Mayors, professors share city history

By Matt Nelson
Editor In Chief

Two mayors.
Two professors.
Two similar, yet unique cities.

St. Petersburg and Tampa came together, with their differences aside, to celebrate the arts and greater humanity of Florida's place in American culture.

"A Tale of Two Cities" engaged St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker and Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio for a warm historical chat with two USF Florida Studies professors.

On Friday, Oct. 17, the Florida Humanities Council presented an award ceremony and an intellectual conversation to about 200 people at the St. Petersburg Museum of History.

USF St. Petersburg Professors Gary Mormino and Ray Arsenault served as moderators or as Arsenault said it, "interrogators."

They asked the mayors a variety of questions, including who the mayors' favorite rouges were in their city's history. Mayor Iorio spoke of a Charlie Wall, a gambling kingpin who was commonly nicknamed the "Dean of the Underworld." Having mafia connections, Wall made sure there were no honest elections in Tampa from the 1920s to the 40s, she said.

In 1955, Wall died from a knife slash to the throat. "This gave a whole new meaning to Tampa's cut throat politics," Arsenault said with a laugh.

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Mayors Pam Iorio and Rick Baker (center), along with USF Professors Gary Mormino (left) and Ray Arsenault, at "A Tale of Two Cities" presented by the Florida Humanities Council.

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Construction hampers parking, pedestrians

Seventh Avenue S. is closed and visitor parking has disappeared.

By Heather Pownall
Staff Writer

USF St. Petersburg is getting a new set of pipes.

Last week, workers began digging across campus laying steel pipes underground as part of a project to improve the air-conditioning system.

Sections of campus are now blocked off for construction, and Seventh Avenue S. is closed to vehicles now through mid-December.

Abdul Nasser, associate vice president of administration and finance, said alternative walkways are provided where there are closures.

"They will be detours of progress," Nasser said.

The shoveling will be loud at times, will result in fewer visitor-parking spaces and it may cause longer commutes. But the new pipes bring possibilities for development to USF St. Petersburg.

The Campus Chilled Water Expansion Project will be complete when the old water pipes have been replaced and extended to serve the Marine Sciences Laboratory Building.

Currently, the school's pipes do not have a backup system.

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Two organizations voice their side

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Albert Whitted Airport is vital to St. Petersburg

By Rick Carr

Guest Editorial

It has been said that the airport serves about 200 rich pilots. I've been at this airport almost all my life. That are a few wealthy individuals, but most of them use their corporate aircraft bringing millions of dollars and jobs to St. Petersburg's economy. One of those pilots is John Galbrith who relocated Templeton Funds to St. Petersburg because of Albert Whitted. Most pilots here are average income people who have sacrificed some part of their life to fly.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently reported that Albert Whitted had more than 105,000 flight operations last year with over half of those flights originating from out of town. That would indicate that thousands of out-of-town pilots use this airport. Albert Whitted is also a base for BflyE EME, the Highway Patrol, charter flight services, news helicopters as well as private and recreational pilots.

In a recent study commissioned by St. Petersburg's city council, LPA Group, Inc., found that Albert Whitted had a $21-million dollar impact on the local economy. That impact was projected to grow to $54-million by 2025.

A copy of this study can be found at City Hall.

Albert Whitted is also a national pilots association. Tim Clemmons proposed an expansion of the airport. These constraints hold the airport. These constraints hold the obvious problems of air and noise pollution. The FAA mandates the signs and fences for public safety. Our organization has created an airport plan that makes the airport, more accessible for everyone. This plan includes a large park, bike paths, observation platforms, restaurants, shops and a new world-class terminal.

I've presented here just a few of the many observations people should make prior to voting on Nov. 4. For the inquisitive mind, there are many questions to be asked of both sides. I encourage anyone with a question to contact me at 727-822-1532.

—Carr is president of the Albert Whitted Airport Preservation Society.

By Tim Baker

Guest Editorial

Vote out airport, support waterfront park and USF

Imagine that the chain link fence and its “Keep Out” signs are gone. Instead, envision outdoor athletic and recreation facilities. Listen to music coming from a concert shell by the water, replacing the constant drone of small planes overhead.

Students and staff at USF St. Petersburg who live in the city will have the opportunity on Nov. 4 to make reality of such imaginings. They can do so by voting in favor of a new waterfront park to replace Albert Whitted Airport, an outdated facility that serves only a handful of people.

USF St. Petersburg is growing rapidly, but faces unnecessary constraints that are either caused or exacerbated by the airport. These constraints hold the university back, and are an addition to the obvious problems of air and noise pollution, and the safety hazard caused by low-flying planes.

I am not myself a member of the USF community, except as an occasional visitor. Instead, I write this as a downtown resident, as president of the North Downtown Neighborhood Association and as a board member of Citizens for a New Waterfront Park, the political committee that has placed the waterfront park question on the ballot.

I would not advocate something that was good for the university but harmful to our neighborhoods. However, a new park will benefit both.

The first and much discussed problem that Albert Whitted causes is that it places a height restriction on buildings under its flight path, which includes much of USF St. Petersburg, Bayfront Medical Center and All Children's Hospital. The height limit means that these institutions must expand by acquiring more land, rather than using the land they already own more efficiently. For the public, this is a triple whammy. Public money is spent to acquire land that should not be needed.

That is land taken off the tax rolls, which increases the tax burden on others.

And our neighborhoods are destroyed. One example: over time, the expansion of the two hospitals has reduced the size of the historic Roser Park neighborhood by more than 50 percent. This is a real loss for our city.

Replacing Albert Whitted with a park would allow responsible growth at USF St. Petersburg. The public would not accept a high-rise university, but moderate building heights of four to six stories would be compatible with the surrounding area.

A second problem is that the campus has a serious lack of space for outdoor recreation and athletic facilities, and this problem will worsen as the university grows. The plan for a new waterfront park that is on the Nov. 4 ballot is sufficiently flexible to allow university participation in some way. I do not have any specific plans to offer, but it is easy to envision a joint agreement under which the university would help pay for park improvements, and in return would have space for athletic fields. And of course, the entire university community would be welcome to use the new public park.

The only way to achieve these things is to vote YES on Question 3 on Nov. 4, and to vote NO on Questions 1 and 2.

—Baker is treasurer for Citizens for a New Waterfront Park and president of North Downtown Neighborhood Association.

Let your voice be heard. Vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Bayfront Hospital uses Albert Whitted Airport to refuel its emergency helicopter. Some are concerned with the airport possibly closing.

By Christian Rodriguez
Staff Writer

It is not clear if the patient is going to make it. There has just been a motor vehicle accident, and a man thrown from a car was impaled by a pole. He is completely unconscious. Ambulance paramedics are not equipped to handle this type of injury. The only way this person can survive is if Bayliffe paramedics pick him up.

Jeanine Logan has seen many accidents like this one. She is a flight nurse for Bayliffe and has saved hundreds of lives.

"I am just one part of a stream that determines the outcome of the patient," she said. "My job is as important as a grocery clerk."

That job just happens to be a part of the largest critical care flight units in the country. Bayliffe is a system of emergency medical air ambulances that has its main operations at Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg. It began with one helicopter in 1986 and has grown to include seven helicopters that cover 13 counties.

About 75 percent of the flights are brought to Bayfront, and can number up to 400 flights in a month, said Pete Silvaggio, director of operations for Bayliffe. Eighty percent of those calls are for trauma, with a few calls for transporting. The air ambulances take care of over 3,600 patients a year.

Bayliffe, an emergency air ambulance, lands on top of the Bayfront Medical Center.

Not many know that Bayliffe is tied to the debate whether to close Albert Whitted Airport. The airport, which can be seen from the rooftop of Bayfront Medical Center, is a critical refueling post for Bayliffe helicopters. There is an agreement between the airport and Bayfront that guarantees a landing pad for Bayliffe helicopters. The airport even gives Bayliffe priority over other flights.

"If the airport were to close," said Bill Hervey, manager of public relations at Bayfront, "we would have to build our own refueling post. Considering we are a not-for-profit organization, that is not something that is in our budget." Hervey also said, Bayliffe was a 16 county region around Tampa Bay and to close the airport would deprive thousands of victims a year to a valuable resource that relies heavily on the airport as a refueling post. "Bayliffe is the largest functioning air transport facility in the country," said Hervey. He goes on to say a critical part of maintaining Bayliffe at the Bayfront Medical Center is having access to Albert Whitted Airport, just a few blocks east of the hospital.

When a helicopter drops off a patient, Bayliffe staff immediately refuel at Albert Whitted Airport and flies back to the rooftop of Bayfront Medical Center. Refueling at any other airport would be time-consuming, and that could cost the lives of critical care patients, said Bayfront officials.

When Bayliffe lands to take-care of a patient there are questions as to whether they have insurance and this can lead to a lot of unpaid debt. "The fee, just to lease one of the helicopters is $169,000 not including fuel, operating costs of bases (and) staffing," said Silvaggio. "To incur any other costs would not help. The main thing, though, is having fuel so close for turnaround time."

Logan’s job means working 24-hour shifts and having an office that is a little cramped, considering it is the back of a helicopter. Conditions can become even more difficult when the weather doesn’t cooperate.

"There is no time to ponder," she said.

Logan, once a schoolteacher, is a highly trained trauma specialist. Logan started as a nurse and worked her way to intensive care unit (ICU), then over to the operating room at a trauma center, then to Bayliffe. She also has to renew her license to be a cer

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Little known IceBulls battle for wins and fans

By Danté Swain
Staff Writer

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SPC Downtown out, USF research labs in

By Nicole Johnson
Senior Staff Writer

After five years on the USF St. Petersburg campus, St. Petersburg College Downtown has moved out of the Piano Man Building to its new location – 201 Fourth St. S. On Oct. 15, SPC faculty and staff said their goodbyes to the historical building, while USF prepares for research labs and larger classrooms.

USF St. Petersburg has a long and congenial relationship with SPC. USF offers courses at SPC, especially in the North Pinellas County and SPC offers some of their courses at USF St. Petersburg.

“We are very happy with our relationship with SPC,” said Gary Olson, associate vice president of academic affairs.

The Piano Man Building was originally meant for USF St. Petersburg, but with the long-term agreement with SPC, it was convenient for USF to devote the building to SPC for administrative purposes. The building also consists of two large classrooms.

USF St. Petersburg decided over the summer they needed the Piano Man building for university use. USF met with SPC President Carl Cuttler and other administrators and agreed to move into the temporary terrace space on campus.

“Cuttler has been a true partner with us and he has understood our needs as well as us understanding his,” Olson said.

At the same time, SPC had been looking for additional space downtown, but still needed to keep their administrative offices on the campus. SPC remained on the terrace space for several months until moving downtown.

“We are serving nearly 1,000 students now and with USF growing also, it was hard for us to stay down there,” said Yvonne Ulmer, associate provost for SPC Downtown. “I’m proud of both institutions.”

SPC classes will continue at USF St. Petersburg until December. Beginning in January, SPC Downtown classes will be held at the new location as well as at the Florida International Museum, Ulmer said.

Classrooms remain open in the Piano Man Building and construction is expected to finish in January. USF plans to keep the two classrooms and constructing research labs for scientists that were planned to be completed in September. These scientists consist of a wetland hydrologist, a wetland ecologist and chemist. The campus is currently looking for a senior scientist.

Unfortunately, the air handling system in the building was incapable of properly ventilating the labs. The campus attached their own portables to the side of the Piano Man Building making use of them as labs. The building itself will consist of four large classrooms for USF students.

“We’ve now solved two problems this campus has had,” Olson said. “One, we needed to provide research labs for our scientists and two we’ve always had standard size classrooms.”

USF St. Petersburg is hoping for more funding in the near future and if all goes as planned, the research labs will be relocated and the Piano Man Building will be rebuilt.
Like compelling TV drama? Try The Sopranos

Meet Tony Soprano.

He has to keep an eye out for the FBI.
What makes The Sopranos such compelling drama?
Part of the show's allure lies in Tony Soprano's absolute unpredictability. Fans of The West Wing can probably guess how Joshua Bartlet will react in any given circumstance. Frasier Crane is always a pompous snob. George Costanza is consistently immature. But Tony Soprano is multi-dimensional.
He is tender. He is tough. He loves his wife, but cheats on her.
He treats a horse with kindness, but kills people.
His devotion to his children shows when he takes his daughter, Meadow, on an extended college-hunting trip—and when he orders the beating of a soccer coach who had sex with Meadow's underage friend.

You might be the head of another kind of family— he's a mafia boss in New Jersey. As the don of the family, Soprano's duties include keeping his "associates" in line, ordering hits (or even whacking someone himself), and running his more-or-less legitimate business, a waste management company. And all the while he's the head of another kind of family—he's a mafia boss in New Jersey. As the don of the family, Soprano's duties include keeping his "associates" in line, ordering hits (or even whacking someone himself), and running his more-or-less legitimate business, a waste management company. And all the while he's the head of another kind of family—

The show airs Sundays at 8 p.m. on HBO.

Ask the CCC Swami
By the Counseling and Career Center

By Jason Merritt
Staff writer

Last Friday night, at the same time of a scheduled homeless protest in downtown St. Petersburg's Williams Park, Baywalk faced angry protesters from the International Democratic Uhuru Movement.
The protesters were responding to the Oct. 3 arrest of Keith "Muntu" Stewart, a member of the Uhuru Movement. According to protesters, Stewart was arrested using excessive force and violence while intervening in a situation involving police and another Black male.
On Friday, Oct. 24, protesters marched in front of St. Petersburg's main downtown drawing chanting slogans such as "Baywalk is white-walk!" They held up signs and handed out flyers to onlookers that explained the reasons for their demonstration. The flyers read "Say No to Baywalk for Whites Only! Stop the Attacks on African People at Baywalk."
The flyers pointed out several city leaders, including Mayor Rick Balcer and Police Chief Chuck Harmon, who the Uhuru feel are guilty of racial profiling and discrimination within the community. The flyers also included an account of Stewart's arrest on Oct. 3 and conveyed that the arrest was racially biased and was an attempt to "silimicate African people from speaking out in their own defense," as well as an attempt to "keep Baywalk pre-dominantly white."

The Sopranos is flop- ping enough to read about anytime. As a non-subscriber to HBO, I'd heard a lot about the show. But on impulse a few weeks ago I rented a DVD of the first four episodes.

After the first two shows, I was hooked. I'd never seen HBO, but I had always read about the show. I was curious to see if it was as good as everyone said it was.

For those who aren't familiar with the Emmy-Award winning show, The Sopranos' plotline revolves around Tony Soprano, the leader of two diverse families. By day he's the head of a fine family with a lovely wife, a beautiful daughter and a "boys will be boys" son.
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Who speaks for someone who cannot talk?

A personal look at the media coverage and uncertainty surrounding Terri Schiavo

By Scott Rupp
Special First-Person Perspective

Years ago, while studying in Los Angeles, a roommate and I dared ourselves not to eat for 100 hours. Unable to resist a dare, I starved my body of any nutrition for more than four days. Eventually, as the hunger and stomach groans subsided, I began to shake, become confused, tired, edgy and angry. My mind began to slip and my heart hurt. I lost eight pounds, but what I gained was a respect for the essentials most taken for granted.

This morning, breakfast was six cups of coffee, half a bowl of Golden Grahams, two pieces of toast and a glass of milk, in my mouth and down my throat. I rarely eat breakfast, but this morning is different. The mid-October air is crisp, the sun is high and the sky glassy blue—a beautiful day under normal circumstances. I am headed for USF Pinellas Park, but I feel as though I am on my way to witness a hanging or the intimately slow execution of a body without hope. It’s 1:30, a half-hour before the death of Terri Schiavo begins. A judge’s order to remove her feeding tube will be executed shortly.

I begin to feel late and uneasy—too much traffic and not enough green lights. I make a wrong turn, Left. And another. Right. Yet again, a wrong turn to the left. Lost. Cussing. Yelling. I slam my palms against the steering wheel, as if my car will automatically show me the way. The map is wrong. “It’s wrong!” I yell, really directing the anger at myself.

The hospice, where is it? I stop at a

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Full featured touched-up photo

Schiavo’s father, Bob Schindler, answers questions from the media.

For more information on this story, please visit USF St. Petersburg

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Fee Increase, from page 1

Petersburg. The other 17 are located in Tampa.

Lee Roy Selmon, USF’s athletic director, said the fee needed to increase to accommodate the growth of the university’s athletic programs, including the varsity women’s sailing team.

The per-credit hour athletic fee will increase on all USF campuses. Students at the Lakeland campus pay a $2 per-credit-hour athletic fee, and those at the Sarasota-Manatee campus pay $1.66, said Barbara Sparks-McInchy, senior associate athletic director for USF.

Tampa students currently pay an $8.50 per credit-hour athletic fee. USF Tampa will be asked to raise the fee by at least 50 cents, Sparks-McInchy said.

Varsity women’s sailing coach Stephanie Doyle said the 25-cent increase for USF St. Petersburg—which will produce about $22,000 a year for the campus—will help the women’s sailing team pay for boat repairs, new sails and new boats.

Twelve of the team’s 16 boats are three years old and need repairs. The sails on these boats, which cost about $400 each, also have to be replaced, Doyle said. In two more years, the team will have to buy 18 new boats.

And because the team has gotten bigger and better, ranking in the top 20 in the nation last year, it needs to buy a safety power boat and a rotation boat that team members and coaches rest on during competitions. Sparks-McInchy said those extra quarters from USF St. Petersburg’s athletic fee increase will also pay for academic and health services for students who play varsity sports.

These services are based at USF Tampa, and include weight training and medical attention, and an academic enrichment center that advises and tutors student athletes.

Per-credit-hour athletic fees pay for a compliance area that makes sure the varsity teams abide by NCAA rules, Sparks-McInchy said.

Sailing coach Doyle said the whole team takes advantage of these services, especially those that help with schoolwork.

Doyle said the team had an average GPA of 3.5 last semester, despite participating in regattas (competitions) almost every weekend. The team had the highest GPA of all 18 of USF’s varsity teams, Doyle said.

A big reason why we had a 3.5 GPA last spring was because of support services,” she said. “Our student athletes take challenging majors. We have several biology majors, engineering majors and nursing majors, so that helps with schoolwork.

Team members have advisers at the academic enrichment center. Advisers make sure sailors go to class and do their homework, and find tutors for student athletes who fall behind.

The women’s sailing team uses the support services, even if they have to drive to Tampa.

Kristen Herman, a USF St. Petersburg student, has been a member of the varsity women’s sailing team since last year.

“I think it’s nice that we have it available to us,” she said. It would be great if we could have advisers on our campus but since (the advisers are in Tampa), we just go there because we appreciate it and we’re not going to not use it because it’s far away. But not every student plays varsity sports, while all USF students have to pay for them.

Ryan Zibinski is a biology major at USF Tampa. After hearing that the per-credit-hour athletic fee is increasing on all campuses, he said, “I think it’s crappy. They’re raising tuition and they’re cutting classes.”

Zibinski, 22, doesn’t play any varsity sports.

“If it’s not going to benefit us, why should we pay?” he said.

Women’s sailing team member Herman said the increase is small and is going to benefit the entire school. She said people learn about USF St. Petersburg when the team is invited to out-of-state competitions.

“The better equipment we have allows us to travel and to get out and publicize what we have,” Herman said. “It’s bringing more people to our school and getting our name out.”

At an Oct. 15 meeting with athletic directors Selmon and Sparks-McInchy, the USF St. Petersburg athletic fee committee asked that a portion of the total per-credit-hour athletic fee come back to the campus. The committee wants to use that portion to finance the school’s co-ed sailing team.

If the board decides to let a portion of the per-credit-hour increase return to the St. Petersburg campus, the $68,000 currently used for the co-ed sailing team would help expand student activities and would pay for an additional staff member for student life, said Nancy Coscia, USF St. Petersburg’s director of student life.
AN EXPANDED AIRPORT FOR JETS OR
EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES AT USF
One hundred years ago, William Straub outlined a vision for a beautiful series of waterfront parks in St. Petersburg. The realization of this can be found today in a public waterfront that is the envy of cities throughout the nation.

Now, voters have the chance to expand on that vision by creating a new waterfront park to replace Albert Whitman Airport. A vote in favor of the park will replace a facility that serves only a small portion of the university with a waterfront park that serves the entire USF campus from the public waterfront.

The choice is clear: a new waterfront park will build on our strengths, it will help our University and our neighborhoods, and it will benefit the many instead of the few.

IceBulls, from page 3
times," said Brugger.

Many USF students have yet to hear of this champion team because student government is the IceBulls’ only financial support. Student
government can only do so much with
promotion, while having limited funds.
Coach Brauzer said, “If it was an athletic
department supported team, like the
football team or the basketball team,
there would be a lot more money
involved to promote it.”

The IceBulls’ games sometimes

compete with the football team’s games. On Saturday, Oct. 18, while the
Bulls football team played before more than 30,000 fans at Raymond James
Stadium, an estimated 170 people
attended the IceBulls’ game. “A good
turnout would be like 250 to 300 peo­ple,” said Brauzer. “We’ll get there.”

The IceBulls have five more home
games in the 2003-2004 season. Admission is free to students with USF
identification.

For those students contemplating attending, Brauzer described the experience as “Intense! It’s intense.”

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All entries must be in by Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 9 p.m. A winner will be randomly selected Wednesday, Nov. 12.

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"And he never dined alone." Morse thanked Arsenault and his wife Kathy. "I would not be here today if not for them," he said. "Twenty years ago [history was] not a growth industry."

The chair of the council's board of directors, Kathleen Deagan said, "Morse has had a long and fruitful relationship with the Florida Humanities Council." He has worked for more than 25 years exploring the history of Tampa and St. Petersburg, he said, along with writing, lectures and work with public school teachers, she said.

"A Tale of Two Cities" was part of A Sunshine State of Mind, a three-day series highlighting the arts, humanity and culture of Florida.

Faculty from several universities, as well artists, members of the media and historians took part in nine presentations held from Oct. 16 through Oct. 18.

Arsenault gave a historic architectural tour of downtown St. Petersburg on Oct. 16. He shared the stories, the history and the legends of early St. Petersburg and its architecture. The group visited the world's largest shuffleboard court, Mirror Lake Public Library, the old St. Petersburg High School, the L.D. Rum Rye City Hall, and others.

Along with his tour, Arsenault revealed some history of St. Petersburg at Friday night's forum. He entertained the audience with city nicknames like "God's waiting room," "Home of the newly wed and nearly dead," "Sunshine City" and "Home of detergent industry."

They showed some similarities to San Francisco-Oakland and Minnesota-St. Paul.

Baker also shared some of his own history. "Dick Greene was mayor of Tampa when I was still in high school," he said. "And when I became mayor, he was still mayor." Greene was mayor of Tampa from 1969 to 1975 and again from 1995 to 2003.

"He is the last time in the history of St. Petersburg," he said. He explained the city now has come back to a strong mayor form of government, whereas before, the city manager ran the daily operations.

For years the city had something of an identity crisis, he said. "A turbulence has manifested itself in most of the major elections of the past 20 years. Many people asked, 'Where are we going to be a more diverse community or a place just for retirees?'"

He said the city opted for more diversity. "We keep reinventing ourselves," he said. Arsenault agrees and said by 2010 the city's average age will be below the national average. It is far from the city of old, he said.

In addition to Morse's award, Michael Cannon, history professor emeritus at the University of Florida, received the lifetime achievement award. Pinellas County Legislator Leslie Waters accepted a civic leadership award.