

Fair Tax Has Your Back!



Elaine has your back! Ron and Elaine came to Florida after having a successful trucking company up north. They sold it and moved to Florida. Ron and Elaine Maillaro got involved with Fair Tax listening to Neil Boortz and reading the Fair Tax book by Boortz and Linder. They started volunteering in 2008 just after the establishment of the Florida Fair Tax Education Association (501c (3)). They became presenters then they were elevated to Marion County Co-ordinators then to District Co-ordinators to finally Ron made President and Elaine made Secretary of the FFTEA. Their mission is to change how the government is funded by enacting HR 25, the Fair Tax Act. A system based on consumption rather than income.

I have known Ron and Elaine for about ten years and they have worked hard to educate people on the Fair Tax and signing up politicians to further the Fair Tax Cause and to get rid of the IRS.

What is Fair Tax and how does it work? For instance if you buy a car you pay tax, the second and the third time that car is sold there is no tax, no double and triple taxation and you are not taxed until you buy something. You pay tax once on something and that is it! No tax unless you spend!

They Are Killing Us Off!

By TomL

Fauci was involved in using an estimated 7.2m US dollars at the Wuhan Lab during Obama's Presidency. DR Rand Paul shouted down Anthony Fauci over involvement at the Wuhan lab. He was probably there during the COVID leak and did not know it. Actually Fauci defended the use of US dollars.

They have already raided our Social Security Funds, now they have killed off thousands of of the most vulnerable the Seniors, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY MONEY OF THOSE WHO DIED? Where did it go? The Social

ONE PILL CAN KILL Overview of Fentanyl

Washington County's Health Officer Dr. Christina Baumann, M.D.

Dr. Christina Baumann says, "In 2020, the western states, in particular, had the largest increases in fentanyl availability in the illegal drug market; and in our state, there was nearly a 70% increase in drug overdose deaths in compared to 2019."

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Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody has launched the One Pill Can Kill website with resources about the dangers of fentanyl. More and more, she says the opioid is being hidden in drugs like marijuana and cocaine, unbeknownst to the user.

"People need to know that just one pill laced with fentanyl is enough to kill a full grown adult," Moody says in a video about the new website. "Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for American adults between the ages of 18 and 45."



Security fund should have a large surplus at the expense of many seniors who died in their golden years. Their spouses lives have been devastated. Their family lost their Grand Parent, Fathers, Mothers, Wives, Husbands, Uncle, Aunts, a family member over the power thirst and hatred of USA by China. Biden is now looking at the death tax. That means taxing the money left to a family member.

Now China and the Mexican Cartels are sending Fentanyl disguised as candy. They are out to kill the children.

Now they are trying to make us get COVID shots because it changes our

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DeSantis Wins Handiley



Ron DeSantis easily winning Florida. But remember Trump made Florida a red state. I like Ron DeSantis and most of his methods.

DeSantis is backing the Turnpike extension other wise he would done something about the harassment of the land owners and home owners in North Central Florida over putting a turnpike extension through family farmers and through peoples homes. People are actually selling their homes to get away from the fight over right away rights. Right now the extension is on pause, beware it will be back.

Desalts has done a great job with the recovery from the recent Hurricane. A few people in the area have taken advantage of the destruction and tried to claims property that does not belong to them, like boats and

etc. Case by case they are catching them.

The news media and the left are trying to get Trump and DeSantis at odds. DeSantis has done a good job, but Trump will win as President and I would like to see DeSantis run the state of Florida for this next term, then run for President. Remember Floridians we need DeSantis here.

If Desantis would just put an end to the Turnpike Extension. It's not good for the State, the water flow, the environment and if you look at South Florida you will see the Turnpike cut off the flow from East to West creating problems for the everglade causing red tides and such on the west coast.

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Logistics. It is a word that has become a common part of the Ocala vernacular in the last few years but what does it mean? Why are logistics important to the local economy and how does it impact the community?

It is common to equate logistics and distribution but they are not equivalent. Logistics involves distribution but it is more than that. Logistics is the coordination and supply of raw materials, the management of production materials and finished goods, and the distribution of these goods to end users. Logistics is distribution but also manufacturing, marketing, warehousing, service, finance, and technology.

Ocala has become and is becoming more of a Logistics Hub for all of the reasons listed. Yes, the Ocala market has seen an explosion of distribution and fulfillment centers in the last few years. One needs to only drive around the community to see this impact with the new massive Amazon, AutoZone, Chewy, McLane, and Dollar Tree facilities. But one can also see the manufacturing role in logistics and the growth of companies and facilities like Signature Brands, Custom Window a Pella Company, and Cardinal LG. The FedEx Ground Hub, R&L Trucking facility, ABCO, and Swift Transportation are examples of the important delivery component in this sector.

Because of the diverse aspects of Logistics, it can be difficult to determine the total number of people employed in this sector. However, more than 7,000 work in the distribution facilities alone. In fact, the four existing facilities in the Ocala/Marion County Commerce Park employ more than 4,100. More importantly, these facilities pay millions of dollars in local property taxes. Not only does logistics employ thousands of Ocala Metro residents, but they generate significant revenue to local governments and schools which benefits all of us.

So why has logistics become so important? Like the famous real estate axiom, the three most important factors are location, location, location. Ocala's position in the center of the state along I-75 near the intersections of both the Florida Turnpike and 301 further supports this role. The nation's premier site selection consultant told us in 2014 that when Florida's population tipped over the 20 million mark that the logistics equation would change. No longer would it be more cost effective to serve Florida from Atlanta but now Florida would need to be served from Florida. Ocala's ability to serve not only

all of Florida with the crucial day's drive and back but an Ocala location today reaches more than 34 million people.

Lastly, we are seeing Logistics coming into play when it comes to a growing new area for our community – office projects. We have begun getting more and more requests from companies looking to open offices in Ocala because of logistics. Despite the economic headwinds and the decline in office projects in major metros, we think this will be a growing part of our economy in the future.

BEWARE of Fraud

Recently my wife received a phone call from a woman representing her as the office personnel of the electric company. She had my name and my wife's name. She said she had a work order to shut our electricity off. We have a little farm out side of Dunnellon Florida. I am not sure what was said after that until she used the name Duke energy, we have Sumter Electric Co-op. My wife said we use SECO electric the woman quickly said well call your company and straighten this out and hung up.

Watch yourself on these kind of calls. You can panic and easily be taken advantage of, stay calm and think, don't give them any information, call your power company or what ever they are threatening to turn off.

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Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,
It is a great day to live in the Free State of Florida! Thank you, Florida voters, for a record turnout in the 2022 General Election. Floridians overwhelmingly confirmed that we

Congress. Depending on the outcome of a few outstanding elections (more on that below) in other states, Florida may have single handedly delivered a majority to Republicans in Washington D.C and ousted Nancy Pelosi as Speaker, once and for all!



should continue to be the state that protects life, confirms parental rights, combats "wokeism" in schools and makes sure that our elections are secure and fair. Because of you, Florida will remain a stronghold for the Republican Party and serve as a beacon of liberty for the rest of the United States.

November's election results in a super majority for the both the Florida House and Florida Senate. In total, the Florida Senate Republicans picked up four seats and now hold a 28-12 advantage. Incoming Senate President Kathleen Passidomo will be completely unimpeded as she rolls out a new agenda for the next two years. She has asked me to serve as her right hand as President Pro Tempore, which I have humbly accepted. This leadership team is working to do what is best for Florida families. Key among those is protecting things like faith, family, freedom, opportunity and life.

Nationally, Florida delivered four more seats to the Republican Party in the U.S.

Quick note on elections. As of this writing, there are still dozens of elections results in states like Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, and California where votes are still being counted. If a state like Florida, with 22 million residents, can turn out elections results in 24-48 hours, then these other states have no excuse. This is unacceptable and residents of those states deserve better.

The next column will come from our desk in Tallahassee as we begin the organization process for the 2023 Legislative Session. During the time, we will hold procedural votes and work out committee assignments. A Special Session on the insurance crisis is slated to take place too. Looking forward to sharing more on that and all that we are accomplishing on behalf of Florida's families.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley

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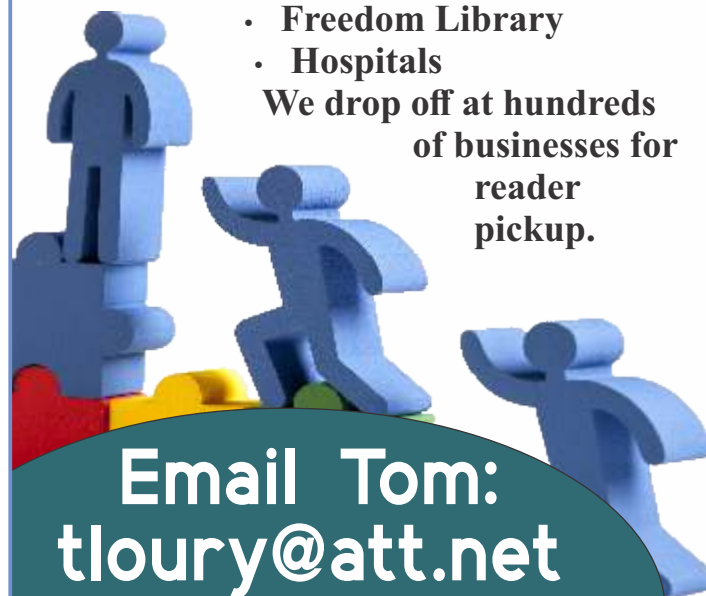
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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



By TomL

The election process is over for now, more to come in December. Now we have to pick up the pieces of the puzzle and put them together and take action.

If an Elections is won using Bit Coin stolen money is the election legal or is it do over? Wait some Politicians steal money all the time. Why would this be different or is it?

I don't know what to say about the election results. If the Republicans can win the Senate. Maybe they can slow the spending.

Over seas i see on the internet that China is struggling because the loss of revenue from import export business. Trump imposed some tax on things they export to us. I'm not sure if Biden stop that import, export tax.

Meanwhile it sounds like the Russian

people are not happy with Putin for starting a war. Now they have taken harden criminal out of prison to fight in the war. The Russian troops are raping the women and killing the rest. They are sending people by the thousands that have been taken hostage in Ukrian and sending them to Russia to work as slaves, Thousands of Russian troops have died and thousand injured. Men in Russia of age to draft have fled the country.

Biden does not make a good war lord. The only thing he seems to do is try to look cool.

Speaking of which...LIES LIES LIES!

The White House wrote: "When President Biden took office, millions were unemployed and there was no vaccine available. In the last 15 months, the economy has created 8.3M jobs and the unemployment rate stands at 3.6% — the fastest decline in unemployment to start a President's term ever recorded."

LIE, weeks before Biden took office, there were COVID-19 vaccines available

to the public. In fact, Joe Biden himself received two doses of the coronavirus vaccine before he became president. He received the first dose of Pfizer's vaccine Dec. 21, 2020, and his second dose on Jan. 13, 2021.

After major backlash, the Biden administration desperately tried to correct this misinformation, but they pushed yet other lie's instead.

They are trying desperately to distract the public, the ole shell game put the bean under a shell and keep it moving until you lose track.. I don't think the people will forget, because of food shortage, Gas prices, desiel fuel shortage, natural gas prices, education problems, trying to pass tax on 401K's and all the stupid stuff he

has done.

How much is it costing the American Tax Payer for not fixing the border....

First and most important is the crime they are committing on people around them along the border states and across the country! Estimated Cost!

\$11 Billion for well fair each year by State Government.

\$22 Billion for food Assistance such as food stamps, free school lunches for Illegals.

\$2.5 Billion for Medicaid for Illegals.

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\$17 Billion per year to educate

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genetics so we have to medicate us instead of our bodies fighting it off. That is what they want is a race dependent on the cure they and only they have.

We have made a terrible mistake allowing the left and the Chinese get a foot hold. The Socialist have taken over the Democratic party in Washington. Here is how it works, Socialism then communism.

I have been told by many Donald Trump is not a likable guy. Probably true he is Brash, he does make up names for people and he is full of himself, but he knows how to run our country. He knows how to get thing done. The other side would have had us two years ago if it wasn't for Trump and his Warp Speed and him cutting the red tape so it could get a COVID treatment fast.

I truly believe there is an effort to bankrupt our country. Look what is going on???

How do you fix it if the President wins unfairly. He already has the power! You can't, you can only Impeach or you have to wait till next election. Maybe the new House and Senate can investigate the whole Biden family. You do understand that if the President and Vice President were impeached and expelled from office the control of the country is handed over to the Speaker of the House a Republican. First thing Fauci needs to go right away.

House and Senate? needs to take a good look at the two top law enforcement agencies. Most are honest employees but have to be quiet so they don't lose their jobs and pensions. Maybe have an open door policy for the DOJ or FBI employees. Let the employees tell their story. What is your opinion? tloury@att.net



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We have enough money to buy a house over there and you will also help us invest our family's money in any good business of your choice that will bring us annual or monthly income.

All we need is your help and assistance to help us move forward and move to YOUR COUNTRY and you will be our only family because we don't know anyone over there and my mother never wants to stay here in UKRAINE because she always remembers to she late children and her husband's grandchildren, so she's always heartbroken, that's why we decided to move.

Contact me in my private email:
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Thank you,

Mrs. Anna and Lucas, UKRAINE.

Discovery Center

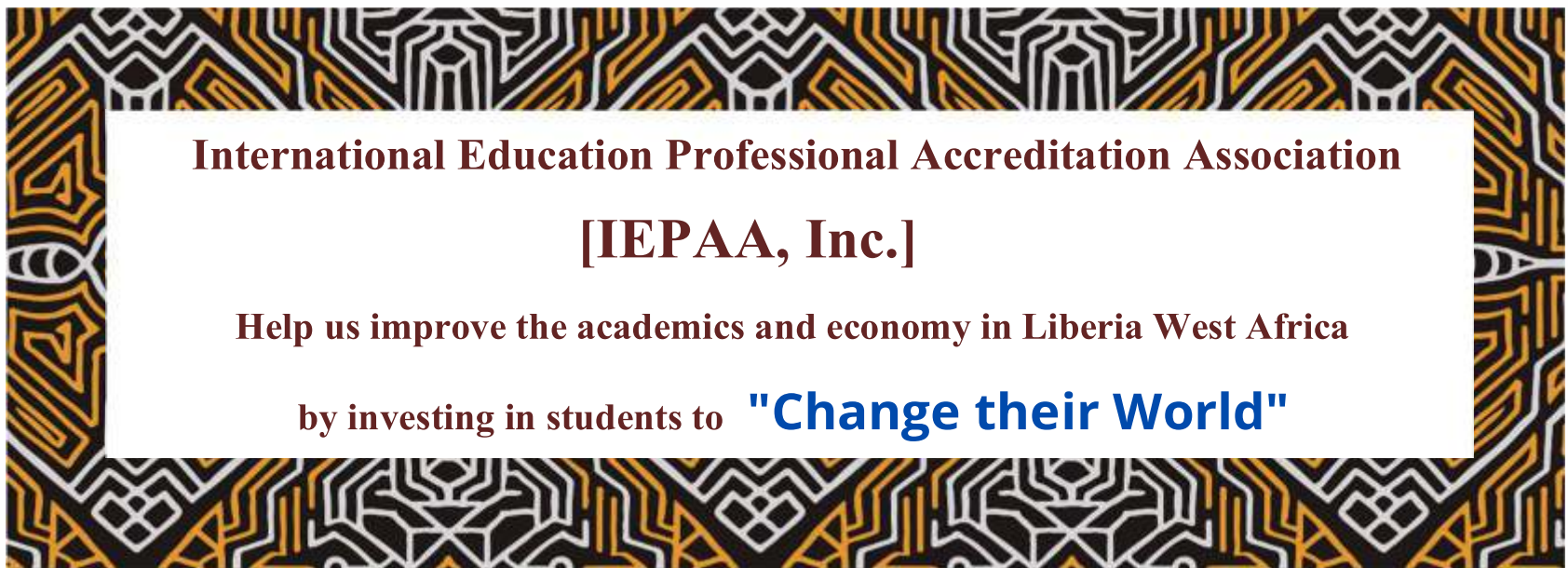
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The Discovery Center is Ocala's local children's museum! Located at Tuscowilla Park, the Discovery Center is a place for kids to learn in a fun, hands-on way. From rotating quarterly exhibits to STEAM-centered classes, there is plenty of reasons to check out what's new at Discovery Center!

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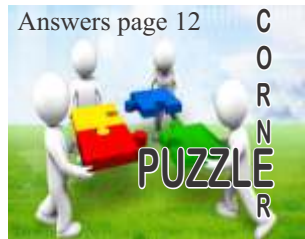
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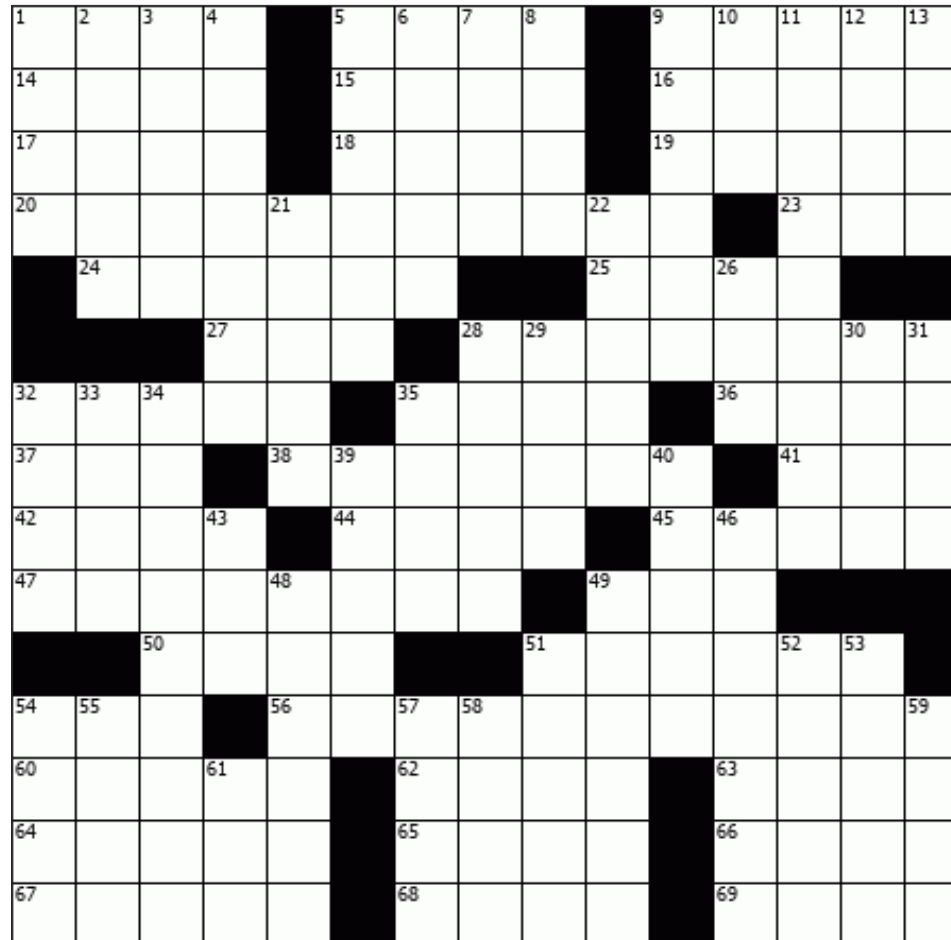
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Stress-Free Holiday Season

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- 3. Visit the Postal Store online:** From stamps to supplies and even gift ideas, usps.com/store has everything to make holiday gift shipping— and shopping—easier than ever. Need free boxes? They've got those too. It also never closes.
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- 6. Visit USPS Operation Santa online:** Get all the news and information you need at uspsoperationsanta.com. Find information on adopting a letter, getting your ID verified, shipping your gift and more. Letters to Santa will be posted beginning Nov. 28.
- 7. Join the conversation on social media:** Stay "in the know" with the latest USPS news via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. There's also the official podcast of the United States Postal Service, "Mailin' It," taking you behind the scenes with USPS.

It pays to be prepared. With these tips from the Postal Service, you'll be ready to make this year's holiday season the best yet!

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The HSMC is here for you and the animals who depend on us. We wanted to share that we will continue to be here to help unwanted pets during this pandemic while following all Marion County and Florida state guidelines.

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.



Fuchala is a 15 week old paralyzed kitten full of love.



Ninja is paralyzed in his hind legs but enjoys runs with his wheels.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



Attorney General Moody Secures \$390 Million Through Historic Multistate Action Against Google Over Location Tracking Practices

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today announced a historic multistate action against Google over the tech giant's location tracking practices. The announcement follows a historic multistate investigation by Attorney General Moody and 39 other state attorneys general into the company's location tracking practices and cybersecurity disclosures. As a result of the investigation, the business will pay the states \$390 million—including \$26 million to Florida. Google must also provide consumers more information and clearer options as it relates to tracking practices.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Big Tech is watching us, but Silicon Valley needs to know that we are watching them too, and if they violate our consumer protection laws, we will take strong action to protect our citizens. This is a historic case for the privacy of Americans and the protection of consumers nationwide, and I am proud our office helped lead this massive, nationwide investigation."

Location data is a key part of Google's digital advertising business and is among the most sensitive and valuable personal information the company collects. Even a

limited amount of location data can expose a person's identity by tracking routines that can be used to reveal personal details.

The attorneys general initiated the multistate investigation following a 2018 Associated Press article that revealed the company records users' movements, even when explicitly told not to. The article focused on two account settings: Location History and Web & App Activity. Location History is turned off by default, but Web & App Activity, a separate account setting, is automatically turned on when users set up a Google account, including all Android phone customers.

As detailed in the agreement, the attorneys general found that Google allegedly violated state laws by misleading consumers about location-tracking practices in various ways since at least 2014. Specifically, the company caused confusion among those who thought location tracking could be limited by turning off Location History, while Web & App Activity continued to track users' locations.

Under the agreement, Google agreed to a series of provisions designed to give consumers more transparency into the company's practices, including:

- Showing additional information whenever account settings are turned on or off;
- Making key information about location tracking unavoidable; and
- Creating an enhanced Location Technologies webpage where users can get detailed information about the type of location data Google collects and how it's

used.

The agreement also places limits on the usage and storage of certain types of location information and requires account controls to be more user-friendly.

Florida took a leading role in the investigation and agreement negotiations, represented by Consumer Protection Division Multistate and Privacy Bureau Chief Patrice Malloy.

Attorney General Moody is joined in this final action by the attorneys general of the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Attorney General Moody Recognizes Utility Scam Awareness Day with Tips to Avoid Scams

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is recognizing Utility Scam Awareness Day by issuing tips for Floridians to avoid utility scams. Fraudsters aiming to swindle consumers may pose as representatives of utility companies, and claim immediate payment is needed or the customer's service will be cut off—or scammers may attempt to obtain personal information from an unsuspecting consumer. Attorney General Moody wants to ensure Floridians don't fall victim to these schemes.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said,

"Utility scammers will prey on the fear of losing an important service such as power or gas in order to elicit an immediate payment. Don't fall for these imposter scams. If you receive a suspicious message or phone call, do not provide any personal or financial information. Instead, call the utility company directly and check on the status of your account."

Attorney General Moody suggests Floridians use the following tips to avoid utility scams:

- Understand that scammers pressure customers to act fast, so do not rush to act on an unsolicited call or email;
- Verify information given by purported utility representatives by checking the latest bill;
- Never provide or confirm personal information to a solicitor, whether by phone, in-person or email, purporting to be a utility company representative;
- Know that utility companies will not demand immediate payment;
- When in doubt if a call is legitimate, hang up and call the utility company directly using the number listed on the company's website;
- Be wary of anyone demanding payment by a reloadable card, gift card or cryptocurrency; and
- Authenticate the identity of someone posing as a utility representative who comes to the door. Look for company ID and logo, and know whether the visit is expected or not.

Consumers can report utility scams to Attorney General Moody's office by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or filing a complaint at MyFloridaLegal.com.

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Florida Tourism Continues to Experience Record Growth in Q3 2022

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced continued record visitation to

Florida in the third quarter of 2022. VISIT FLORIDA estimates that Florida welcomed 35.1 million visitors between July and September 2022, marking a 6.9 percent increase from Q3 2021, and the fifth consecutive quarter of overall visitation surpassing pre-pandemic levels. According to VISIT FLORIDA, 32.6 million domestic visitors traveled to Florida in Q3 2022, representing 18 months of domestic visitation growth from 2019. So far this year, Florida has welcomed 104.5 million travelers, an increase of 4.1 percent from the same period in 2019, and over 15.3 percent more than in 2021. To ensure visitors continue to experience Florida and are not dissuaded by the impacts of Hurricane Ian, VISIT FLORIDA has launched a \$2.7 million campaign to convey to travelers that the “Sun is Shining in Florida.”

“Our freedom first policies continue to bring visitors to Florida from across the country and around the world,” said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. “This increase in tourism will support our entire economy, especially small businesses that have been built from the ground up by hardworking Floridians.”

“We are thrilled to cap off more outstanding growth for Florida’s tourism industry in the third quarter of 2022,” said **Dana Young, VISIT FLORIDA President and CEO**. “Even as more destinations have become available, Florida has firmly maintained the top spot on every traveler’s

list. Looking ahead, VISIT FLORIDA is wholly focused on continuing the momentum we have created, and further reinforcing that we are the No. 1 vacation destination in the world.”

Additional highlights from VISIT FLORIDA’s [latest visitation estimates](#) include:

- Florida welcomed 1.9 million overseas travelers in Q3 2022, an increase of 85.5 percent from Q3 2021.
- Canadian visitation to Florida during Q3 2022 accounted for 539,000 visitors, an increase of 442.2 percent from Q3 2021.
- 34.3 percent of visitors traveled to Florida by plane in Q3 2022, marking a return to historical travel patterns.
- Hotel rooms sold grew 9.2 percent compared to the same period last year, and the overall occupancy rate grew by 6.2 percent.

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces State Office Closures on November 23rd, December 23rd and December 30th in Celebration of the Holidays

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that state offices will be closed on November 23rd, December 23rd and December 30th.

“Our state employees have worked hard throughout the year, especially over the past few months responding to Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole,” said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. “Closing state offices on November 23rd, December 23rd and December 30th will provide state employees with some much-deserved time with their families to enjoy the holiday season. The First Lady and I are thankful for the dedication our state employees have demonstrated to helping the people of Florida.”

Office closures on November 23rd,

December 23rd and December 30th are in addition to regular office closures during the holidays.

Florida Creates Jobs for the 30th Consecutive Month, Shows Economic Resiliency Despite Impacts of Hurricane Ian

More Floridians Enter the Workforce While National Labor Force Shrinks

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that Florida’s economic data continues to show strength even with impacts from Hurricane Ian in Southwest Florida. In the October 2022 economic data report, Florida’s labor force grew by 36,000 and Florida’s private sector added 35,000 jobs. This is the 30th consecutive month that Florida created jobs, while private sector job growth has exceeded the nation’s for the past 19 consecutive months.

Over the month, Florida’s labor force grew by 36,000, while the national labor force shrank, and Florida’s private sector employment growth was double the national growth rate. Florida’s private sector employment grew by 5.6 percent over the year in October 2022 (+447,800 jobs), faster than the national growth rate of 4.0 percent.

Florida’s unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 2.7 percent, which is still historically low, and remains a full point below the nation’s 3.7 percent mark. Much of the increase in the unemployment rate is due to increased unemployment in Southwest Florida following Hurricane Ian. The unemployment rate in the Fort Myers area was 3.9 percent during the month, up 0.5 points. Still, this slight increase in unemployment in Florida shows that despite the impacts of a Category 4 storm, Floridians and Florida’s economy remain resilient. The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and CareerSource Florida continue to provide resources to help Floridians find employment if they were impacted by the storm.

“Florida’s economic resiliency is unmatched in the country – no other state

could withstand the direct impact of a Category 4 hurricane and continue to grow jobs in the same month,” said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. “We have made record investments in our infrastructure and workforce while building a record budget surplus and providing record tax reduction for Floridians.”

“More Floridians enter the workforce each month because they are confident in the opportunities available to them under Governor DeSantis’ consistent leadership,” said **DEO Secretary Dane Eagle**. “DEO is proud to support the Governor’s mission through workforce education and development opportunities that help Floridians realize their potential and support our state’s major industries.”

Florida’s statewide unemployment rate was 2.7 percent in October 2022, remaining 1.0 percentage point lower than the national rate of 3.7 percent. Florida’s statewide unemployment rate has been lower than the national rate for 23 consecutive months since December 2020.

The leisure and hospitality sector gained the most jobs among all major industries, adding 14,100 jobs (+1.1 percent) over the month, followed by education and health services, adding 8,200 jobs (+0.6 percent), and trade, transportation, and utilities, adding 8,200 jobs (+0.4 percent).

Data in the month of October continues to indicate there are many job opportunities available for Floridians throughout the state, with more than 476,000 jobs posted online. Floridians in search of work and new job opportunities are encouraged to turn to the [CareerSource Florida network](#) for help. Floridians can find guidance on how to register with [Employ Florida](#) and search listings of available local job openings. Career seekers also can improve their employability by perfecting resume writing and interviewing skills, establishing career goals, and pursuing customized career training. These services are provided at no cost to job seekers.

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blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. Diabetes can damage many of your organs, including your eyes, kidneys, nerves and heart, and is linked to some types of cancer.

If you have diabetes, working with a team

of health care professionals can offer you the personal care you need to improve your health. Your team may include your primary care provider, a nurse, an eye doctor, a certified diabetes educator, a pharmacist and others. Your team can give you advice,

regularly,” said National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Director Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers. “Routine health care will help people find and treat health problems early, or help prevent them altogether.”

But remember, you are the most important participant in your diabetes care. Here are some tips to help you manage your diabetes.

Become an expert on your disease, and don't be afraid to ask for help.

To learn more about how to manage diabetes, visit the NIDDK website:

www.niddk.nih.gov

recommend a program to manage your diabetes and answer any questions you may have.

“Working with a team helps ensure people stay on top of their self-care plan, including having their blood pressure, feet and weight checked



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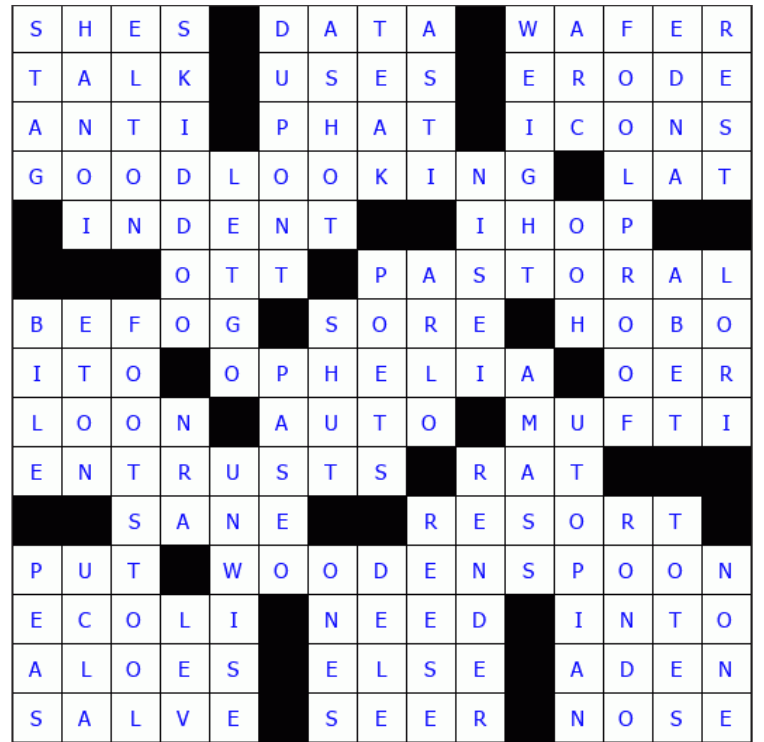
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