



The Lady Lake Business Luncheon was a great success. Approximately 30 businesses were represented. Some great Door Prizes were given if your name was drawn. Everyone is a surprise! I here we are going to meet at the Rose Plantation the third Thursday of June. Stay tuned to the Lady Lake Chamber. 352-753-6029.



Pictured is Breakfast with the Mayor at the Cottage in on May 21. About 20 people attended.

One of 10 Most Wanted Captured



Hello, everyone.

My name is **Steve Hunt**, and I have the honor of serving as **Chief of the Lady Lake Police Department**.

On behalf of **LLPD, The Town of Lady Lake Mayor Freeman, the Town Commissioners, and Town Manager Lawrence**, thank you all for being here today. It's not every day that a department our size receives this kind of recognition, and I'd be lying if I said it doesn't feel a little surreal. I stand here **humbled and proud**—not for myself, but for the **incredible men and women** I work alongside every single day.

This recognition from the **FBI** is a tremendous honor, and I want to sincerely thank them—not only for this acknowledgment, but for their continued partnership and support in pursuing justice.

But let's be clear—the real story here is about **teamwork, dedication**, and doing the

job **the right way**. We didn't make this arrest to be in the spotlight. We did it because it was our **duty**—our **responsibility**—to **protect** this community.

Thanks to this arrest, many people will have a chance to seek justice. We have now taken a meaningful step toward that goal. I hope this arrest has brought some measure of **peace** to the victims and reassurance that they were never forgotten.

To the members of the **Lady Lake Police Department: you are the heart of this town**. You work long hours. You make sacrifices. And you do it with professionalism and integrity. This recognition belongs to **all of you**.

And finally, to the **people of Lady Lake: this is your win**, too. Your **trust**, your **cooperation**, and your **resilience** are what drive us forward.

We serve because **you allow us to**, and we never take that privilege for granted.

Democrats Have Lost Their Minds!

By TomL

They are defending the criminals illegal instead of protecting our legal citizens. They are allowing the taxpayers to suffer and they pay the illegal to stay in our country FREE. There is a delicate balance going on that most US citizens don't understand. Our country can't survive the illegal onslaught. Unless Trump pulls the rabbit out of the hat and makes the tariffs work, the United States and World will be in a bad place.

Half of the country is Trump hater's and would rather we go down with the ship rather than to co-operate. Our politician's must work together to survive. The world is on a collision course. Most of the countries want the power. A few understand they need to work together to stand up to the giants or super power. The problem is the way our

country is run the other countries don't know who is going to be President next term? They made a deal with Trump! He is timing out in three yearsOr is he!

Mean while the democrat's are fighting to make a name as the front runner to run for President and they are breaking the law to do it. I think that is pretty stupid. If they set policy and half of the policy's are in agreement with Trump, that is half the battle is started right. Not imposing men in women's bathrooms, raising taxes on working families, or defending criminal illegals over American citizen. **THEY HAVE LOST THEIR MINDS!**

Don't fight physically unless you are in danger, then stand your ground!

Byron Donalds candidate for Governor

says stand your ground. The future of our country is on the line!

Now our previous President when questioned can't remember anything. He also has cancer that and according to renowned doctors say he has had it for a while. Now the people that are running the country today want to know who was signing all the legal stuff, who decided not to tell the people that he had cancer. How did he have cancer undetected while having his examinations that he is required to go through???? **MORE LIES!**

Finally truth is coming out. I wonder who is behind the ghost cloak?

Stay tune! What is your opinion? floury@att.net I will print your opinion with just your initials.



NEW FEATURE TOWN NEWS See page 2

Town News Lake County Events

National Public Works Week

May 18–24, 2025

Theme: “People, Purpose, Presence”

The Town of Lady Lake proudly recognizes the incredible efforts of our Public Works team during National Public Works Week!

At the May 19 Town Commission meeting, Mayor Ed Freeman presented an official proclamation to honor the dedicated Public Works professionals who keep our community running smoothly—from maintaining roads and facilities to ensuring clean water and reliable infrastructure.

These behind-the-scenes heroes are essential to our health, safety, and quality of life. Their work touches every part of our daily lives, and this week we say THANK YOU!

Join us in celebrating the purpose, presence, and people of Public Works who make Lady Lake a better place to live!



Lady Lake to Host Bounce House Event to Celebrate End of School Year



Pictured is the Lady Lake Town residence of Lady Lake having Lunch Manager and the Mayor Ed Freeman at with the Mayor. the Cottage Inn, having lunch with 20

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Lake County Detention Center Public Booking Log

See the frequently updated public booking log of those recently charged in Lake County. Go to:

<http://tomlpublishing.com/category/villages-news/lady-lake-police-dept/>

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Tomlpublishing.com and click on Lake County Sheriff on right side under “Contributing Editors”.



CHAIR CHAT



The Florida building material association, celebrated their relocation to Lady Lake with a ribbon-cutting at their new office on Teague Trail.



Leahi Health celebrated their grand opening in Lake Sumter Landing with a Hawaiian themed event. The restaurant serves plant based food and delicious smoothie options.



The Orange Blossom Garden Lions Club celebrated the new location for their Friday night bingo. Join them every Friday starting at 4 PM at NorthLake Presbyterian Church.

To Kathy Bryant; Chair - Marion County Commissioners

SUBJECT: Marion County Republican Executive Committee support of revised Transportation Impact Fees

On behalf of the Marion County Republican Executive Committee (MCREC), representing more than 130,000 registered Republican voters we support the revision of cost-equivalent transportation impact fees. As an organization we support free enterprise and on-going private equity investment in our County, however a key pillar of this support is "fair share cost liability" with respect to developers and most importantly to Marion County taxpayers.

To state obvious transportation impact fees have not risen for more than a decade, 2015 last revision, subsequent to the economic downturn beginning in 2009 and prior to the Covid impacts of +2019. As a prudent step in 2015 to entice residential and non-residential development, the transportation impact fees set in 2015 were discounted significantly below the actual cost impacts to County residents; only 20% for residential and 11% for commercial developments of the actual impact fee. Again, both below the needed impact fee cost projections. To date, given the ten-year increase in cost for roads, services, property taxes, etc., the current transportation impact fees applied represent an even greater discounted fee than in 2015.

Marion County has undergone explosive residential development, and strong non-residential development, which has adversely stressed our infrastructure as seen in increases in traffic, roadway construction and utility expansion needs/costs.

Again, in a prudent measure the Commissioners hired a recognized expert firm to evaluate transportation impact fees and determine if the data would support declaration of an extraordinary circumstance to allow increasing impact fees to a current cost based on current law (F.S. 163.31801). This statute sets the required evaluation, public notices, as well as other factors for impact fee cost evaluations related to public infrastructure, roadway construction costs, public services, and County levels of service needs. The results of these studies, as required, were presented in public forums.

The result of this study is that current transportation impacts fees, held constant since 2015, have clearly not kept pace with cost increases over the past 10-years. As a point of comparison, the current Marion County transportation impact fee for a 2,000 SF home (one of the most typical sizes) is \$1,397 / home. In contrast surrounding counties have updated their fees to reflect the actual cost impact more accurately on their counties:

Citrus	\$3,864
Sumter	\$3,000
Pasco	+\$6,000 to +\$9,000
Volusia	\$5,464
Alachua	\$4,146

The Benesch study also presented data of the required factors to support a declaration of extraordinary circumstances that would meet current Florida requirements to increase fees by +50% to a more realistic cost basis than 10 years ago.

In addition, the study indicates the current impact fees, if not significantly increased,

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Tom Loury Long time member of CEP/Ocala Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the Ocala Business Leaders and current member, Co-Founder and past President of Select Business Associates, Past President of the Lady Lake Chamber and current member.

PUBLISHER'S NOTES



First things that Trump is doing!

Securing our southern border and removing dangerous criminals from our country! Strengthening our economy, protecting girls' and women's sports,

Our nation is trending in the right direction!

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, border agents seizing drones transporting methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl across the U.S. southern and northern borders.

Bill Clinton Democrat fired 377,000 Government Employees and there was silence???

Trump fired 30,000 and the Democrats go wild! They are outraged!

It seems like the last three Presidents but not including Trump have chosen the dumbest Vice Presidents they could find! How did that work for them. I know how it worked for us. It's going to take four years to clean it up.

We have a new Doctor Death... Dr Anthony Fauci, and I think he was one of the top earner's in the federal government. In my opinion China strikes through him, killing our people in great numbers. He smiles and says that not true! He needs jail time. I have a correction about the COVID virus development, I just came out that Obama was allowing and help Fauci to develop the virus here in the US but then got concerned and sent for development to the WoHon lab where it was used against us. Obama took part in the beginning! I have read that they found a fully equipped lab here in the USA that no one was aware of sitting empty.

In looking at the process for VP pick's, The Democratic party pick's were all weak

or had something wrong with them. Obama picked Biden knowing he could get rid of him any time he wanted to because of his extra activity's of his son. The real crisis was Obama letting Biden run for office knowing what he did. Knowing what he and his and his family did.

Biden picked someone who could not be a threat to him in Kamala Harris. Her methods on working her way to the top were not the normal way. When Biden was finally exposed to his mental statis, Biden and Kamala had raised so much money in the Biden Harris ticket they could not get rid of Harris. Biden was forced out.

Now Kamala has a choice of VP's, she does the same thing that the others did and pick someone who could never be a threat. He was so off the wall that he helped drag her down.

Yes good old "Tampon Joe". But what really help was she is a "Airhead" she talked in riddles that most people could not follow or did not make any sense. So the Democrats tried to keep her out of the lime light.

I want to point out word Prospective and what it means. Very large groups set in think tanks and try to figure out how to win over the other side. When you tell you something it better be true and you better have good intentions. One of the worst and misused actions is telling the employees your company has and open door policy. Explain to them what it means and what the results could be. Maybe the loss of their job or the

loss of some else's job. When you sit down in that meeting it could be the most important meeting of your life.

First the Company will never side with you against your supervisor, where does that leave you. The powers to be might explain it away then you are sitting there with an empty feeling and will probably leave the company anyway. The best thing management can do is just have one on one's with each and every employee. Start the conversation out on a positive note and end it on a positive note. What is aid in between won't make any difference to them. The supervisor will get the info they want without hurting anyone. Always remember the subjects they bring up are probably very important to them and not so important to you. Write the comments down.

Ron Hipner gave a talk at the Select Business Associates of Ocala about the water that being sold to us in bottles. It is both "exciting & stressful" information, it is exciting because he answered all my questions and stressful because the bottled water we are drinking out of contaminated water bottles from the factory. NOT GOOD! The studies are proving it but no one seems to care. I care! Ron is a supplier of Kangen Water, It has multi choice equipment that can take toxins, impurities and things you don't want to drink out of what you drink and change the water to a healthy water. Thanks Ron Hipner

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The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has focused a

great deal of attention on the Unimaginable waste and fraud committed by our nation's runaway spending habit. Multiple Reports have shown case after case of our elected officials squandering our tax dollars in both The United States and around the world. So what does the FAIRtax have to do with government spending? In one word: Transparency.

The FAIRtax elegantly shines the light on, and exposes aspects of, our government that no Other tax system can do. Our current income tax system includes a vast number of exemptions, exclusions, deductions, Credits and loopholes that effectively result in less tax revenue in favor of some socially desired Behaviors. This is effectively government spending since it reduces treasury inflow.

Under the FAIRtax these phantom expenditures would vanish. The U.S. would collect the FAIRtax on the retail purchase of new goods and services. A portion of taxes collected would Be remitted back to every U.S. citizen and legal resident in the form of a prebate which is a REFUND of taxes paid

on the basic necessities of life and NOT an entitlement.

Government spending would be exposed since it is separate from the FAIRtax collection System and there would be no blurred lines. If politicians want to spend more tax dollars on Their pet projects, they would have to convince the American people of it's need and benefits. The only way to do that under the FAIRtax is to:

- 1) Raise the FAIRtax rate on every American, or
- 2) Continue borrowing as long they can find willing lenders.

The FAIRtax would promote socially desirable behavior without beating it over our citizens' Heads as our current income tax system does. For example: the FAIRtax would encourage Recycling as the tax is only applied to only new goods and services. The FAIRtax encourages Legal immigration since illegals are not eligible for the prebate. The FAIRtax encourages greater U.S. employment since it eliminates the employer matching 7.65% FICA payroll taxes. The FAIRtax encourages U.S. investment and would ignite manufacturing, business and Productivity since we would be the tax haven of the world with 0% corporate tax. Although politicians on both sides of the aisle will not be automatically rehabilitated from their

Spending habits, the transparency of the FAIRtax will drastically reduce their runaway Spending.

For more information, please go to FAIRtax.org

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Chair Chat

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could result in a ~\$500,000,000 future funding shortfall that would either be borne by County taxpayers or increased County debt, or both.

For brevity, we have not discussed the many other factors related to impact fees that support an increase.

For simplicity, the cost of living for everyone is not the same as 10 years ago. Impact fees have a nexus to cost impacts on the County, again from a "fair justice standpoint" the cost burden should not be transferred from developers onto the taxpayers. We applaud the Commissioners for correcting this overdue impact fee "discount" as well as support free enterprise and fees set in a fair and equitable manner. We support the raising of impact fees well above 50% as needed to maintain the level of services that our residents deserve without shifting this economic liability on-to County taxpayers.

Pope Leo XIV

By TomL

Robert Francis Prevost, 69, has become the 267th occupant of the throne of St Peter and he will be known as Leo XIV.

He Grew up as a peruvian but born in Chicago to a Spanish and Franco Italian parents. He served as a altar boy and was ordained in 1982.

He taught for years in as a local parish pastor at a seminary in Trujillo in North Western Peru. He made many trips to the US and serve as a priest and a prior in Chicago. It sounds to me like he was torn between work and building relationships in both the US and Peru.

He was well known and well liked and the first American born to become Pope. Pope Leo XIV lays out vision of papacy and identifies AI as a main challenge for humanity.

Now to add a twist to this, my wife was going through some things her father left. There was two small hard back books, kind of tattered, one was called "The History of the Bible" by the Benziger Brothers. Copy righted 1889 by the Benziger Brothers. She

found the book that had been put away for 22 years. It was wrapped in brown paper bag material to keep it nice. Now while I'm watching on TV during the time the Pope was being named, she opened this book the first thing she see's is a letter inside front from the Pope Leo XIII. The book comes from over 100 years ago.

Her father left atwo books among other things. There was two books McGuffey's Sixth Electric Reader Revised edition printed by American Book Company. Copy right 1879 and the "History of the Bible." Printed by the Benizer Brothers copy write 1881.

Pope Leo XIII, born Vincenzo Gioacchino Pecci, Vincenzo Gioacchino Pecci was the 257th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, serving from 1878 to his death in 1903. Vincenzo Gioacchino Pecci was the sixth child of a family of the lower nobility. Pope Leo P. P. XIII

The history was Vincenzo Gioacchino Pecci was the sixth child of a family of the lower nobility. After his early education in Viterbo and Rome, he completed his studies at the Accademia dei Nobili Ecclesiastici (Academy of Noble Ecclesiastics) in Rome. In 1837 he was ordained a priest and entered the diplomatic service of the Papal States. His superiors immediately appreciated his qualities: flexibility and lucidity and great

He was known for his social teachings and his efforts to address the challenges of industrialization and modernization.

He wrote a letter that was printed in a book called the history of the bible Thanking the the book. The letter said....

We have received with thanks of devotion, which Benziger Brothers, publishers, have sent us through the Bishop of Basil, and we give our Apostolic Benediction to them and to their labors that these may always lend the good of religion.

Signed
Pope Leo P. P. XIII

She opened the book during the time this Pope Leo XIV was being chosen. What a coincidence! Neither one of us are catholic but we find the book and interesting piece of history to have from her father. I find the signature interesting with the P. P. in the signature???

Federal Agencies & Their Meaning

INFO off the web By TomL

The mission of the FAA is to regulate civil aviation and U.S. commercial space transportation, maintain and operate air traffic control and navigation systems for both civil and military aircrafts, and develop and administer programs relating to aviation safety and the National Airspace System. Some air space is not monitored by them but by private organizations.

What Is the FCC, and How Does it Work? | CordCutting.com

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is an independent US government agency that regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable, ensuring access to rapid, efficient, and nationwide communication services.

Most actions by the Federal Communications Commission affect television and radio broadcasters, not newspapers. But the FCC, under Chairman Ajit Pai, is working on two rule changes which could impact the newspaper industry, with the effect on individual newspapers determined by several factors including the newspapers' size, market dominance, and ownership.

Cross-Ownership Rule: One of the FCC actions that will affect the newspaper industry is changes to the commission's

media ownership rules. In addition to rescinding limits on how many television stations that a single entity can own in a media market (which retain such limits for radio), the commission also voted in November to rescind a 42-year-old rule that barred common ownership of a full-power broadcast radio or television station and daily newspaper in the same market.

A newspaper owner could own TV and radio stations in other markets where it did not own a newspaper. Existing dual ownerships were grandfathered in, and over the years the FCC loosened the rules in markets with more radio and television stations. The commission also granted exemptions to the rule when combined ownership was deemed necessary for both the station and newspaper to remain economically viable.

INFO The goal of the rule was to promote diversity in media ownership, and to prevent a single entity from monopolizing the media in a particular area.

This really bothers me that a media company can push around a smaller media newspaper to push them out of their territory. I believe that is restraint of trade! If a big newspaper media group stops another newspaper from promoting, advertising them selves they should be sued.

What good is the FCC if they won't monitor large media groups and protect the small papers from restraint of Trade?



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LAKE COUNTY EVENTS

Jun 01
National Day of Prayer Chapel Open First Presbyterian Mount Dora
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM First Presbyterian Church Mount Dora in Mount Dora
June through August at First Presbyterian. We meet in the Sanctuary for a traditional worship with choir and organ. Communion is given on July 13.

Jun 01
Summer Worship at First Presbyterian
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM First Presbyterian Church Mount Dora in Mount Dora
June through August at First Presbyterian. We meet in the Sanctuary for a traditional worship with choir and organ. Communion is given on July 13. Start...

Jun 02
Lake County 4-H Junior Bug Camp (5-9yrs)
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM UF/IFAS Extension Lake County in Tavares
Fun, creative outdoor activities for youth ages 5-9. Engage in activities like swing netting, bug collecting, bug crafts, and bug races.

Jun 02
Lake County 4-H Advanced Bug Camp (10-14yrs)
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM UF/IFAS Extension Lake County in Tavares
Lake County 4-H hosts this fun, creative bug camp for youth 10-14 years old. Engage in activities such as swing netting, bug collecting, insect ID

Jun 03
Summer Book Group at First Presbyterian
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM First Presbyterian Church Mount Dora in Mount Dora
Discuss the book Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis (parts 1 & 2) who explores the core beliefs of Christianity

Jun 04
Water Wednesday
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Hickory Point in Tavares
Engage with the science behind water cycles, properties of water, and the role of water in sustaining life. Sustainable Activity:

Jun 04
Summer Movie Series - The CHOSEN
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM First Presbyterian Church Mount Dora in Mount Dora
Together we will watch on a big screen, the engaging historical drama based on the life of Jesus and those who knew him.

Jun 06
Exploration Hike
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Ferndale Preserve in Clermont
Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve. Hike intensity: Vigorous. Reservations required.

Jun 06
Featured Event
First Friday
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Downtown Eustis in Eustis
Join us for our Eustis First Friday Street

Party from 6 - 9 p.m.! Our family-friendly monthly street parties host a wide variety of food, vendors and more

Jun 07
Wetland Excursion - Crooked River Preserve
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Crooked River Preserve in Clermont
Join us for a fast paced hike at Crooked River Preserve to explore the diverse ecosystems within the Preserve

Jun 07
Quarterly Bird & Butterfly Survey
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Pasture Reserve in Groveland
Assist staff with surveying one of Lake County's conservation lands for birds and butterflies.

Jun 08
Exploration Hike
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM P.E.A.R. Park (Gateway) in Leesburg
Join staff on an early evening walk while exploring nature at P.E.A.R. Park. Hike Intensity: Light. Reservations required.

Jun 08
Paddling Adventure - Lake Norris
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Lake Norris Conservation Area in Eustis
One of the best paddles in Lake County, join staff for a guided tour of the Black Water Creek, part of the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System.

Jun 13
Featured Event
Discover Leesburg
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Towne Square,

Downtown Leesburg in Leesburg
Join us every 2nd Friday evening of the month on Towne Square in Downtown Leesburg for an evening of entertainment, shopping, and community spirit. We ...

Jun 15
Brews and BBQ
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Historic Downtown Clermont in Clermont
Come and Enjoy Fathers Day at Our Brews and BBQ Pour Tasting the many beer flavors we offer in Historic Downtown Clermont.

Jun 15
Father's Day Grand Brunch Buffet
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Mission Resort + Club in Howey-in-the-Hills
Treat Dad to the ultimate brunch experience this Father's Day! Savor mouthwatering selections including carved prime rib, peel & eat shrimp, and more

Jun 20
Summer Yard Sale
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Renningers Antique Center in Mount Dora
Don't miss Renninger's Summer Yard Sale. Clean out your unwanted items and sell them at this show. Antique Center. Flea Market. Free Admission. Free Parking

Jun 21
Insects and other Vertebrates
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Ellis Acres Reserve in Paisley
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Lady Lake Chamber Business Luncheon

Lady Lake Business Luncheon. The Chamber had several events going on at once. Some 30 businesses were represented at the Business Luncheon held at the Glennview Country Club restaurant. There were plenty of Door Prizes given out. The Business Luncheons are held the third Thursday of every month. Check with the chamber for the location because they change once in a while.



Lady Lake Chamber Business Luncheon



Why Join The Lady Lake Area Chamber?

- **Networking Opportunities**- Connect with business professionals
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Lady Lake Chamber



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Who Gave Land to the Indians?

One of the things the socialist and or the disrupters teach in the colleges is that the white man stole the land from the Indians. They say, you are sitting on stolen land right now! It is true that the Indians were here first. But, who gave this land to the Indian's. Today we all live in neighborhoods, homes, with close neighbors or some rural life and try to get along. Just a few Indians live on the reservation. Back in the old days settlements were being raided and many times all were killed. WHY? Because someone did not want us to hunt / fish / farm / ranch and live here in peace. Some of the big ranchers would allow the Indians to butcher a cow, but kept a strong fist over it. Of course their was greed from some white men involved, we have that same problem today. The Indian's did not want the railroad to come through the land. They called it the Iron Horse. Some Rancher / Farmers did not want the RR either.

Approximately 30,000 years ago, the Paleo-Indians, the ancestors of Native Americans, followed herds of animals from Siberia across Beringia, a land bridge connecting Asia and North America, into Alaska. By 8,000 B.C.E., these peoples had spread across North and South America. The

Indians claimed the land was their heritage and claimed it was theirs. They were nomads and moved with the weather and animal migration. They did not have permanent houses. If the herd of wild animals moved onto someones settlement or territory trouble came.

Then the settlers were being accused of stealing their land, we also hunted to survive. So the Indians and the white man went to war. It was terrible. The Indians were called Braves and the White Men were Indian hunters. Each were collecting scalps, how barbaric. The Indians did not want the gold miners to mine, hunters to hunt, settlers to settle. The railroad was an important part to settling the west. It was going through no matter what. It transported Live stock to the big cities where they needed for food. The RR brought goods, supplies to the settlers and Indians. By this time they were trading furs for what ever the Indians needed. I think if their were a person that was strong enough they could have brought peace between the Indians and the whites, died at the Alamo. But they thought it was cool to fight the Indians and the Indian's fighting the white man was a show of bravery. I guess I ask who gave this land to the Indians, could they have avoided conflict by getting along? The Indians did not want progress. Settling the west was in motion and could not be stopped, especially the Gold Rush and the dream of having your own homestead or ranch! I had some Indian friends that I went to school with. One of my close friends for a while was Harry Guy LaBree. He taught me about the Indians also as he was suppose to be a Blood Brother to one of the Osceola's. Harry wound up being the Barefoot artist. I was lucky enough to be able to hang around with him until he quit school at fifteen. We went snake hunting and Gator hunting

before it was illegal. I have some great story about our boyhood. ALWAYS REMEMBER THE INDIANS WERE HERE FIRST. I'm not sure how to describe what they owned? The white man did not steal the land they settled it! It was wild and untamed and was going to become someones land, so it was tamed by people from all countries. They were called settlers!

Reilly Arts Center

Summer Event Lineup

Dueling Pianos

Friday, June 20, 2025 at 6 PM

Tickets: \$27

Grab a seat at a café table in the new NOMA Black Box at the Reilly Arts Center and enjoy dueling pianos, cocktails and an evening of fun with friends. Performing sing along classics of soft rock and pop that spans decades! Guests will be seated at tables of 4 or 6 – so bring a group of friends or meet someone new!

Dueling Pianos Uncensored

Friday, June 20, 2025 at 9 PM

Tickets: \$30

Experience an electrifying night of musical mayhem with our late-night dueling pianos show! Unleash your wild side on the dance floor as talented pianists engage in hilarious and unpredictable musical mash-ups while our cocktail servers dish up your favorite drinks. Get ready for a night of laughter, outrageous requests, and a high-energy, adults-only atmosphere that'll leave you begging for an encore.



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FROM THE DESK OF

CONGRESSWOMAN KAT CAMMACK



The Gators Visit Washington & Passing The Big Beautiful Bill Act

This week was the final week of four long weeks in Washington. While at the end of a long sprint, House

Republicans met our goal of delivering the One Big, Beautiful Bill to the Senate. After very early morning votes and debate on Thursday morning, by 7am Thursday, we passed this important bill out of the House and sent it to the Republican Senate before it makes its way to President Trump's desk. Stay tuned for important updates on this bill after the Memorial Day recess week.

Additionally, our beloved 2025 National Champion Florida Gators visited the U.S. Capitol and the White House this week. I was honored to lead them around the Capitol for a tour before meeting President Trump at the White House for an official recognition ceremony. We are so proud of our Gators and know it's always great to be a Florida Gator. Check out some of the photos below—including Speaker Mike Johnson doing a Gator Chomp (even as an LSU Tigers fan)!

Next week is a recess week and I'm looking forward to being back in the district. We'll be making stops and visits across Florida's Third and will have more to share after all of our meetings. Stay tuned.

Finally, this Monday is Memorial Day. We take a moment to stop and honor our fallen servicemembers who gave their lives in service to our nation. Please join us in saying a prayer for our heroes and their families who have defended the Stars and Stripes.

With all that's happening this new Congress, it is my greatest honor to represent you and hear from you about the issues that matter most. You can read below about what

we've been up to this week, and as always, you can stay up to date with us here, on our website, and on X, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Rep. Cammack Joins Colleagues In Introducing MOMS Act To Support Expectant Mothers & Their Families

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Cammack proudly joined Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN-07) and her colleagues in reintroducing the More Opportunities for Moms to Succeed (MOMS) Act, which will provide critical support to new moms during and after their pregnancy, empower women to choose life, and help them to raise happy, healthy babies.

“For many women, finding out you are unexpectedly pregnant comes with fear, and for some, abortion may feel like the only option. I am committed to empowering all women and ensuring they feel supported in choosing life,” said Congresswoman Fischbach (MN-07). “The MOMS Act supports women before, during, and after they give birth. It improves access to resources and makes sure women have everything they need right at their fingertips to help them confidently carry to term and raise their child. As we go into Mother's Day weekend, I am so proud to introduce legislation that supports new mothers and their children.”

“I'm glad to join Rep. Fischbach and my colleagues in support of the MOMS Act,” said Rep. Kat Cammack (FL-03). “As a first-time mom myself, I'm thankful for the resources and support I've received, but know not all women have the same access to pre- and post-natal services. Providing more opportunities for mothers to receive the care and support necessary to deliver healthy babies is critical.”

This legislation has the support of a number of outside groups:

“The MOMS Act is a vital step toward ensuring that expectant and new mothers receive the comprehensive support they need during one of life's most transformative moments,” said Penny Nance, CEO and President of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC). “This bill's focus on improving maternal health care access, expanding resources for postpartum care, and promoting family-centered policies is a testament to the GOP's commitment to the well-being of mothers and their babies. We wholeheartedly support the MOMS Act and thank Representative Fischbach for championing this critical legislation.”

“We're grateful to Rep. Fischbach for reintroducing the More Opportunities for Moms to Succeed (MOMS Act). By supporting women through every stage of motherhood and expanding access to vital resources, this legislation is key to strengthening the pro-life safety net and building a culture that empowers women and supports their families,” said Hon. Marilyn Musgrave, Vice President of Government Affairs, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America.

“As we approach Mother's Day, March for Life Action is grateful for the Representatives reintroduction of the More Opportunities for Moms to Succeed Act (MOMS Act), which recognizes the gift of motherhood with concrete steps to equip moms with the resources, information, and support they need to choose life confidently and care for their growing families. At March for Life Action, we remain committed to working alongside lawmakers to build a culture of life—one in which both mother and child are valued, protected, and empowered to thrive,” said Jennie Bradley Lichter, President, March for Life Action.

Rep. Cammack Introduces App Store Freedom Act To Promote Competition & Protect Consumers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Rep. Cammack introduced the App Store

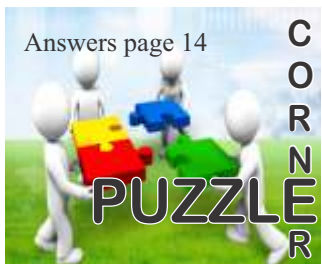
Freedom Act, which seeks to promote competition and protect consumers and developers in the mobile app marketplace by prohibiting certain anticompetitive practices by dominant app store operators.

The bill supports interoperability and consumer choice by requiring large app store operators (100M+ U.S. users) to allow users to set third-party apps or app stores as default; install apps or app stores outside of the dominant platform; and remove or hide pre-installed apps. Additionally, the bill directs companies provide developers equal access to interfaces, features, and development tools without cost or discrimination.

“We must continue to hold Big Tech accountable and promote competition that allows all players to enter the field. For too long, consumers and developers have borne the brunt of anti-competitive practices on major app store marketplaces,” said Rep. Cammack. “Dominant app stores have controlled customer data and forced consumers to use the marketplaces' own merchant services, instead of the native, in-app offerings provided by the applications and developers themselves. The results are higher prices and limited selections for consumers and anti-competitive practices for developers that have stifled innovation.”

The bill additionally prohibits app stores from forcing developers to use the company's in-app payment system, imposing pricing parity requirements, and punishing developers for distributing their apps elsewhere.

“At its core, this bill seeks to promote a competitive marketplace for consumers and developers, ensuring U.S. mobile users can choose the applications, payment methods and platforms that are best for them without unduly forcing developers to comply or the pay the price—both literally and figuratively—for straying from the dominant marketplaces' preferences,” Rep. Cammack added.



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CORN PUZZLER

Across

- 1. Animal rights org.
- 5. Dismal
- 10. Inaugural ball, e.g.
- 14. Hammer or sickle
- 15. Rib
- 16. Egyptian fertility goddess
- 17. Start of the description of our heritage
- 19. Having the know-how
- 20. '60s spy spoof show
- 21. Moonlight, for one
- 23. Sotheby's submission
- 24. Glaswegians
- 25. Reanimate
- 29. Crack due to dehydration
- 30. Grimm shoemaker
- 33. Short-straw drawer
- 34. Light punishments
- 35. Breathtaking beast?
- 36. Highchair feature
- 37. Sources or problems for

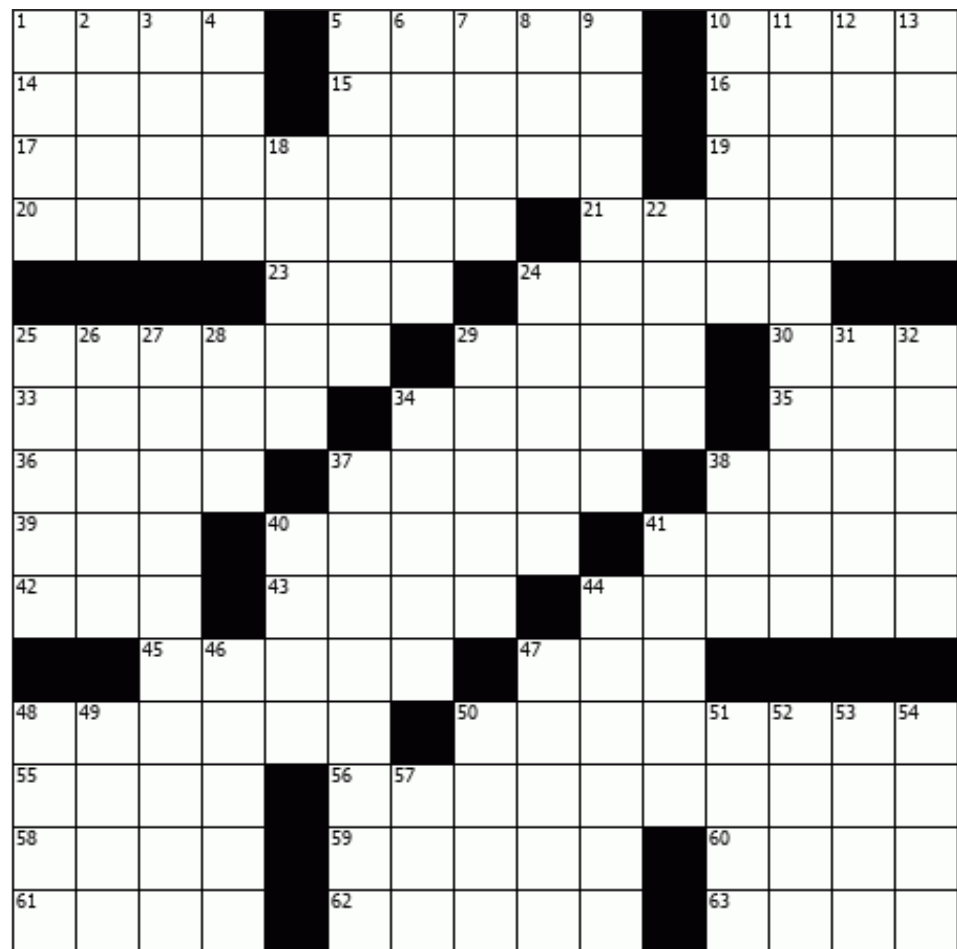
investigators

- 38. Tight as a drum
- 39. Cleo's doom
- 40. Of few words
- 41. Exerciser's reading
- 42. Bench press unit
- 43. Invitation letters
- 44. Fictitious
- 45. On the lam
- 47. Kind of sheet or session
- 48. Puts right
- 50. Result of plotting, perhaps
- 55. Humorous anecdote, e.g.
- 56. One conclusion of the description
- 58. Similar in nature
- 59. Kind of eclipse
- 60. Styptic substance
- 61. Kind of organ
- 62. Cantankerous
- 63. Kind of list

Down

- 1. Cervine male
- 2. You strike it by remaining still
- 3. Someone can check it for you
- 4. Panhandler's income
- 5. Ellington's line?
- 6. Out of the ordinary
- 7. It's undeniable
- 8. Grp. with 50 members
- 9. Shooters' covers

- 10. Jack's nemesis
- 11. Another conclusion of the description
- 12. Merry-go-round music
- 13. Sailing or whaling
- 18. Coal remnant
- 22. Feared word at a china shop
- 24. Word with hand or milk
- 25. Hitching post
- 26. More severe
- 27. One conclusion of the description
- 28. Pivotal
- 29. Fastener of a sort
- 31. No-goodnik
- 32. Doomed
- 34. Do one's duty
- 37. Factor in a more healthful diet
- 38. Ungainly ship
- 40. Trampled
- 41. Word with bull or cross
- 44. Pale imitation
- 46. One way to stand
- 47. Charged headlong
- 48. Cracked open
- 49. Fashion
- 50. Groan elicitors, often
- 51. Metronome's output
- 52. Norwegian port
- 53. Extol
- 54. Shells and such
- 57. Litigate



FROM THE DESK OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE



Attorney General James Uthmeier Partners with Commissioner of Education Diaz on Protecting Parental Rights

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Today, Attorney General James Uthmeier joined

Florida Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz, Jr., to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the Attorney General's Office of Parental Rights and the Florida Department of Education. This agreement brings the agencies together to protect students in Florida's education system from unlawful abuses by school systems, protect parents' God-given rights to direct how their children are educated, and maintain close involvement in such processes. The Memorandum of Agreement is available here.

"With this collaboration between the Office of Parental Rights and the Florida Department of Education, we are putting the power in parents' hands," said Attorney General James Uthmeier. "The rights of parents are non-negotiable in Florida, and they deserve an education system that works for them without an inappropriate, politically driven agenda. It was an honor to sign this important agreement with Commissioner Diaz."

"Florida is the Parental Rights state, and I am proud to work with Attorney General Uthmeier to enhance the power of Florida parents," said Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz, Jr. "I am proud to sign this Memorandum of Understanding with the Attorney General's Office today to further bolster our efforts to support the rights of parents and to protect Florida's children."

Attorney General Uthmeier also announced an expansion of the Parental Rights reporting portal, enabling parents to report businesses—such as vape shops and

gas stations—targeting minors with flavored vapes or youth-focused advertising, particularly near schools. Parents can upload photos, flag suspicious products or ads, and provide business addresses directly to the Attorney General's Office for investigation, enabling faster review and enforcement.

The announcement came during a regional vaping enforcement symposium hosted by the Attorney General's Office at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Pensacola. It is the third in a statewide series—following events in Jacksonville and Tallahassee—designed to train law enforcement on enforcing new legislation aimed at vaping devices that appeal to children.

Officers are being trained to identify illegal products, seize and report them, and partner with the Attorney General's Office for civil forfeiture and destruction of seized items.

The expanded enforcement effort is funded in part by the state's \$79 million settlement with JUUL Labs, Inc., following litigation over the company's marketing tactics directed at minors. As part of the settlement, JUUL is prohibited from targeting youth in Florida and must comply with strict advertising restrictions. Of the settlement funds, \$30 million has been allocated to the Vape Free Florida Fund, supporting ongoing enforcement and education initiatives statewide.

The Office of Parental Rights is designed to bolster the many efforts Florida has taken to protect children over the past several years, including the Parents' Bill of Rights and the Parental Rights in Education Act. To report a violation or learn more about the Office of Parental Rights, visit: MyFloridaLegal.com/ParentalRights.

Attorney General James Uthmeier Secures Conviction of Illegal Alien Involved in Central Florida Theft Ring
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney

General James Uthmeier's Office of Statewide Prosecution secured a conviction for an illegal alien who held a critical role within a criminal enterprise of illegal aliens. Jonny Pinzon Rios was convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering and two counts of Dealing in Stolen Property.

"This criminal illegal alien conspired with a theft ring to sell stolen Rolex watches that were taken during burglaries of Floridians' homes," said Attorney General James Uthmeier. "Thanks to our brave law enforcement and Assistant Statewide Prosecutors Eric Ross and Briana Zupko, he was convicted of his crimes and faces serious criminal penalties. We do not tolerate theft in Florida, and we will continue to work with the Trump administration to get these criminals out of our state and nation."

Pinzon held an essential role within a criminal enterprise of illegal aliens who victimized business owners and their families by committing high-end residential burglaries and selling the stolen property that was taken from the victim's homes. According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the criminal enterprise stole over \$1,600,000 worth of personal property from the victim's homes.

Rios is a Columbian national here in the U.S. illegally and is pending deportation. The joint law enforcement investigation, including the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and HIS Tampa, revealed that Pinzon held a critical role within a criminal enterprise of illegal aliens. The residential burglaries committed by this criminal enterprise impacted the following Florida counties: Hillsborough, Polk, Pasco, Pinellas, and Collier.

Rios was found guilty of Conspiracy to Commit RICO, which is 1st Degree Felony, and two counts of Dealing in Stolen Property, which is 2nd Degree Felonies. Pinzon faces up to 60 years in prison.

Attorney General James Uthmeier Announces Inaugural Law Enforcement Team of the Year
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Today, Attorney

General James Uthmeier congratulated thirty-six law enforcement members for being named the Attorney General's inaugural Law Enforcement Team of the Year. These men and women from the Martin County Sheriff's Office and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office are being honored for their courageous and coordinated response that led to the apprehension of the alleged suspect involved in the attempted assassination of President Donald J. Trump.

"The men and women of this team exemplify the very best of law enforcement—swift, selfless, and steadfast in the face of unimaginable danger," said Attorney General James Uthmeier. "They upheld the rule of law when it mattered most. Florida proudly honors them as our inaugural Law Enforcement Team of the Year."

The team is being recognized for their exceptional response on September 15, 2024, apprehending Ryan Routh, the alleged would-be assassin of then-former President Donald J. Trump, while he was golfing at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach. The suspect fled the scene but was later captured in Martin County, thanks to the coordination and decisive action of the individuals recognized today.

The team includes deputies, detectives, supervisors, tactical officers, dispatchers from the Martin County Sheriff's Office, and one off-duty special agent from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office who quickly sprang into action. Each played a critical role in the safe and successful operation, from real-time intelligence sharing and communication to tactical execution and containment of the threat to the then-former president.

Their rapid, unified response stands as a testament to the professionalism of Florida law enforcement and reflects the Attorney General's commitment to backing the blue and keeping Florida—and the nation—safe, strong, and free.

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Florida Sets New Tourism Record: 2024 Marks Highest Annual Visitation in State History

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Latest data confirms that Florida set a new all-time annual record in 2024 with 143 million visitors—an increase of 1.7% over the previous record set in 2023. This historic growth includes 130.65 million domestic travelers, 8.94 million overseas visitors, and 3.41 million Canadian tourists. And, in 2024, the State of Florida collected billions in sales tax revenue from these tourists.

Governor Ron DeSantis also announced that Florida welcomed 41.2 million visitors in the first quarter of 2025, reinforcing the Free State of Florida's position as the nation's top travel destination and a global tourism powerhouse.

“Florida's tourism industry leads the nation,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “These results are proof that our freedom-first policies work—and that Florida remains the best place to visit, work, and raise a family.”

Key Highlights from Q1 2025:

41.2 million total visitors, maintaining Florida's national tourism leadership.

91.9% domestic visitation, with 37.9 million domestic travelers, up 0.2% from Q1 2024.

2.1 million overseas visitors and 1.2 million Canadian visitors, making up 5.1% and 3.0% of total visitation, respectively.

Domestic non-resident travelers: 35.8% arrived by air, 64.2% by non-air travel.

29.4 million total enplanements at Florida's 19 major airports. Airports with the highest growth included Punta Gorda (+23.6%), St. Petersburg–Clearwater (+7.7%), and Daytona Beach (+7.4%).

Hotel performance: +2.4% increase in rooms sold, Average Daily Rate (ADR) rose to \$227.22 (+2.2%), and occupancy reached 75.7% (+1.6%).

Florida's consistent growth in tourism not only reflects the state's broad appeal but also fuels economic strength, supporting jobs, businesses, and communities across the state. With continued investment and strategic promotion, Florida is positioned for even greater success as the most visited destination in the United States.

Governor Ron DeSantis Highlights Florida's Leadership on Immigration Enforcement

TAMPA, Fla.— Governor Ron DeSantis highlighted Florida's leadership on immigration enforcement and announced that Florida is ready to do more.

“Florida has led the nation on immigration enforcement, and we're ready to do even more.” Said Governor Ron DeSantis. “We've submitted a plan to the federal government to contribute new detention facilities and expanded apprehension efforts to their ongoing mission to reclaim America's sovereignty.”

Florida is leading the fight on illegal immigration enforcement. Florida has more deputized state law enforcement officers

under 287(g) task force deputizations than any other state in the nation. Additionally, more than 100 Florida Highway Patrol Troopers were sworn in as Special Deputy U.S. Marshals. This authority now empowers our state troopers to execute federal warrants and remove dangerous criminals from our communities.

And Florida is ready to do even more. Florida submitted a plan to the federal government to contribute new detention facilities and expanded apprehension efforts to their ongoing mission to reclaim America's sovereignty. Florida's plan also includes a proposal to help expedite immigration legal processing by deputizing Florida National Guard JAGS as immigration judges.

Governor Ron DeSantis Celebrates Action to Protect Floridians from Chemical and Technological Interference

MIAMI, Fla.— Governor Ron DeSantis announced his support for two bills passed by the Florida Legislature aimed at protecting Floridians from unauthorized chemical exposure and atmospheric manipulation.

“I was in Miami to support SB 700, which bans local governments from unilaterally adding fluoride to public drinking water,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “In addition to this, I also reiterated in Miami that Florida is not a testing ground for geoengineering. We already do not permit this activity, and I will be signing SB 56 to prohibit the practice in our skies. The Free State of Florida means freedom from governments or private actors unilaterally applying chemicals or geoengineering to people or public spaces.”

Senate Bill 700, the Florida Farm Bill, includes a provision prohibiting local governments from unilaterally adding fluoride to public drinking water. The legislation follows a November 2024 advisory by Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo cautioning against community water fluoridation due to potential health risks, particularly for pregnant women and children.

Senate Bill 56 repeals the state's ability to issue permits for geoengineering and weather modification. The bill also prohibits the injection, release, or dispersion of chemicals or substances into the atmosphere for the express purpose of altering weather, temperature, climate, or sunlight intensity. Those who violate the law face third-degree felony charges, up to five years in prison, and fines up to \$100,000.

The bill also includes key enforcement provisions. Beginning October 1, 2025, all publicly owned airports must report the presence of any aircraft equipped with weather modification or geoengineering equipment to the Florida Department of Transportation. Additionally, the Department of Environmental Protection will launch a public reporting portal to identify suspected violations which will launch this summer.

These measures reinforce Florida's commitment to protecting public health, preserving individual choice, and ensuring no government or corporation can unilaterally impose environmental or chemical risks on the public.

INFO off the Web

By TomL

The mission of the FAA is to regulate civil aviation and U.S. commercial space transportation, maintain and operate air traffic control and navigation systems for both civil and military aircrafts, and develop and administer programs relating to aviation safety and the National Airspace System. Some air space is not monitored by them but by private organizations.

What Is the FCC, and How Does it Work? | CordCutting.com

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is an independent US government agency that regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable, ensuring access to rapid, efficient, and nationwide communication services.

Most actions by the Federal Communications Commission affect television and radio broadcasters, not newspapers. But the FCC, under Chairman Ajit Pai, is working on two rule changes which could impact the newspaper industry, with the effect on individual newspapers determined by several factors including the newspapers' size, market dominance, and ownership.

Cross-Ownership Rule: One of the FCC actions that will affect the newspaper industry is changes to the commission's media ownership rules. In addition to rescinding limits on how many television stations that a single entity can own in a media market (which retain such limits for radio), the commission also voted in November to rescind a 42-year-old rule that barred common ownership of a full-power broadcast radio or television station and daily newspaper in the same market.

A newspaper owner could own TV and

radio stations in other markets where it did not own a newspaper. Existing dual ownerships were grandfathered in, and over the years the FCC loosened the rules in markets with more radio and television stations. The commission also granted exemptions to the rule when combined ownership was deemed necessary for both the station and newspaper to remain economically viable.

INFO The goal of the rule was to promote diversity in media ownership, and to prevent a single entity from monopolizing the media in a particular area.

This really bothers me that a media company can push around a smaller media newspaper to push them out of their territory. I believe that is restraint of trade! If a big newspaper media group stops another newspaper from promoting, advertising them selves they should be sued.

What good is the FCC if they won't monitor large media groups and protect the small papers from restraint of Trade?



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Disappointed

Reader write in; I like to go to buffet where they have really goods food. I have been going to Oceans on HWY 200 shrimp of all kinds, Fish, chicken of all kinds, Mushrooms fixed several ways, bourbon chicken & pork, beef. I can't even name all of the food displayed. I took my wife to the doctor and we were close to Golden Coral and I remember the colorful foods in the ads that are running on TV about the steak, butterfly shrimp Baby Back Ribs and many great foods in the ad. We did not have much time so we went in. Have not been there for several years. Parking was plentiful. Got our table, got our plates and started looking for the shrimp and the steak, baby Backs ribs. NADDA! I ask the manager "where the shrimp?" He said oh that's after 4pm. (I am sure when the price goes up.) There were four kinds of chicken to choose from, fried, roasted, Barbecue, Bourbon plus chicken gizzard, liver. The cheapest way to feed people is serve chicken as the meat. I told the manager I came for shrimp, and I was disappointed.

Disappointed

Grocery store: I have good news and bad news. The good news is the price of eggs went down and bad news is the Carton saying grade A large eggs are small eggs and one of the eggs that I pick out was dirty. The eggs are half the size of last years grad A large eggs! We the consumers are not stupid. Disappointed

Senior reader: The County raises the values our house (That's great right?). Your taxes go up and the insurance goes up \$100 per month for two years. Now it's \$200 per month more than what they had in their budget. Not fair to the seniors who elected these officials! The mortgage company just raises the monthly payment on these poor seniors and does not even ask. Their grocery money is getting smaller, Marion county is suppose to be second most reasonable place to live in the state??? (It's moving towards Poverty!) They are going to drive the seniors into small apartments and not live in the home they have paid for all their lives...Publishers note: I am looking for a

new house insurance company. We are paying \$3000 per year in three years. NOT Disappointed

The price of gas is going down. Sam's club had regular for \$2.73, all we need it to do is go down at least a dollar per gallon more. NOT Disappointed

I am not disappointed in Trump, he is trying to fix years of abuse to the American people's wallet. The years of politician's stealing or taking advantage of their position for financial gain. There are a few good one's!

FOLLOW THE MONEY!
NOT Disappointed

I love to go to MOJO's on \$1 wing day. Wing are fixed right the value is good. We have a couple of meetings there each month and our members make a run on wings.

NOT Disappointed

I'm hearing a lot from friends about the

China Lee restaurant on Silver Spring Blvd. I use to go there when they were in a shopping center. It was good then. The built their own stand alone building. My friends tell me it is the best of the best! They have to go early to get a good table. It is a little far for me but it was good before, I will go again!

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