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Some tips to keep you ticket-free:

1. Your grace period for decals expired Monday, Sept. 1. If you don’t have a decal, get one or expect a ticket.

2. If you forgot your decal, stop by Parking Services to pick up a temporary one. But beware, you will not be issued a temporary decal if you have not already purchased the real one.

3. If you forget your decal AND get a ticket, try appealing the ticket at parking services. Be honest, tell them you simply forgot, and you could get a reduced fee. Of course, this would only work once or twice if you forget more often than that, expect to pay full fines!

Evening parking rush creates need for flow control

Campus police step in to help students find parking.

Gloria Mastell
Nest Staff

Crowded parking conditions at USF St. Petersburg prompted police to once again assist students with finding a space during the first week of classes.

Campus police help control traffic the first week of each semester to “ease the parking pains,” said Sgt. R.A. Rodriguez as he waved students into the lot across from the Campus Activities Center.

By maintaining radio contact with Officer David Hester, Rodriguez is informed when the main lot in front of Davis Hall is full. Rodriguez then prevents traffic coming down Second St. S. from crossing Sixth Ave. into the front lot.

Students confronted with the temporary assistance exhibited differing reactions last week. One angry student declared “I paid to park where I want to!”

Rodriguez patiently explained the lot was full. “How do you know someone’s not leaving? I get out of class late and have to walk to my car in the dark.”

Rodriguez explained that officers are in constant contact with each other, giving updates on which lots are full and which ones have open spaces.

“And we’re happy to give you a ride after class,” Rodriguez said. According to USF police department policy, “We’ll escort any student to their car if they call from one of the call boxes, or from the phone in the lounge,” Rodriguez said. So no member of the USF community should hesitate to ask for a ride.

Will the police continue directing traffic throughout the semester? “That depends,” said Rodriguez. “We’ll monitor traffic for safety for a while and see how it goes. There’s no sense driving around when the lots are already full.”

In addition to the Davis and CAC decals, only lots, parking spaces are available on the peninsula behind the Department of Environmental Protection building.

But do beware where you park. Street parking is ticketed by City of St. Petersburg police, and students without decals can expect tickets if using a “decal only” space.

Reduce your parking woes by purchasing a decal, displaying it, and parking in designated areas.

Preventing car theft... on a budget

Anti-theft devices aren’t your only option to protect the safety of your vehicle.

Kaerie Simons
Nest Staff

Imagine returning to find your car is no longer where you left it—the parking lot nightmare. Every year in this country, auto thieves steal over 660 billion dollars worth of vehicles. How can you make sure your car isn’t one of them?

As struggling college students, many of us are driving cars that are barely driveable let alone equipped with anti-theft devices. If you don’t have the money to add some fancy alarm system to your car, here are some tips from the St. Petersburg Police Department’s Auto Theft Unit that will help reduce the chances of your car being targeted:

✓ Lock your car. Believe it or not, on the date this article was written, I counted four cars in the parking lot that were noticeably left unlocked.
✓ Don’t hide a key. How many times in the movies do we see a thief able to start someone’s car just by pulling down the driver’s visor and catching the key that drops down?
✓ Never leave your car running and unattended. You may think no one is paying attention, and certainly no one who just happens to be a car thief...but do you know how many people are wrong about that very thing each year?
✓ Keep your windows rolled up tightly. A crack in the window to help keep the...
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Profiles
USF St. Pete student publishes book of poetry
Sara Jenkins
Next Edition

Realizing a dream is never easy—it takes hard work, dedication and an intense love for what you do. USF St. Petersburg student M. Tracey Watts, a second year graduate student, possesses all of them and decided to take the first step toward her dream by self-publishing a book of her poetry, titled For My People.

"It's something I've been wanting to do," Watts said. "I find that most of my poetry stems from things I'm passionate about, and these include things relative to the experiences common to black folk." Her poems focus on the struggles of black Americans. Topics cover pride, struggle, triumph, encouragement and love.

"I feel that my poems offer encouragement, inspiration and enlightenment. These poems feed the soul," Watts said.

Watts, a New Orleans native and graduate of Southern University at New Orleans, is currently pursuing a master's in journalism, but she has been writing most of her life. Her love for poetry blossomed when she was about 11-years-old. Since then she has been collected poems covering a wide range of subjects.

Watts not only intends to publish more poems in the future, but also plans to start a line of business and greeting cards.

When she is not pursuing these goals, Watts is busy with campus activities. As vice president of the Association of Black Students, a member of the Society of Professional Journalists, Crow's Nest contributor and charter member of the Race Dialogue Group, Watts contributes to the learning experience of all students on the St. Petersburg campus. She is also a graduate assistant and is involved with research at the Poynter Institute in newsroom diversity efforts, a nationwide initiative.

You can purchase For My People either at Bayboro Books, or from the author directly by calling 278-0233. Look for it in other area bookstores soon.

Profiles features members of the USF St. Petersburg community who deserve recognition for outstanding academic, civic or personal achievement. If you know an outstanding USF St. Pete individual send his/her name and phone number, plus what makes them special to The Crow's Nest, CAC 1284.
Library offers free tutorials on computers and database searches

Sara Jenkins
Nest Editor

Do the terms LUIS, ERIC or LEXIS-NEXIS send you into a panic? Now you can learn to navigate them all — or at least the ones you use most — with Nelson Poyster Library's new tutorials on these and other services.

Beginning this semester, the library will offer free hour-long tutorials in their computer room, POY 218. A three-credit hour course, still being offered, teaches how to use these services, but not everyone has room in their schedules for a course of this type. However, the need is still there for students to learn to use these search engines effectively; tutorials can provide the information quickly so you can apply what you learn immediately.

The schedule, as provided by the library, is as follows:

Library Computers for Novices
Do you still look for that old card catalog? Is the only "mouse" you know a fuzzy gray rodent? Have you never used a "menu" anywhere but in a restaurant? If this describes you, come to this session and learn some basic facts about library computers. You'll learn how to power up, "click," use "pull-down" menus, manipulate a mouse, print and other stuff. Prerequisite: absolutely none.

Welcome to LUIS
Having difficulty navigating LUIS? Learn how to search the USF online catalog and other LUIS databases using author, title, subject and keyword searching. Can't quite figure out what all that information on the LUIS screen means? Come to this session to learn the key to reading a LUIS screen. Prerequisite: some familiarity with a computer.

Introduction to ERIC
Learn how to search the ERIC database, an excellent source of news, business and legal information, including many "full text" articles and reports. You must be a registered USF student to participate.

Introduction to Lexis/Nexis
Learn how to use this powerful online database, an excellent source of news, business and legal information, including many "full text" articles and reports. You must be a registered USF student to participate.

Some Journal articles and reports, conference papers and dissertations. Come and learn where to find ERIC on the library computer network and how to search it effectively. Prerequisite: some familiarity with a computer.

Introduction to First Search
Venture into one of the LUIS "gateways." First Search is a rich source of indexes, full-text information including the past year of the New York Times and reference works such as the World Almanac and databases of phone numbers. Covering all disciplines, First Search has something for everyone.

The schedule is subject to change; be sure to contact the library at 553-1124 to confirm times before attending one of the tutorials. If you do attend one, the library welcomes feedback.
Staff Editorial

What does it take?

Who volunteers? What motivates students to get involved when they know there's no obligation? What can student government, or Club representatives, or staff advisors do to encourage students to partake in the opportunities and needs of the USF community? Why should, could, or would a student give up a few hours a month to make a difference?

If I had all the answers, every club on campus, every organization with needs (like the USF-SP Student Government, for example), would have a full complement of hands, brains, hearts, and even inanimate objects. But what about the few motivated students willing to make the effort. I include 'inability' because some people cite inexperience and inability as reasons not to give new effort a try. And some of us are really neophobes, needing inordinate prodding to join the neophiles who glory in new, challenging circumstances, realizing that mistakes are sometimes a necessary part of the learning process.

There is such a gamut of groups available for your use here — groups whose raison d'être relate directly to your major, organizations formed to further the reading experience and turn it into a happening activity, clubs where social and community affairs are paramount and productivity and even these groups (plug plug) a newspaper publication where you can realize your dream of being a published writer, or get the practical experience of imagining and creating a real, live, ink and print journal from nothing.

Another excuse pooh-poohed by co-worker, M.K., as we became a little cynical: "We have lives," I told him I've heard a dozen times. "More like baggage" was his quick and snippy retort. "People get used to doing the same thing, feel they're locked into a certain pattern, don't want to make time," he continued. He was right for a commitment to the anthropology club. Maybe I clinched it with "think of your resume".

But look, if you need more than altruism to motivate, if you're looking for a return on your deposit, some interest to your investment, you can always think about that damn resume.

However, think too about the fun, the work, the frustration, the thrill, the chances you'll take, the newness, the interesting and handsome and beautiful people you'll meet, the EXPERIENCE you'll gain from jumping in where you never had the chance to jump in before. Here at USF - St. Petersburg you have no reason to be bored because you think there is no campus life beyond the classroom.

Whatever your major, whatever your interest, whatever your strange proclivity, extend, enlarge, encourage yourself to get involved. You may do something really wonderful, help someone in a wonderful way, meet a wonderful person or make a wonderful contact. You may even put yourself in line for a wonderful job! Truthfully I'm not being paid to write this stuff. But it really is fun!
Of pools here and elsewhere
Gloria Mastell
Next Staff

Sometimes going with the flow is as easy as stepping outside the office door. I'd never interviewed for a job in a swim suit and towel before coming to USF, but I have continued a tradition I inadvertently started nearly 30 years ago in Brazil. I swim where I work — or is that I work where I swim?

Here at the sparkling St. Petersburg campus pool swimming and working are as important as classes. I'm not a lifeguard, but I do help out in the Recreation and Watercraft Office (Really exciting news to all USF swimmers right now are the upcoming heating and covering of the campus pool, allowing year-round swimming.

Before the old Edgewater Hotel, which used to be across from the Stouffer Vinoy, was torn down nearly ten years ago, I worked for the City's capital improvement projects program and would hop next door to Olympic-sized North Shore pool at lunch time. I was also a Master's swimmer for nearly fifteen years at that pool, and for nearly fifteen years at that pool, and also (surprise to you psyche) for nearly fifteen years at that pool, and only have I seen several of weird and interesting people. Nothing I, however, did start using it about nearly fifteen years at that pool, and never interviewed for a job in a swim suit was seeing any of weird and interesting people.

The pool at the army's language institute, Fort Duque de Caxias, just at the end of Copacabana beach, was seldom used, probably because the beach was right there. Of course the beach was always filled with young people and families, but hardly anyone went into the Atlantic Ocean past their thighs. The pool's facility was in the eastern shadow of Rio's gumdrop candy mountain, Sugar Loaf, and boasted a field track, a soccer field, and 25-meter palm-shaded pool. I, however, did start using it about my third day there — after the Copacabana undertow lesson. One arm waving means "hi" in Portuguese and two arms waving means "help, I'm being dragged to sea."

The ritziest swimming job I ever had was in the early '70s in Chicago. I swam in a rich publisher's basement (between the bowling alley and the pinball room) at lunch time. It was a bit disconcerting to realize I was being watched through an aquarium tank-type window at the bar outside the pool, but I wasn't in the habit of swimming naked there like most the other young women. The best deal was the free lunch after a 45 minute swim in a 25 foot pool. Oh, the job! I was an assistant to an assistant of the pool/home-owner publisher, who lived at his office. I typed up some pretty strange dictation and met a lot of weird and interesting people. Nothing like the Recreations and Watercraft office here at USF!

So for all of you new students, and those "still around," take advantage of our wonderful pool here at USF... and start your own at school or on the job swimming tradition, and see where it takes you.

Words on Wellness
Pat Stone
Guest columnist

For those of you who are new to the campus (and as a reminder for all you "old timers" out there) here's a brief rundown of what's happening in the Counseling and Career Center Resource Library during this academic year. The Resource Library is located in DAV 112 and is open to students from:

- 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays;
- 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. Tuesdays (for most of the semester);
- 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Fridays.

Many free services are available to current USF students, including up to date information about careers and the job market, graduate schools, wellness, personal growth and adjustment, alcohol, drugs and recovery. A file of catalogs from other colleges and universities is maintained for reference purposes.

The library is staffed by trained peer counseling assistants who can, among other things, help students sign up for a variety of workshops offered throughout the year on topics such as Career Decision Making, Resume Writing, Study Skills, Time Management, etc.

Both "Degreed" and "Pre-Degreed" Job Vacancy Listings and on-campus recruiting information are also available. Recruiting services offered include on-campus interviewing, resume referral and a computerized jobline. As early as three semesters before graduation, students may register for this service by attending an orientation workshop and completing the necessary paperwork. While employment interviews are conducted on the Tampa campus, resume referrals begin as soon as the student completes the registration process.

Some of the new services available this fall in the Resource Library are:

- A fax machine
- Use of computers for resume writing
- GRE: computer-based test preparation materials
- More privacy and a comfortable lounge area for looking at resource materials.

Between 10 A.M. and 6 P.M. on Wednesday, September 10th, an Open House will be held at the Counseling and Career Center. We hope you will stop in, meet the staff and learn more about how the center and resource library can help, both while you are a student and upon entering the job market.

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What's in the stars for this week:

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)
Planetary shifts work in your favor. Tell your boss what you really think. If you don't work, tell your significant other what you think. If you don't have one, go tell a stranger what you really think.

PISCES (FEB. 19 - MAR. 20)
Take a break - you deserve one. Mercury is on the move again, but that doesn't matter to you. It's still time to sit back, relax, and contemplate everything you've done. Feel free to regret the bad stuff.

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 19)
Your relationships are facing rough times. That's normal. Calm down, step back, and just ignore people for a while. Much better than fighting. As Venus moves away you will be able to relate again real soon.

TAURUS (APR. 20 - MAY 20)
You've been feeling blue lately. That's okay. It's good for your ego to realize your life's not so great all the time. Soon you'll be yourself again, and you will be that perfect human once more. Until then an Aquarius tells you what you really think.

GEMINI (JUNE 21 - JUNE 20)
An Aries in your life is ignoring you. Take it in stride, ignore them as well, and go read a book. Specifically, check out the self-help section of your local bookstore.

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG. 22)
That person you've had your eye on for months is finally noticing you. Don't mess it up by talking to them yet. Take it out on the co-worker, and make life miserable for them so they'll leave, thus leaving the promotion for you. For they don't leave, and therefore become your boss, have your resignation ready.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22)
Someone you know is bragging about taking a trip. Tell them you've already been there twice and that you just have to do it some more. Then smile sweetly as you glare hatefully at them, and walk away.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22)
A promotion is being offered to a co-worker. Since you're more qualified, don't take out your anger on your boss... take it out on the co-worker, and make life miserable for them so they'll leave, thus leaving the promotion for you. For they don't leave, and therefore become your boss, have your resignation ready.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21)
Someone you like has finally begun talking to you, but in short sentences. This is a sign they like you. If you can tolerate the caveman-like speeches, feel free to go out with them. Take a spear just in case.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21)
Your recent bad mood is about to turn around. You'll get a promotion, but be wary of jealous co-workers. If you can stand their retaliation, you'll become their boss, and therefore can fire them.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 19)
Take time out of your busy schedule to read a book. Specifically, check out the self-help section of your local bookstore. You'll need it in the months to come.
announcements

CHECK YOUR HEALTH
The Health Fair happens Wed., Sept. 3 from 11 A.M. - 5 P.M. at DAV lobby. Blood pressure & skin cancer check, cholesterol screening, more.

DON'T MISS THIS!
Everyone is welcome at the Bach to School Splash Fri. Sept. 5 at the pool. Free barbeque, soda & beer, plus live music Sponsored by SAB. See you there!

FOOTBALL STARTS SEPT. 6
Don't miss USF's first football game of the first season EVER! Sat, Sept. 6 at 7 P.M. Houllihan Stadium. Free admission w/student ID.

OUTSIDE THEATER BY THE BAY
Bring a blanket and munchies; then snuggle up on the lawn, harborside, with one of SAB's fall outside movies. Sept. 16 - To Wong Foo, Oct. 16 - Creature from the Black Lagoon in 3-D; Nov. 6 - Apollo 13.

USF RECREATION RENTALS
Sailboats, windsurfers and camping equipment are available. Fees are minimal. Reservations taken by phone or stop by the recreation office at CCOQ 107. Please call 553-1597 for more information.

RESUME CRITIQUING
For those who understand the intricacies of resume writing but would like to have a draft fine-tuned. For more information, call the Counseling & Career Center, 553-1129.

PLAN FOR A GOOD LAUGH
Join SAB for Tavern on the Green's Comedy Hour. 5 - 6 P.M. Oct. 2, Oct. 30, Nov. 20 (amateur night).

EFFECTIVE TEST TAKING
This workshop includes information on planning for tests, organizing and developing study materials, and using a systematic review process. For more information, call the Counseling & Career Center, 553-1129.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS
Busch Gardens, AMC Movie Theaters, Florida International Museum and Florida Aquarium tickets are available at half price. See Ms. B. at the ticket booth to account to the campus community.

clubs & organizations

SPORTS CLUB
New club on campus! First meeting will be Sat. Sept. 6 at 7 P.M. @ the CAC. Call 553-1123 or 553-3113 for more info.

CROW'S NEST
New college applications for Production assisting wonder-people, word magicians, Fry Cooker, Nightwatchman, Psychic Friends Network Telephone Operator, and Cabana Boy. Visit our office in CAC 128 or call 553-3113 for more information.

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
Now accepting new members for '97-'98. Meetings are held every week on campus. Watch this space for time & place. Call 553-3113 for info.

STUDENT ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS ORGANIZATION
Meetings are Wednesdays at 12 noon and 5:15 P.M. in DAV 130, unless otherwise noted. Call Laura Hoffman 381-2874 for more info.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD
Plug into SAB! Help plan your events on campus. Meetings are every other Monday, 4 p.m., CAC. New members are always welcome.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Earn a stipend while participating in campus decisions — applications are now being accepted for college representatives. Meetings are Wed. 4:30 - 5:30. Visit the offices in the CAC or call 553-9144.

SCUBA CLUB
Meetings are 1st Friday of each month in Marine Science Lounge at 4 P.M. For more info call Jennifer at 822-5377.

BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRIES
Weekly bible studies Thursdays at 10 A.M., noon and 4 P.M. in the CAC. Come and join us as we study real life... real questions... real answers, as well as portions of Christ — the answer to every question. Call David at 988-6487 or if you have questions.

MARINE SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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services

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Free travel information is available for the campus community at the Campus Activities Center. Call 553-1596 for more information or stop by the CAC.

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WHICH CAME FIRST: SCIENCE FICTION OR SCIENCE FACT?

Ben Bova, author of more than 90 books, will answer this and other questions on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 P.M. at the Campus Activities Center. The program is free and open to all. Bova is the former editorial director of Omni magazine, president emeritus of the National Space Society and former president of the National Space Institute. He will discuss which comes first — science fiction or fact. Bova's new novel, Brothers, takes on genetic engineering. Among his other novels are Mars, Death Dream, Millennium, Moonrise and Moonwar, the sequel to Moonrise.

FORMER REGIONAL JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR TO SPEAK

AI Burt, a longtime regional journalist who writes about Florida and its residents, will speak in Davis Hall 130 on Sept. 8 at 7 P.M. The lecture is free and open to the public. Burt is an award-winning reporter who worked for the Miami Herald from 1955 until his retirement last year. He spent the last 23 of those years covering the state as a Florida columnist. He captured the soul of this southern paradise gone awry. He wrote about nature and the environment, Florida Crackers and Native Americans, Northern "transplants," folklore and history. Prior to his regional reporting, he was a foreign correspondent at the Herald. Burt was almost killed in 1965 while covering civil unrest in the Dominican Republic. He and a photographer were mistakenly shot by U.S. Marines as the soldiers opened fire on the journalists' rental car. Burt's hip was shattered by machine gun bullets, which forced him to walk with a cane. Today he can still walk short distances, but keeps a wheelchair handy. His disability, however, never curtailed his career or his spirit. He recently published AI Burt's Florida: Snowbirds, Sandcastles, and Self-rising Crackers. His other books include Florida: A Place in the Sun, Becalmed in the Mullet Latitudes and Papa Doc (co-written with Bernard Diederich). Prior to the lecture, a reception and book signing will be held from 5 - 6:30 P.M. at Bayboro Books.