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A War That Would Not End: Florida and the Seminole Wars

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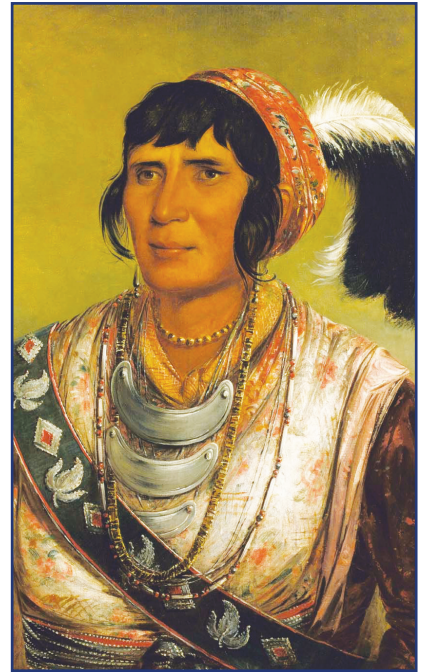
The Seminole Wars were three major military conflicts between the United States and the Seminole people, spanning roughly from 1817 to 1858. Throughout the first half of the 19th century, the Seminole Nation and the federal government clashed repeatedly as U.S. expansion pressed deeper into Florida.

The First Seminole War in 1817 lasted barely two and a half months. When General Andrew Jackson declared victory, few realized that the conflict had only just begun.

After Florida became a state and James K. Polk assumed the presidency, a fragile peace followed. Seminoles lived largely within reservation boundaries and traded with settlers at authorized posts. To reduce tensions, Polk established a 20-mile buffer zone around the reservation where white homestead claims were prohibited.

Second Seminole War (1836–1854)

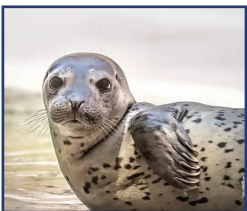
Pressure for complete Indian removal continued. Congress passed the Indian Removal Act of 1830, which sought to resolve what officials called the "Indian problem" by relocating tribes to Indian Territory in present-day Oklahoma. Though labeled "voluntary," an estimated 60,000 Southeastern Native Americans were displaced. Approximately 15,000 died along the way, a tragedy remembered as the Trail of Tears. In Central Florida, Seminoles were taken to Tampa or Fort Myers, placed on ships, and transported to New Orleans. Forced removals continued through 1850.



Osceola, Seminole warrior

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CALENDAR OF HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

As always, this is subject to change.

APRIL

April Fools' Day	1
Passover Begins	1
Good Friday	3
Public Schools Closed	3
NCAA Women's Championship	5
NCAA Men's Championship	6
Dyngus Day at Crabby Bill's	6
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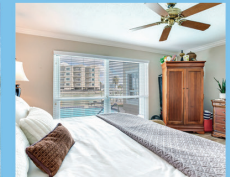
May Day	1
Stone Crab Season Ends	1
Cinco de Mayo	5
Teacher Appreciation Day	5
10,000 Maniacs at Capitol Theatre	7
Letter Carrier's Food Drive	9
Mother's Day	10
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VETERANS' TRIP 159 women veterans flew from Lakeland to Washington, D.C. last month for their inaugural Flight of Honor. Along with sightseeing, the vets visited the Military Women's Memorial at the Arlington National Cemetery.

The Memorial is a tribute to America's Servicewomen and features an education center, interactive exhibits, and a collection of military women's stories.

PROPERTY RETURNED Last month, Florida Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia announced that \$88 million in unclaimed property was returned to Floridians in February. Unclaimed property includes dormant bank accounts, unclaimed insurance proceeds, stocks, dividends, uncashed checks, deposits, credit balances and refunds. It can also include watches, jewelry, coins, stamps and more. \$23.8 million was returned in unclaimed property last month, the CFO said.

According to the Florida Division of Unclaimed Property, one in five Floridians has unclaimed funds from a forgotten financial account.

To search for unclaimed property, visit FLTreasureHunt.Gov. You can search for an account owned by a person or business.

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE Florida Prepaid covers tuition and fees for 30 credit hours at 12 universities and the 28 public Florida colleges. The plan starts at \$29 per month and can also be used nationwide at public, private, trade and technical schools. For more information, visit MyFloridaPrepaid.com.

NEW DOLPHINS AT CLEARWATER AQUARIUM Clearwater Marine Aquarium welcomed two bottlenose dolphins and several other animals last month from the Miami Seaquarium to their new home at CMA.

The two female bottlenose dolphins are Star, 26, born 1999; and Squirt, 15, born in 2010. After a period of quarantine and acclimation they will join three resident bottlenose dolphins and six rough-toothed dolphin residents in the Ruth & J.O. Stone Dolphin Complex.

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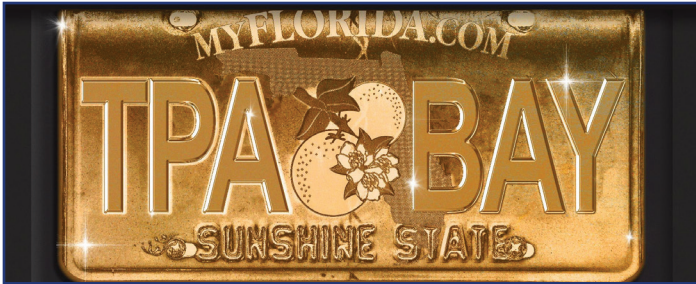
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The big picture, according to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, here are the top five most popular specialty plates in Florida as of October 1st:

- Endless Summer (142,999)
- Helping Sea Turtles Survive (112,996)
- University of Florida (93,347)
- Miami Heat (88,805)

Tampa Bay's mostpopular plates:

- The Tampa Bay Buccaneers-themed plate is number one across our eight counties, with nearly 40,000 registered.
- Endless Summer (34,905)
- Helping Sea Turtles Survive (26,055)
- University of Florida (20,639)

BEACH RENOURISHMENT COMPLETION The Pinellas County beach renourishment project was completed in February. The \$126 million project began last September to repair the erosion left by the massive flooding and storm surge bought by the 2024 hurricanes.

The project brought sand from John's Pass, Pass-a-Grille, Blind Pass, and Egmont Shoal. It was mixed with seawater, then pumped onto the beach from Sand Key to Treasure Island. The process is generally done every five years and was scheduled for 2024, but a dispute with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over easements caused a delay.

HURRICANE RECOVERY Pinellas County is reaching out to people who may have been impacted by Hurricanes Idalia, Helene, and/or Milton, and previously applied for disaster assistance.

If you still have unmet recovery needs like home repairs or financial losses from the storm, Pinellas County's People First Hurricane Recovery Programs may be able to help — even if you already applied for FEMA assistance, SBA assistance, or received insurance proceeds.

The U.S. Government approved Pinellas County for \$813 million in recovery grant funds and we're using most of this grant to provide direct assistance to eligible homeowners, renters and landlords of small rental properties. You may qualify for grants funds to rebuild your home above flood code, recoup repair costs, be reimbursed for storm-related expenses, and buy a new home.

You can apply for Pinellas County's People First Hurricane Recovery Programs online or in-person. Learn more about income eligibility and see how much you could qualify for by visiting Recover.Pinellas.gov or by calling (727) 606-3307, Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm.

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The Seminole Wars, Continued

In 1846, Captain John Sprague was appointed to oversee Indian affairs. Seminole leaders distrusted him—understandably, given the long history of chiefs being seized under flags of truce. Sprague estimated that only 360 Seminoles remained: 120 warriors and 240 women and children.

A Seminole trading post opened on Payne's Creek near the Peace River. Against Florida law, free whiskey was initially distributed to encourage trade. When the new manager, George Payne, ended the practice, tensions escalated, as this was the Seminoles' only reliable source of whiskey.

Violence followed. Attacks occurred near Fort Pierce, a government employee was killed at James Russell's home, and finally Payne's Creek was attacked after Payne again refused whiskey. Payne and his assistant, Dempsey Whidden, were murdered, and the trading post was looted and burned.

Chief Billy Bowlegs surrendered several warriors responsible for recent attacks, expecting peace. Instead, General David Twiggs announced that all Seminoles would be removed from Florida.

Two companies of U.S. troops sent from Fort Brooke (Tampa) to reinforce Fort King (Ocala) never arrived. They were ambushed by a small Seminole force, and the 108 soldiers were killed.

Federal forces were unprepared for renewed war. Twiggs increased troop levels, relying heavily on mounted volunteers, as conflicts spread as far south as Miami and the Florida Keys.

By 1841, only about 300 Seminole warriors remained. Some had surrendered to avoid starvation; others were captured when they approached forts to negotiate. The war became deeply unpopular with the American public, press, and government. It devolved into a costly war of attrition and quietly faded away without formal resolution.

In 1850, the government offered another \$50,000 to encourage relocation. Seventy-four more Seminoles were shipped west, but resistance continued. Chiefs were taken to Washington, signed agreements under pressure, and repudiated them upon returning. Leadership changed frequently, and resentment deepened.

In 1854, Secretary of War Jefferson Davis imposed a hardline policy, including trade embargoes and opening Seminole lands to white settlement. Another conflict became inevitable.

The Third Seminole War (1855–1858)

By late 1855, more than 700 U.S. troops were stationed in Florida. Seminole leaders met near Taylor Creek, where some favored resistance while others urged caution.

On December 20, 1855, Billy Bowlegs led an attack on Lt. George Hartsuff's surveying party near Fort Myers. Four soldiers were killed, Hartsuff was wounded, and supplies were destroyed, formally igniting the Third Seminole War.

Militias formed statewide as federal forces surged. Raids spread across southern Florida, including near Fort Dallas and Key Biscayne. Retaliatory attacks followed, sometimes involving mutilation of bodies.

Brigadier General William Harney returned to Florida, establishing a line of forts and introducing flatboats for Everglades patrols. His campaign achieved little, and by early 1857 he was reassigned.

Colonel Gustavus Loomis replaced him and created the "Everglades Navy" using shallow-draft, metal "alligator boats." The boats, thirty feet long, were pointed at both ends and only drew two to three feet of water. They could carry up to sixteen men into the swamps, capturing primarily women and children and destroying villages and crops. Abner Doubleday, the Union major general credited with firing the first shot in defense of Fort Sumter, served in this unit.

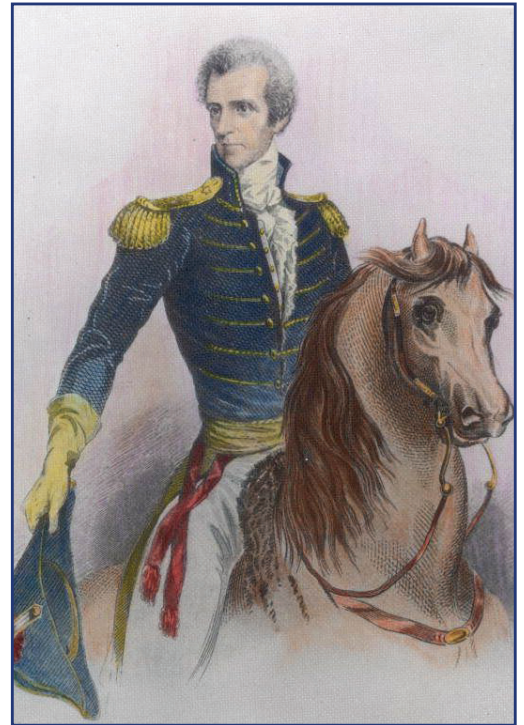
Beginning January 1, 1858, U.S. troops swept through the Big Cypress region, burning settlements and destroying remaining food supplies.

Negotiations resumed with Billy Bowlegs, who was offered a separate reservation in Indian Territory. Payments were standardized at \$500 per warrior and \$100 per woman.

In May 1858, 163 Seminoles departed from Punta Rassa near Fort Myers for New Orleans. On May 8, Loomis declared the Third Seminole War officially over.

Officials believed roughly 100 Seminoles remained in Florida, though this was likely an undercount. Groups led by Sam Jones and Chipco remained hidden in the Everglades and near Lake Okeechobee.

During the Civil War, Seminoles remained neutral. Florida's 1868 Constitution granted them legislative representation, though no seats were filled. Later constitutions removed those



Andrew Jackson, President (1829-1837)

provisions and imposed voter restrictions that remained in place until 1968.

A small number of Seminoles continued living in isolation near Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades through the early 20th century. By the mid-20th century, Seminoles consolidated on reservations. Federal recognition followed in 1957 for the Seminole Tribe of Florida and in 1962 for the Miccosukee Tribe.

By the 1940s, Seminoles began consolidating on reservations. In 1957, the Seminole Tribe of Florida gained federal recognition. The Miccosukee Tribe received recognition in 1962 were granted the Miccosukee Indian Reservation along the northern border of Everglades National Park, about 45 miles west of Miami.

In the 1970s, Seminoles began pioneered high stakes bingo, later expanding into full casino operations. In 2007, they purchased Hard Rock International, adding the Las Vegas Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in 2020.

The Miccosukee Tribe, maintaining a more traditional lifestyle, became known for cultural tourism, alligator wrestling, crafts, and eco-tours.

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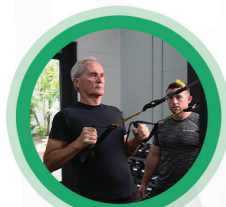


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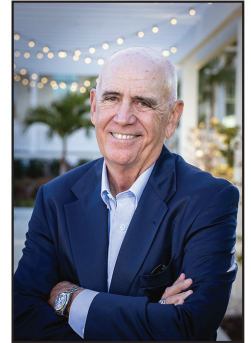
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Always make sure that you have ample liquidity. If you have everything in the market and you are forced to sell securities when they are down, it is a double whammy. Keep enough cash or cash equivalents to weather an economic storm. Think the Great Recession. Don't continue to tie up your money up in long term investments like private equity or non-income producing real estate.

While debt can be a good thing when using it to buy things that are likely to go up in value over time, it can be another destroyer of wealth. Pay off those credit cards every month. While in many cases it doesn't make sense to pay off a mortgage, it may make you feel more comfortable doing so. So do it. The best financial decision isn't necessarily always the right decision.

Simplify, simplify, simplify. Get rid of the things you no longer use along with the adult toys. You may love your silverware that you haven't used in decades, but the kids don't want them, so sell it. That goes for other collectibles like art, coins, stamps, etc.

Family can also be a great risk. We all want to help family members, especially our lineage, but if they come to expect help from mom and dad, it can quickly drain resources that either will delay retirement or keep mom and dad from enjoying the lifestyle to which they have become accustomed. Don't let them inherit the money early, they will get it soon enough.

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Bob Gaultieri



Some of the most common and successful scams involve pouncing on you in a situation where you're already tense and nervous. Scammers may manufacture a crisis, using AI to impersonate a family member in distress. But the easiest thing for them to do is to try to take advantage of you in a situation where you're already on edge. And who isn't just a little bit afraid of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)? Even if you're entirely on the up-and-up, you probably always have it in the back of your mind that an honest mistake, omission, or an unexpected audit will reveal a costly mistake.

The Federal Trade Commission has seen an increase in scam calls claiming that people owe taxes. The scam often happens in two parts. The first call claims to be from a branch of the IRS saying you owe back taxes plus some heavy interest and penalties. The scammer then offers to connect you with someone else who can help with tax debt relief. Those people will demand money, either for the fictitious debt, or for their services to help you evade the debt.

First of all, the IRS will always initiate any communication by mail. If you get a phone call, email, or text from the IRS it is a scam. (There may be some situations where you're already in contact with the IRS about a known issue when a representative will call you, but you will always get first notification of a tax problem by mail.) But even a letter could be a scam. If you get a call, email, or text claiming to be from the IRS, ignore it and delete it. If you get a letter from them and have any doubt that it is real, call their main help line at 800-829-1040 or visit www.IRS.gov to find out if the contents of the letter are legitimate.

Remember, the IRS will never ask you to pay for anything with cryptocurrency or gift cards. If they threaten to "cancel your social security number" or arrest you, you know it's a scam. While people can be arrested for tax fraud, you would get plenty of notification to clear up any errors first. Scammers hope you'll be scared enough to do whatever they say without stopping to think.

Then there are actual tax relief companies which may not be scams per se, but which are often misleading, taking your money without giving you any help you couldn't get on your own simply by calling the IRS. The companies promise to negotiate with the IRS on your behalf and say they can reduce or eliminate your debt or even stop the current collection. But only the IRS can negotiate with you about what you owe. The tax relief companies make promises they can't keep, all with one goal – getting you to pay a hefty fee for their services. You pay them, and instead of being debt free, you end up owing even more.

If you know you're in trouble with the IRS – if you currently owe money or know you can't pay upcoming taxes – the best thing to do is contact them directly. You may be able to set up a payment plan, or in some cases an offer in compromise where they agree to accept less than what you owe. Taxes can be scary, but don't let your anxiety make you fall victim to a scammer or an unscrupulous business.



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NEW LOCATION Fusion Cigar Lounge, previously located in the Pelican Plaza on North Clearwater Beach, closed its doors after the hurricanes of 2024. After a lot of hard work, they reopened in February in a new location at 696 S. Gulfview Blvd. The new location has a bigger lounge, humidor, bar, and outside patio.

They open at noon every day, closing at midnight Sunday-Thursday, and 2am on Friday and Saturday. For more information follow them on Facebook and Instagram or call (727) 330-7649.

EXTRA PICKLES The Lucky Dill Deli, located at 33180 US HWY 19 in Palm Harbor, is coming to South Clearwater Beach. The deli plans to open this second location west of the Gondolier Italian Restaurant and Pizza plaza. The 30-year-old New York City-style deli specializes in skyscraper sandwiches with pastrami, corned beef, brisket, and classics like matzo ball soup and fish-n-chips. They are not only a deli, but also a bakery. Try a cannoli at their cannoli bar, a cookie from their huge selection, or a slice of homemade New York style cheesecake. The opening date is not known for the new location but follow them on Facebook for updates.

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ICONIC E&E STAKEOUT GRILL SOLD Eugen’s Restaurant of Belleair Bluffs owned by Eugen Fuhrmann and Chef Erwin Scheuringer opened in 1985. In 1995 it was remodeled and opened as E&E Stakeout Grill. It is still owned by Eugen and Chef Erwin – thus the name, E &E. However, like all great things do, this too has come to end. Eugen and Chef Erwin have sold E&E to Canadian restaurateur, Peter Armanious of PBJ Food Group. Peter is no newbie to the hospitality world with eight restaurants under his belt. Have no fear though, Chef Erwin says he will still be nearby. He plans on retaining ownership of The Plaza and being part of their sister restaurant, Guppy’s, located at 1701 Gulf Blvd on Indian Rocks Beach. “I plan on helping with the transition,” says Chef Erwin. “The name, the menu, and the staff will remain the same as well.”

The closing date is April 19th. E&E Stakeout Grill is located at 100 Indian Rocks Road in The Plaza in Belleair Bluffs. For more information about specials and upcoming events visit their Facebook page or call (727) 585-6399.

COMING SOON Tavern in the Bluffs, the newest sister restaurant to Backwaters on Sand Key and North Redington, recently put out a teaser post that they are “Coming in Hot.” Their new sign is up, the drywall is up, the cement floors are poured, and the furniture is rolling in. The new location will be located at 2890 West Bay Drive (previously occupied by Cody’s Roadhouse). Follow them on Facebook for more information on their soon to be opening.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to Frank Chivas and the Baystar Restaurant Group on the ten-year anniversary of the opening of Marina Cantina Tequila Bar and Grill and Salt Cracker Fish Camp. Baystar Restaurant Group is the parent company of 10 restaurants in the Tampa Bay Area and aims to provide both a delicious experience and excellent value. Baystar restaurants have a warm tropical feel, and feature menus dominated by fresh seafood, much of which is provided by Chivas’s own fleet of dayboats. This source of fresh local seafood combined with creative chefs has established a strong reputation for Baystar’s restaurants as excellent dining destinations. For more information about either restaurant visit MarinaCantina.com or SaltCrackerFishCamp.com. Both restaurants are located at 25 Causeway Blvd.

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A TALE OF MANY GENERATIONS: FROM SWING SETS TO SELFIE STICKS

By Bob Griffin, Contributor

My parents were born in 1921 and 1922 — smack in the middle of the Greatest Generation — and honestly, their résumé is exhausting just to read: the Great Depression, the Stock Market Crash of 1929, World War II. Casual stuff. I'm a Baby Boomer, born in 1953, and I've had my own highlight reel of chaos: Vietnam, JFK, Nixon's dramatic exit, the Challenger explosion, and COVID-19. Our kids? Split between Gen X and Millennials — they've inherited 50 years of "events," bless their hearts. Turns out, no generation gets off easy.

Let's take a little journey through time — buckle up, because we're covering roughly 120 years of humanity awkwardly figuring itself out.

First up: **The Greatest Generation** (1901–

1927). These folks survived the Great Depression, fought in World War II, and came home to build the modern world — all without a single motivational podcast. They valued hard work, sacrifice, and keeping their emotions deeply, deeply buried. Their idea of self-care was "walking it off." They were, objectively, tougher than all of us and they absolutely knew it.

Hot on their heels came **The Silent Generation** (1928–1945) — and no, they weren't called "silent" because they were shy. They just kind of got sandwiched between two massive historical events and decided to keep their heads down and work. They were the original "don't make a fuss" crowd. Reliable, disciplined, and deeply confused by the generations that came after them.

Then the war ended, and apparently people celebrated enthusiastically, because suddenly we had **The Baby Boomers** (1946–1964). The largest generation in history, Boomers grew up during an era of unprecedented prosperity. They protested Vietnam, invented rock and roll culture, and then — plot twist — grew up and became the establishment they once raged against. They also really, really love talking about how cheap houses were in 1978.

Next came **Generation X** (1965–1980), the generation history almost forgot. Raised by latchkey, MTV, and general neglect, Gen Xers became the original cynics. They watched disco die, saw the Cold War end, and somehow survived without helicopter parents or participation trophies. They're fine, by the way. They don't need your validation. They never did.

Then came the **Millennials** (1981–1996), and oh boy did the internet change things. Millennials grew up during the rise of the web, graduated into a financial crisis, and got absolutely roasted for eating avocado toast instead of buying homes — as if brunch choices were the reason housing prices exploded. They invented the "hustle culture" they secretly hate, and they're currently managing the world while also managing crippling student debt. They're doing great! (They're not doing great.)



Generation Z Kids

Hot on their heels: **Generation Z** (1997–2012). Gen Z never knew a world without smartphones and had their formative years upended by a global pandemic. They're hyper-aware, digitally native, socially conscious, and have absolutely no patience for corporate nonsense. They communicate largely in memes and are terrifyingly good at calling out hypocrisy. Boomers find them exhausting. Gen Z finds Boomers exhausting. It's very mutual.

Finally, the newest kids on the block: **Generation Alpha** (2013–present). These tiny

humans are growing up with AI, iPads in kindergarten, and parents who document their entire lives on Instagram. We genuinely don't know yet what they'll be like as adults, but statistically at least one of them will invent something that makes all previous generations feel very, very old.

So what's the big takeaway? Every generation thinks the ones before them were too rigid and the ones after them are too soft. Every generation faces challenges unique to their time. And every generation, without fail, eventually turns to the next one and says, "You have no idea how easy you have it."

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As the oldest beach pavilion in Florida approaches its 100-year milestone, one thing remains clear: the Pavilion has always been about more than just a building. It has been a place for gathering, community, and unforgettable views of Clearwater Beach.



That legacy continues as Beachside Hospitality Group officially ushers in the next chapter with Crabby's Beachside Pavilion.

After nearly 65 years under the stewardship of the Hamilton family, Beachside Hospitality Group proudly takes the reins with deep respect for what came before. This transition is not about replacing history. It is about preserving it and honoring the Pavilion's role as a cornerstone of Clearwater Beach while ensuring it thrives for the next generation of guests.

"We understand the responsibility that comes with taking over a place like this," said Beachside Hospitality Group CEO Greg Powers. "You don't reach 100 years by accident. This building, these views, and the memories made here are special, and our goal is to protect that while thoughtfully evolving the experience."

Beachside Hospitality Group brings decades of experience operating beloved waterfront restaurants across Florida, including multiple Crabby's locations on Clearwater Beach. Their focus remains rooted in hospitality by keeping familiar faces on staff, maintaining live music, and preserving the relaxed, beachside atmosphere locals and visitors alike cherish.

Chief Operating Officer Eddie Wright emphasized continuity as a top priority. "The Pavilion has always been a place where people feel welcome. That does not change. Our commitment is to the team, the guests, and the traditions that made this spot iconic."

One thing is certain as Crabby's Beachside Pavilion looks ahead to the Pavilion's centennial celebration on May 31st. The heart of the Pavilion remains firmly intact, with the same views, the same energy, and a renewed commitment to serving Clearwater Beach for the next 100 years.



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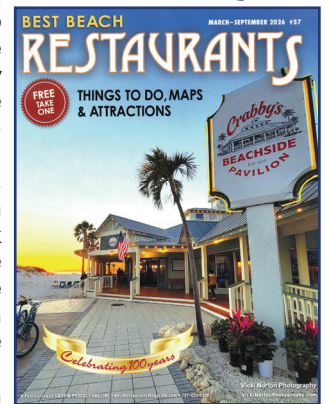
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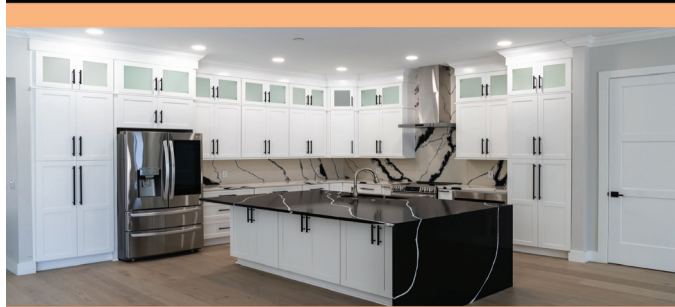
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MOVING EAST

The last tenant in the shopping center next to BayCare Ballpark, the spring training home of the Philadelphia Phillies, is moving east. Floor & Décor is moving to the past Rooms-To-Go Outlet Center and a portion of Best Buy at 21411 US Highway 19. This move, most likely happening in the fall, will set the stage for a mixed-use development that is still years away.

Business Briefs



CHIPS FOR CHARITY Irena Nolasco, the owner of Stefanec's South barber shop in Belleair Bluffs and Olde Time barber shop in Largo, recently helped raise funds for the local charity, Raising Relief Foundation, by hosting a "Poker Night" at the Belleair Bluffs Community Center. "It was an epic night!" says Nolasco.

It was a full house with all 66 seats occupied by players. The tournament brought in over \$10,000 with all proceeds benefiting Raising Relief. Belleair Bluffs' Mayor Chris Arbutine and Silver Queen owner donated a grand prize gold coin worth \$3500. Belleair resident Rob Pierson outlasted the other 63 players to claim the top prize following several hours of play. "It was a very memorable night that will be repeated annually," Nolasco stated.

The Raising Relief Foundation is continually working on various projects to address the critical needs of the community. Their current initiatives focus on community development, emergency relief, education, and health and well-being. For more information on Raising Relief, visit their website at RaisingReliefFoundation.org.

MORE PARKING IS COMING In the heart of Downtown Clearwater, at the corner of Pierce Street and Osceola Avenue, the new Osceola Parking Garage will do more than solve parking demand. The 397-space public garage also introduces 12,000 square feet of prime ground-floor retail. The project is designed to support restaurants, specialty shops, and retail services that thrive on foot traffic.

Groundbreaking took place in December, with completion anticipated in January 2027. The city is currently accepting inquiries about the retail space at MyClearwater.com.

NEW APARTMENTS AND RETAIL Adjacent to the Osceola Parking Garage will be one of downtown Clearwater's most transformative residential projects: The Bluffs development. Planned as a 28-story, 400-unit luxury apartment tower on the former City Hall site, The Bluffs project will introduce 620,000 square feet of development bordering the southeastern edge of Coachman Park. The project includes 10,000 square feet of retail, 440 parking spaces, and a strong commitment to environmental sustainability. Construction is expected to begin soon, with completion targeted for May 2028. Together with nearby hospitality and retail projects, The Bluffs development will significantly expand downtown's residential base and support year-round economic activity.

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In February, Clearwater Marine Aquarium welcomed three harbor seals — Scallop, Pharaoh and Ocean—marking both a brand-new species and a newly-renovated seal habitat for CMA. The arrival of harbor seals expands CMA's animal care family and reinforces its mission to inspire human connection to marine life through meaningful, conservation-based stories.



The new harbor seal habitat is part of CMA's broader plan to incorporate pinnipeds - marine mammals that have front and rear flippers - including harbor seals and California sea lions, into its overall animal care. The exhibit supports CMA's mission while broadening educational messaging beyond Florida to address marine conservation challenges not just in Florida, but around the world.

"It's important to understand that rescue can take many forms and isn't always limited to direct intervention in the ocean," said Joe Handy, CEO of Clearwater Marine Aquarium. "Some of the most meaningful rescue work happens through rehabilitation and long-term care, that helps prevent harm before it occurs. Our mission of rescue, rehabilitation, release, and research remains steady, and each part plays a vital role in protecting marine life."

The harbor seals were welcomed from The Miami Seaquarium. The three seals are considered non-releasable to the wild, as they were born under managed care and do not possess the life skills necessary to survive in their natural environment. The move was approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

In summer 2026, CMA plans to welcome additional pinnipeds — sea lions — who will move into a new sea lion habitat currently in development and scheduled to open this summer. The refurbished habitat is being funded by a \$6 million grant from the Tourism Development Council, approved by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

Harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) are found across coastal waters of Alaska, New England, the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast and West Coast of the United States, as well as the northern coasts of Europe and Asia.

They typically live 20–30 years in the wild and can live up to 50 years under human care. Adults can reach up to 300 pounds and measure five to six feet long. Each seal has a unique pattern of spots—much like a fingerprint—and is easily identified by their rounded heads, V-shaped nostrils, large eyes, lack of external ear flaps, and distinctive claws used for grooming, gripping, and efficient movement on land and in water.

Pinnipeds face threats including pollution, toxins, habitat loss, vessel strikes, harassment, and prey loss due to overfishing. While harbor seals are currently listed as a Species of Least Concern overall, some populations are endangered in certain regions, making education and conservation awareness critical.

With the addition of harbor seals, Clearwater Marine Aquarium continues to evolve as a trusted source for marine conservation, inspiring guests to care about the health of oceans. For more information, visit CMAquarium.org.

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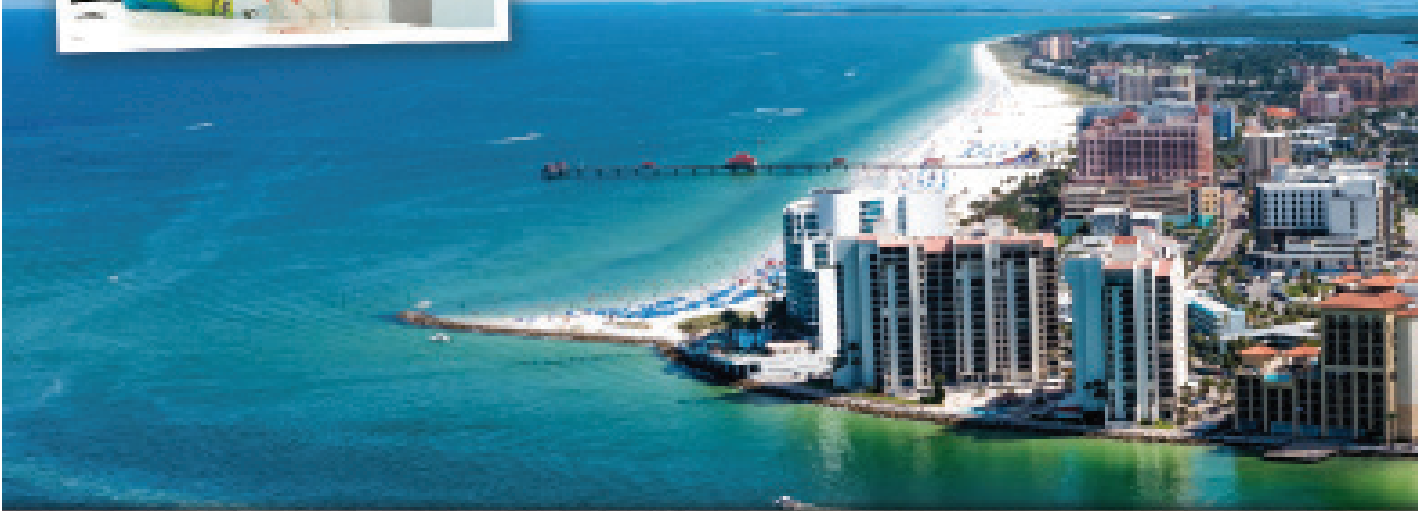
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RIGHT-SIZING IN CLEARWATER: FINANCIAL FREEDOM AND PEACE OF MIND FOR 2026

By Alison Ross Tompkins, Broker
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When Rod and Edith reached out to me, they weren't just looking to sell a home—they were looking for guidance through one of life's most sensitive transitions. They were preparing to right size into an Independent Living community where they could feel supported, connected, and safe. Like so many older adults, they were balancing practical considerations with the emotional weight of leaving a meaningful place behind. For Rod, that was especially true.

One of his greatest joys was sitting on the lanai, watching golfers play through Hole #2 at East Bay Golf Course. It wasn't just a view—it was part of his daily rhythm. He loved studying the swings, following the players' strategies, and enjoying the peaceful movement of the course. Leaving that familiar routine made this move bittersweet. He and Edith were ready for their next chapter, but he was genuinely sad to let go of the connection to the game he loved. That's why trust mattered so deeply throughout their process.

Older clients often share similar worries: feeling overwhelmed, rushed, or unsure who to rely on. They want someone who understands the emotional layers behind a move and who can coordinate the details they no longer want to manage alone. With Rod and Edith, my first priority was learning exactly what kind of support would help them feel steady and respected through each step.

Did they need packers? Painters? Stagers? Help evaluating senior living communities? Every client's needs are unique, and my role is always to tailor the plan to the person—not the other way around. Together, we created a simple, step by step approach that honored their pace and kept them focused on the positive aspects of their new environment, even as they said goodbye to a home they loved.

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She has been published in peer-reviewed journals, presented at national meetings, and was recognized in Newsweek's "America's Best Medical Dermatologists" in 2022. She is excited to join Dr. Nayyar and the team at Dermaclinique, where she looks forward to providing compassionate, high-quality dermatologic care to the community.

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Community News



DUNEDIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Submitted by Eric MacNeill

The 58th Dunedin Highland Games & Festival are set for April. The festivities begin on Friday, April 10th in Downtown Dunedin. 4:30-8pm. We'll have Live music at John R. Lawrence Pioneer Park starting at 5pm, a parade of pipe bands and Clans through downtown stepping off at 6:30pm, with more live music to follow until 8pm. Beer, wine, and food vendors will be onsite, as well as packet pick-up for the Kilted 5k Trail race that takes place Saturday morning. The park is at 420 Main Street.

On Saturday, April 11th, the Games take place at Highlander Park, 903 Michigan Blvd. Gates open at 8am with the event wrapping up by 6:30pm. All parking is off-site, with complimentary shuttle service. We have a variety of Celtic Merchandise and food vendors this year and lots of activities for all ages all day long.

Enjoy Piping & Drumming Competitions, Pipe Bands, opening ceremonies, and a parade of Clans at noon. Scottish Clans will be at Societies Village, along with Highland Dancing Championships, live Celtic Music throughout the day, and historical reenactment displays, Whiskey tasting master classes, Scottish Heavy Athletics competitions, Scottish Country Dancing demonstrations, 5k Kilted Trail race, and more.

More information and tickets can be found at DunedinHighlandGames.com

General admission tickets and VIP tickets are now available. VIP tickets will sell out in Advance of the event. General Admission pre-sale tickets are \$20 and will be available for \$25 at the gate.

This event is organized by the Dunedin Scottish Arts Foundation and provides a fantastic cultural event for the Dunedin Community, while also serving as a major fundraiser for the arts education programs in Dunedin; Directly supporting the Dunedin High School band, Dunedin Middle School band, City of Dunedin Pipe Band, and others.

PIER 60 SUGAR SAND FESTIVAL 5K RUN

Calling all runners, walkers, and beach lovers. The Sugar Sand 5K takes place Saturday, April 11th on Clearwater Beach during the Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival presented by Visit St. Pete-Clearwater. Enjoy a scenic race along the Gulf and kick off a full day of festival fun. For more information and to sign up for the 5k, visit SugarSandFestival.com.

BELLEAIR GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Carol Mears

April 1st: General Meeting and Program: Growing Herbs for Flavor and Health, Presented by Debbie Ingram, MG, at the Belleair Garden Club, (903 Ponce de Leon Blvd.)

Discover the beauty, fragrance, and powerful benefits of herbs that have been cherished for centuries in cooking, healing, and everyday wellness.

Learn which herbs thrive in our Florida gardens, how to grow them successfully, and how to use them to enhance flavor, support health, and elevate your home table. The agenda includes an interactive Q&A session, herb-themed luncheon, fresh herb mocktails, and take-home inspiration.

Join us for an afternoon that delights the senses and celebrates the timeless charm of herbs.

General Meeting starts at 12:30pm, Program begins at 1pm.

April 4th: Town of Belleair Arbor Day and Spring Fest 10am-noon.

The Belleair Garden Club is delighted to offer support to the Town of Belleair with their booth at the Annual Arbor Day and Spring Fest event, where member volunteers help children learn to pot a flower in their own pot. This event is held annually at Dimmitt Community Center athletic fields. (918 Osceola Rd.) This fun-filled event will include egg hunts, tree giveaways, touch-a-truck, games, crafts, bounce houses, food, and more! Contact Belleair Recreation Department for details: (727) 518-3728

April 15th: Field Trip : An Exclusive Nursery Tour at Belleair Palms, Inc.

Join us for a special behind-the-scenes visit with President Bob Deegan at his 5-acre palm nursery in Seminole. Bob describes the morning as "a fun walk in the park" — and that's exactly what it will be! We'll explore exotic palms and tropical specimens while learning about germinating seeds, air layering techniques, gardenias and grafting, the benefits of moringa, and expert plant care insights.

Golf carts will be available to ensure everyone can comfortably enjoy the experience! Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring sun protection, as this is an outdoor nursery environment. Light refreshments will be served. To keep the experience engaging and interactive, attendance will be limited. Kindly RSVP by April 10th to belleairgardenclub2@gmail.com to secure your spot. Belleair Palms Nursery is located at 9850 Starkey Road, Seminole.

May 2nd: Something exciting is blooming in Belleair this spring! The Belleair Garden Club and Candles for Caterpillars are partnering to host the May Day Market on May 2nd. Set in the beautiful surroundings of the Belleair Garden Club and nearby Hunter Park, the event will bring neighbors together for a lively spring gathering. The May Day Market is an artisan market and native plant experience designed to celebrate the connection between Florida gardens and the pollinators that keep them alive. Guests can explore a curated selection of local artisans, native plants, and nature inspired offerings while learning more about how pollinators support healthy ecosystems in our community. More details about vendors, activities, and event times will be announced soon. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Email Stephanie Wheeler for details at StephanieWheeler00@gmail.com.

Community News

FLORIDA BOTANICAL GARDENS

Submitted by Mia McCormick

The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation is featuring two fun hands-on workshops this spring! Bonsai for Beginners will give you all the essential information needed to care for a bonsai. Participants will receive their own tropical species bonsai, soil, wire and all the necessary tools to care for the plant. An expert from Thunderstruck Bonsai will guide the workshop. April 10th 4pm \$25 per person. Register at flbgfoundation.org/events.

Orchids 101 with Michael Pollin from Art Stone Orchids will bring you up to speed on caring for one of the most rewarding plants to grow. In this informational workshop, participants will learn how to care for orchids, report them and which fertilizer works best. Orchids will be available for purchase. May 2nd at 10am \$5 per person. Register at flbgfoundation.org/events

Master Gardener Speaker Series at the Florida Botanical Gardens

Garden gurus will enjoy our two engaging Master Gardener speakers as they dive into two interesting subjects. Learn to start your own edible garden at home in our Vegetable Gardening at Home class on April 17th at 3pm.

Brighten up your yard with Florida native plants. This class will help you choose plants with lasting color that will thrive

in your yard with little maintenance. Join us for Bringing Color To Your Yard with Native Plants on May 15th at 10am.

Both classes are free, but registration is required at FLBGFoundation.org/events.

VACATION DONATIONS

Submitted by Diane Daniel

Condos and apartment complexes with vacation rentals, we'd love to put one of our donation bins on your property during high visitation season. We do all the work!! Visitors, if you have leftover food you can't take home with you, please consider donating it to locals in need. To donate directly to these pantries, visit www.vacationdonations.org/food. When possible, Vacation Donations will pick up food at your rental. Founder Diane Daniel is also looking for helpers to help collect food. Hours are minimal and sporadic.

We accept unopened food and beverages, both perishables (fresh) and nonperishables, such as canned and boxed goods. You can also donate open containers of food if they have casings, such as eggs, individually wrapped cheese singles, etc. Donations will go to: Beach Community Food Pantry in IRB, and occasionally Lifeline Ministries at St. Jerome Catholic Church and Christ the King Lutheran Ministries in Largo. For pickup, bin signup or volunteering, call or text Diane at (727) 201-2333 or email VacationDonations@gmail.com.



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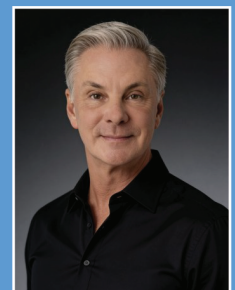
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