

# Florida Turnpike Extension Sixty Nine Year Old Project Finished?



The Florida State Turnpike Authority was authorized by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Dan McCarty as the Turnpike Authority Act on June 11, 1953. The

Authority was reorganized and incorporated into the newly formed Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in July 1969.

In 1953, Costar led a lobbying group that resulted in the state legislature creating the "Florida Turnpike Act", which Governor Dan McCarty signed into law on July 11, 1953.

A History of Providing Safe and Convenient Transportation. Construction on Florida's Turnpike began in the mid-1950s, and the first 110-mile stretch was completed in 1957.

As I understand the turnpike extends 264.666 miles. When the Turnpike lobbying was going Florida Residents were promised all kinds of things it would only be a toll road to pay for the construction of and so and so forth. Some of the problems did not come up till a little later.

The Turnpike cut off the water flow from

east to west, Cypress heads (trees) were drying up and it was having effect on the everglades and the Lake Okachobee area. Today we have Red Tides in the western side of the state, some say it is cause by construction. I think the turnpike had a lot to do with because of the water flow.

My problem with it is I'm seeing long time Floridian stressing out over this extension. It keeps showing up and I think it's because we created this powerful money making Organization and it need projects to prove it's existense. So they come to central and north central florida and want to take our land or run thru it. Some of the corridors were dangerously close to our rivers. Why you ask? Follow the money, it's because it's the most valuable land we have and someone wants it.

For example people who found their little bit of heaven on the river had to move because of the Barge canal and when it was not used for what it taken away for they did not get their land back. It was turned into a recreational area after ruining those peoples lives.

The turnpike today has construction areas all over it and they are dangerous at night, when wet it's really dangerous. There is predatory auto cost. predatory fast food and etc.

They have just paused the project. They should widen I-75 widen 27 going west and forget the extension. The Turnpike Authority has finished it's project!

## True or False?



By TomL  
From The Internet... How much were we the United States involved in the testing of Coronavirus? The answer is we were up to our necks in the research with U.S.

Tax payers money being spent. Hundreds of thousands of U.S. tax dollars were funneled into the Wuhan Lab in China. The national Institute of Allergy and Infectious Deceases led by Anthony Fauci have given nine grants to EcoHealth Alliance to research coronavirus emergence in bats in China.

It turn out that the Wuhan Lab was not sending the reports that they were suppose to. It still has not been determined if the virus was released or accidentally leaked out on someones clothes or what ever.

So Anthony Fauci was a tool in the research and he made us an ecessary to a tool that killed million. I return the American Tax payer paid millions in tax payer money tholepin the victims that lived. This started during the Obama administration. Obama got nervous about it and told Fauci to shut it down, probably because there were no reports and there were suppose to be. Something happened and I think they went private with it. Fauci is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Chief Medical Advisor to the President. He is paid over \$400,000 per year, more than the president of the United states

I guess it's time to ask who is part of this disaster? Was it on purpose? AND where do we go from here? Our current administration is not addressing it other than locking down businesses and schools which is not the answer. What is your opinion? [tloury@att.net](mailto:tloury@att.net)

# Obituary for R. Ronald Corbett, Ph.D.



August 6, 1938—August 27, 2022

Ron Corbett passed away in his home in Ocala, Florida, surrounded with the love of his brother Ken and his wife of 50 years Sydney. He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith—2 Timothy 4:7-8 sums up Dr. Ron's life. God, Country, Family were the three priorities in his life.

An enthusiastic entrepreneur, Ron had several businesses over the years. In Panama, he had American Supply for 20+ years, offering an unusual combination of restaurant, billiard, wedding, and cake decorating supplies. The motto was *Si Hay—Yes, we have it*. When he "retired" to the United States in 1999, he opened *Yes Solutions*, an ink toner/cartridge and printing business.

His motto for life was "Yes, it can be done." He loved a challenge and loved helping others learn how to meet their challenges. He volunteered with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) for many years in Ocala, sharing his business acumen and expertise with those who were

opening their own new businesses or who needed guidance to help their businesses prosper.

He was a proud Air Force Veteran, having served in Viet Nam as an air-sea rescue paramedic and earning a battlefield commission. He had been a POW until he escaped and helped several others escape also. He was stationed in Panama when he left the Service after 9 years. He stayed in Panama because he met Sydney, who was a teacher in the local high school. They married in 1972 and stayed there until the Carter-Torrijos Treaty closed the American schools and turned the Canal over to Panama in 1999.

While in Panama, Ron served as a Scout leader for the Sea Scouts. He loved sailing and enjoyed sharing his love and ability with the youth. In addition to a love for sailing, he also loved flying. He helped run a small flying school for those seeking their private pilot's license. He was also the "Dad" Advisor for the DeMolay, leading young men to understand responsibility and morally right living.

Also while in Panama, he served on the Presidential Council of Economics as an advisor on international commerce to Presidents Lakas and Royo. This was quite an honor for a "gringo," a testament to his business acumen.

When in his late-50s, he decided he wanted to have a PhD, "just for fun." He achieved that goal in 1996, after applying for an extension due to surgery for a brain tumor. He enjoyed being called "Dr. Ron" or "the Doc" by his friends and colleagues.

He is survived by his wife, Sydney (Townsend) Corbett, his brother Kenneth Corbett living in Utah, and his daughter Virginia (Ginger) Corbett living in Las Vegas.

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The Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership, along with CareerSource and Duke Energy, partnered together to thoroughly examine the underlying reasons for a persistently low labor

force participation rate (LFPR) in Marion County. The three components used to conduct the LFPR analysis consisted of an assessment of local, regional and national data related to workforce, demographics and employment trends; interviews with local employers to examine the actual recruiting and hiring experience; and a large-scale survey of the working-age population.

The CEP and our partners know that by understanding why individuals are not in the workforce, we can better prepare our workforce and increase the overall economic vitality throughout the Ocala Metro.

Younger & Associates of Memphis, TN, conducted interviews with key employers in Marion County who provided a number of valuable insights about the labor market. Among the key findings are a need for bilingual (English/Spanish) workplaces and supervisors are necessary; Westport High School's Logistics & Supply Chain program is providing new entrants into the labor force; and high school career days are effective. CareerSource and CEP are cited as being effective, proactive partners for employers. While the ongoing rapid population growth in Marion County is not accurately reflected in LFPR statistics, the survey found that 57.15% of people not working were seeking employment.

This report offers some options to respond to the difficulties that employers have securing the talent they need for their companies. CareerSource CLM, the CEP, and Duke believe that a key solution is in the development of a talent pipeline that originates in businesses linking with our school system. Developing stronger participation in CareerSource's Youth Career Expos, which create awareness in 8th and 9th graders, as well as experiential learning opportunities for students ages 16 and above are essential. Marion County School System is a vital partner to expanding career awareness and after-school and summer employment.

Based on the recommendation from the report, the CEP is working to help facilitate workgroups to assist employers with the resources to:

- employ more bilingual supervisors
- establish centralized intake for to assist employers with hiring individuals with a criminal record or who have been incarcerated
- seek affordable caregiving options for individuals re-entering the workforce after the pandemic

This is data is so valuable as we work with CareerSource CLM, the school system, College of Central Florida, the Children's Alliance, and others to address issues which are keeping individuals out of the workforce. Now is the time to address these recommendations while our job market continues to be so strong.

For more information on the report or to learn how to get involved in a workgroup, visit <https://ocalacep.com/cep-news/ocala-metro-receives-labor-force-participation-analysis>.

## No-Bake Graham Cracker Squares



### Ingredients

- Cooking spray
- 2 cups coarsely chopped graham crackers (from 8 graham cracker sheets)
- 2 cups uncooked quick-cooking oats
- ¾ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup chopped dry-roasted peanuts
- ¼ cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup packed light brown sugar

- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Lightly coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray. Stir together chopped graham crackers, oats, cranberries, peanuts, coconut, and salt in a large heatproof bowl.

Bring honey and brown sugar to a boil in a small saucepan over medium-high, stirring constantly; remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter and vanilla until smooth. Pour over graham cracker mixture in bowl; stir until coated.

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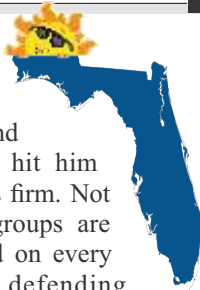
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Dear Friends,  
"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is

DeSantis, he is the man in arena. The daily attacks from left wing media groups and the Democratic Party hit him daily but he still stands firm. Not only that, but those groups are being soundly defeated on every front. Whether it is defending parental rights, securing elections, protecting unborn life, combating critical race theory or banning woke indoctrination in our schools, our Governor and legislative majority are winning big! In the August primary elections, thanks in part to support from Governor DeSantis, Florida voters flipped the Miami-Dade School Board from a 4-1 democrat controlled board, to a 3-2 republican majority. Miami-Dade Schools is now the largest school district in the country with a conservative majority on the school board. Florida's citizens (parents, in particular) are fully engaged in this battle, and hundreds more are joining you and me in that arena with each passing day. That is just one example of many. Races like these serve as a bellwether for how our November elections will go. Every major poll that we have seen shows that we can expect a very big win, not just in Florida, but also across the country.



actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood..." This quote, from President Theodore Roosevelt, was in a speech he gave titled "Citizenship in a Republic" and it is one of my favorites. Given in France after he had left the office of the Presidency, Roosevelt's speech so resonated within the hearts of free loving people that it is still quoted by U.S. Presidents and other world-leaders more than 100 years later. It is a good reminder to me and many others that our freedoms in this country are not kept easily. That the American dream of self-determination and individual responsibility will come at a price. That it is the duty of every citizen of our great republic to be ready to do battle in the arena, to strive valiantly, and not sit idly by while the attacks rain in from those who would seek to do us harm. Enemies, both foreign and domestic.

Our leader in Florida, Governor Ron

Thank you for letting this country

undertaker serve you in the Florida Senate and for allowing me to fight these battles with you and with our Governor. We have known many victories and some defeats over the past few years, but we remain firm in our resolve to never, never, never give up. We press on, in hope and in prayer that our children and grandchildren will have the same America that we were given and that they too will have the opportunity to be "the man in the arena".

Onward & Upward,  
Senator Dennis Baxley

**From the Internet**

During a highly publicized Mexican border visit to address the record-breaking migrant crisis, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas secretly met with influential open border groups including nonprofits funded by leftwing billionaire George Soros and another operated by a former Hillary Clinton and Obama advisor, according to records obtained by Judicial Watch. The Biden administration deployed

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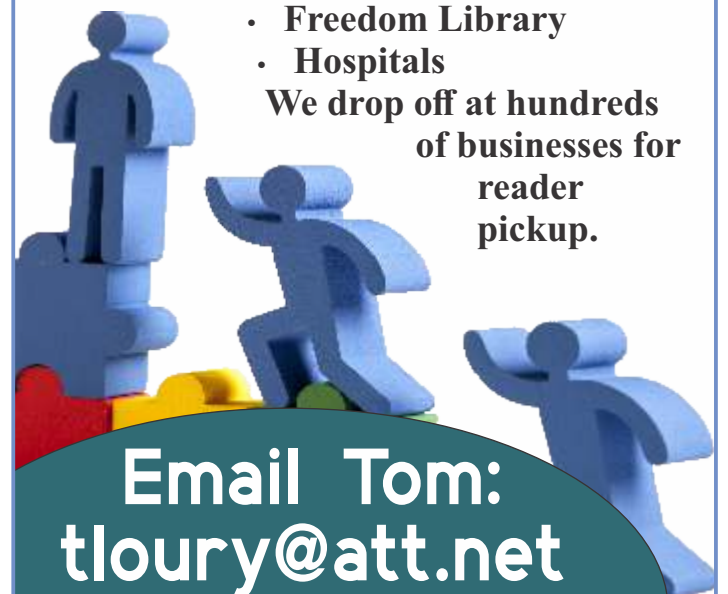
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### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Are you a success? Are you Significant? Which is more important to you. I know we all wish for both.

If you do a good thing for someone and they mention how good that

was and it help them in life. That is Significant! If you are making money and have a number of employees and making a profit. That is success! Even if you have a small business and you and your significant other are happy that is Success! But to be significant you have to go over the edge to see what is on the other side. Helping others is very important. To go back to the roots of society it's Family first, in your heart God and Family are both first. Now it's God / Family/Grocery's/Gas.

I recently got a note from someone saying "Wow" --- "thank you for the great publicity,"Tom!

I appreciate all that you do for our

community! To me that is Significant!

A lot of people are fleeing their state because of the crime, taxes and many other things. Don't vote for what you fled! Vote for who did a good job where you fled to. If you fled to Florida you have agreed that Governor has done a good job.

If you have a problem, don't complain about it fix them!

Show the other person appreciation and give them recognition. It helps them have energy to help more people.

Terrible Headline...Woman mugged in a safe neighborhood. Well I guess it is no longer a safe neighborhood. I don't think there are many safe neighborhoods, look over your shoulder and be cautious, be ready.

Documents that were previous sealed have been release, and top IRS aides admit

that they knew the Tea Party was eligible for tax exemption before Obama reelection in 2012. This proves there was Government misconducted this does serve in the public interest.

I love the way this guy talks! John Kennedy says... "The water is not going to clear up in Washington until we get the pigs out of the Creek and no one is coming to save us but ourselves."

With all of the political candidates being endorsed I thought why not endorse people in business?

I do business with people first and

businesses second. You know how people endorse political Candidates, I want to endorse people who I have done business with and I trust. Trust is a big factor. You can't live without it. I have given it some thought and here are the people who effected my life, that have been trust worthy and always did what they said they would do. I will probably add some more tomorrow but these are the first that come to mind!

Nick Navetta as a financial advisor and as a retired Colonel. Thank for your service.

Christine Calvert as a very good Healthcare specialist and very trust worthy.

Walter Krumm a very generous person Walt's Brake and More.. Loves football and

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motorhome travel.

Connie Pendleton as a Business Broker and a good friend. She travels to the Keys often.

Travis Loury my oldest son for "Loury Land Services" (land clearing / trees / mowing and more.

Justin Loury my youngest son as Realtor/ House restoration.

Clark Yandle as Yandle Building Material and as a friend.

I endorse Kevin Sheilley and the CEP Ocala Chamber Metro.

I endorse Leslie Dicesare and Janet Fraley the Lady Lake Chamber, they are very helpful.

Bob's Coin and Jewelry for buying and selling coins and jewelry.

Trust is important when it has to do with these items Collectibles, Coins and Jewels.

I endorse Florida State Senator Dennis Baxley.

I endorse my Graphics designer Christine Boody, the Best of the Best!

I endorse Select Business Associates a lunch referral group.

I endorse Elaine Maiellaro with Fair Tax and a friend.

More to come next month this is my first draft!

## From Internet

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Mayorkas on the mission in mid-August of last year as part of an ill-fated effort to reassure the nation that the immigration chaos was under control as startling Border Patrol figures revealed that agents shattered a 21-year-old record in July with 212,672 apprehensions, a 13% increase over June.

Mayorkas, shamefully ousted as a Bill Clinton U.S. Attorney after orchestrating the pardon of a big-time drug dealer, put on his game face, met with Border Patrol officials in south Texas, placated and schmoozed local leaders and publicly suggested that the border is under control. In a press conference delivered in Brownsville, Texas the DHS secretary confidently promoted the administration's plan to deal with the crisis, including spending tens of millions of dollars to address the root causes of migration in Central America, an increase in law enforcement operations with our Mexican partners and a vague strengthening of enforcement with additional personnel. Mayorkas also explained that "worsening conditions...including poverty, a rise in violence, and corruption" were responsible for the rise in migrant encounters. He described the situation as a tough and complicated challenge that involves vulnerable people.

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Rep. Cammack Joins Rep. Kim, Colleagues In Bipartisan Letter Urging President Biden To Deny Iranian President Raisi Entry Visa To U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Kat

Cammack (R-FL-03) joined Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-39) in sending a bipartisan letter to President Biden urging his administration to deny Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his delegation entry into the United States for the United Nations 77th General Assembly in New York later this month.

President Raisi was a member of the Tehran "death committee" responsible for the 1988 organized mass execution of 30,000 Iranian political prisoners, most of which were members or supporters of the People's Mojahedin of Iran (MEK/PMOI). His regime continues supporting terrorism abroad and attempts to kill American citizens and Iranian political dissidents on U.S. soil.

"As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, this is without a doubt a dire national security issue," said Rep. Cammack. "To allow an admitted terrorist to not only enter into our country is not something we can allow as a country that values free, democratic principles and human rights. Especially considering that the 77th General Assembly is scheduled to start just two days after the anniversary of 9/11, it would be completely insensitive and thoughtless for the Biden administration to ignore this pressing matter."

"Given Ebrahim Raisi's record of supporting terrorism and violating human rights, he should not be afforded the privilege to step onto American soil nor the privilege to address the United Nations General Assembly," the members wrote. "We cannot turn a blind eye to perpetrators of gross violations of internationally

recognized human rights and cruel regimes that endanger both their people and Americans. We urge you and your administration to carefully consider this matter of national security and to use your authorities under the INA to deny Ebrahim Raisi and his delegation entry into the United States."

Rep. Cammack Joins Sen. Rubio, Rep. Lawson, Colleagues In Petitioning USTR To Protect Florida Growers From Mexico's Unfair Trade Practices  
September 9, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) joined Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Rep. Al Lawson (D-FL-05) in petitioning U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai to initiate a Section 301 investigation of fruit and vegetable imports from Mexico, and to secure trade relief for Florida growers.

For more than 20 years, Mexico has leveraged heavy subsidies and low wages in a scheme to conduct a "conquest of external markets" and displace Florida's seasonal and perishable agricultural industry from the domestic U.S. market.

"I'm proud to join my colleagues on this effort to address Mexico's unfair trade practices," said Rep. Cammack. "As the only Florida Republican on the House Agriculture Committee, I've seen the way our farmers are suffering from the labor shortages, supply chain issues, and inflationary costs we've been experiencing over the past several months, notwithstanding competition from foreign exporters. Our growers in Florida need immediate relief, which is why my colleagues and I are demanding an investigation into Mexico's export targeting scheme that is directly harming our domestic supply chain."

"The Biden Administration has affirmed its intention to protect and reinvigorate critical supply chains within the U.S.,

including agricultural supply chains," the members wrote. "Mexico's export targeting scheme, which is affecting U.S.-grown produce during the winter and spring months, is a direct threat to this objective. As this petition discusses, and as various government entities, including the U.S. Trade Representative, have confirmed, seasonal and perishable industries such as Florida's generally do not enjoy access to trade remedies. The provisions of Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, however, are uniquely suited to investigate Mexico's trade-distorting practices and policies and provide urgently needed relief to Florida's growers."

## Spain: Free Rail Travel



By Kontrast.atSpain: Free Rail Travel for commuters for 3 months

The Spanish government of Socialist Pedro Sánchez wants to do everything to "relieve the middle class and workers", says the Prime Minister. From September 1st, rail travel in Spain will be free for local and medium-distance trains for three months. In Germany, [52 million 9-Euro tickets](#) were sold in the summer, saving 1.8 million tonnes of CO2, according to the Association of German Transport Companies.

A 0-Euro train ticket for commuters is available in Spain from 1 of September to 31 December. More than 300,000 people in Spain have already bought a free ticket for rail travel. The railways expect that there will be more than half a million travelers in total. The government of the socialist Pedro Sánchez wants to promote public transport and reduce energy consumption. Above all,

however, the goal is to relieve people financially in view of high inflation in Spain.

The 0-Euro-Ticket is [financed by the excess profits tax for energy suppliers and banks](#), which is supposed to bring in 3.5 billion euros per year. In addition to the commuter ticket, the money will flow into public housing and scholarships for students.

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Greenpeace endorses the campaign because each journey by train saves 70-80% of the CO2 emissions of a car journey. In Germany, the 9-Euro-Ticket enabled people to travel by bus and train for only 9 euros per month for three months. Due to the high petrol prices even enthusiastic car drivers take the train: people bought over 52 million tickets, according to the Association of German Transport Companies (VDV). Every fifth buyer had never travelled by public transport before. Therefore, the ticket significantly increased the demand for public transport. According to the VDV, Germany saved 1.8 million tonnes of CO2 with the 9-Euro scheme.

The Spanish 0-euro ticket is a bit more complicated than the 9-euro ticket in Germany. For the ticket, you have to register online and pay a deposit of 10 (short-distance) or 20 euros (medium-distance). You get the deposit back if you use the ticket at least four times a month.

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# To Governor DeSantis

I am a small publisher of monthly newspaper. I am continuously trying to bring attention to the stress the Turnpike Authority brings to Central and North Florida residents/Ranchers/Farmers. I live near the Rainbow river, our lives have been riddled with attempts from the state to build through this area. Big business have been speculating on how they can make money on these events.

I ask when the Turnpike Organization was started it's job was to build a road. They built the road, they built bridges, they built Exits. They are running out of thing to do so here they come again with the Turnpike Extension. Oh no it's political season so let's pause it and come back later.

What happens the people in this area are being harassed by this project. They are selling their house got get away from the stress of it all. IT'S NOT FAIR! We are tax paying citizens and don't deserve the pressures put on by these project.

Finally the gasoline came through my property, that stress is over or is it. What happens if it leaks or blows up. Not likely well it's possible. Now the property is devalued, people don't want to live next to a gasoline.

So please consider this before you allow the Turnpike to proceed again. I am told that people were told what they wanted to hear for now. Tomorrow it will come again unless you stop it for good!

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# Prepare For Allergy Season

(NAPSI)—More than 50 million\* Americans suffer from allergies each year and for many of them, there are some added anxieties. For example, many people don't realize allergies can be deadly. Or that eating local honey, living in a dry climate or avoiding cut flowers won't cure allergies or prevent an allergic reaction. And these days,



There's often the question: is it allergies or is it COVID-19? Fortunately, there are tests doctors can perform that can help them make that distinction. Here are a few facts that can help you, too.

## What To Look For

Allergy symptoms can include:

- Watery Eyes
- Congestion
- Runny Nose
- Itchy Eyes
- Vomiting and/or stomach cramps
- Wheezing
- Shortness of breath
- Dizziness or feeling faint
- Pale or blue skin
- Weak pulse
- Hives
- Repeated cough
- Tight, hoarse throat, trouble swallowing, swollen tongue

## What is an Allergy?

Allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic illness in the U.S. An allergy is an overreaction of the body's immune system to an ordinarily harmless substance. Allergies exist throughout the year, indoors and out, and affect people of all ages. Animal dander, house dust mites, foods, grasses, trees, weeds, and molds can all trigger an allergic reaction.

## Autumn Allergies

Some allergies are seasonal and more likely to occur at different times of the year. The most common culprit for fall allergies is ragweed, which grows wild almost everywhere, generally between August and

November. A number of plants that thrive during cool nights and warm days also trigger fall allergies.

## Who is Affected?

Twenty to 40 percent of the population—including at least one of every four children—suffers from allergies\*.

People with allergies are often sensitive to more than one allergen. Prevention or treatment can make the difference between chronic illness and a productive, healthy life.

## Diagnosing Allergies

Unfortunately, many of these also show up when someone has a cold, the flu or even COVID-19 but doctors do have ways to tell the difference. The first step is to identify allergen-specific antibodies called Immunoglobulin E (IgE). This can be done two ways.

**1. Skin Prick Testing:** Commonly performed on the forearm and sometimes the back, the skin is cleaned with alcohol and an allergen extract is pricked into the skin. If an allergy is present, a small itchy bump and surrounding redness often referred to as a "wheal and flare" will appear in about 15 minutes. This indicates the specific allergen.

**2. In-Vitro Testing:** The doctor simply draws a small amount of blood and has it tested in a lab. It is a less invasive method and receives test results within 24 hours. Many professional medical societies recommend also using in-vitro tests such as the OPTIGEN® Allergy Test.

So, once you know you have allergies, what can be done? Here are some options.

## Treatments

Allergy management falls into three main categories: avoidance, medication and immunotherapy.

**Avoidance:** Once the source of an allergy is identified, a solution may be to simply avoid it. This is most effective with food and animal allergies.

**Medication:** Prescription drugs can reduce allergy symptoms. Many are effective immediately, though some may have side effects or not work for everybody.

**Immunotherapy:** Allergy shots are given frequently in scheduled doses of gradually increasing concentrations using extracts containing relevant allergens. The idea is to slowly desensitize the body to the offending allergens. Ideally, an injection program can be discontinued after some years.

## Learn More

For further facts and tips on dealing with allergies, visit

[www.henryschein.com/MinarisMedical](http://www.henryschein.com/MinarisMedical)

\* Retini, M. (2017, December 1). Allergy Statistics and Allergy Facts. <https://www.webmd.com/allergies/allergy-statistics>

# Flu Season



**Don't Let Flu Season Sneak Up On You**  
(NAPSI)—Get the facts, not the flu. For many people, the start of fall means busier schedules and longer to-do lists, but you

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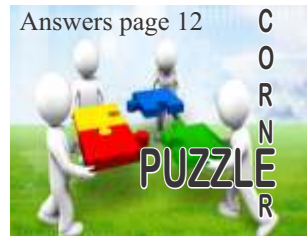
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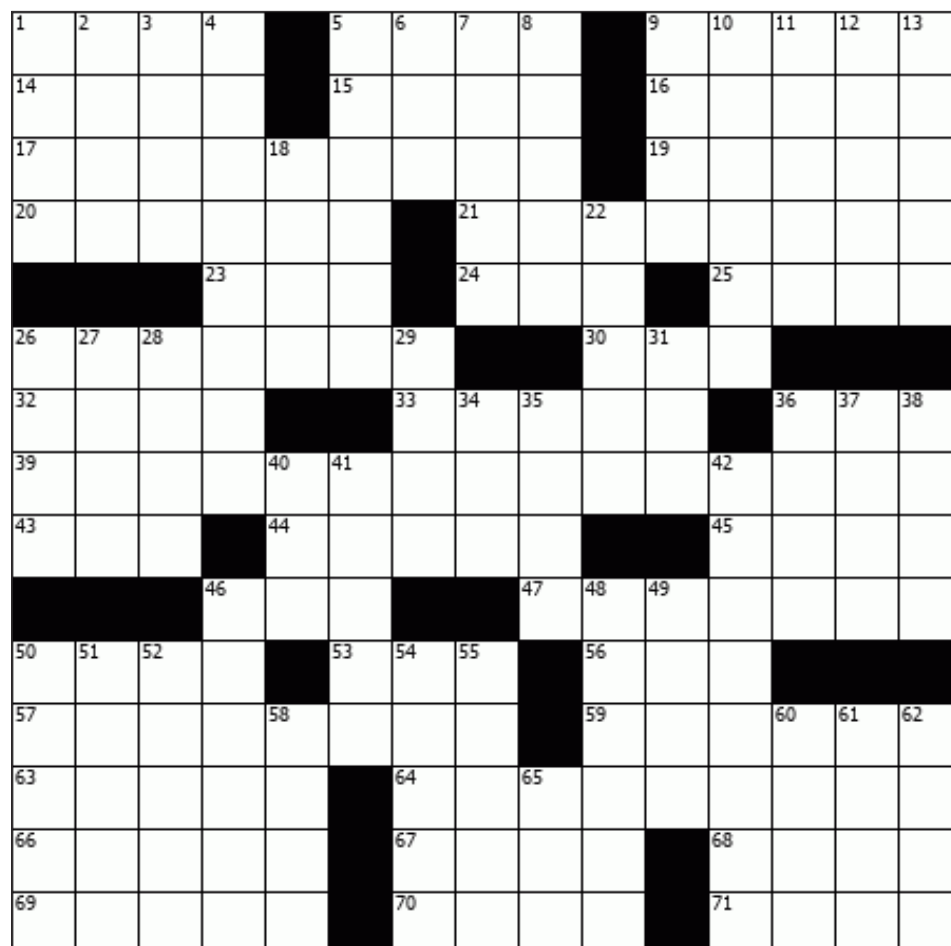
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## Flu

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 shouldn't let your annual flu shot fall to the bottom of that list.

### What You Can Do About The Flu

With flu season approaching and COVID-19 cases still prevalent, Sandra Leal, PharmD, MPH, FAPhA, offers the following tips to help you fight the flu this season:

**Get your annual flu shot as soon as possible:** Getting your flu vaccine is the best way to help prevent the flu. The

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends getting your vaccine as early in the fall as possible, ideally before the flu season begins. Not only can you help protect yourself from getting sick but you can help protect your family, friends and at-risk populations such as those who are 65 and older, people with certain immunocompromising or chronic medical conditions, infants or children under 5 and pregnant women. CVS Pharmacy and MinuteClinic locations nationwide administer the flu shot every day, with evening and weekend hours. New this year,

you can schedule flu vaccination appointments for up to four family members at the same time for added convenience by visiting CVS.com, through the CVS app or by texting FLU to 287898.

**Stay home if you're sick:** It's important to know what the early symptoms of the flu are, such as fever, cough and body aches. If you experience them, you should stay home and away from others and, if you are sick, you should limit your contact with others as much as possible to stop the spread.

**Practice good health habits:** Beyond staying up to date with your vaccinations, you should wash your hands frequently, get plenty of sleep, be physically

active, manage your

stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food. These are all healthy habits that can help support your immune system during flu season.

**For seniors, take advantage of your vaccine options:** For those over age 65, CVS Pharmacy and MinuteClinic offer three senior dose flu vaccines—Fluzone HD, Flublok, and Fluad. They may help create a stronger immune response and are preferred for seniors because they are at greater risk of developing severe flu-related illnesses. For protection against COVID-19, the CDC has also confirmed that patients can get any of the currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines at the same time as the flu vaccine, so don't hesitate to get your flu shot and COVID-19 booster simultaneously during your next visit.

### Learn More

Certain immunizations have age and location restrictions. For additional information on vaccines, visit [www.CVS.com](http://www.CVS.com) and [www.MinuteClinic.com](http://www.MinuteClinic.com).

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As this situation is constantly changing, we ask that you continue to visit our Shelter using the safety guidelines in place.

### How can you help?

**Pet Food Bank:** Help stock our Pet Food Bank with pet food and supplies for people who cannot afford them due to job loss or other reasons. You can also bring donations to our Shelter daily from 10-6. Masks required please! If you need help keeping your pet with you during this time, our Happy Paws food program is here for you.

**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.

**Opt to adopt:** According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, there is no evidence that companion animals such as cats and dogs can spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

**Donate:** We know there is a lot of uncertainty right now but homeless and unwanted animals still need us. Donate to help the Humane Society of Marion County so we continue our lifesaving work and make them feel safe and loved.



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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Ashley Moody Calls on Floridians to be Ready for Hurricanes During National Preparedness Month

State [Attorney General Ashley Moody](#) recognized

**National Preparedness Month** by encouraging Floridians to be ready to face potential hurricane strikes.

National Preparedness Month raises awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. As the second—and usually more active—half of hurricane season begins, Moody highlighted the [2022 Hurricane Preparedness Guide](#) to aid Floridians in developing storm-safety plans.

Moody weighed in on the guide on Tuesday.

“We’ve been lucky that it’s been a relatively calm hurricane season—so far—but it wouldn’t be prudent to let your guard down. In recognition of National Preparedness Month, I am urging all Floridians to reevaluate their storm preparations and make needed adjustments to keep their families, pets and homes safe,” Moody said.

The theme of this year’s National Preparedness month is: “A Lasting Legacy. The life you’ve built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.” Floridians should take stock of current hurricane-safety plans in order to protect loved ones

and property. Moody’s 2022 Hurricane Preparedness Guide contains information and tips for staying safe before, during and after a storm.

Preparedness tips provided by the guide include:

Know evacuation routes and shelter locations;

Stock up on enough food, water and emergency supplies for you, your family and pets for at least seven days;

Verify that storm-related products are hurricane-proof or impact-proof before purchasing;

After the storm, be wary of contractors who solicit door-to-door, quote extremely low prices for repairs, demand large and upfront payments with no return date to do work, or offer to perform repairs at a discount with leftover supplies from another job; and

Research recovery charities before giving. As solicitations increase following a disaster, so do charity scams designed to profit off the goodwill of others.

After a storm strikes, recovery can be a grueling process that scammers may attempt to exploit. To help Floridians avoid falling victim to scams that may occur in the aftermath of a hurricane, Moody released [“Scams at a Glance: After the Storm.”](#)

**Attorney General Moody and Truckers Against Trafficking Train Bus Drivers and Casino Workers to Spot and Report Human Trafficking**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody, Truckers Against

Trafficking, the Florida Department of Transportation and Busing on the Lookout are teaming up to train more than a hundred Florida workers within the gaming and passenger transportation industries to spot and report human trafficking. Today, Attorney General Moody and TAT hosted the Florida Bus & Casino Coalition Build Out—a virtual training event enlisting more soldiers in the fight against human trafficking. The event invites key bus, transit and casino industry stakeholders to join local leaders, law enforcement and government agencies to receive training on how to spot human trafficking and discuss efforts to stop this atrocious crime.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Excited to co-host this important training to enlist even more soldiers in our fight to end human trafficking. Transportation and casino workers can play a key role in helping rescue trafficking victims, so it’s vital that we provide expert training to make sure they know how to spot and where to report suspicious activity.”

Truckers Against Trafficking Senior Director of Programs and Strategic Initiatives Annie Sovcik said, “Human trafficking is a global crime, but fighting it effectively requires local strategies. Truckers Against Trafficking is grateful to the law enforcement, passenger transportation and casino gaming stakeholders in the state for Florida for recognizing the importance of building public-private partnerships to combat human trafficking – and for dedicating their time and resources to coming together around this issue.”

Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared Perdue, P.E. said, “The Florida Department of Transportation is committed to the prevention of human

trafficking throughout Florida. FDOT understands the role we can play in preventing our transportation network from being used to exploit the vulnerable. We work to educate our employees, partners and the general public to know the signs of human trafficking and what to do to prevent it. FDOT applauds Attorney General Moody for her hard work in bringing awareness to this issue and we are proud to be a partner in her efforts.”

Members of the bus and casino industries can play a key role in the fight against human trafficking if aware of the common signs of the crime. There are 17 casinos in Florida. Normal casino-hotel activity—with patrons transiting from the adjacent hotel to the casino floor and back again, as well as the frequent exchange of cash—could help conceal human trafficking.

The [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) lists Florida as one of the top states that employs bus drivers. Public transit operators in Florida transported [156 million riders](#) on fixed routes in 2020. According to the [American Bus Association](#), human traffickers use bus terminals and bus stops as recruiting areas when looking for vulnerable people to exploit, and use busing to transport victims. Bus drivers and station employees, who are properly trained to spot suspicious activity, could alert law enforcement and save lives.

Today’s virtual training features a Human Trafficking 101 presentation by Katie O’Rourke, a victim-services program specialist with the Florida Attorney General’s Office. There will also be a training session dedicated to bus and casino companies, a presentation by a survivor-leader/field trainer and a moderated law

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"First Lady Casey DeSantis Highlights Success of Continue the Mission Initiative to Recruit Veterans to Care for Floridas Most Vulnerable Children

On September 13, 2022, in News Releases, by Staff

Continue the Mission recruits veterans, military spouses and former law enforcement officers to serve as CPLs, APLs, DCF case managers and mentors

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, First Lady Casey DeSantis highlighted the success of her Continue the Mission initiative, which launched in June 2022 to recruit veterans, military spouses and former law enforcement officers to be child and adult protective investigators and case managers, as well as mentors to children in need, new case managers and child and adult protective investigators. Since the start of the initiative, nearly 250 individuals have applied to work to protect Florida's most vulnerable children. This follows several recruiting events hosted by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and successful marketing with local partners. To learn more about this program,

Visit:

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/continuethemission/>.

"This initiative is an incredible opportunity to introduce our veterans, their spouses and retired law enforcement to the many rewarding career paths that are

available to protect and serve Florida's children," said **First Lady Casey DeSantis**. "We hope these opportunities provide a continued sense of purpose for those who have already done so much for our great communities, state and nation."

"Our hiring fairs have been a successful first step in recruiting veterans, military spouses and former law enforcement officers, and in the coming months we will expand the initiative's reach," said **Department of Children and Families Secretary Shevaun Harris**. "Working in child welfare is an extremely rewarding career path, and with this expansion, we look forward to having an influx of talented new employees that will bolster our staff as a whole and allow us to better serve Florida's children and families."

Through DCF, the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, other state partners, local veterans' organizations and community groups, the initiative serves as a call to action for veterans, military spouses and former law enforcement officers who still have a desire to serve their communities. Together, the agencies are actively recruiting to fill flexible career opportunities in the child and family well-being system. Additionally, the program identifies candidates to serve as mentors for children in need, new case managers and child protective investigators.

Hiring fairs have been held in Pensacola and Tallahassee. Upcoming events are planned for Fort Walton Beach, Pensacola and Jacksonville. Beginning in October, the initiative will expand throughout Florida.

More information about Continue the Mission, including upcoming hiring fairs,

can be found here: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/continuethemission/>.

Read entire Executive Order at [www.flgov.com/](http://www.flgov.com/)

MEMORANDUM: Executive Order 22-213 (Activating Florida National Guard to Assist the Department of Corrections)

On September 9, 2022, in News Releases, by Staff

TO: Members of the Press  
FROM: Taryn Fenske, Director of Communications, Governor Ron DeSantis  
DATE: Friday, September 9, 2022  
RE: Executive Order 22-213 (Activating Florida National Guard to Assist the Department of Corrections)

Good evening:  
Today, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-213 activating the Florida National Guard to assist the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) in an effort to reduce overtime and provide relief for correctional officers on a temporary basis.

During the 2022 Legislative Session, Governor Ron DeSantis approved record pay increases to recruit and retain corrections officers. These historic pay increases and other incentives have shown early signs of success, with a net gain of nearly 640 officers since the conclusion of the 2022 session, compared to a net loss of more than 465 in the same amount of time prior. As these successful measures continue to bring more highly qualified officers to the FDC, this action and partnership will address officer vacancies on a temporary, short-term basis.

Sincerely,  
Taryn Fenske  
Director of Communications  
Governor Ron DeSantis

"Florida Public Universities Ranked Among the Nations Best

On September 14, 2022, in News Releases, by Staff

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that U.S. News and World Report released their 2022-2023 Best Colleges rankings, with Florida Public Universities earning top spots across multiple categories. The Best Colleges rankings placed the University of Florida (UF) and Florida State University (FSU) among the top 20 public universities in the country. UF earned the number 5 ranking on the list and FSU earned the number 19 spot. The University of South Florida was ranked among the top 50 public universities in the country at number 42, rising four spots from last year and breaking into the list of the top 100 public and private universities for the first time ever at number 97. The University of Central Florida (UCF) and Florida International University were also in the top 100 public universities nationally, coming in at 64 and 72 respectively. As of 2021, Florida has been ranked the number one state for higher education for five consecutive years by U.S. News and World Report.

"Florida schools are some of the best in the nation, and these rankings show that our investments in higher education and our focus on providing an affordable, quality education are paying off," said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. "I am especially proud that we have not allowed tuition increases since I have been Governor, making higher education in Florida as affordable as virtually anywhere in the nation."

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enforcement panel. Panel members include Assistant Statewide Prosecutors Mary Sammon and Nicole Phillips, along with Sgt. Bradley Bakeman with the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation, City of Orlando.

More than 150 participants registered for the virtual event co-hosted by the Florida Attorney General's Office, TAT, FDOT, Hard Rock/Seminole Gaming, American Gaming Association, Florida Public Transportation Association and Florida Motorcoach Association.

In addition to this latest training endeavor, Attorney General Moody previously partnered with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to launch the [Highway Heroes](#) initiative. Through this program, more than 6,400 drivers have received TAT-certified anti-human trafficking training. These drivers are equipped to help keep an eye on Florida's 12,000 miles of highways and report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

Registration for the upcoming 2022 Human Trafficking Summit is now open. The summit brings together local, state and national leaders working to eradicate all forms of trafficking. It is being offered virtually starting Tuesday, Oct. 4.

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"When it comes to higher education, there's no state in the country better than Florida," said **Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz Jr.** "Thanks to the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis, we have kept our tuition low and standards high while offering top-notch postsecondary options that stand above the rest."

"We are extremely grateful that Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature have prioritized higher education in the State of Florida year after year," said **Brian Lamb, Chair, Board of Governors.** "The result of that commitment, along with the hard work of our Board, university leadership, faculty and students, reflects in the improvement and prominence rankings of all of our state universities released today by the U.S. News and World report."

Florida schools also earned high rankings in other categories. UF and FSU both ranked in the top 30 colleges for veterans. UCF was ranked 20<sup>th</sup> for the most innovative schools. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University was ranked number 7 among the list of public and private historically black colleges and universities.



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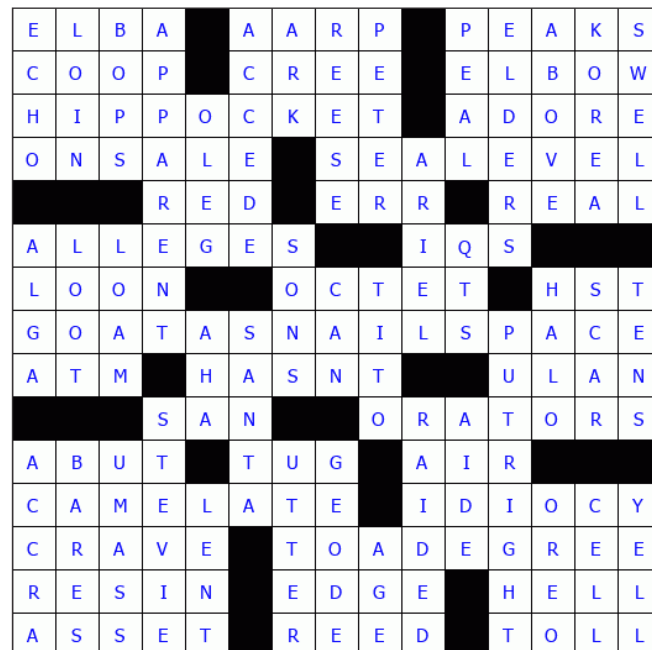
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