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At the Experience Lady Lake Expo Bill Bryan Chrysler Dodge Jeep donated a large TV to raffle off. The winner of the 56 inch smart YV was Jennie Bumbu center. Top is Codie Smith, Nicole Clement on left and on right Sofia Mourgalien. The winner Jennie was really excited and jumping up and down. It was fun to watch someone win. Thanks Bill Bryan for your generosity!

Say It is Not So!

By TomL

In The Early Days...

I have been reading accounts that Harold Swartz Dream is being changed. All these people talking about Swartz and Morris dream being changed. I met Harold Swartz in the first year he started the Orange Blossom Gardens. That was the Villages first name. In Dunnellon Florida it was Lake Tropicana and Rainbow Lakes Estates. I printed Villages first newspaper in Inverness Florida, Orange Blossom Gardens. I actually recommended an Editor-in-Chief to Harold Swartz that was more than qualified. She lasted about three months. She thought she was going to run a newspaper. Not true.

At that time I met Harold Swartz. Swartz Junior, yes I said Swartz junior and Morris. Swartz Junior was a millionaire playboy. He was not born to make the Villages grow. He wanted to play. They put him in charge of the Golf Courses before they were a big business.

Harold Swartz' original dream was that he wanted his own city, his own bank, his own grocery stores, and all of his own retail stores. He wanted golf cart access to his

whole city. He could not achieve all at once but he came pretty close at the end. The whole idea was to give people of all levels of wealth a millionaire life style.

At first he had prefab homes built on the foundation. A little different than mobile homes. He did a hostile takeover of the prefab home builder then when he jumped across road 441 to the west, he wanted to do block homes. He did finally achieve that. He bought pasture land from farmers, subdivided it into lots, built roads, built retention ponds and sold lots. They started the Community Develop district so they could float a bond to raise money to build. The Community Development District could only be a certain size to avoid regulation by the state of Florida. They would later be asked by Jeb Bush to help write the states regulations for description of a Community Development District.

Fast forward... the development grew at a very fast pace making millionaires of the Swartz's, the sub-contractor and many people involved. But there were a lot of unhappy people along the way. I was their voice...

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Results from our newspapers

Questionnaire November

Question...What will you spend money on next year? Here's what we found out:

Rating	Category	#Of votes
1	Entertainment	55
2	Dinning	47
3	Auto & Truck	28
4	Arts & Crafts	27
5	Veterinarian	22
6	Cell ph/ Smart ph	22
7	Home Improvement	22
8	Medical Services	21
9	Pharmacist	21
10	Attorney	21
11	Health Club	18
12	Chiropractor	18
13	Television/electronics	18
14	Jewelry	16
15	Furniture	14
16	Home Air-conditioning	13
17	Lawn care	13
18	Golf Equipment	13
19	Auto Maintenance	12
20	Real Estate	11
21	Tax adviser	10
22	Travel	09
23	Home Heating	07
24	Appliances	06
25	Financial Planner	05
26	Legal Gambling	05
27	Carpet/Flooring	03
28	Golf Cart	02

4 winners received \$30 Texas Roadhouse coupons.

We decided to do this questionnaire to find out where our readers are spending their money. Then I might be able get the advertisers to run ads to help them find the services / products / health tips / or whatever it is that they are interested in. If you are interested in a service that we don't have listed, let me know and I'll try to help!

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Now Swartz senior and Morris are gone and a new thought process is coming to pass. More money needs more money and the residents are NOT quietly sitting down for it. The one fiasco in Brownwood was VIP seating, charging residents \$50 per seat for residents to see the Christmas Tree lighting. Did not go over well. Sumter County has awarded the Villages \$120,000 in tax money to help pay for the entertainment, but does not include Spanish Springs.

Say It is Not So!

- The fee caps have been removed!
- The Sumter County Commission has agreed on a 25% tax increase.
- The Villages have got their eye on going to Bushnell, another town that will disappear.

- While they are going south and west they are purchasing the Central Florida Utility Company for just shy of a cool 100 million which will eventually be paid for with tax money.
- They have approved permanent Food Truck to the new area of thinner development. The buyer says "sure I'll pay \$400,000 for that home. It has a food truck next door. How convenient!"
- Building homes just south of the Coleman Prison is not a problem.
- Recycle fees appear to be on the verge of going up.

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Say it is not so!

■ A.J. "Tony" Powell ■

AS I SEE IT

January 2020

By Tony Powell

One of our readers says that the word 'trump' means "exceed, out-flank, out-match, scoop, surmount, out-perform, out-strip, scoop, best, out-do and surpass".

As I See It, if the Democrats multi-million dollar effort to depose the President of the United States fails, then 'The Donald' will have achieved most, if not all, of the above.

Another reader asked, "Why has there been no discussion in the mainstream media about 'succession'?"

Apparently, if Vice President Mike Pence declined, then, Believe-It-Or-Not, the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (D) would be President without a vote from anyone.

The US Constitution says that a President can be removed for "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors". My understanding is that it started with President Donald Trumps phone call to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky.

So, I read through that 'official' document.

Surprisingly, it includes this:-
"CAUTION: Memorandum of a Telephone Conversation is not a verbatim transcript. The text in this document records the notes and recollections of Situation Room Duty Officers and NSC policy staff assigned to listen and memorialize the conversation in written form as the conversation takes place. A number of factors can affect accuracy including poor telecommunications connections and variations in accent and/or interpretation."

The word 'inaudible' is used to indicate portions of a conversation that the notetaker was unable to hear."

It is this document, which admits 'unreliability and inaccuracy', that the Democrats claim as 'proof' of wrong-doing by President Trump.

Here are a few more excerpts:-

President Zelensky: "We are trying to work hard to 'drain the swamp' here in our country".

President Trump: "The United States has been very good to Ukraine. I wouldn't say that it's reciprocal necessarily because things are happening that are not good".

President Zelensky: "You are absolutely right. Also thank you for your great support in the area of defense. We are almost ready to buy more Javelins from the United States for defense purposes".

President Trump: "I would like you to do us a favor though. I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine. I would like to have the Attorney General call you. I would like you to get to the bottom of it. Whatever you can do, it's very important that you do it if that's possible."

President Zelensky: "Yes it is very important for me. (We) will work hard on making sure that our two nations are getting closer relations. I guarantee that all the investigations will be done openly and candidly."

President Trump: Good because I heard (that) you had a prosecutor who was very good and he was shut down and that's really unfair, you had some very bad people involved. Mr. Giuliani will call you along with the Attorney General". This non-verbatim summary says that President Trump continued, There's a lot of talk about Biden's son. So, whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution. It sounds horrible to me."

President Zelensky: I'm knowledgeable about it, the situation. The next prosecutor general will start in September. We will take care of that and will work on the investigation."

Zelensky continued-With regard to the Ambassador I recall her name was

Ivanovicli. Her attitude towards me was far from the best as she admired the previous President and she was on his side. She would not accept me as a new President."

President Trump: "I will tell Rudy and Attorney General Barr to call!"

President Zelensky: Thank you very much Mr. President."

President Trump: "Congratulations on a fantastic job you've done. The whole world was watching."

President Zelensky: "Thank you Mr. President bye-bye!"

End of Conversation

Q-Do you (readers) see "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors" here?

I don't!

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Florida State Senate

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Friends,
Happy New Year! I hope that all of you had a safe and wonderful holiday season. My family enjoyed all the time we shared together and I was especially grateful for the

opportunity to spend some time in our mountain home in North Carolina that we don't get to visit nearly enough. 2020 is already shaping up to be an exciting year in

the world of government and politics and the Presidential Election is sure to capture the majority of the news over the next year. More on that later.

As we say hello to 2020 and goodbye to 2019, let us take a look at a couple of highlights from this last year and for all that we have to be thankful.

During 2019, crime rates in Florida continue to decrease. We just had a chance to look at FDLE's Uniform Crime Report (UCR), which showed crime dropped 6.1



percent compared to the first half of 2018 with almost 17,100 fewer reported incidents. This can be attributed, firstly, to those men and women in law enforcement who are doing an excellent job holding the blue line. Secondly, we can thank some fantastic leadership, chosen by you, in our county sheriff's departments across the state. In addition, our city police chiefs and state law enforcement directors are among the very best, anywhere in the world and we should be very proud of the work they do. Thirdly, because the people of this state have chosen solid, conservative leaders to send to Tallahassee that will protect the rights of individuals to take responsibility for themselves and others.

Thanks to great work done by Governor DeSantis and the Florida Senate, we are finally seeing some relief from the blue-green algae and red tide that affected the gulf coast for the past few years. The establishment of task force to look at new initiatives and technologies, along with a \$682.6 million investment in water protection, has been very successful in combating these issues. Red Tide is a naturally occurring bloom in the Gulf of Mexico, so we will never be completely rid of it, but we can continue to work on mitigating the impacts on wildlife and water quality.

Finally, I was very pleased to see that Florida was finally removed from the American Tort Reform Foundation's "Judicial Hellhole" list. Formally number #1 on this list, excessive tort cost in Florida caused an estimated 125,000 jobs lost and Florida residents lost nearly \$12 billion in personal revenue. Tort reform was a top priority of the Governor and the Florida Legislature for 2019. That call was answered quickly with the appointment of three new Supreme Court justices, who will be more deferential to legislative efforts to stop lawsuit abuse and are committed to correct actions taken by the prior activist court. Following that lead, the Florida Legislature enacted other measures in 2019 that would remove incentives to file assignment of benefits litigation and discourage unnecessary bad faith actions.

Florida is on a great track for 2020, let us stay the course and avoid taking any hard left turns. As always, it is a honor to be your Senator, thank you for letting me serve you.

Onward & Upward,
Dennis Baxley



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PUBLISHER’S NOTES



First I am not going to make any resolutions yet!!! The past year has been challenging with readers thinking that because a story or letter is in my paper, it's my belief. Remember my job is to bring you everyone's opinion. I am still struggling to get Automobile ads in my papers. I need one for Ocala papers and one for the Villages papers. One of the new and exciting things that happened was we won four Statewide awards, two I will mention. One was our Graphics Designer Christine Boody, who won first place best online Digital Graphics Design. I was lucky enough to win first place "Best Editorial," on subject "What is a Political Pac." We had another honor; at least I consider it an honor. The University of Florida has asked permission to put our Ocala paper in their Digital Library. I am pleased for that

opportunity. I am in the process of learning a little bit about the re-fi world and how hard it is to get a mortgage rate under 4%. When you do there is a lot of information you must supply. Rick Perry Some years ago Rick Perry was calling Trump names. He called him a barking dog, a cancer on conservatism, also the incarnation of the Know-Nothing movement. Buuuut in a Fox News Interview he called him "The Chosen One". Now that is a far cry from what he was saying just a few years back! Now I don't want you to get the wrong idea but I have said "I don't know anyone on this earth that could do what he has done!" He has stood against over whelming pressure, lies and exaggerations and use your imagination... it has happened. The Democrats have ruined people's reputations and just moved on like nothing happened. This has made me sick! I want to see people who broke the law, Republican or

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Democrat, go to jail! On the local scene I have seen people break laws in the name of politics and just walk away. It's time to stop it! JAIL TIME!

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RESOLUTION 2019 - ____ A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING LAKE COUNTY A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY.

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court found in Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436 (1966), that, "where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rule making or legislation which would abrogate them;"

Pub Note: The resolution is too long to print it all but you get the idea. Good idea. When is Marion County going to do it???

ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

We have had some good results with our readership questions. We set out to see what kind of purchases our readers were going to make in the next year. You would be surprised what the top ten were...

OCALA	THE VILLAGES
#1 - Dinning	Entertainment
#2 - Entertainment	Dining
#3 - Auto Maintenance	Auto Purchase
#4 - Veterinarian	Medical Supplies
#5 - Medical Supplies	Pharmacy
#6 - Appliances	Health Club
#7 - Attorney	Veterinarian

We are still tabulating all of the results. We have given out over three hundred dollars in prizes to get the results. all restaurant coupons from several different restaurants: Texas Road House, Honey Bake Ham, Terry's restaurant and more.

While I'm at it I need your participation...Email me a short discription about a good experience at a restaurant for our reviews. What you had as a main course, side dish, how was the food and how was the service.

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Operation Bassville Park

The Special Investigations Unit along with deputies from the Street Crimes Unit conducted phase one of Operation Bassville Park. The operational focus was to target known drug areas and dealers in an attempt to stem the flow of illegal narcotics in the designated area. As a result of the operation, detectives were able to arrest two known drug dealers from the area. An additional illegal narcotics arrest was made from the area for a total of three arrests. Listed below are the arrested parties, what they were charged with, and the circumstances for the arrest.

Nicholas Bradway was charged with DWLS (Habitual Offender), Flee/Elude, Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of MDMA, Possession of Hydrocodone, Possession of Suboxone, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Surveillance units observed Bradway driving a silver Acura in the area of operation. Mr. Bradway is known to detectives for illegal narcotics and not having a valid driver's license. A traffic stop was attempted on Mr. Bradway; however, he refused to stop and fled the area until he crashed into a tree along Carlton Court in Leesburg. Mr. Bradway was secured without incident. Detectives then conducted a search of the car, during which approximately 52 grams of methamphetamine, plastic baggies containing Fentanyl, Cocaine, MDMA, Hydrocodone pills, Suboxone pills, and numerous amounts of Drug Paraphernalia were located. Mr. Bradway had a one-stop-shop of illegal narcotics, which, based on the number of narcotics and packaging material, are indicative of illegal narcotic sales.

Kyle Vanzant was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with the intent to Distribute, Grand theft of Firearm, Possession of Marijuana over 20 grams, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. A traffic stop was conducted on Mr. Vanzant in the operational area. During the traffic stop, probable cause was developed to search the vehicle that Mr. Vanzant occupied. During

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The Last Rainbow Springs Cowboy



What I believe was the last Rainbow Springs Cowboy, Dave Springer has passed away. He is survived by his wife Vicki Edmondson

Springer. They were living in St Petersburg at the time of his passing. He was known for his story telling about the history of local cowboys & cowgirls that competed in the rodeos. He will be remembered as a local historian. He remembered names, dates, events, who won, everything you would want to know about different events.

I first met Dave 30 years ago when we hired him to break a horse for us. At the time he was working at the Rainbow Springs attraction Daily Rodeo. He rode twice a day and made \$10 per show. They would ride bucking horses and most of the time get thrown off because that's what the audience came to see. He camped out in Rainbow Springs most of the time. He had a dog with him.

Dave knew everyone and everyone knew him. Some liked him and some did not. But I remember the stories he told about the cowboys and cowgirls. I also remember the stories he told about the local cowboys and their competing to win the top rider.

I remember one day while working with

the horse in the front yard my mother-in-law sprayed something with the water hose. The horse spooked and Dave almost lost control but he stayed on. When it was all over he rode the horse over next to my mother-in-law and said thanks. "Now that I have the horse right here to watch you do it, do it again". The horse only reacted a little. The next week when he was working the horse, the horse reacted badly. Dave rode by me and said "I'll see you at sun down". He rode the horse for hours, wore him out and then he started listening. Then he rode back into the yard. The horse was dragging but was listening. I think the horse was better good after that.

Dave was always good at remembering names and dates of riders competing in the Ocala rodeos. We lost a real historian that lived in Dunnellon in the 1980s while Rainbow Springs was still a top notch daily attraction, with animals, activities, glass bottom boats, rodeos every day and sometimes two shows a day.

One of our historians is gone. May he rest in peace.

Rainbow Springs changed hands several times and finally the state of Florida bought it to persevere and protect a piece of the natural springs. There were developers trying to develop it for private use. Right now you go in and walk around the springs with the trees and natural native plants and flowers for a couple of dollars for the day. The springs itself is a large pool of multiple, gorgeous blue waters, abundant with fish. You can see clear to the bottom. Pick a good day and visit Rainbow Springs.

From the Governor's Desk

DeSantis Applauds President Donald Trump's Significant Increase in Everglades Restoration Funding

Tallahassee, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis applauded President Donald Trump for securing \$200 million for Everglades restoration in the federal budget that the President signed into law yesterday. Since taking office, Governor DeSantis has championed historic investments in Everglades restoration and water quality to protect Florida's precious natural resources. Earlier this year, Governor DeSantis joined Senator Marco Rubio and Senator Rick Scott in asking President Trump to include \$200 million for Everglades restoration in his federal budget.

The \$200 million federal appropriation secured by President Trump for South Florida Ecosystem Restoration is a \$130 million increase in Everglades restoration funding from last year. This important funding advances critical Everglades restoration projects including the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project, which will help reduce harmful discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries and send more water south.

"President Trump has followed through on his promise to deliver for Florida and America's Everglades," said **Governor DeSantis**. "This investment in Everglades restoration will build on our efforts at the state level for critical projects like the EAA Reservoir, the Caloosahatchee Reservoir and the C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater

Treatment Area. I look forward to continuing to work with the President and our local, state and federal partners on preserving and restoring Florida's environment."

"It is a great day for the Everglades and for all Floridians," said **Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Noah Valenstein**. "Thanks to the leadership of President Trump and Governor DeSantis, this federal appropriation coupled with unprecedented state funding will allow us to expedite Everglades restoration, improve water quality and reduce harmful discharges to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries."

"Restoring America's Everglades is critical to the ecological and economic health of South Florida," said **South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Chairman Chauncey Goss**. "That's why we joined Governor DeSantis earlier this year to urge federal lawmakers to fully fund Everglades restoration and help save our famed River of Grass. Coupled with the Governor's record-setting state budget proposal, federal funding secured by President Trump will advance some of the most critical Everglades restoration projects including the Caloosahatchee Reservoir and the EAA Reservoir Project. Thank you to Governor DeSantis, Senators Rubio and Scott, and the entire Florida Congressional Delegation for championing America's Everglades in Washington. It is a great day for the Glades."

Governor DeSantis' Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget [proposal](#) builds on the state funding success of the past year and will complement the budget signed into law by President Trump. The Governor's budget proposal includes more than \$625 million in recurring funding for Everglades restoration and the protection of vital water resources, positioning Florida to be able to reach the Governor's goal of investing \$2.5 billion in state dollars over four years. Included in the more than \$625 million investment is more than \$322 million for Everglades restoration projects, \$150 million for water quality improvements, \$50 million for springs restoration and more than \$22 million to combat the harmful effects of algal blooms and red tide.

The federal-state partnership to jointly fund Everglades restoration is critical to protecting Florida's unique environmental character, preserving the state's full economic potential and enhancing the resilience of every community south of Lake Okeechobee.

Letter to President Trump

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of all Floridians, thank you for working with the U.S. Congress to develop the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act and for signing it into law.

While not the first appropriation successfully secured by your Administration to rebuild this critical base, the decision to spend over \$2 billion for reconstruction efforts for Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB) sends a strong message to the personnel assigned to the base and to residents of Bay County that they are not alone in their efforts to rebuild from Hurricane Michael. Additionally, we appreciate your Administration's recent decision to base a wing of F-35 Lightning II fighters at the redesigned Tyndall AFB, which will be the most modern, most completely networked and interconnected fighter in the military's inventory.

Secondly, thank you on behalf of our military communities for supporting the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP). Florida's military families benefit from the off-base community infrastructure projects that support mission readiness and resilience, including utilities, transportation, emergency response, schools, hospitals, and other off-base infrastructure.

Lastly, I am pleased to hear Space Force will become an official branch of our military. As you know, we believe that Florida would be the most strategic location to host this unique mission.

Thank you for always leading the charge, strengthening our national defense, rebuilding our military infrastructure and having the backs of U.S. service members and their families.

Sincerely,
Ron DeSantis
Governor

Bassville Park

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the search of the vehicle, detectives located a stolen 9mm Taurus handgun out of Apopka, prepackaged plastic baggies of Methamphetamine, Marijuana, and numerous items of drug paraphernalia. Detectives also located a small amount of white powder, which tested positive for

Fentanyl and later determined to belong to another individual. The owner of the Fentanyl is still under investigation and an arrest warrant will be obtained at a later time for this individual. The Special Investigations Unit has received numerous complaints about Mr. Vanzant selling illegal narcotics.

Taylor Rigano was charged with Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Heroin, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. A traffic stop was conducted on a blue sport utility vehicle for a traffic violation that occurred in the operational area. During the traffic stop, detectives developed probable cause to search the vehicle. During the search, detectives located user amounts of Heroin, Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, Marijuana, and numerous amounts of used needles and smoking devices. Rigano was transported to the Lake County Jail without incident.

This investigation is ongoing and more arrests are expected.

Impeachment

By TomL

I'm almost happy it's over. I don't think justice was served. Half of the country feels that way and the other half feels the other way. Some are elated and the pro-Trumpers don't seem to be effected. They continue to go to rallies because they like what he has done and where he is going. The United States is on one of the biggest upswings that it has ever experienced. More jobs than ever before, less unemployment, lots of people off food stamps, stock market is continuing to be driven by the middle class because Trump has created enough jobs that people are working, people are spending and manufacturing is up.

I have to hand it to Speaker Pelosi. She is using the Impeachment results as a bargaining chip. It could backfire when people start going to jail because of the real high crime by our top criminal Justice people that started this whole investigation. It will be measured by the number of people that go to jail. I'm pretty sure there will be more than a dozen. But I see the top four people are talking about seven layers of people involved. I don't believe that.

The mainstream media is not doing the job that the reporters use to do. In fact a few reporters were manufacturing crisis or miss reporting on purpose. They have to create a headline to sell newspapers whether it is true or not.

Anyway we have some good people at the top that will straighten it out. Drain the swamp!

From Fox News online

- To assist the Committee in its deliberations, we address six issues of potential relevance;
- The law that governs House procedures for impeachment;
- The law that governs the evaluation of evidence, including where the President's orders defy House subpoenas;
- Whether the President can be impeached for abuse of his executive powers;
- Whether the President's claims regarding his motives must be accepted at face value;
- Whether the President is immune from impeachment if he attempts an impeachable offense but is caught before he completes it; and

6) Whether it is preferable to await the next election when a President has sought to corrupt that very same election.

CHIEF ROBERT TEMPESTA.



Happy New Year! Protect Your Identity!

With the Holiday Season coming to an end and the New Year beginning, it is important to remain vigilant. Identity theft is a topic that is

critical because once you become victimized, it is difficult to clear your name and credit if it becomes compromised. Perpetrators will steal data such as social security numbers, date of birth, addresses, and bank account information. If your information is stolen, you may receive correspondence from companies or creditors for debt you weren't aware of.

There have been recent vehicle burglaries where wallets, pocketbooks, and backpacks have been left in both the front and back seats. The victim's driver's license, debit cards, and check book were in possession of perpetrators that wrote checks and passed them using the bank's drive through teller lane that is farthest from the window also known as "felony lane." The person passing the check will disguise themselves to match the appearance on the victim's photo identification card by using wigs and sunglasses. It may sound peculiar to some but it works because the teller is busy with the transaction and cannot truly verify the identity. This is why it is so important not to leave anything of value in your vehicle even

if it's locked.

Credit card fraud and other financial scams are one of the most reported uses for identity theft. Some criminals steal credit card information only to make immediate purchases before the card is reported stolen. One of the bigger problems is if other accounts are opened under your name. You may see bank or credit card transactions against your account that you did not make. There may be outstanding debt from different accounts that will be in your name and will be your responsibility to pay them off or start the process of claiming identity theft. The process of clearing your name and credit can be costly and take an emotional toll on the victim.

Here are some tips to help prevent identity theft:

- Shred all documents that you no longer need that have personal information on them.
- Notify the post office to hold your mail if you will be out of town or have someone you trust pick up your mail.
- If using on-line sources for banking or shopping, make sure the site is secure and try to avoid using public computers or public Wi-Fi.
- Watch your surroundings when entering PIN numbers as criminals will attempt to watch from behind.
- Avoid providing personal information over the phone unless you are sure of who you are giving it to.
- Regularly check your credit report for suspicious activity.

If you become a victim it is important to:

- Immediately notify the company you have credit with about any transaction you did not authorize.
- File a police report or an online report with the Federal Trade Commission.
- Notify the three credit agencies: Experian, TransUnion, and Equifax.
- Follow-up to make sure that your credit is flagged for fraudulent activity. A fraud alert can be put on your credit to alert businesses that they must contact you prior to opening accounts.

The Lady Lake Police Department reminds you that we are here to help protect you from criminal activity but protecting your identity starts with you. Using some of these tips can help you from becoming a victim.

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Restaurant Reviews

By TomL & Friends / Ocala DownTown / Seniors Voice of Ocala

MOJO's SBA referral Club met at MOJO's next to Target on 200. We had a small celebration with three different appetizers on the table: fried pickles; fried green beans; something called a mess??? It had waffle fries, meat, chili, cheese...I don't know, it probably changes every day, but it was good. All of our members attending had different meals and were very pleased.

Gruff's Restaurant, Dunnellon Fl. Used to be the Dinner Bell Restaurant. It has stepped up in the world. I had dinner there the other night. Service was good, dinner was delicious, prices were moderate. A pleasant experience.

I ordered a salad at Subway in Heath Brooke Plaza. It was good but I would have been better off buying a sub and taking the bread off. It was a little pricey as a salad.

We took a party of 7 to Yamato's restaurant again. A little pricey; food was good; the

entertainment was good; service was OK. Birthdays are free. My son was paying for five and had a little mix up with his bill but was quickly fixed after a couple of minutes.

Paige's Rootbeer Restaurant Citrus County: We enjoyed the burgers. I had a single with cheese and my friend had a double and they were delicious. A thin small burgers but cooked to perfection. We will definitely be back. We definitely recommend Paiges Rootbeer.

From a customer:

A few weeks ago after a hard day of putting up Christmas decorations, we decided to order out for dinner. We ordered gyros from Manhattan Subs & Gyros, 1420 NW 10th Street, Ocala. They were great! They were large with lots of meat and were very tasty. The restaurant is small and is not the place for a romantic dinner, but their take-out is tops. We will order there again soon.

Ron Maiellaro.

Home Improvements For Safety



(NAPSI)—Research shows that most older adults want to live in their homes and communities for as long as possible. Most homes, however, were not built to support the mobility, sensory and cognitive changes that often accompany aging.

Fortunately, older adults and caregivers can make simple updates such as clearing clutter from the floor, improving lighting and removing rugs to help prevent falls—all of which can make homes meet the changing mobility, sensory and cognitive needs of the older adults who live in them. Other changes

such as installing a stair lift or renovating a bathroom are more complex and require outside assistance.

Many older adults who need to modify their homes don't know where to turn for advice or assistance—or even what modifications they may need. That's where the Eldercare Locator, a public service of the U.S. Administration for Community Living, comes in. It connects older adults and caregivers across the country to Area Agencies on Aging and other resources—that can help determine what needs to be done, how to find a contractor to do it and look for ways to pay for it all—that can help ensure their homes meet their evolving needs.

To that end, the Eldercare locator created a brochure, "Modifying Your Home for Healthy Aging." For a free copy and further advice, call (800) 677-1116 or visit the Eldercare Locator at eldercare.acl.gov.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor

Time for lots of monitoring and heavy enforcement of speed limits on Chula Vista Avenue, the crosstown speedway.

Enforcement is especially important now that we have a special needs child living right at the middle of the central block. Surveillance and enforcement should be very heavy on school day mornings between 6:30 and 7:15 AM when the school bus stops to pick up this child. Pickup is a slow protracted process as the child is chair bound and must be lifted into the bus. Villages drivers are not patient and have been known to pass the bus when DO NOT PASS signals are flashing.

Tom, I disagree with having people listening in. One of the reasons boils down to the language barrier. A leader of any country has to be sure that discussions are not slanted (or taken out of context) after a phone call ends. Most foreign leaders do not speak perfect English. I have a hard time understanding Macron of France (and he speaks slowly). Boris Johnson of the UK sounds like a freight train racing down the track with that British accent. And Erdogan of Turkey is a whole nother animal.

As for running the country, Trump needs to stick to running the country and leave twitter to the adolescents in the world. He does not need twitter to legislate and should not use that medium to denigrate American citizens. Regardless of what one thinks of the Obama years, he did not use twitter, even tho it was in its infancy in his early year or two in office. And Obama did just fine getting us out of the 2008 recession and on our road to recovery, leading to today's stock market.

Dan

To the Editor

A thought that's been nagging at me for some time. I've seen all the MAGA hats, tees, and other memorabilia, but I can never

remember a time when America has not been the greatest country in the world. I defy anyone to dispute this fact by giving me a time as to when this might have occurred, but I doubt anyone can!

I want to address your comments about "kangaroo courts," because I think you might be referring to the investigation that's being conducted by Congress into the administrations alleged abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. Congress has the constitutional duty to address these allegations when clear and undisputed proof that illegal activity has occurred. The kangaroo court will sit once Congress has voted on the impeachment process. McConnell has already determined that acquittal or dismissal of charges is a forgone conclusion by the Republican dominated senate trial.....and so this is not really a true trial at all, but a kangaroo court.

During Trump's administration, there have been several indictments of Russian nationals who have fled America to avoid prosecution. Six of Trump's close friends or associates have been either convicted or pled guilty of crimes, and two of Giuliani and Trumps Russian associates have been charged as well. Giuliani is also being investigated by the FBI for his conduct in this matter.

The brave, courageous witnesses who did come forth to testify, all long-time public servants with stellar records of patriotic service, have been insulted berated and intimidated by Trump and his cronies, yet he has ordered his staff to refuse to comply with lawful requests to testify and has refused to turn over any documents requested by Congress in their legal inquiry. Why is this? obstruction of Congress?

Alas, so many comments, so little space.

One thing we do agree on. Many people are still incarcerated for offenses that are no longer crimes. Its time to free them.

Bob from The Villages

PUBLISHERS NOTE: Hi Bob In my

opinion a Kangaroo Court is something that goes on regardless of what the findings are. If you are found innocent in the middle of the investigation they keep investigating...That is what has happened here. Kangaroo Court! I think you will find that we all have been bamboozled by the politicians. Some will go to jail and then we will know who did what!

To the Editor

President Trump's letter to Speaker Pelosi is one of the most important documents written by a president in our nation's history. The scoffers just chuckled when they read that. But it's true. When history looks back on this time of partisan strife and a nation transitioning towards a post-truth status quo, this letter will be seen as either a last-ditch effort to stop the onrushing blight of cultural Marxism or it will be seen as the rallying cry to make America not only support its duly elected president, but also to embrace the sanity that seems to be slipping away from our society."**

***"What we are witnessing in real-time is the creeping coup reaching its culmination. Never before has America been lied to so widely and loudly than throughout this impeachment."**

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Good Reads

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"Desire of Whimsy" by
Charletta Barksdale

(NAPSI)-Serenity has a gift: She is able to interpret and control her dreams. And when she dreams more and more of a certain mysterious man, he begins to consume her waking thoughts as well.

Trance's gift—the ability to control others' thoughts and emotions while they are sleeping—makes it hard for him to decipher between dream and reality, especially because he doesn't even know he is in a coma. When Serenity—who happens to work with coma patients in the same

Edinburgh hospital—and Trance meet in dreams, they learn a lot more than they ever could when they are awake. Purchase at <https://amzn.to/2okyGTu>.



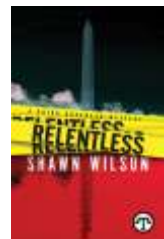
"A Better Place" by
Steven M. Forman

A multi-generational saga spanning two world wars, the Cold War and the largest anti-war movement in American history. A war story, a love story, and a story about the eternal battle of good versus evil.

Compelling characters, mighty and meek, live their lives through turbulent times of change—trying to make their world a better place.

From soldier to pacifist, this book portrays the profound changes that shook individuals, the nation, and the world, exploring some of society's greatest triumphs and devastations. "Diverse, complex and unforgettable characters," says author Deborah Shlian. From Mandevilla Press, purchase at

<https://amzn.to/2N91HKe>.



"Relentless" by Shawn
Wilson

It starts with a naked, dead body of a young woman floating in Washington, D.C.'s Tidal Basin—nothing like ruining Cherry Blossom season. When veteran homicide detective Brick

Kavanagh is assigned to the case, he's shocked to learn the victim is connected to another homicide, which makes the investigation very personal for him.

Brick's efforts to solve the case are thwarted by departmental politics and a rush to judgment. Convinced that justice has not been served and the wrong person is in jail, Kavanagh risks all to relentlessly pursue the truth. Overlooked evidence ultimately leads to a devastating conclusion in a heartbreaking case. From Oceanview Publishing, purchase at <https://amzn.to/2WaZqSD>.

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Attorney General Moody Applauds Congress for Passage of TRACED Act

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody thanks Congress for passing the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act. The TRACED Act, passed by the U.S. Senate Thursday, is designed to reduce the number of illegal robocalls and stop spoofing—the practice of using technology to disguise a caller’s phone number. The Act will now go to President Donald J. Trump for his signature.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Passing this Act is vital step in our fight to stop illegal robocalls and the scams that often accompany them nationwide. We must stop the inundation of robocalls that has been the norm for far too long. This legislation will also give us better tools for

going against the practice of spoofing so we can better protect consumers.”

Attorney General Moody urged Congress earlier this year to pass the legislation because the TRACED Act enables states, federal regulators and telecom providers to each take steps in the effort to combat illegal robocalls. The legislation requires voice service providers to participate in a call authentication framework to help block unwanted calls. In addition, the Act creates an interagency working group that can take additional actions to reduce robocalls and hold telemarketers and robocalls accountable.

In March, Attorney General Moody joined a multistate bipartisan group of 54 attorneys general in sending a letter to the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation in support of the

bill.

More than 48 billion robocalls were made in 2018. Robocalls remain the number one source of consumer complaints to the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, resulting in millions in consumer losses every year.

Despite Language Stating Otherwise, Proposed Ballot Initiative Will Not Make Conduct Legal

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today filed a petition regarding the Adult Use of Marijuana initiative. The initiative’s ballot summary claims it will permit adults to possess, use and buy marijuana. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Using and possessing the drug is and will still be a crime under federal law. Federal penalties for possessing the Schedule 1 Controlled Substance are and will remain significant.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Facts matter. Before Florida voters are asked to make critical changes to our state constitution, those facts should be made clear. That’s why, by law, any citizen initiative seeking to amend the state constitution must offer voters a summary explaining the legal effect of that amendment—painting a full picture of the important choice voters are asked to make. This initiative suggests to voters that their vote will allow for conduct that will remain illegal with significant penalties.”

Previous proposed ballot initiatives to change Florida’s marijuana laws warned voters that the amendment applied “only to Florida law” and would not “immunize violations of federal law.” This initiative’s ballot summary simply does not do that. Unlike those prior initiatives, this initiative completely omits the illegality of this conduct under federal law. Given this oversight, the Attorney General’s Office must oppose placement of this new proposed amendment on the ballot.

Under Florida Statutes § 16.061, the Attorney General is required to file a petition with the Florida Supreme Court seeking an advisory opinion once an initiative is certified by the Secretary of State as crossing a threshold of signatures. Article XI, §3 of the Florida Constitution and Section 101.161 of the Florida Statutes impose requirements on the titles and summaries of initiatives, so that Florida’s citizens will know what they are voting on and not be misled.

In accordance with state law and Florida’s Constitution, Attorney General Moody is also challenging several additional misleading initiatives. The Attorney General’s Office has not challenged the minimum wage initiative—a proposed one-sentence change to the State Constitution.

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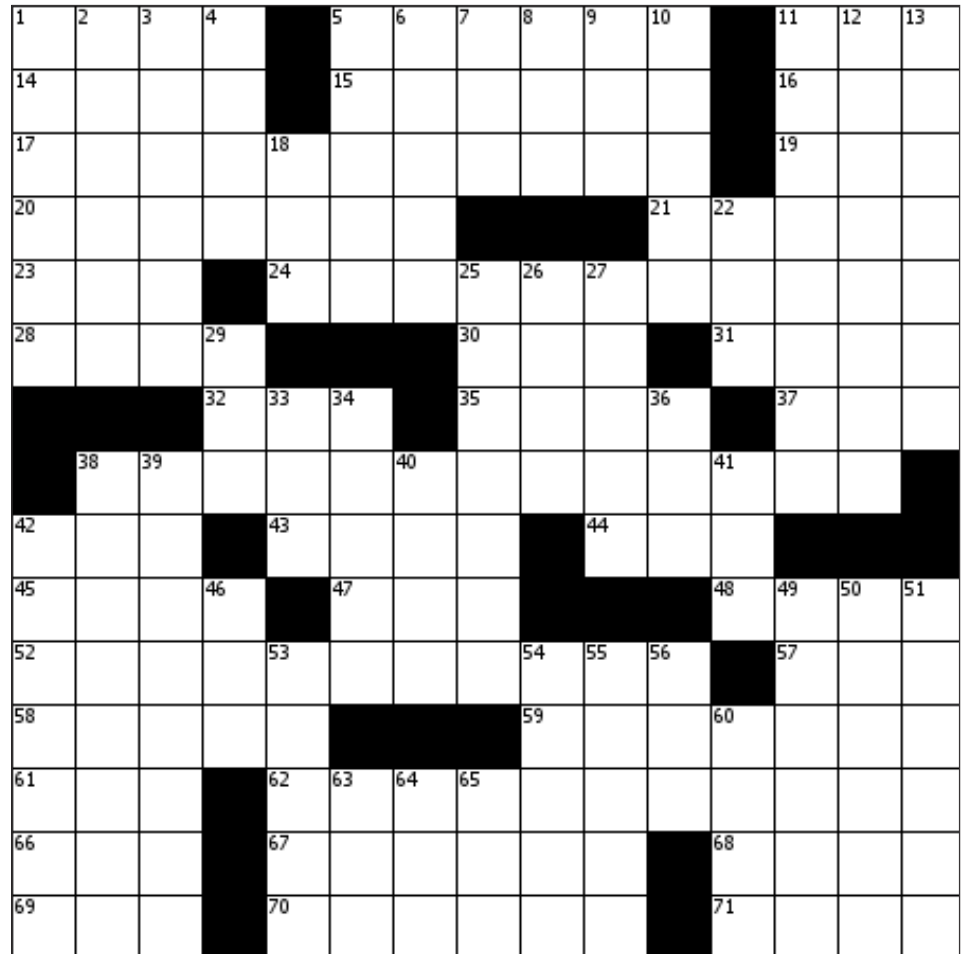
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1. Deep cut
5. Users' shortcuts
11. Severe skirmish
14. First Scandinavian Olympic venue
15. Draw out
16. Go in haste
17. Forgo telling a story?
19. Treasury Dept. Division
20. The tiniest bit
21. "À ____ santé!" (French toast)
23. Part of UCLA
24. Rouse a dabbling duck?
28. "Exodus" director Preminger
30. Siren West
31. Exert exhausting effort
32. Talking-____ (scoldings)
35. Tony candidate
37. Clio candidates
38. Be a lookout man in a robbery?
42. What a weightlifter shows off, for short
43. German coal-producing region
44. Failure of a firecracker
45. Affirmatives at sea

1. Leave the band to perform alone
2. Start of a classic Kennedy quote
3. Superlatively surreptitious
4. Pueblo Indian
5. Conductor Zubin
6. Spring ____ (require patching, perhaps)
7. Op. or loc. Follower
8. JVC competitor
9. Bathwater additive
10. Canyon of comics
11. State tree of Connecticut and Maryland

47. ____ - Pitch softball
48. October 31st ammo
52. Do some rationing in an Asian soup kitchen?
57. Meal morsel
58. Producer of the Hula Hoop and _____ in a store
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12. Bomb-dropping attacks
13. Offers on eBay, say
18. AAA offering
22. Mel of the diamond
25. Hans Christian Andersen's naked marcher
26. Body powder
27. Got wind of
29. Like many cold medicines (abbr.)
33. Rubber-stamps
34. Secret supply
36. "____ wish!"
38. "Yeesh!"
39. South Australia's capital
40. Fit as a fiddle
41. Keats composition
42. It may be bleeped out
46. Religious sch.
49. Be released from jail
50. "____ Pointe Blank" (John Cusack film)
51. Place emphasis on
53. Namely
54. Strike while the iron ____
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56. Ages and ages
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Good Reads

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"Monsterland Reanimated" by Michael Okon

You'd think if you've read one book about an amusement park where guests interact with vampires, are chased by werewolves and walk among zombies, then you've read them all. Not quite. That's because Michael Okon has a lot of cleaning up to do since the end of his weird and wacky "Monsterland."

The sequel, "Monsterland Reanimated", is aptly named. Many creatures and villains you so lovingly met in book one have been restored to life and given fresh vigor, which they use in the continued quest of their sinister leader, Vincent Konrad, to achieve world dominance. Once again, Okon's imagination runs wild with a zany plot, fast-paced writing, and a unique blend of gore and sarcasm. From WordFire Press, purchase at <https://amzn.to/2JkpKot>.

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Eye on Health

How People With Low Vision Can Stay Safe And Independent

(NAPSI)—People with low vision have blind spots that can make it difficult or impossible to drive, read or see faces. These impairments cannot be corrected by surgery or

glasses. What's more, too many are blind to the realization that much can be done to improve their quality of life.

What Can Be Done

In fact, low vision rehabilitation services help people make the most of the vision they have. The first step is to get an eye exam by an ophthalmologist, a physician who specializes in medical and surgical eye care.

Who Can Help

An ophthalmologist can determine the full extent of vision loss and exact location of blind spots. Either the ophthalmologist or a low vision specialist can then determine the best techniques and devices that can help you get around your individual challenges.

Where EyeCare America Comes In

If you're concerned about the cost of the exam, the American Academy of Ophthalmology's EyeCare America program may be able to help. This national public service program provides eye care through volunteer ophthalmologists for eligible seniors 65 and older; and those at increased risk for eye disease. As one EyeCare America patient said, "I'm a senior living on a low income. It had been 30 years since I'd had an eye exam. It was a true blessing to receive this service."

Low Vision Services Offer Hope

The field of vision rehabilitation has advanced significantly over the years, offering more effective technologies and strategies. Today, ophthalmologists' solutions range from simple, portable video magnifiers to enlarge text and objects to high-tech glasses with cameras that let people read text and see faces.

In addition, there are many simple changes people can make on their own to help them live better:

Improve contrast. Contrasting colors can make it easier to accomplish household tasks

and improve safety. Put dark place mats under white place settings, get area rugs that are a contrasting color with the floor and kitchen towels and cutting boards that contrast with the counter top. Use contrasting colored tape along the edges of rugs, stair steps and lamp shades.

Improve lighting. Every year, about three million older Americans are treated for injuries from falls, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Many of these falls are caused by low vision. Add lighting to staircases and dark hallways. Remove rugs from hallways to prevent tripping. Task lighting in the kitchen can make food preparation safer and easier.

Reduce clutter and organize. A cluttered house is more difficult to navigate and can

contribute to falls and frustration. When each item has a specific place and is identified with a high-contrast label, it's easier to locate items needed for everyday living.

Embrace technology. Books on tape and personal voice-activated assistants, such as Google Home or Amazon's Alexa, can be enormously helpful for people who can no longer see well enough to read, dial a phone or set a thermostat. With a simple voice command, these can phone dial a friend for you while the thermostat dials up the heat.

While there isn't one strategy or tool that works for every person, vision rehabilitation offers hope for many and can help people stay in their homes and continue doing the things they love.

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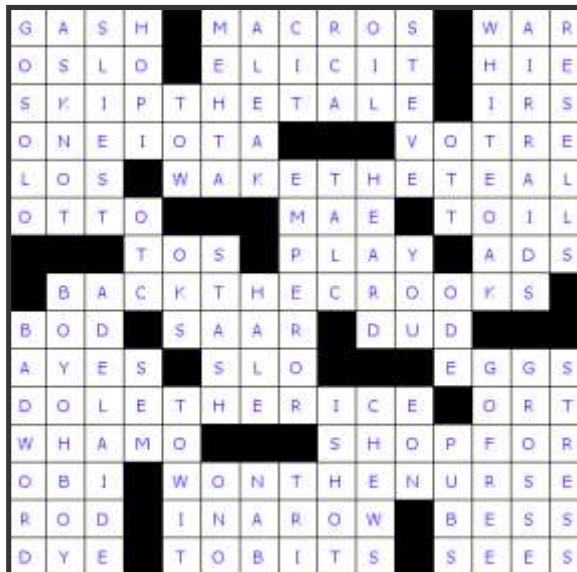
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