

Stop The Turnpike Extension Don't Pause It!



By TomL
Turnpike Extension Authority has paused because of the pressure put on by the Florida people during an election year. The Turnpike extension is on pause only. That means they will be back. It will not be over until the Turnpike Authority Extension is disbanded. The North Central Florida land owners should not have go through this every few years. Some people sold their homes because of the stress involved in the battle. I say to Governor DeSantis please disband the Turnpike Authority Enterprise and see that those people have a job with DOT. As I see it the Turnpike is finished other than just maintenance and so should the Turnpike Authority, turn it over to DOT. The Turnpike management group ran out of project and need to prove value to their existence. So they come and take our Farm Land , Ranch Land, our residential lot's., You know kind of like what the Chinese are doing buying up our lands. Stop China from buying our land and stop the Turnpike Authority Enterprise from taking our land. The people have spoken. Disband the Turnpike Authority! Save the tax payer money.

From Florida Wildlife Federation Toll Road Hits the road

Dear Thomas,

Thanks to you and all the conservation advocates on the ground, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announced a pause to the Northern Turnpike Extension. Today, FDOT stated there are 'no viable proposed corridors.'

In 2021, we collectively killed the Southwest corridor which could have led to the end of the Florida panther. FWF, alongside the No Roads to Ruin coalition, continues to support grassroots opposition of the remaining toll road alignments. The toll roads pose a grave threat to our rural lifestyles, our Florida springs and the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

FWF continues to work with our coalition partners, community advocates and you to turn this pause into a permanent 'No Build' decision.

Many thanks to all who continue to fight back against the misguided toll roads.

Thank you!

Publishers Note: Let me warn you this is just a pause. Until they disband the Turnpike Authority Enterprise, there will be no peace! The Turnpike management group was started to build a Toll road from south Florida to Central Florida. Town's popped up on both side and so did crime. A criminal could committee a crime hit I-75 or the turnpike and be in another county in minutes. A lot of trafficking happens on these roads.

The money we pay to use this Turnpike is being used to support the Turnpike Authority. It should come under the DOT and that title Turnpike Authority should disappear. It's also costing the tax payers a lot of money.

Many thanks to Florida Wildlife Federation for acknowledging our efforts.
TomL

They are Listening But Are They Reacting?

By TomL

My phone rang at 6:45 pm one evening. I don't normally answer it if I don't recognize the number. I answered it. To my surprise it was the Governors office. One of his top four aids.

First let me explain, several days before I received a list from the Governors DeSantis press department listing the candidates he was endorsing, I thought Kat Cammack is

not on that list, so I sent an email asking why because she is one of our rising stars. she is kicking butt and taking names. She is standing up for the American people especially in the North Central Florida area. That is what the phone call was all about.

Governor DeSantis top aid was calling me, WOW.

The representative of the Governor said I want to assure you that Kat Cammack is

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Meet the Navettas



By TomL

Most people in Marion County already know Nick as a financial advisor. I found his background interesting, he has an extensive military career so I started asking Nick some questions. He agreed to a bio on what he is doing today and a little about his military career. Here is what we came up with.

Colonel Nick Navetta served thirty years in the U.S. Army, with his last duty position as the J7 Training Division Chief for U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). He is branch qualified in Field Artillery; Military Police; and Civil Affairs and is a Veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia; Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Operation Enduring Freedom. Nick has commanded several units and has served in a variety of key staff positions. His awards include The Army Achievement and Army Commendation Medals; The Meritorious Service Medal; The Bronze Star Medal; and The Legion of Merit Medal.

Colonel Navetta was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant upon completing four years of ROTC at The University of Florida. He commanded an 8-Inch , Self-Propelled Howitzer Battery (nuclear capable); a Field Artillery Service Battery; and a Combat Military Police Battalion (with 859 Soldiers assigned) in Kuwait/Iraq. He served as Airfield Commander for Wright Army

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What does it mean to live in a great community? I think all of us could answer this question with some similarities but also with some differences. For many, access to good schools and institutions of higher

learning would be paramount. For others, a broad and diverse economy that provides opportunities for job growth and competitive wages. No doubt for some recreational activities and entertainment would be the hallmark of a great community. Housing choices, restaurants, the arts, etc. would all be components of most lists of what makes a great community. One item that would surely make every list is innovative, comprehensive healthcare. While I would argue (who would be surprised) that Ocala meets the mark on all of these aforementioned items, it is perhaps on this last one on which it excels.

We have an incredible healthcare community in the Ocala Metro. The continual investment by HCA Florida and AdventHealth in their hospitals here is truly amazing. HCA Florida has been investing something like \$200,000 a day, every day for more than five years in growing and expanding their facilities and services at HCA Ocala and HCA West Marion. That equates to more than \$365 million! AdventHealth is aggressively investing in their facilities with the new Belleview ER and the soon to be completed Heath Brook Care Pavilion. Encompass Health has

expanded their hospital several times since it opened 10 years ago and UF Health will soon begin construction on a new "neighborhood" hospital at US 27 and I-75 next to the Ocala-Marion County Commerce Park. We often joke at the CEP that every month we are doing either a ground-breaking or a ribbon cutting for one of our primary healthcare partners!

But this incredible growth is not limited to the hospitals. Drive around our community and you will immediately begin to notice the investment being made by new and expanding physician groups with new offices and support facilities. The medical professionals in our community are not only neighbors, but they are world-class providers of care.

The College of Central Florida will break

ground in the not distant future on a new state-of-the-art Health Sciences Center. This facility will not only increase their capacity to train new nurses but to expand into other allied health occupations. Rasmussen University-Ocala has the largest nursing program in their system and Marion Technical College trains an array of future healthcare related professionals.

Most importantly, healthcare in our community has matured to the point that besides transplant services or experimental services, the care you need can be obtained here at advanced facilities providing leading-edge care. More personally, as a husband, father, and now grandfather, knowing that those I love can receive vital care without ever leaving our home is beyond important. To me, this fact is what truly makes our community great.

Nick Navetta

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Airfield in Georgia; J5 Plans Officer at U.S. Southern Command in Miami; Liaison Officer to the Serbian Army for the NATO Joint Military Commission in Bosnia; Deputy Provost Marshal for the Theater Support Command in Kuwait/Iraq (with over 20,000 Troops assigned); Civil Affairs Government Team Chief, U.S. Army Special Operations Command in Pensacola; and Senior Liaison Officer for Multi-National Corps-Iraq in Baghdad. Upon completing his final tour of duty at USSOCOM, Colonel Navetta became a Program Manager for large Department of Defense Contractors and also served on staff/faculty at Joint Special Operations University at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

On a local level, Nick presently serves as Vice President of the Military Officers Association of America local chapter and is the former Vice Chairman of Marion Military Academy --- the only Charter High School in Marion County over a 12-year period. He is an active member and supporter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Veterans Council, and the Friends of Marion County veterans Park Foundation. He works closely with all Junior ROTC units at Marion County High Schools, acts as a Military Liaison to West Point Military Academy, and assists local recruiters in increasing their ranks.

Nick and his wife, Diana, have called Ocala/Dunnellon area their home since 1974. All of their children went on to successful careers after graduating from universities and they have blessed their parents with four Grand babies, so far. Nick serves on a variety of local Boards here in Marion county and looks forward to giving back to the Community.

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Dear Friends,
Thank you to all of the wonderful Floridians who showed up to vote in the August 23 primaries. It is very encouraging to see so many people participating in this

responsibility we have to elect our leaders who will represent us at all levels of government. Our great republic stands as the envy of nations because of the form of government that we have. Our leaders are answerable directly to the people who elect them and in no place else in the world is a collective voice stronger than that of the American voters. As Floridians, we are even more blessed. As these last few years have shown, we are the envy of the rest of America! People continue to flock to this state because we have chosen freedom over tyranny and faith over fear. Since the COVID crises first began, Florida has stood its ground against those who called for mass lockdowns, forced masking, forced vaccinations etc. We have flourished economically and we have our state in a sound financial position. We continue the battle against "wokeism" and against those that hate America and would seek to destroy



us. We fight for parental rights and we fight for families who do not want to send their child to a school that just wants to indoctrinate them. Without the republican leadership that you have elected, our state would look dramatically different. With primaries over, and the general election approaching quickly, now is the time for you to get involved and work to protect the republican majority in Florida. If your preferred candidate did not win the primary, now is not the time for spite or inaction. The Governor needs your vote. Your House and Senate candidates need your vote. Constitutional officers. School Board members. County Commission. All of these races will affect how this state will look for the next decade and beyond. Do your research, talk to the candidates directly, and most importantly, get involved in helping someone win their race. Donating money and volunteering what little time you may have can make all the difference. "Nothing significant is ever done alone, but one person can make a big difference". You can make that difference for you, your family, and future generations to come.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley

Are They Reacting?

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being endorsed by Governor DeSantis. I said endorsing her means having her name on that list. I explained to the aid that I am running the Governors press releases to the tune of a half page almost every month in all four of my newspapers.

I also mentioned the Marion County REC Chair Brigitte Smith pulling the Republican's party back together in Marion

County. Brigitte and her team are doing a good job.

I was elated that I would get a call from the Governors office. That is a big deal to me, I extended an invitation to call me next time they were in the area for a quite cup coffee at a place of their choosing! WOW would that be great to be recognized.

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LATE BREAKING, I received a notorious letter calling myself and others in this newspaper nasty name. I will not print so this Trash for this Democrat he won't get my recognition. We are

looking for well written letters that have some positive suggest. Mr... clean your letter up and I'll print it. You don't have to be nasty to get your point across.

My apologies for the errors my mac is making. It has been changing names on me. It's not funny, your name needs to be right, SORRY!

Try googling how much land and businesses are owned by Chinese company's. They are buying up farms land and large tracts near military installations. Our Government needs to take action. We are loosing farm land all over the United

States. This will cause food shortages.

"Shall the Marion County School District's one mill ad valorem millage be continued, beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2023, for necessary operating expenses including safe schools, reading, physical education, art, music, library/media, and vocational programs; meeting class size requirements; and retaining State Certified teachers and paraprofessionals with oversight of these expenditures by an independent citizens financial oversight committee?"

What is this nonsense about Stressflation. Your driving my spell check crazy with these new words. If it means you are in stress I agree but so is everyone else. Get in line to get a anti stress pill or figure out how to relieve your stress. We are the greatest Country in the World act like it! We should be the proudest People on earth. I guess several other countries are going to learn that the hard way. When China Ch

threatened Biden with dying by fire, Biden should have said "you and all of your people will die the same way." The Chinese people don't want to get into a nuclear war. If there is an uprising he will lose face. He is suppose to be a great leader. I think the Russian people would have do better without Putin. Chi is up for review, maybe they will replace him.

Illegal's are on the rise. I don't know how it could get any worse. An army has come across our border. I think that is what the Left want's, disarray, chaos, they want to break the bank so the only way out is thru socialism. I remember my mother-in-law

saying I was never so broke than I was when I came to America. Her father came to America and the wife and children stayed back in Czechoslovakia with family. There father got a job with the B&O railroad, made some money and sent for his family. The children had limited education. Their father worked for the Rail Road wear he fell into a rail car and had internal injury's and he died. That left the mother and four siblings. Her mother took in laundry, scrub floors, did some needle work, anything to buy food for her family. I'm not sure where they stayed at night but I remember her saying there was not heat, this was in Ohio. The kids would walk the railroad track to and from school

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Moody, Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, members of the Florida Legislature, and employees of local governments that have enacted vaccine mandates. "Our first responders are heroes, running toward danger and risking their lives to save others'. Their selfless service ensures our communities' safety but requiring vaccinations or forcing our first responders out of their jobs does the exact opposite of protecting our citizens; instead, it disregards the very sacrifices these heroes make every single day," said Congresswoman Cammack. "I'm proud to stand beside Governor DeSantis, AG Moody, CFO Patronis, and other local leaders in standing up to these unconstitutional, tyrannical government

mandates. We will keep fighting to ensure every Floridian has the right to their own health decisions." "What we are seeing out of Washington, D.C. and local governments like the City of Gainesville and Orange County should alarm Floridians, and raises important questions...[t]his is political, it's about using government power to control," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "We're going to protect these jobs, we're going to protect livelihoods, and we're going to protect families, These big government mandates strip away people's rights to make the best decisions for themselves, but we are going to protect Floridians from federal and local government overreach." Congresswoman Cammack thanks those on the front lines who have continued to answer the call of public service and has vowed to use her authority as a member of Congress to ensure that localities infringing upon an individual's personal medical choices do not receive federal funds.

Rep. Cammack Joins Reps. Hartzler, Mann, Colleagues In Pushing Back On The EPA's New Atrazine Requirements

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) joined Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO-04) and Rep. Tracy Mann (R-KS-01) in pushing back on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent proposed revisions to the interim decision for atrazine, a critical crop protection tool.

Atrazine is an herbicide used to protect corn, sorghum, sugarcane, and a variety of other crops from damaging weeds. For nearly 60 years, atrazine has been a reliable and proven herbicide for effective and efficient sustainable farming practices.

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and pickup coal that fell off rail road cars for heat. They were run off by the locals who also walked the tracks. You see they were not exactly welcome by all. They were on the edge of starvation, but never begging. They wore clothes given to them as hand me downs. In the end the children got big enough to work and they got jobs and helped the family. So immigration back 100 years ago was not what it is today. The only thing you got was opportunity. Today we give them lodging, money, food, American Citizens jobs and etc.

Oppressed Countries: When I was a teenager I got into a oratorical contest and won many competitions. I wound up going to Cuba to compete while Batista was in rule. You talk about Oppressed, some how they all managed to have food. Some were rich and some were extremely poor, there did not seem to be any middle class. When Castro took over a year later it got worse.

I met a young cuban guy looking for a job. His father had gotten him out of Cuba because he was fifteen and they want to take him into the army. He got here on a work visa. I gave him a job, after a while he wanted to complete school so I gave him a shift at the newspaper where I worked that would allow him school schedule. He finished first on the Dean list at our local community college with a degree. I signed for him to become a citizen and he was approved. He is now traveling our country testing radiation level for Nuclear power plants, making a good living and paying taxes as a American citizen.

Ocala, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health in Marion County emphasizes the importance of Florida's residents and visitors protecting themselves against mosquito-borne diseases after a horse in Marion County tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. The public should remain diligent in preventative measures like "Drain and Cover." Empty standing water.

Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — Republican voters have nominated 87 candidates who have a role in the election certification process. This includes candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

Of those 87 individuals that Republican voters have put forward as their candidate versus Democrats in the fall election, 54 say they reject the 2020 election results, the Post reported.

Bottom line is I try to help where I can, some times it gets me into trouble and Lawyer call me and tell me all the things that is going to happen. I love what I am doing so go ahead. I'm not going to sit and wait for my time to end, I am going to do as much good as I can until then.

The left have taken the word inflation and loaded it on a rocket that is going to the moon. I was getting high regards of Joe Manchin but he double back on me. Just like a dem.

A Federal Judge In Tennessee Blocks Biden's Policy On Transgender Bathrooms And Women's Sports Teams.

of Michigan, became the latest candidate to sign the FAIRtax Pledge.

Scandal Looming

On September 13, 2021, Drs. Gruber and Krause were among a group of doctors that resigned who agreed that, "Available evidence doesn't yet indicate a need for COVID-19 vaccine booster shots among the general population..."

The test numbers they had was grossly insufficient. Obviously, we have looked at the data and have serious concerns.

Ms. Grady's emails have been missing for almost a year in violation of FOIA law. This look's like a cover-up. The unlawful cover-ups of Fauci family government records strongly suggest that there is something to hide.

For over a 10-year period, Fauci and others at NIH received more link to \$350 million in confidential "royalty" payments from drug companies.

Fauci agency grant tied to the Chinese Wuhan Institute of Virology and gain of function research were under FBI investigation, yet they continue on insisting on giving more vaccines. FOLLOW THE MONEY!

What do you think? Could a booster shot give you COVID? How many times can you body take booster shots? tloury@att.net

Protecting Weeki Wachee River

Florida Springs are the natural wonders that flow through Florida. They are home to mullet, manatees and even mermaids.

Florida has the largest concentration of springs in the world. There are more than 200 springs within the District. Over time, these natural treasures have become threatened by human activities, climate change and other factors. It will take time to restore our springs, but there are steps we can all take to help.

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor

In November, voters in Marion County will have to vote to keep teachers already employed. It also threatens to remove music and art classes as part of the curriculum in Marion County Schools. The schools barely educate children, reducing history content, math, science and literature/english. The children aren't required to learn cursive writing or show work to math equations.

If they take the Arts and music from schools, children will not have opportunities to develop natural talents or have guidance for future development.

It seems school boards find every opportunity to NOT help children by exposing and development children to the

Arts.

Hope you can get something to let people vote to keep these teachers and classes for children to learn.

Concerned reader!

Publishers note: I agree! I would take it further expand shop classes and FFA. I recently watch Real Estate program about selling homes over a million dollars. A farmer and his wife. Bought a farm, he farmed and his wife turn the old farm house into a restaurant. Good home cooking she learned in school! They bought a second home for a million and a half. My wife and I met in school band. It has enriched our lives. TomL

Was this an Accident?

From the net...

In mid-February, a large fire broke out on the cargo ship Felicity Ace, which transported thousands of cars to the United States - including an unknown number of electric cars that are believed to have made the situation worse.

The ship was transporting around 4,000 cars between Germany and the United States.

An increasing use of Lithium ion batteries leads to an increased risk for fire. In a report made by the European Union, scientists conclude that a lithium-ion battery fire on board of a ship can be more deadly than a sinking ship. This is because a lithium-ion battery fire is one of the most dangerous and difficult fires to control and extinguish.

The extraction process of lithium is very harmful to the environment. However, lithium batteries directly do not cause damage to the environment. But when it is dumped in the environment it will be an environmental issue.

Battery Composition and Material:

The cells, that hold the active elements, the battery management system, and the pack, which would be the framework in

which the cells are placed, are the three primary components of a lithium-ion battery.

Aluminum is vital for the pack component (because of its small weight), but it is also a very energy-intensive element, accounting for 17% of the whole battery's carbon footprint.

Mining of Materials of Lithium Battery:

The cells account for the vast bulk of the energy and carbon footprint associated with lithium battery manufacture.

Particularly, mining, conversion, and refining of the active ingredients of cells where Nickel, Manganese, Cobalt (NCM), and lithium are refined into cathode powder account for 40% of the entire climatic effect of the battery.

The Grassroots Corner

August 8, 2022

There's another Congressional candidate who has signed the FAIRtax pledge, and he just won his Republican Primary to take on a well-known Democrat. Steven Elliott, running in the 12th Congressional District

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Weathering A Storm Safely

Weathering A Storm Or Power Outage Safely

(NAPSI)—Having the right outdoor power equipment on hand year-round is important—in more ways than many people realize. That's according to the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), which

advises home and business owners to grow familiar with safe operating procedures and think ahead before foul weather or a power outage disrupts life.

"It's important to be prepared year-round given any season can be storm season. We see more people investing in portable and whole-house generators and having other outdoor power equipment on hand such as chainsaws and water pumps to mitigate any damage from felled trees and water damage and floods," says Kris Kiser, President & CEO of OPEI, an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of outdoor power equipment, small engines, battery power systems, portable generators, utility and personal transport vehicles and golf cars.

He notes that outdoor power equipment is becoming faster, lighter, more efficient and more technologically advanced. "There's a power source for every need including battery/electric, propane, solar and gasoline," he adds, noting each has different maintenance and care requirements. "Always read and follow the manufacturer's manual."

What You May Need

To get ready for inclement weather, identify which equipment is needed. Chainsaws or pole saws can trim limbs and shrubs ahead of a storm and handle clearing. String trimmers, pruners and chainsaws can also remove combustible material from around your home, making it less vulnerable to wildfires.

A portable generator will power key appliances and charge cell phones when utilities go down. A whole house generator can keep the lights and appliances on and running. Before an outage, plan where the generator will be set up (never in a home or garage, and always away from your home and any air intake) and determine how to secure it if needed. Buy and install a carbon monoxide detector, too. Get outdoor-rated extension cords for portable generators and consider adding an approved cover to your generator for rainy weather.

Water pumps can help get water and muck out of basements and other parts of your home. Be sure you know how to operate it. Never pump substances that your equipment

is not designed to cope with. Pay attention to avoid overheating and follow all safety precautions.

A utility type vehicle can transport people and supplies quickly in an emergency. Keep the vehicle stable and drive slowly. Do not turn mid-slope or while on a hill. Consider taking a safety course.

Always read the directions provided by outdoor power equipment manufacturers and be sure to follow all manufacturer's safety and usage recommendations before you need the equipment—don't wait for an emergency. Practice how to operate equipment. Save a digital copy of the owner's manual on your computer if possible, so it can easily be consulted in the future.

Make sure to have the right fuel on hand and charge batteries ahead of an outage. Gasoline-powered equipment uses E10 or less fuel and most manufacturers recommend adding a fuel stabilizer. Fuel that is more than 30 days old may phase separate and cause running problems, so it's important to purchase fuel just ahead of a storm. Store fuel safely and use only an approved fuel container.

One of the most important things operators can do for safety is to pay attention to energy levels and health. Preparation for bad weather, a power outage and storm clean-up can be taxing. Do not operate power equipment when tired or overly fatigued. Drink plenty of water and take regular breaks. Always use safety equipment such as chaps, gloves, eye protection and hearing protection.

Learn More

For further facts and tips, visit www.OPEI.org.

Conversations On E-Cigarettes



Back To School Season Can Present A Time For Smart, Supportive Conversations On E-Cigarettes

(NAPSI)—Back to

School presents parents and students with opportunities to have important discussions about life choices. One thing to connect on before the first bell rings is understanding and avoiding tobacco, including electronic cigarettes.

An increasing number of Florida school-aged children have either used an e-cigarette or know someone who does. While combustible cigarettes are almost entirely gone from our state's schools, e-cigarettes were by far the most-used tobacco product among teens in 2021. In 2021, 18.3% of Florida high school students reported current use of e-cigarettes, a 16.6% increase compared to 2017.

Unsure how to address tobacco with your child? Here are some tips:

1. Study up. Before you have the conversation, spend some time making sure you're aware of the most recent changes. Did you know the minimum smoking age is now 21 across Florida, or that some previously popular brands like JUUL are now less popular among teens and young adults?

2. Start the conversation naturally. Be patient and ready to listen, encourage open dialogue and avoid criticism. For example, if you and your teen see someone using an e-cigarette or you walk by an e-cigarette shop, try asking what they think about it and what they already know and believe.

3. Address the problem straight on. You can educate your kids about the dangers of tobacco use and change their minds. They will listen. Studies show that parents can significantly impact their children's behavior, including whether or not they use tobacco products.

4. Become involved in your kids' lives and social schedules. Young people whose friends use tobacco are more likely to use tobacco themselves, to try to fit in. Meanwhile, kids who do well in school and participate in structured, extracurricular activities are less likely to be susceptible to smoking.

5. Pay close attention to what your children bring home. Some of the most popular e-cigarette devices look like flash drives, pens, and inhalers, which can be easily concealed. Some e-cigarettes require charging, so check what devices are being

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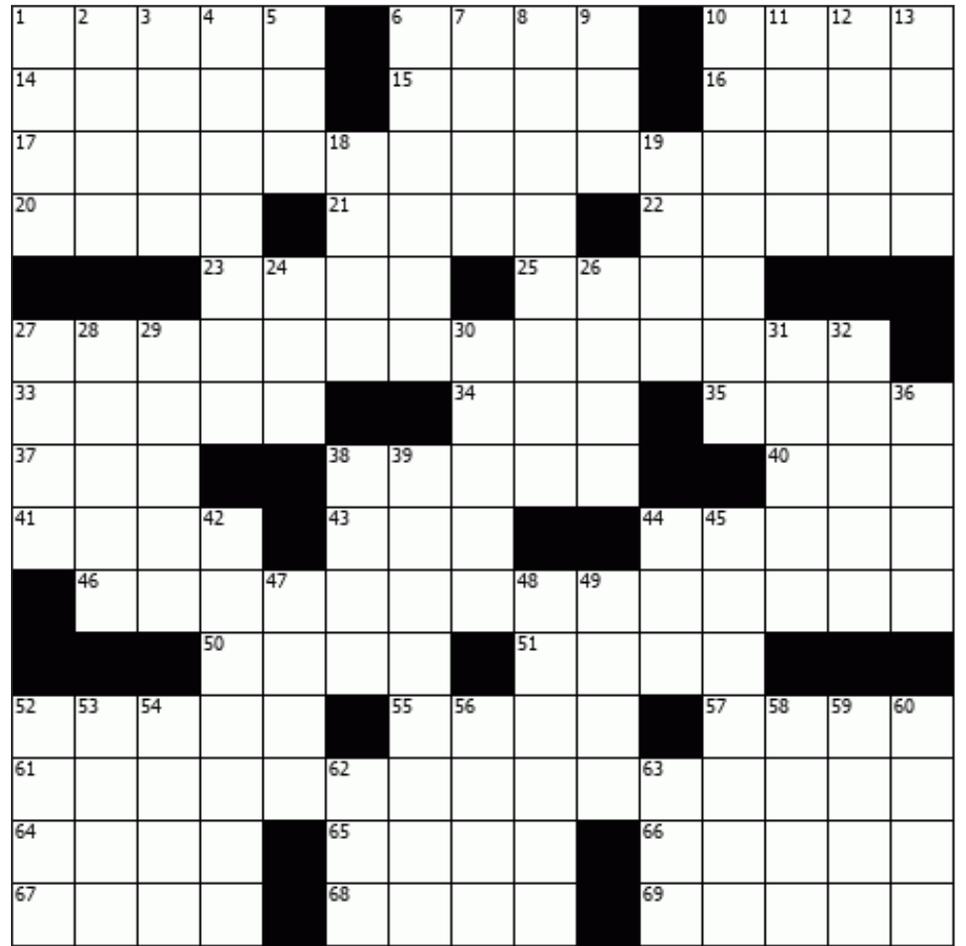
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E-Cigarettes

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 charged or look for unusual plugs. If you don't smell anything, don't assume they aren't using products with nicotine. E-cigarettes typically won't make clothes smell of tobacco.

6. Team up. Ask your healthcare provider or other trusted adults (such as teachers, coaches or counselors) to talk with your child about the risks of e-cigarettes.

To address teen e-cigarette use, Tobacco

Free Florida offers Live Vape Free, a program featuring free tools and resources. Live Vape Free provides teens with text support, interactive content and one-on-one coach support to help them quit e-cigarettes.

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Educates teens on the keys to quitting nicotine.

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Helps teens find their "why" when quitting.

Boosts overall confidence among teens looking to quit.

More information on that program is available at

www.TobaccoFreeFlorida.com/LiveVapeFree or by texting VAPEFREE to 873373.

Additional support, including free Quit Coach support and Web Quit, are also available depending on age.

Of course, in addition to being ready to discuss tobacco with your children, one of the most important things you can do is set the example by not smoking or using tobacco yourself.

Research shows that kids who have a parent

who smokes are more likely to smoke and to be heavier smokers at young ages. But the good news is that when parents quit smoking, their kids become less likely to start. If you're a parent who is ready to quit smoking, Tobacco Free Florida's free tools and services can help. More information is available at www.TobaccoFreeFlorida.com or 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-822-6669).

Parents know this is a time for a lot of conversations that can mean a world of difference to the futures of their children. If you educate yourself, you can be there for your child and make smart decisions for years to come.



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Volunteer: A small number of volunteers have returned to help in various departments. We are accepting volunteer applications but do not yet know when we will schedule orientations for new volunteers. Please contact us for more information about volunteering. We are currently working on a digital orientation.

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Bilbie

Bilbie is a 14 weeks old male brought to the HSMC with her brother Wombat! We believe they could be Xolaitzcuinli, or Xolo, which is Mexican hairless dog breed.



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Attorney General Moody Releases Back to School: Digital Dangers to Help Parents Protect Kids Online

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Attorney General Ashley Moody

today released *Back to School: Digital Dangers* to help parents protect children as another academic year begins. The free resource focuses on dangers students may face while traveling to and from school, as well as threats on social media. *Back to School: Digital Dangers* is designed to help parents start a conversation with students about the dangers of texting while driving, online predators and illicit drugs commonly laced with deadly fentanyl.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "New challenges have emerged in the tech age—including digital drug dealers selling deadly fentanyl over social media, human traffickers who attempt to lure children online, and even texting while driving jeopardizing road safety. As schools start, I am releasing *Back to School: Digital Dangers* to warn parents about these threats and encourage them to talk to their children about how to stay safe."

Back to School: Digital Dangers is free to download and contains important public safety information, such as:

Drugs are much more dangerous due to fentanyl being prevalent in the illicit supply. Just one counterfeit pill laced with the substance is enough to kill;

Criminals lurk on social media to prey on unsuspecting children;

Never use mobile devices while operating a vehicle and other safe driving habits; and

Additional resources and tips for parents to help further educate their children about online safety.

To view *Back to School: Digital Dangers*, go to

<http://www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases/>.

The quick-reference brochure also provides information on other resources from Attorney General Moody about the dangers of fentanyl, synthetic opioids and the most dangerous time on the road for young drivers:

[Fast Facts on Fentanyl Toolkit](#); [2022 Online Safety Toolkit](#); and [100 Deadliest Days](#).

If criminal activity is suspected, contact local law enforcement immediately by dialing 911 or the direct number to the agency.

Attorney General Moody Secures 25-Year Prison Sentences for Illicit Fentanyl Traffickers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today secured lengthy prison sentences for two illicit fentanyl traffickers. A court found defendants Carlos Alberto Jimenez Rodriguez and Antonio Izquierdo guilty for trafficking fentanyl, a first-degree felony, and conspiracy to traffic in fentanyl, also a first-degree felony. Today, following

arguments by Attorney General Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution, Ninth Judicial Circuit Judge Keith Carsten sentenced Rodriguez and Izquierdo to 25-year prison sentences each.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "If you traffic fentanyl in Florida, you will go to prison for a long time. This synthetic opioid is killing tens of thousands of people across our nation every year, and here in Florida, we will prosecute anyone caught trafficking this deadly substance in our state to the fullest extent of the law. I am proud of my prosecutors for ensuring the traffickers in this case will be locked away for a very long time."

According to a law enforcement investigation, a tip provided an undercover officer with a lead on a drug dealer named Carlito. After further investigation, the officer identified Carlito as Rodriguez. Rodriguez sold heroin to the undercover officer and eventually introduced the officer to the supplier, as well as to another fentanyl dealer, Izquierdo. The undercover officer conducted other interactions with Rodriguez and Izquierdo to gather enough evidence to present a thorough case in court. Rodriguez and Izquierdo both sold and delivered more than 28 grams of fentanyl.

Assistant Statewide Prosecutor David Gillespie prosecuted this case, and the Honorable Keith Carsten of the Ninth Judicial Circuit sentenced each of the defendants to 25-year prison sentences.

Attorney General Moody Leads Multistate Effort Against Unlawful Mask Mandate

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is leading a 23-state coalition in filing a brief in support of the plaintiff in *Health Freedom Defense Fund*

Inc. vs. Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States. Attorney General Moody argues that the district court correctly vacated the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's interstate travel mask mandate in this case. President Joe Biden's CDC order exceeds its authority and infringes on each state's ability to enact its own public health rules.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "The American people and our courts have rejected the federal government's unlawful mask mandate for air travel. It's astonishing that Biden continues to fight to force passengers to wear masks on airplanes. We are once again pushing back, in court, against his unlawful federal overreach."

In a brief filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, the attorneys general argue that the CDC's unlawful mandate exceeds the agency's authority in several ways. First, the CDC grounds its authority to issue a mask mandate in its power to require "sanitation" measures under 42 U.S.C. § 264(a). That authority cannot support the mandate. Additionally, according to the statute, CDC cannot demand that domestic travelers be examined without evidence that they are carrying disease—but that is what this mandate requires, a visual inspection of every traveler without any individualized suspicion.

The brief also argues that the mandate is invalid because it failed to go through notice and comment procedures. The CDC rule is arbitrary and capricious, with numerous exceptions that the agency did not explain or justify. Beyond that, the rule violates the agency's own regulations. The brief states: "CDC regulations say that it cannot act unless it finds local measures inadequate."

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Governor DeSantis Announces the Arrest of 20 Elections Criminals

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LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that following investigations by the Florida Office of Election Crimes and Security and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), 20 individuals are being arrested by FDLE for breaking Florida's elections laws. All 20 of these individuals were disqualified from voting after they were convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense, but they chose to vote anyway, and now they have all been charged with voter fraud — a third-degree felony punishable by up to a \$5,000 fine and up to 5 years in prison.

Additionally, Governor DeSantis directed the Department of State to communicate to county Supervisors of Elections with instructions on records they must preserve until additional reviews and investigations are complete.

"In 2020, Florida ran an efficient, transparent election that avoided the major problems we saw in other states. At the same time, the election was not perfect, which is why we continue our efforts to ensure the integrity of our elections," said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. "Our new election crimes office has sprung into action to hold individuals accountable for voter fraud. Today's actions send a clear signal to those

who are thinking about ballot harvesting or fraudulently voting. If you commit an elections crime, you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"As elected leaders, it is incumbent on us to ensure free and fair elections and instill confidence in the voting process," said **Attorney General Ashley Moody**. "No voting system can stand without the backing and confidence of the people it serves, and thanks to Governor DeSantis, we are reinforcing that trust, and Florida's elections system will serve as the standard-bearer for the rest of the nation."

"I am grateful to Governor DeSantis for establishing the Office of Election Crimes and Security, and we are off to a great start at eliminating election fraud in our elections," said **Secretary of State and Chief Election Officer Cord Byrd**. "These arrests put those who have no regard for the integrity our elections on notice and will ensure integrity in the voting process."

"Today is about our honest, hardworking and law-abiding Floridians," said **FDLE Acting Commissioner Mark Glass**. "In Florida, your vote matters. To that end, we will do everything in our power to ensure those who cannot legally vote never cast a ballot."

"I'm glad to be a part of a team that is working hard to secure our elections," said **Director of the Office of Election Crimes and Security Peter Antonacci**. "Our team of highly skilled investigators will conduct a thorough investigation, and if any evidence of election crime is found, there will be criminal sanctions."

Governor Ron DeSantis Suspends

State Attorney Andrew Warren for Refusing to Enforce Florida Law

Governor DeSantis appoints current Hillsborough County Judge Susan Lopez to serve as Acting State Attorney of the 13th Judicial Circuit

TAMPA, Fla.— Today, Governor Ron DeSantis suspended State Attorney Andrew Warren of the 13th Judicial Circuit due to neglect of duty. The Governor has the authority to suspend a state officer under Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Florida. The Governor has appointed Susan Lopez to serve as State Attorney for the period of suspension. She has most recently been serving as a Judge on the Hillsborough County Court.

"State Attorneys have a duty to prosecute crimes as defined in Florida law, not to pick and choose which laws to enforce based on his personal agenda," said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. "It is my duty to hold Florida's elected officials to the highest standards for the people of Florida. I have the utmost trust that Judge Susan Lopez will lead the office through this transition and faithfully uphold the rule of law."

"I have the utmost respect for our state laws and I understand the important role that the State Attorney plays in ensuring the safety of our community and the enforcement of our laws," said **Susan Lopez, State Attorney of the 13th Judicial Circuit**. "I want to thank the Governor for placing his trust in me, and I promise that I will faithfully execute the duties of this office."

The Governor has the authority under the Florida Constitution to suspend state officials for reasons of misfeasance, malfeasance, neglect of duty, drunkenness, incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or commission of a felony. The Governor has further authority

to fill that office by appointment for the duration of the suspension.

Susan Lopez was appointed by Governor DeSantis to serve as a judge on the Hillsborough County Court in 2021. She previously served as Assistant State Attorney of the 13th Judicial Circuit for more than 15 years and as Staff Attorney of the Second District Court of Appeal. She received her bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and her law degree from Suffolk University. She is a long-time resident of Tampa and has been involved in the Hillsborough community through a variety of organizations for many years.



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proposed revisions to the previous atrazine decision that included new labeling and mitigation requirements. The EPA decided to reduce the aquatic ecosystem CE-LOC from 15 parts per billion (ppb) to 3.4 ppb, a decision based on invalid studies and questionable conclusions. This change contradicts previous scientific evidence and will have widespread impacts on the use and effectiveness for atrazine. In addition, the EPA proposed an unworkable list of mitigation measures that producers would be required to implement when using atrazine.

America's producers rely on crop protection tools such as atrazine to help them provide the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food, fiber, and fuel supply in the world.

"I'm proud to join my colleagues in this critical effort to address the EPA's overreach on this matter," **said Rep. Cammack**. "As the only Florida Republican on the House Agriculture Committee, I know how badly our farmers are hurting right now while facing labor shortages, rising fertilizer prices, inflation, and more. Restricting the use of atrazine—a trusted and proven herbicide—will only exacerbate the current state of the agricultural economy by placing more red tape and marking it harder for our growers to produce these essential crops."

"We are alarmed by the agency's departure from sound science by changing the concentration equivalent level of concern, and also with the mitigation measures in the proposed revisions," **the members wrote**. "We know that the EPA

asked the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to consult on a proposed 'picklist' of mitigation measures a producer would be required to implement when using atrazine; however, it is abundantly clear that the EPA did not incorporate any of USDA's feedback in these revisions."

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Rep. Cammack Joins Reps. Rutherford, Murphy In Letter To NOAA Administrator Calling For More Data Amid Consideration Of Red Snapper Fishery Closures

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) joined Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL-04) and Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL-07) in sending a bipartisan, bicameral letter to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator Richard Spinrad, calling for him to suspend further consideration of area closures in the South Atlantic until data from the ongoing South Atlantic Great Red Snapper Count can be integrated into management decisions.

Over the last 10 years, fishery managers have been successfully working to rebuild the red snapper stock in the South Atlantic. However, as the stock recovers, more fish are being caught and thrown back. Due to a lack of good independent data, South Atlantic red snapper seasons continue to be extremely limited, with only a two-day recreational season this year. To fill the gaps, Congress has appropriated \$5.1 million over the last three years to do the South Atlantic

Great Red Snapper Count, which will provide better data on total abundance, genomics, and mortality data.

"Fishing greatly impacts the Florida aquaculture industry and plays a vital role in our state's economy," **said Rep. Cammack**. "NOAA's area closures in the South Atlantic have severely limited red snapper seasons, undermining the great work of our state's fishery managers in having rebuilt the red snapper stock over the last ten years. As the only Florida Republican on the House Agriculture Committee, I'm proud to support this bill and the anglers of our state who are suffering from these unreasonable restrictions."

"As an outdoorsman and proud angler, I understand the importance of strong, sustainable fisheries to our state and local economy," **said Rep. Rutherford**. "While the two-day season this year was unacceptably short, full closures would destroy the livelihoods of many and decimate our local fishing economy. To make these sweeping management decisions without considering the independent data that is on the way would be irresponsible."

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But here, CDC never even studied local measures, much less developed a method to determine whether those measures are adequate."

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