



Commissioner Sandy Murman recently attended Tampa Bay Wave's Pitch Night at The Verve Lounge in the SunTrust building in downtown Tampa. "I look around this room and I see the future of our county," said Commissioner Murman. "Please stay here after you make your millions. Please keep your businesses here, because we're going to have plenty of students coming out of USF and everywhere to fill your jobs." The seven companies will get another chance to pitch at Wave's Demo Day, which will take place Jan. 23, 2019 at the Synapse Summit at Amalie Arena.

[Avoid online shopping scams during this holiday season](#)

Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis has some good advice when it comes to avoiding holiday online shopping scams. During the 2018 holiday season, online shopping scams are projected to increase by 14 percent. When shopping online it is important to be on the lookout for anything that does not look legitimate. For more information, click on the headline above.

[Build consensus for water plan to benefit Tampa Bay region](#)

A plan by the city of Tampa to convert highly treated wastewater into drinking water would benefit the economy and the environment of the entire Tampa Bay region.

[An Emotional Gift Guide shared for this holiday season](#)

Here's a 20-item *Emotional Gift Guide* which I hope will be meaningful for you in this season of celebration. It was shared with me by a good friend. Please feel free to share this guide with family, friends and colleagues. Click on the headline to take you to the Extra! Extra! tab on my website where you can read this special guide.

[Tampa one of the best 100 cities in the world](#)

The Resonance Report, which ranks global place equity, listed Tampa as the 98th best place to live in the world (Nuremberg, Germany and Bristol, England were numbers 99 and 100, respectively). London and Paris were numbers one and two, while, in Florida, Orlando clocked in at 46, Miami at 26.

[Tampa ranked second-best large college city](#)

Tampa has been named the second-best large college city, and seventh best overall, according to recently released rankings from personal finance website WalletHub. The website, which styles itself as a "personal finance social network," took a look at more than 400 small (fewer than 125,000 people), mid-size (125,000 to 300,000 people) and large (more than 300,000 people) cities for its 2019 Best College Towns & Cities in America report.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Wednesday, January 9, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

Thursday, January 10, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Quarterly Awards Ceremony at County Center

Tuesday, January 15, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

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