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Because of the Memories Created When They Snuggle Up
And Read With Some They Love!***

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The Briefing – Saturday – August 27– 2022

The last Briefing was Thursday, August 25, 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

Happy Birthday – Jan Shoop - Highlands County School Board member

The Quick

Charlie Crist's picks running mate - the head of Miami-Dade teacher's union!

Charlie Crist is picking Miami-born teachers' union leader Karla Hernandez-Mats to be his running mate. As the elected president of United Teachers of Dade (UTD), Hernandez-Mats oversees the operations of the largest labor union in the Southeast United States in the fourth-largest school district nationwide.

- Who is Karla Hernandez-Mats?
 - A first-generation American born to Honduran immigrants.
 - Educated in the Miami-Dade County Public School system
 - Graduated from Florida International University with a degree in emotionally handicapped education.
 - She holds a master in business administration from St. Thomas University.
 - She's an outspoke open of public funds going to private and charter schools.

2022 Sales Tax Holiday for Tools Commonly Used by Skilled Trade Workers

Begins September 3, 2022 runs through September 9, 2022

[Link to DOR Information Memo](#)

Florida's 2022 'Tool Time' Sales Tax Holiday begins on Saturday, September 3, 2022, and ends on Friday, September 9, 2022. During this sales tax holiday period, tax is not due on the retail sale of eligible items related to tools commonly used by skilled trade workers

Eligible Items

- Selling for \$25 or less per pair: Work gloves
- Selling for \$50 or less per item: • Duffle bags • Hand tools • LED flashlights • Protective coveralls • Tote bags
- Selling for \$50 or less per pair (or the equivalent if sold in sets of more than one pair): Safety glasses
- Selling for \$75 or less per item: Toolboxes
- Selling for \$100 or less per item: • Electrical voltage and testing equipment • Shop lights • Tool belts Selling for \$125 or less per item: • Industry code books • Industry textbooks
- Selling for \$150 or less per item: • Drain opening tools • Handheld pipe cutters • Plumbing inspection equipment • Power tool batteries
- Selling for \$175 or less per pair: Work boots

- Selling for \$300 or less per item: • Power tools • Toolboxes for vehicle

Headlines from around the State

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis suspends four Broward County School Board members

AP: DeSantis axes school board members where massacre happened

Herald: Who are the four people Gov. Ron DeSantis just suspended from the Broward School Board?

Herald: DeSantis appoints four new Broward School Board members. Here's what we know about them

Herald: Are DeSantis' suspensions of elected officials who didn't commit crimes unusual?

Politico: Defendants targeted in DeSantis voter fraud crackdown were told they could vote

FlaPol: Florida's latest failed insurer got \$74M to take over Citizens policies in 2013. Now, the policies will likely go back to Citizens.

FlaPol: Board of Governors search committee recommends Ray Rodrigues for Chancellor

Times: Sen. Ray Rodrigues gets recommendation to be Florida university chancellor

Times: Are Florida's universities too liberal? Heres what new state survey said.

WaPo: Mar-a-Lago affidavit says many witnesses interviewed, 184 classified files returned in January

Times: Legal notables urge judge to rule against DeSantis over ousted state attorney

WLRN: Warren's lawsuit against DeSantis could be decided by mid-September

Times: DeSantis wants pot companies to pay more to do business in Florida

NYTimes: Back to School in DeSantis's Florida, as Teachers Look Over Their Shoulders

Times: Florida schools grapple with new laws on library books, gender issues

Herald Tribune: Sarasota attorney tied to unsealing of Mar-a-Lago search documents

Herald Tribune: The Sarasota School Board is 4-1 conservative: What happens next?

Politico: Crist to pick Miami teachers union head as his running mate

FlaPol: Karla Hernandez-Mats: Five things to know about Charlie Crist's pick for Lieutenant Governor

FlaPol: Florida GOP calls Charlie Crist's running mate choice, Karla Hernandez-Mats, 'a slap to parents' faces'

Herald: Demings calls on power of women to make a difference in race against Rubio for Senate

Sun-Sentinel: Nikki Fried's campaign finance chairman couldn't vote for her. 'I'm mortified.'

FlaPol: Florida Realtors back Ron DeSantis, Jimmy Patronis for re-election

FlaPol: New Lincoln Project ad lampoons 'poser' Ron DeSantis' 'Top Gun' messaging

FlaPol: Despite losing Primary, Laura Loomer claims to be new CD 11 Congresswoman, demands Dan Webster resign

Times: Tampa Republican congressional candidate says he's happy to be the underdog

FlaPol: Janelle Perez raises \$69K in first half of August, grows commanding cash lead in SD 38
Post: Recount ordered in GOP House 22 race, but 1,300 votes were not counted
FlaPol: Recount continues in razor-close HD 29 election
Times: Hillsborough begins recount for school tax vote, judicial race
Herald Tribune: Former Bradenton Police staff disputes allegations against chief
News 4 Jax: Former Sheriff Mike Williams expected to head up FDLE Jacksonville office: sources
Daily News: Ex-chief part of group reviewing shooting at Texas elementary school
Times: St. Petersburg seeks new proposals for Tropicana Field redevelopment
Times: Tampa sweetens pot for contractors to hire those with criminal past
FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis cuts tolls for Florida commuters for six months starting Sept. 1
AP: Florida to begin temporary toll rebate program for commuters
Times: Florida judge orders unsealing of redacted affidavit in Trump Mar-a-Lago search
Sentinel: Is CFO Patronis calling to end insurance discounts for properties preparing for climate change?
Herald: 'Make a TON of money!': How 2 Floridians tried to cash in on Joe Biden's daughter's diary
AP: 2 plead guilty in scheme to sell Biden's daughter's diary
Sentinel: Ex-felons struggle to rent apartments as housing rules tighten
Ledger: Florida may limit visitation at prisons. Families say it's 'heartbreaking'
Herald: Another property insurer exiting Florida's troubled market
Times: As Pinellas beaches erode, a long-promised fix slips out of reach
News 4 Jax: Duval school board acknowledges major issues in grand jury report, says changes have been made
AP: Florida man convicted of hate crime in roadway altercation
AP: NAACP leader in Florida quits over 'racist marginalization'
FlaPol: Staff of progressive field organization For Our Future unionizes
Times: Florida Blue, BayCare spar over health care coverage
NBC 6: Doral Police Officer Won't Be Charged in Chase and Shooting, Road Rage Incident
Sentinel: Post Uvalde, Osceola agencies focus on extra SRO training, body cameras
Sentinel: Private Florida school that bans LGBTQ students gets \$1.6 million in tax dollars
Sun-Sentinel: Broward commission goes all in, approves first part of southern commuter rail link
Sun-Sentinel: Broward schools will hire consultant to review grand jury report and ID any needed fixes
FlaPol: Democrats come together at unity celebration — even a second-finisher
Herald: Demings meets with veterans and Crist, Democrats gather in unity in South Florida

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rolls eyes at Charlie Crist's 'dictator' charge

FlaPol: Gavin Newsom pledges \$100K to deny Ron DeSantis a second term

FlaPol: Marco Rubio campaign blasts Val Demings' 'screw you' stance on student loan bailout

FlaPol: Positive Marco Rubio ad spotlights ways incumbent 'gets stuff done'

FlaPol: Anti-China group airs ads criticizing Val Demings

Herald: Val Demings says Biden's student debt relief 'will expand opportunity for everyone'

FlaPol: Surprise squeaker for CD 4 Democrats results in victory for LaShonda Holloway

FlaPol: Lindsay Cross, Audrey Henson both head into General Election with \$220K cash-on-hand

FlaPol: Ileana Garcia adds \$24K to commanding money lead over latecomer Raquel Pacheco in SD 36

FlaPol: Gary Farmer in runoff election for circuit judge

Times: Hillsborough Public Defender Julianne Holt aims to retire, endorses successor

Times: Did anti-abortion ruling lead to sitting Hillsborough County judge's defeat?

Times: Hillsborough school tax vote headed for recount. Here's what happens next.

TCPalm: Vero Beach will go to court to remove citizen-proposed marina referendum from Nov. 8 ballot

Ledger: School Board candidate 'saddened' by what race became

Ledger: What's Phillip Walker's political future in Lakeland?

Sun-Sentinel: Wilton Manors elected officials want a big raise. So they're giving themselves one.

Ledger: Millage rate could increase in Bartow. Here's why

Daily News: Naples passes law to give tenants fair notice of rent increases

Sun-Sentinel: Bans on conversion therapy are overturned in Broward and Palm Beach counties

On the Docket

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022

- VICE PRESIDENT AT ARTEMIS LAUNCH: Vice President Kamala Harris and her husband, Doug Emhoff, will attend the launch of the Artemis 1 mission at Kennedy Space Center. (Monday, launch window from 8:30 a.m. to 10:33 a.m.)
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING: The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking is scheduled to meet. (Monday, 11 a.m. Call-in number: 1-571-317-3116. Code: 356230565)
- PSC CANDIDATES: The Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council will Commissioner Gary Clark and Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo will expire in January. Clark and Passidomo are seeking reappointment. (1 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, Brandon Campus, 10451 Nancy Watkins Dr., Tampa.)
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD: The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Monday, 3 p.m., AC Hotel Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 413238141)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022

- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD: The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., AC Hotel Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 705189343)
- JUVENILE MURDER SENTENCE: The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases, including a dispute about the sentencing of Herbert Leon Manago Jr., who was convicted of murder and carjacking when he was 17 years old in Volusia County. Manago was sentenced to life in prison, but the 5th District Court of Appeal overturned the sentence. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.)
- EXPRESSWAY WIDENING: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold an online meeting in Seminole County about a project that would widen a portion of the Seminole Expressway. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. www.SeminoleEXPYAloma434.com)
- HEARING HELD ON GAS UTILITY: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an online customer-service hearing on a proposal to raise natural-gas rates and consolidate four natural-gas utilities under the name Florida Public Utilities Co. (Tuesday, 6 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- STEVENS LAUNCHES HOUSE CAMPAIGN: Roz Stevens, a Republican candidate in state House District 88 in Palm Beach County, will hold a campaign launch event. (Tuesday, 6 p.m., lo-kal gastro-pub, 748 Park Ave., Lake Park.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022

- LAWSON LEAVES SUPREME COURT: Justice Alan Lawson announced in April that he will retire from the Florida Supreme Court, effective Aug. 31. Lawson will be replaced by Renatha Francis, who most recently has served as a Palm Beach County circuit judge.
- CIRCUIT JUDGE REPRIMANDED: The Florida Supreme Court will publicly reprimand Tallahassee-area Circuit Judge Barbara Hobbs, who was investigated after acting as an attorney for her son following his arrest in a shooting incident. The Supreme Court in May issued an order that said Hobbs, a judge in the 2nd Judicial Circuit, would be suspended without pay for 60 days, required to pay a \$30,000 fine and receive a public reprimand. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.)
- PAROLE CASES: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- CHAMBER HOLDS TECHNOLOGY EVENT: The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold the "Florida Technology and Innovation Solution Summit" in Hillsborough County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Tampa Marriott Water Street, 505 Water St., Tampa.)
- MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m. <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 985532741)
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES: The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214)
- TOURISM ISSUES ON TABLE: The Visit Florida Board of Directors will meet as the three-day Florida Governor's Conference on Tourism kicks off. (Wednesday, 10 a.m., The Boca Raton, 501 East Camino Real, Boca Raton.)
- INSURANCE MARKET: The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Market Accountability Advisory Committee will meet and receive an update on the state's troubled insurance market. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YqTE_I_t_RpqlGbuCLT3tyg. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 93846973798)
- DEFENSE ISSUES: The Florida Defense Alliance will meet. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-alliance-zoom-meeting/>)
- HEARINGS HELD ON GAS UTILITY: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold online customer-service hearings on a proposal to raise natural-gas rates and consolidate four natural-gas utilities under the

name Florida Public Utilities Co. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)

- CALATAYUD RAISES MONEY: A fundraising event will be held for Republican Alexis Calatayud, who is running in Miami-Dade County's Senate District 38. (Wednesday, noon, Town Kitchen & Bar, 7301 S.W. 57th Court, South Miami.)
- FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY SPEAKS: Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper will speak to the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. (Wednesday, noon, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.)
- CITIZENS CONSUMER COMMITTEE: The Consumer Services Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. (Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wSEDCiZnSvGkibno-KGiUQ. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 97781432199)
- PORT, ECONOMIC COUNCIL: The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Casa Marina Key West Resort, 1500 Reynolds St., Key West.)
- MCFARLAND SPEAKS TO YOUNG REPUBLICANS: State Rep. Fiona McFarland, R-Sarasota, is slated to speak to the Sarasota County Young Republicans. (Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Raffurty's Bar and Grille, 1888 Main St., Sarasota.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

- FRANCIS JOINS SUPREME COURT: Renatha Francis will begin serving as a Florida Supreme Court justice. Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed Francis, who most recently served as a Palm Beach County circuit judge, to replace retiring Justice Alan Lawson.
- ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFIED: The state Elections Canvassing Commission will certify the results of the Aug. 23 primary elections. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- GAMBLING ISSUES ON TABLE: The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- VALENCIA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet in Osceola County. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Valencia College, Osceola Campus, 1800 Denn John Lane, Kissimmee. <https://valenciacollege.zoom.us/j/99356920205?pwd=YWNtckRZHUrUngydG11TEM2NWtxUT09#success>)
- NORTHEAST FLORIDA COUNCIL: The Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville.)
- CITIZENS CLAIMS: The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. (Thursday, 1 p.m. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QDIAMNJMRbGgqJQCCfQSXQ. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 98593216531)
- EXPRESSWAY WIDENING: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting in Seminole County about a project that would widen a portion of the Seminole Expressway. (Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Oviedo Amphitheater and Cultural Center, 357 Center Lake Lane, Oviedo.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

- NURSING BOARD: The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Aug. 26.

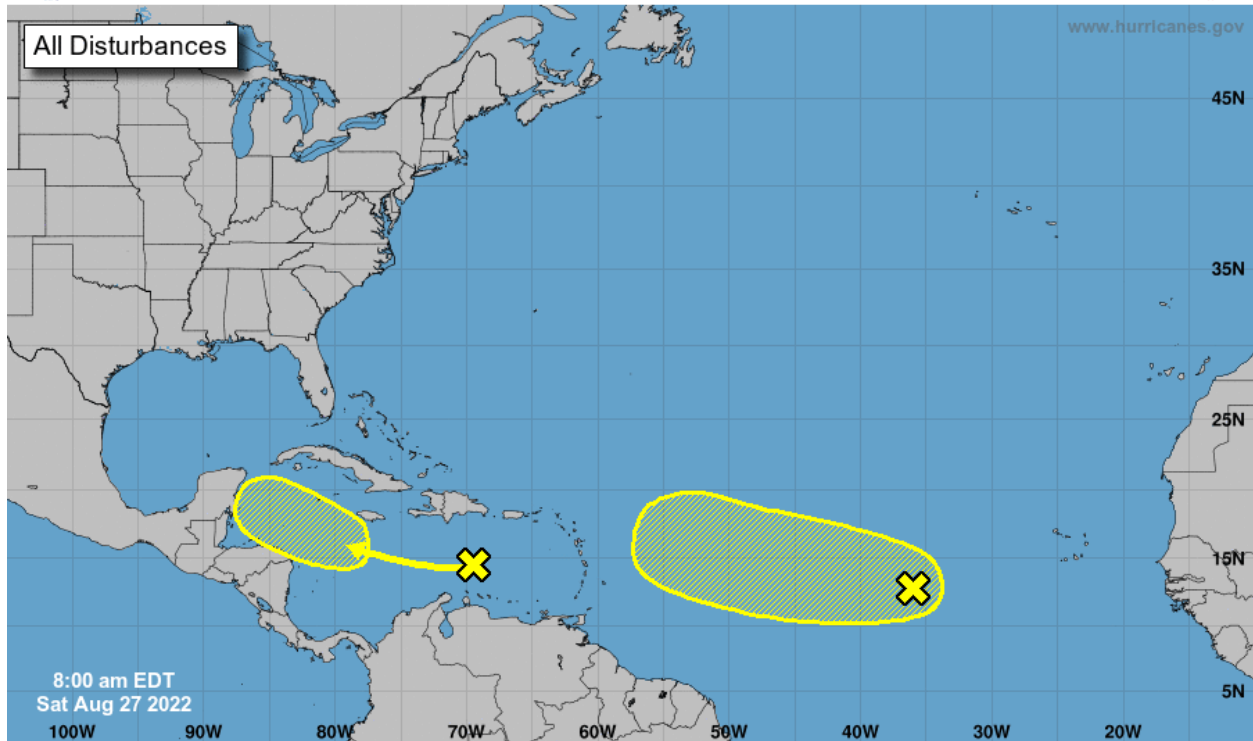
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

- 'TOOL TIME' HOLIDAY STARTS: The state will start what it has dubbed the "tool time" tax holiday, which will allow people to avoid paying sales taxes on purchases of tools and home-improvement items. The holiday will last through Sept. 9. *ropical Outlook*



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

About the Briefing!

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