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Your "Voice" for Transportation!

Quote of the Week: "I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress." - *Ronald Reagan*

MONDAY, 6/6/05

['SATELLITE TOLL' PLAN TO MAKE DRIVERS PAY BY THE MILE IN UK...](#)

(06/05/05 – The Independent – U.K.)

British motter driver approached from behind.

[TSA considers ideas on increased security](#)

(06/06/2005 © Bradenton Herald)

WASHINGTON - The Transportation Security Administration is considering checking airline passengers' hands for explosives residue and expanding checkpoints after a new report found gaps in the nation's airport security system could easily be improved.

[Boxes of bananas slow I-95 traffic](#)

(06/06/2005 © Daytona Beach News-Journal)

A truckload of spilled bananas on Interstate 95 near Daytona Beach almost gave several motorists the slip Sunday, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. A truck carrying a load of bananas overturned on the shoulder of Interstate 95 near the Interstate 4 intersection about 4:30 p.m., scattering boxes of fruit on the road, troopers said. Traffic was backed up briefly.

[Take steps to avoid summer airport delays](#)

(06/06/2005 © Miami Herald)

As summer brings out more vacationers, business travelers should brace for the possibility of delays at busy airports such as Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. During the first three months of 2005, the number of flights from or to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International that arrived chronically late steadily increased, according to the Air Travel Consumer Report.

[AmSouth to pay tolls as part of week of giving](#)

(06/06/2005 © St. Petersburg Times)

AmSouth says it wants to do more than expected this week, but it found giving isn't always easy. As part of a far-reaching "Do More than Expected" Week starting today, the Alabama bank had planned to pay the tolls from 7 to 8 a.m. Thursty say the time is ripe to consider raising county gas taxes to pay for needed infrastructure improvements.

[PSL approves bond referendum](#)

(06/08/2005 © Ft. Pierce Tribune)

PORT ST. LUCIE — Voters, sick of sitting in traffic jams along the city's most traveled roadways, overwhelmingly approved a plan on Tuesday to borrow up to \$165 million to expedite construction of the West Virginia Corridor. About 12,200 people voted in Tuesday's special election, but 89.2 percent — or 10,950 — voted in favor of borrowing money to start construction of the proposed six-lane corridor linking U.S. 1 and Interstate 95.

[County penny tax could face vote in 2006](#)

(06/08/2005 © Miami Herald)

Broward voters could decide in November 2006 whether they want to pay an additional penny in sales tax for transportation upgrades, such as a commuter train along Interstate 595 and faster express bus lines on major county streets. The tax would be modeled after the half-cent sales tax increase passed by Miami-Dade voters in 2002 to pay for expansions to the Metrorail system and other transportation improvements.

[Opposition grows over DOT project](#)

(06/08/2005 © Florida Keys Keynoter)

A dozen more messaging signs to be installed "A blight on the natural scenery," says the Monroe County Commission. "Huge batwings" is how highway-beautification activist June Helbling describes it. Other Florida Keys residents harbor similar feelings about the giant flashing Dynamic Message Signs that the state Department of Transportation plans to erect along U.S. 1 from Key Largo to Key West.

[Tri-Rail cancels its midday service](#)

(06/08/2005 © Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel)

A change in the Tri-Rail schedule may affect hundreds of students using trains to commute to the South Florida Education Center, an umbrella of colleges and a technical school.

[Group Reveals Plan fight: County's latest bailout plan may end Transit financial woes](#)

(06/09/2005 © Miami Herald)

Miami-Dade Transit's latest financial crisis appears to be drawing to a close. A County Commission committee unanimously ratified a complicated plan Wednesday to let Transit "borrow" \$118 million in half-cent sales-tax proceeds to cover old, current and future Transit deficits between now and 2011 and to repay the funds, plus \$22.4 million in interest, by 2016.

[British official warns of possible gridlock](#)

(06/09/2005 © Bradenton Herald)

LONDON - Unless Britons are charged for the distance they drive, they could eventually face unmanageable traffic jams on major roads, the nation's transport secretary said Thursday. Alistair Darling said Britain needs to implement the world's first satellite-based system to charge motorists for every mile they drive, or its roads will become "slowly but surely gridlocked."

[Report: FAA not keeping up with risks](#)

(06/09/2005 © Bradenton Herald)

The FAA hasn't done enough to keep up with new safety risks in an airline industry facing unprecedented changes and financial strain, according to a newly released report by a government watchdog agency. At a time when airlines are experiencing record financial losses, the FAA is losing safety inspectors, according to the report by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Inspector General's office.

[Mayor wants some road work delayed](#)

(06/09/2005 © Florida Times-Union)

The Better Jacksonville Plan's mounting budget woes will make it impossible to build 11 road projects totaling \$352 million unless the state comes through with money to eliminate the shortfall, officials in the Mayor's Office said Wednesday.

[Expressway Authority bill gets governor's signature](#)

(06/09/2005 © Naples Daily News)

The idea of adding toll lanes to relieve traffic congestion on Interstate 75 has moved a major step beyond wishful thinking by public officials. Gov. Jeb Bush on Wednesday signed legislation that allows the creation of the Southwest Florida Expressway Authority that could issue bonds to build the lanes in Collier and Lee counties.

[Three river crossings mulled for West Virginia Corridor project in PSL](#)

(06/09/2005 © Ft. Pierce Tribune)

PORT ST. LUCIE — With voter permission to borrow \$165 million to build the West Virginia Corridor, one question remains: If a bridge is built across the St. Lucie River, what route will it take? Engineers have narrowed their options to three crossings.

FRIDAY, 6/10/05

[Bush renews veto threat for highway bill](#)

(06/10/2005 © Tallahassee Democrat)

WASHINGTON - President Bush renews his threat to use the first veto of his presidency against a highway bill if negotiators don't cut at least \$10 billion from a Senate-passed version. Bush and Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta made clear this week that they will not accept any six-year highway and transit bill that crosses a \$284 billion spending line.

[Clay, St. Johns will back Jacksonville road funds bid if ...](#)

(06/10/2005 © Florida Times-Union)

Officials from Clay and St. Johns counties said Thursday they'll support Jacksonville's pursuit of state funding for Better Jacksonville Plan road projects but only if their counties still get their fair share in road money.

[Seat-belt law to take effect July 1](#)

(06/10/2005 © Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel)

TALLAHASSEE -- Gov. Jeb Bush signed into law Wednesday a bill that allows police to stop and ticket drivers and passengers younger than 18 for not wearing seat belts.

[New airline to take off](#)

(06/10/2005 © Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel)

With soaring fuel prices and cut-throat competition in the airline business, is this any time to start a new air carrier? Some former top airline executives, and \$85 million, say, "Yes!"

[Cab driver strike leaves travelers stranded at PBI](#)

(06/10/2005 © Palm Beach Post)

More than 50 taxi drivers left their cabs in park at Palm Beach International Airport Thursday and refused to transport passengers, a protest of their company's decision to raise the rate it charges them to operate their vehicles.

[Construction crews batten down](#)

(06/10/2005 © Pensacola News Journal)

Casey Stokes walked around The Home Depot on Thursday afternoon wearing a T-shirt that expressed what everyone around him was thinking: "Ivan the Terrible." The shirt was just a coincidence, said the Pensacola father of three whose roof was damaged when a tree fell on it during the storm. The 33-year-old hopes the temporary roof and mix-and-match shingles he installed will survive Tropical Storm Arlene. Forecasters predict the storm will make landfall Saturday night just west of Pensacola.