



Commissioner Sandy Murman proclaimed Moffitt Cancer Center Business of Biotech Day in Hillsborough County to highlight the importance of job creation and strengthening the overall economic well-being of the community. On hand to accept the proclamation were Dr. Ruan R. Cox, Industry Alliance Development Manager at Moffitt, and Merritt Martin, Moffitt's Director of Public Affairs.

#### Tampa Bay jobs centers entered fictitious phone numbers in state network

Every time the two local jobs centers help find someone work, the person's address, birth date and other information is entered into a state database. In more than a quarter of all their entries — more than 35,000 over a four-year period — CareerSource Pinellas and CareerSource Tampa Bay included the same unusual phone number. Most of the other 22 CareerSource offices in the state used the fictitious number fewer than 20 times a piece, state records show.

# **Big Bend Road gets \$5 million for improvements**

The top priority for Hillsborough County, \$5 million for improvements to Big Bend Road, survived Gov. Rick Scott's veto pen. But Scott vetoed a \$2 million request to build sidewalks in parts of Hillsborough where courtesy bus service is ending, and he axed another \$2 million for Orient Road.

### Tampa and St. Pete bolster Florida's record tourism numbers of 2017

Despite being hammered by Hurricane Irma last fall, Florida set another tourism record in 2017 with 116.5 million visitors, and Tampa and St. Pete showed big increases in several areas. The overall number represents a 3.6 percent increase over the 112.4 million visitors in 2016, Visit Florida, the state's tourism marketing arm, announced.

#### Hillsborough County Children's Services to host Community Fair

Parents are invited to learn more about the community resources available to help them raise strong, healthy families during the Hillsborough County Children's Services' fourth annual Community Fair on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Children's Services Lake Magdalene Campus, 3120 Clay Mangum Lane in Tampa.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY**

Wednesday, April 4, 9:00 a.m. - BOCC Meeting at County Center

Tuesday, April 10, 9:00 a.m. - BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

Thursday, April 19, 9:00 a.m. – Environmental Protection Commission Meeting at County Center

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