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Mission

Preserving, promoting, and celebrating the unique cultural heritage of Ybor City and supporting the Ybor City Museum State Park

NEWS BRIEF

This issue, we focus on events that occurred at the turn of the 19th century, which significantly impacted our cigar-producing community, and had a ripple effect on many local businesses. Thank you to Arminda Mata for contributing the historical stories below.

We also congratulate Chuck Hatcher, who has been named Director of the Division of Recreation and Parks. In this new role, he oversees more than 180 Florida state parks including the Ybor City Museum State Park. Please visit the Ybor Park this summer, which has a modest admission fee of \$4 per person. The museum is located in the historic Ferlita Bakery building. Also enjoy the garden, where admission is free.

Chantal Hevia, President and CEO

Cigar Strike of 1899



Mentioned briefly in the June 30th edition of our *News Brief*, the cigar-maker's strike of 1899 had far-reaching effects. Any strike has positive and negative impacts on a community, but in a community like Ybor City, those effects are like ripples in the water... they grow as they move outward.

The strike began on April 13, 1899, less than 15 years after the founding of Ybor City, when 350 cigar makers left Ybor Manrara Company over an objection to the fillers used in cigar making. This movement spread to 16 other factories and by July of the same year, the effects were felt nationally and continentally.

The strike set friends against friends, neighbors against neighbors, and newspapers against each other. Some cigar workers remained at work and were mistreated by their coworkers for breaking the strike. Merchants who sympathized with the manufacturers were blacklisted and their stores were boycotted, creating few sales

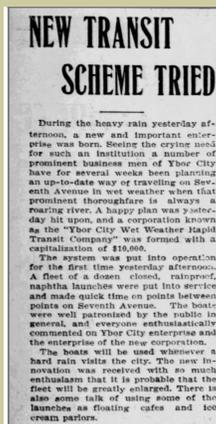
resulting in overstock. Newspapers took sides with the *Tampa Tribune* remaining faithful to the manufacturers and writing scathing articles about other newspapers. [Read Tribune](#).

These issues stretched far and wide. Merchants had no need to restock their warehouses from their suppliers in New York and Philadelphia. Because the majority of the workers at the time were of Cuban descent, cigar factories in Key West and Havana were eagerly watching and waiting to entice them. Consequently, the availability of cigars significantly declined worldwide.

Due to the far-reaching effects of the strike, Ybor City residents, merchants, the City of Tampa's mayor, and even businessmen like the Maas brothers actively sought to bring the strike to an end. After dozens of meetings and the final agreement of manufacturers to abolish the weighing of fillers, among other demands, the strike ended on August 15, 1899. Ybor City survived the cigar strike and thrived.

(Ybor-Manrara Company, 1899, photo courtesy of Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System)

Ybor City in History

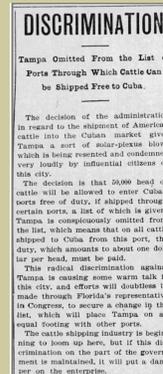


July 24, 1906, Ybor City residents created a new way of traveling due to torrential rainfall and flooding on 7th Ave. A dozen boats

began docking at several locations to transport residents during the heavy rains. [Read More](#)



July 30, 1900, the first meeting of a new merchant's union took place in Ybor City. Seventy-five merchants from Tampa and Ybor City joined together to create a union, similar to that of the cigar makers, for mutual protection against "deadbeats." [Read More](#)



July 26, 1899, Tampa was omitted as a duty-free port to send cattle to Cuba leaving duties paid at \$1 per head. The only free ports were Savannah, Mobile,

New Orleans, and Galveston. This discrimination was felt hard in Tampa, as the city had always been a cattle-producing town.

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COOKING CORNER

Gazpacho Andaluz

Gazpacho is the perfect recipe for a hot July day, and the



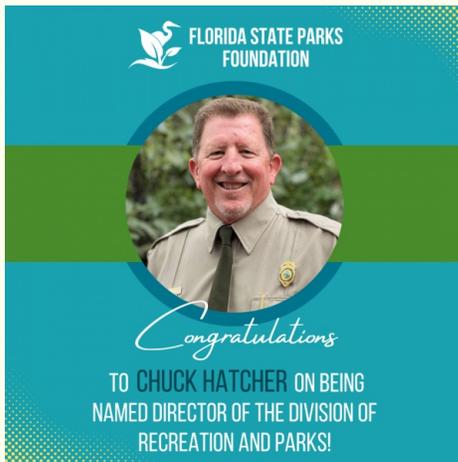
recipe is worth repeating. Historically, this cold soup was thought to have been introduced to Spain, particularly the Andalusia region, during the Moorish rule. Some argue that it is much older and introduced during the Roman occupation. Either way, Gazpacho is a true Spanish delicacy and still a favorite. Enjoy this delicious recipe from "The Columbia Restaurant Cookbook," by Adela Hernandez Gonzmart and

Ferdie Pacheco.

(Photo and recipe from veggiessavetheday.com)

[Get the Recipe](#)

Our Community



Chuck Hatcher, long-time veteran of the Florida State Park Service, has been named **Director of the Division of Recreation and Parks**. Hatcher has had an impressive and successful career within the Park Service and is welcomed into his new position. As the first, and one of more than 80 Citizen Support Organizations (CSO) in the State Park system, the Ybor City Museum Society offers our congratulations to and best of wishes to our new director!

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Ybor City Saturday Market. Founded in the year 2000, this is the largest continually operating outdoor market in the Tampa Bay Area. The Market is in the center of Tampa's National Historic Landmark District and is one of the most popular shopping destinations for locally produced items unique to the Tampa Bay Area. Open every Saturday year-round, summer hours are 9 am - 1 pm (May - September). [Learn More](#)

Saturday Yoga in Ybor, every Saturday at 9:30am . Join others in the community for yoga in the Garden of the Ybor City Museum State Park. Classes are donation based and proceeds benefit the Park. [Learn more](#)

Ybor City Museum State Park

A visit to the Ybor City Museum State Park is a terrific way to share Tampa's cultural heritage with friends, family, and out-of-town guests.

You can also inquire about renting the Garden, a beautiful 10,000 sq. ft. outdoor space, by [clicking here](#). This unique venue creates its own



ambience for your wedding, corporate meeting, or other special event.

The garden was one of six venues included in *Tie the Knot Ybor* on July 24, 2022.

New Hours of Operation : 9 am - 4 pm Wednesday-Sunday

The "Casita" is currently closed for maintenance.

Admission: \$4 per person, free for children 5 years and younger

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