocaust Museum Lecture



The USF St. Petersburg **Honors Program** presents Mia Bloom, Ph.D., (above), an author and leading scholar on terrorism, in the Debbie and Brent Sembler **Florida Holocaust Museum Lecture** on Monday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. Bloom, associate professor of International Studies and Women's Studies at Penn State University, will discuss her latest book, *Bombshell: Women and Terrorism* (2011). Her talk originally was scheduled in October but was postponed because of Hurricane Sandy. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be in the University Student Center Ballroom. It is part of a series of Honors Program public events with an international focus. "We are pleased that Mia Bloom was able to reschedule her talk at USF St. Petersburg," said Thomas Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of government and international affairs and director of the USFSP Honors Program. "She has a unique perspective that makes people think about terrorism in new ways."

Renderings of new St. Petersburg Pier on display at the USC



Renderings of the proposed new [St. Petersburg Pier](#) are on display in the lobby of the University Student Center (photo above).

Created by the Pier's world renowned architect, Michael Maltzan, the display offers an early glimpse of the iconic structure that will become the centerpiece of St. Petersburg's downtown waterfront. The display was set up at the University Student Center as a public service and will be there for the next two to three weeks. While Michael Maltzan Architecture finishes design drawings, the city plans to close the existing Pier in May and begin demolition. Plans call for construction to begin in January 2014, with completion in the summer of 2015.

International Week to include lectures, films and panel discussions



USF St. Petersburg will observe International Week Feb. 25 through March 1 with a series of events organized around the theme, "Global Connections: Business, Culture, and Community." The events underscore USF St. Petersburg's commitment to enhancing the global competence of its students and faculty and to raise public awareness regarding important international issues. The week of events is designed for students, faculty and staff as well as the general public. The events, all of them free and open to the public, include film screenings, discussions of the immigration experience in the U.S., a presentation about joining the Peace Corps, a discussion involving refugees from several countries, a panel discussion about the effects of the digital revolution and globalization, and a talk about the role of social media in the Egyptian revolution by journalist Ashraf Khalil, author of Liberation Square: Inside the Egyptian Revolution.

Upcoming Events

February 18

2 p.m - 3:15 p.m.

Debbie and Brent Sembler Florida Holocaust Museum Lecture:

[Mia Bloom: Women and Terrorism](#)

February 21

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library Presents:

[Early Footprints in the Sand](#)

February 21
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Dali Museum
Genius Next Door

February 25
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
International Week
Race Against the Machines Panel Discussion

February 26
International Week
Peace Corp Presentation

February 26
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Undergraduate Admissions:
Transfer-A-Bull Info Session

February 26
6 p.m.
International Week Film Screening:
The Intouchables

February 27
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
International Week:
International Lawyer Forum

February 27
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Florida Studies and SEAS Presents:
Florida's St. Johns River Lecture and Film

February 28
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
The Honors Program Presents:
Ashraf Khalil: Inside the Egyptian Revolution

February 28
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
International Week Film Screening:
Pan's Labyrinth