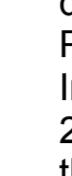
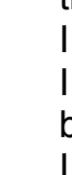
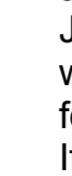


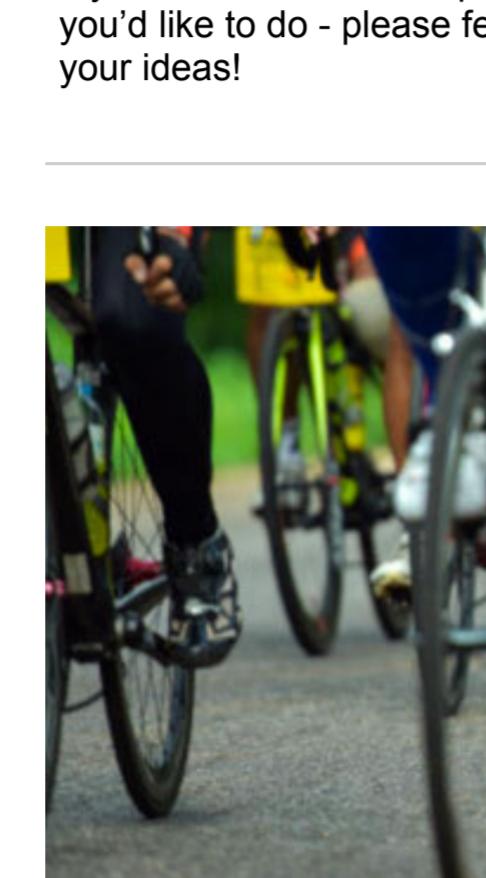
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 **Meet our Board of Directors**

Margaret Joffe
Director at Large
St. Petersburg Bicycle Club

I'm a late comer to cycling. My husband David and daughter Julia have been riding for quite a few years, I started after surgery in 2014. My first bike was a beach cruiser (Barbie Pink!). Then I moved up to a Felt hybrid. In 2017, I tore my meniscus, resulting in knee surgery and then a revision surgery in March 2018. We were scheduled to go to Bike Virginia in June but, with my recovering knee, there was no way I could ride the hills. Dave came to my rescue with an E-assist bike, and I started cycling with the SPBC that June. I try to ride 5-6 days a week with the Club, as well as solo rides. I moved up to an LIV road bike in 2019 and have been trying to wean myself off the E-bike ... Tough going! I love group rides but am frequently dropped (which we can now call "social distancing" – sounds much better!).

I was elected to the board in 2019 and have been a board member at large since. I like organizing social events for the Club. We hosted a Cross Bay Ferry Ride in Bike in January of last year, and Club members demanded a repeat for this year, which took place January 17th. With the help of fellow club members Wendy Menné and Marcia Piacentino, we staged a fun Bicycle Scavenger Hunt in November 2020. Version Two is in the works for February 7th, so mark your calendar!

If you have comments, questions or suggestions for the board - or thoughts about activities you'd like to do - please feel free to grab me after a ride or message me. I'd love to hear your ideas!



Fascinating Bike Facts You May Not Know

by Jim Dodson, The Florida Bike Guy

As I wander down the rabbit hole of the internet, I often come across some incredible facts, stories and ideas. Here are five cycling facts I will bet you didn't know (I sure didn't):

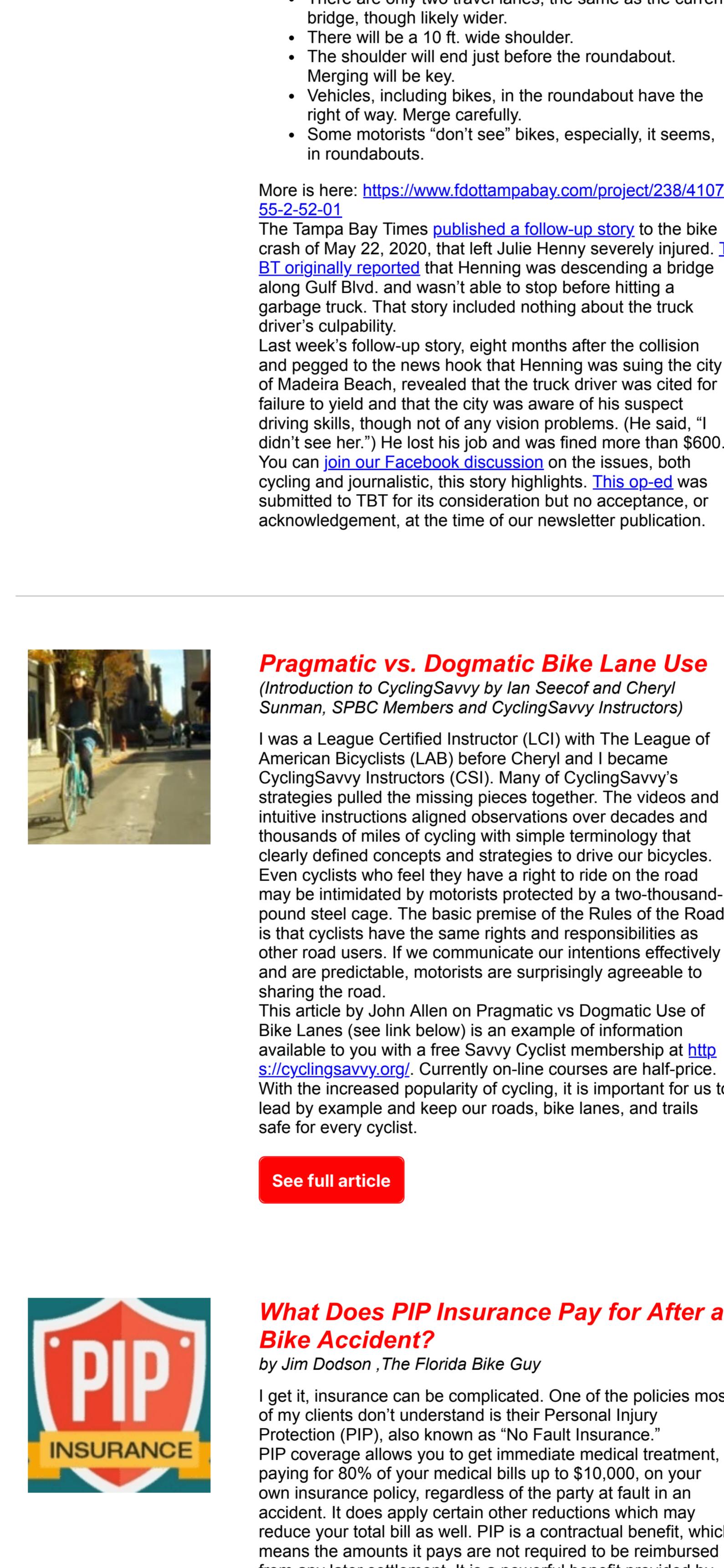
1. Netherlands leads the world in percentage of trips on a bicycle at 30%. For comparison, 5% of all trips in United Kingdom are made with a bicycle and in the US this number is lower than 1% (But we are all working to change that.)
2. Bicycles save over 238 million gallons of fuel every year.
3. The longest tandem bicycle seated 35 people, it was more than 60 feet long.
4. In 2018, American cyclist Denise Mueller-Korenek set a new bicycle speed world record, a staggering 183.9 mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats.
5. Air filled tires were invented for bicycles, not cars. In fact, at the time of the invention in 1880 scientists claimed that a car would never be able to ride on air filled tires!

If you liked these fun facts, find out why bicycling (*not driving*) led to our great county's roads being paved by going [here](#).

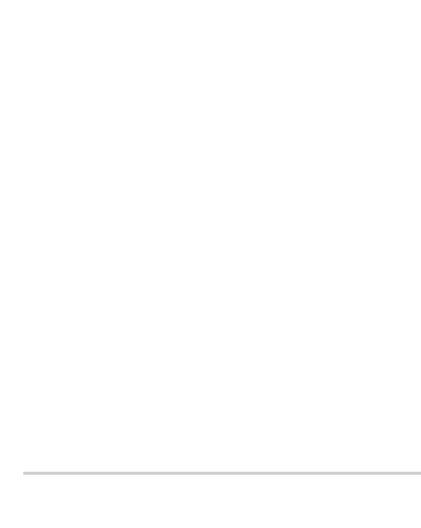
Stay safe out there and I'll talk to you next week!

Second Annual Cross Bay Ferry 'n' Bike Tour

Sunday, January 17, 2021 - A Day of Boating, Bicycling, Bites 'n' Brews



Thanks for a wonderful Sunday in Tampa, Manuel and Matt! A 19-mile tour, including Riverwalk to Armature Works, Hyde Park and Davis Island. Lunch and beers at Sparkman Wharf were the perfect end to the day.



New Bridge at Tierra Verde

by Bob Griendling

For those of you who like to ride to Fort Desoto, the new bridge could be completed this summer. There will be a 12 ft. wide multi-use path on the east side from the Bayway to the flapole at the fort, connecting with the path along the east/west axis of the park. The west side will have a protected sidewalk over the bridge.

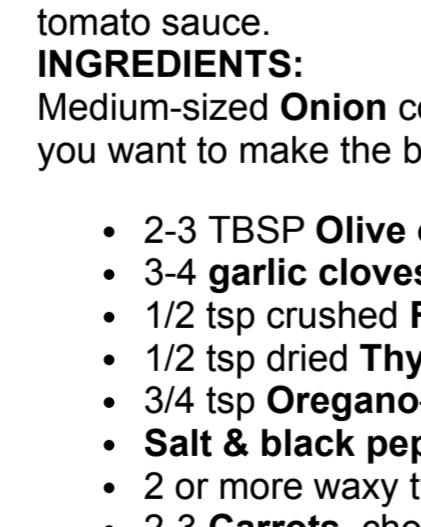
There will be a traffic circle, or roundabout, at the south terminus of the bridge. If you ride the road into the fort, be aware:

- There are only two travel lanes, the same as the current bridge, though likely wider.
- There will be a 10 ft. wide shoulder.
- The shoulder will end just before the roundabout.
- Merging will be key.
- Vehicles, including bikes, in the roundabout have the right of way. Merge carefully.
- Some motorists "don't see" bikes, especially, it seems, in roundabouts.

More is here: <https://www.tdtampabay.com/project/238/410755-2-52-01>

The Tampa Bay Times published a follow-up story to the bike crash of May 22, 2020, that left Julie Henney severely injured. [I](#) [BT originally reported](#) that Henney was descending a bridge along Gulf Blvd. and wasn't able to stop before hitting a garbage truck. That story included nothing about the truck driver's culpability.

Last week's follow-up story, eight months after the collision and pegged to the news hook that Henney was suing the city of Madeira Beach, revealed that the truck driver was cited for failure to yield and that the city was aware of his suspect driving skills, though not of any vision problems. (He said, "I didn't see her.") He lost his job and was fined more than \$600. You can [join our Facebook discussion](#) on the issues, both cycling and journalistic, this story highlights. [This op-ed](#) was submitted to TBT for its consideration but no acceptance, or acknowledgement, at the time of our newsletter publication.



Pragmatic vs. Dogmatic Bike Lane Use

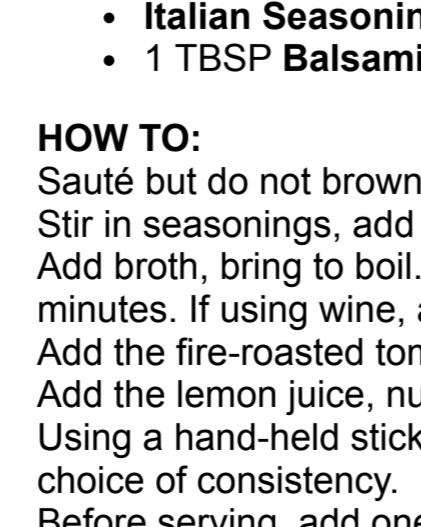
(Introduction to CyclingSavvy by Ian Seeoff and Cheryl Sunman, SPBC Members and CyclingSavvy Instructors)

I was a League Certified Instructor (LCI) with The League of American Bicyclists (LAB) before Cheryl and I became CyclingSavvy Instructors (CSI). Many of CyclingSavvy's strategies pulled the missing pieces together. The video and intuitive instructions aligned observations over decades and thousands of miles of cycling with simple terminology that clearly defined concepts and strategies to drive our bicycles. Even cyclists who feel they have a right to ride on the road may be intimidated by motorists protected by a two-thousand-pound steel cage. The basic premise of the Rules of the Road is that cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other road users. If we communicate our intentions effectively and are predictable, motorists are surprisingly agreeable to sharing the road.

This article by John Allen on Pragmatic vs Dogmatic Use of Bike Lanes (see link below) is an example of information available to you with a free Savvy Cyclist membership at <http://s/cyclingsavvy.org/>. Currently on-line courses are half-price.

With the increased popularity of cycling, it is important for us to lead by example and keep our roads, bike lanes, and trails safe for every cyclist.

[See full article](#)



What Does PIP Insurance Pay for After a Crash?

by Jim Dodson, The Florida Bike Guy

I get my clients don't understand complicated. One of the policies most PIP coverage allows you to get "No Fault Insurance."

paying for 80% of policy, regardless of up to \$10,000, on your accident. It does apply certain other reductions which may reduce your actual settlement. It is PIP is not a contractual benefit provided by your auto policy.

Florida has a minimum of \$10,000 in any insurance coverage in a

Florida car accident. If you don't know what treatment for your injury is covered, or who goes to treat you, see a health care provider on the scene, an ER doctor, or a crash, an orthopedic or a medical physician. It is

make sure you preserve your rights after an injury crash to make sure you're covered by your rights under PIP.

Most important, if you're hit by a motor vehicle, will cover

Some PIP plans may have a deductible, so as always, if you would like to know more, please call on this link and review your current policy.

Stay safe out there and I'll talk to you next week!

What is the Ride of Silence?

by Jim Dodson, The Florida Bike Guy

The Ride of Silence is a free, ride, hosted by city officials worldwide.

cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways. The ride is to honor those who plan to participate that year. Injured we are looking to

the route and those who are

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