

DEATH

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April 27 when his defense team will argue for McCann to spare his life before the actual sentencing takes place.

As during this week's penalty phase, the most weighty aggravator working against Hayward's chances for life should prove to be his prior murder conviction.

During his closing statements Tuesday, prosecutor Tom Bakkedahl outlined the similarities between DeStefano's murder and the murder of Sebien DeRoche, shot by Hay-

Most recent death penalty sentencing dates cases across the Treasure Coast

Eugene McWatters: Dec. 4, 2006, in Martin County
 Neil Salazar: May 30, 2006, in Okeechobee
 Andrew Gosciminski: June 7, 2005, in St. Lucie
 Eddie Bigham: Jan. 11, 2005, in St. Lucie

Florida Department of Corrections

ward outside a 13th Street bar the evening of Feb. 21, 1988. Like DeStefano, DeRoche died from gunshots during a robbery in which Hayward later

blamed another. He was sentenced to 35 years in prison, but was released early after 16 years.

Later Tuesday, Bakkedahl said the jury's split decision on sentencing was likely due to their inability to hear in court that Hayward committed the second murder a mere three months after his early release from prison.

But as McCann is required to give the jury's recommendation great weight when making his decision, it's likely Hayward will not get a third chance to reform.

"I don't know how many chances you get, but I guess he ran out," Bakkedahl said.

UNITED

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Methodist social worker who fought to bring the first case against child abuse in New York.

"The United Way changes things right here in St. Lucie County," she said Tuesday at the United Way's Community Celebration event at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce.

Council on Aging Executive Director Darrell Drummond thanked the United Way for money that helps the Council on Aging support senior citizens still living in their

homes. "We always say to people, the senior group is one everyone wants to become a member of," he said. "We all want to get to be old, but we don't want to lose our independence."

The 2006-2007 campaign was the 44th for United Way of St. Lucie County.

"The first campaign raised \$67,000, a far cry from where we are today," said Karen Knapp, United Way of St. Lucie County chief executive officer and president. "As the community has grown, so has the United Way."

St. Lucie County has the largest population on the Treasure Coast, but the coun-

ty's United Way has a lower goal than both United Way of Martin County and Indian River County.

"We exceeded it," Knapp said.

Campaign Chairman Paul Hiott, who also runs St. Lucie County's Veteran Services, said the campaign was helped along by companies which lead by example.

"When you have upper management promoting it, it's a success because as long as they're on board, employees promote the program," said Hiott, who has been involved with the United Way for 10 years. "They used their position to give back to the community."

BEACHES

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Pat Pacitti, chairwoman of the Beaches and Dunes Committee of Hutchinson Island, said the beach that appears to have been affected the most in her area is behind the Miramar Royal complex in St. Lucie County, about two miles north of the Martin County line.

"They don't have much of a beach at all," said Pacitti.

The beachfront areas from Normandy Beach south "are getting hit" by the rough seas, she said.

"We started noticing it approximately five weeks ago," said Pacitti.

There are plans for a county beach replenishment project in that area in 2009. In the meantime, communities along the beachfront can truck sand in on their own to protect their property — but not from March through the end of October. During that time, sea turtle nesting season precludes such action.

The high seas are not expected to cause much of a problem for sea turtles at this time, according to Bob Ernest, president of Ecological Associates in Jensen Beach, which monitors sea turtles at various locations along the Treasure Coast.

Ernest said it is very early in the nesting season. Tropical storms that occur at the height of the season in June or July are the main concern for animals.

The primary concern now is how much the nesting area might be diminished for turtles who eventually make their way to the beaches. Ernest, though, said it is to soon to know what that effect might be over the long haul, he said.

The rough seas are having

an impact on the boating industry.

"It's a very, very quiet day," said Dockmaster Dan Timmons, of activity Tuesday at the marina next to Captain Hiram's Resort in Sebastian.

Timmons said he spoke to a couple of charter boat captains who estimated they probably would not be going out for the next two or three days because of the rough seas. He said they didn't want customers going out and having a bad experience because of the weather.

At the other end of Indian River County, a project to pump sand on the beach has been put on hold because of the rough weather. Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Inc., of Oak Brook, Ill., is putting 363,000 cubic yards of sand

pipes onto the beach from Treasure Cove south to Floralton Beach in the Moorings.

Indian River County Coastal Resources Manager Jonathan Gorham said the rough weather is delaying the installation of piping from an offshore pumping station to the beach.

A separate project involving the dredging and pumping of sand from a sand collection area west of the Sebastian Inlet to the Ambersand Beach area is expected to start late this week or early next week.

That project as well as the St. Lucie County inlet dredging project is not as impacted by the weather because it is happening in a relatively calmer area closer to land. Gorham said it is difficult to determine exactly what effect

the weather will have on existing beaches, and officials will examine certain key areas, including Wabasso Beach and the beach in front of Sexton Plaza, early next week.

"Not much can be done about the weather, unfortunately," noted Gorham.

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Tickets to this special event are very limited. If you are interested in coming please call the Learn to Read offices at 772-464-2747 to reserve your tickets.

LINES

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Underground Utilities Consortium, which has hired Power-Services Inc., an electric consultant, to help push the idea.

The town has benefited greatly from the fact Mayor Charles Falcone is the former president of the giant, Ohio-based American Electric Power Company and understands the problem from the technical, business and political standpoint, Connolly said Tuesday night.

Town officials credit Falcone with negotiating to convince Florida Power & Light Co. to come up with a pledge to pay up to 25 percent of the cost of getting the lines into the ground. Whether FPL will be allowed to contribute the 25 percent is up to the Florida Public Service Commission, which has been considering the proposal for several months.

The town commission will meet at 9:30 a.m. today to validate last night's election and to swear in the three commission incumbents, Mayor Falcone, Jane Davis Doggett and Anne O'Laughlin Scott, who were re-elected without opposition. They will then select a mayor and vice mayor and discuss the next steps in moving the electrical project forward.

The bond issue allows the town to raise up to \$15 million, but Connolly said that the actual cost will be somewhat less, perhaps \$12 million.

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CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE
 PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A PUBLIC MEETING will be conducted before the PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD of the City of Port St. Lucie on TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007 at 1:30 P. M. in the PORT ST. LUCIE CITY HALL, Building A, located at 121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Florida, on the following:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. P06-371 TRADITION PLAT NO. 9 - VARIANCE
 Location: The property is located south of Academic Way between Golightly and Naraglen Alleys.
 Legal Description: Lots 211-228 and Tract PR-9 (Academic Way) of Tradition Plat No. 9. A request to grant variances to the City Code's requirement for street trees and landscaping around building facades.
- B. P07-023 DAVIS CENTER - VARIANCE
 Location: The property is located on Walton Road in City Center.
 Legal Description: Section 61, Tract F. A request to grant variances to the landscape and parking codes.
- C. P07-028 CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE - SECTION 158.155 (D)(1) - ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT
 An application from J.D. Land Company to amend Section 158.155 (D)(1) to read "Bank or savings and loan association, with or without drive-thru"
- D. P07-029 J.D. LAND COMPANY - SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE
 Location: The property is located on the west side of Port St. Lucie Boulevard between McHord Avenue and McCall Road.
 Legal Description: Section 21, Block 2075, Lots 22-26. A request to grant a special exception use to allow a bank with a drive-thru in LMD (Limited Mixed Use) zoning.
- E. P07-066 THOMAS GENTILE - REZONING
 Location: The property is located on the north side of Gatlin Boulevard, between Bougainvillea Avenue and Savona Boulevard.
 Legal Description: Section 23, Block 1615, Lots 5-9 and 37-41. A request to rezone from RS-2 (Single-Family Residential) to CG (General Commercial) zoning.
- F. P07-067 HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK - REZONING
 Location: The property is located on the north side of Gatlin Boulevard between Bougainvillea Avenue and Savona Boulevard.
 Legal Description: Section 23, Block 1615, Lots 13-15 and 31-33. A request to rezone from RS-2 (Single-Family Residential) to CG (General Commercial) zoning.
- G. P07-068 HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK - REZONING
 Location: The property is located on the north side of Gatlin Boulevard between Bougainvillea Avenue and Savona Boulevard.
 Legal Description: Section 23, Block 1615, Lots 10-12 and 34-36. A request to rezone from RS-2 (Single-Family Residential) to CG (General Commercial) zoning.

[The applicant or agent for the applicant must be present. If no representative is present for the application, it will be tabled to the following months meeting.]
 Anyone wishing to speak on any item may approach the podium after the issue has been opened for the public to comment. Each person wishing to speak may do so for not more than 3 (three) minutes. Your comments and concerns are very welcome, however, we must maintain a semblance of order and provide time for everyone.]

NEW BUSINESS:
 OLD BUSINESS

NOTICE: No stenographic record by a certified court reporter will be made of the foregoing meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at said meeting upon which any appeal is to be based. Items listed in this public notice may not appear in the same order on the Board's final agenda. Please contact the Planning & Zoning Department at 871-5212 to obtain a copy of the final agenda.

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