

## Jesse James Allen Dementia Conference



Coping with Dementia LLC and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office have announced that Jesse James Allen will be the keynote speaker for the day-long conference on dementia that will take place at the Savannah Center in The Villages on October 30, 2023.

Allen is an international award-winning multimedia creator whose work has included music, art, photography, video games, public speaking, and museum and theme park development. At the beginning of 2021, Allen stepped away from his career to become a fulltime care partner for his late father who had been diagnosed with dementia. It was an exhausting task further complicated by the COVID pandemic.



Pictured is a little girl enjoying the not so scary celebration. You can see by her outfit that I think she was a pilot with goggles and a colorful outfit.

## Where's Our Social Security

### Where's Our Social Security Fund Going? Part Two

By TomL

Information from the Internet & Myself  
*See part one September issue*

Government at work with our money!! A person dies at age 65 before collecting one benefit check. The person and employer paid into the system for almost 50 years and collected NOTHING! Keep in mind all the working people that die every year who were paying into the system and got nothing. These governmental morons mismanaged the money and borrowed or stole from the system so that it's now going broke. Now they have the audacity to call today's seniors "vultures" in an attempt to cover their ineptitude. The Government has borrowed 3 trillion from the Social Security Trust fund, our money in holding for trust that we and our employers paid in.

The Government wants to rename the Social Security Benefits to "Federal Benefit Payment." The reason for renaming our Social Security payments is so the government can claim that all those social security recipients are receiving entitlements thus putting them in the same category as welfare, and food stamp recipients. Changing the name of Social Security contributions, will give the means to refute this program in the future. It's free money for the government to spend under Federal Benefit Payment....Not Social Security Benefits which was designed for seniors retirement benefits! The Social Security check will soon will be referred to as a Federal Benefit Payment? This touches a



## Farmers Market is Back

The Lady Lake Farmers and Crafts Market is held every Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. through the spring at the Rolling Acres Sports Complex, located at 260 Rolling Acres Road. The location features ample parking and is accessible from The Villages via golf cart and motorized wheelchair.

The market features all your favorite

vendors selling locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasta, fresh bread, honey, flowers, art, crafts and more! We are seeking quality vendors selling homemade items for the 2023/2024 season. Complete a vendor application online at [Farmers and Crafts Market - Lady Lake](https://farmersandcraftsmarket-ladylake.org) and email it to [market@ladylake.org](mailto:market@ladylake.org).

**Elisha Pappacoda** Communications  
Director Town of Lady Lake.

nerve in me. I have been paying into this for my retirement benefits, not a welfare fund...Not to pay illegal immigrants that came in to this country by breaking the law or people who just don't want to work!

This is NOT a benefit. It is OUR money, paid out of our earned income! We all contribute to Social Security, and our employers did too! It totaled 15% of our income before taxes. If you averaged \$30K per year over your working life, that's close to \$180,000 invested in Social Security. Calculate the future value of your monthly investment in social security (\$375/month, including both you and your employers' contributions) at a meager 1% interest rate compounded monthly, after 40 years of working you'd have more than \$1.3+ million

dollars saved. This is our personal investment. Upon retirement, if you took out only 3% per year, you'd receive \$39,318 per year, or \$3,277 per month. That's three times more than today's average Social Security benefit! according to the Social Security Administration. (Google it). Your retirement fund would last more than 33 years until you're 98 if you retire at age 65.

I can only imagine how much better most average-income people could live in retirement if our government had not used our funds for things they think are more important. Instead, the Government pulled off a bigger Ponzi scheme than Bernie Madoff ever did. They took our money and used it elsewhere. They did not have a

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## Lake County News

### Lake County Detectives Make Arrest in Connection with Recovered Missing Juvenile

On September 7, 2023, the Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing female juvenile, Aliyah Duncan, who has since been recovered. After the initial report was completed by deputies, extensive search efforts were performed. Detectives proceeded to interview multiple family members and people known to the missing juvenile. The interviews consisted of detectives meeting with the juvenile's boyfriend, Damion Anderson, and his grandmother, Debbie Myers, with whom he resides.

Detectives interviewed both Anderson and Myers nearly twelve times over the course of three weeks. During that time, both parties provided little information, as they were adamant about having no knowledge of the juvenile's whereabouts. Anderson and Myers were made aware of the multiple resources being utilized to locate the juvenile. In addition, they were both informed of the criminal charges they could face if they had knowledge of the juvenile's location and chose to withhold that information from law enforcement. Myers response to that was that she believed the extensive search was becoming "ridiculous" and that whoever is responsible for assisting the juvenile should be charged.

In addition to multiple interviews, detectives completed a total of four search warrants for different social media accounts, six subpoenas for location services, and eight exigent after-hour information requests. Detectives also coordinated with multiple FBI agents, US Marshalls, neighboring sheriff's offices, local law enforcement agencies, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, who all assisted with the search efforts in some capacity. At the conclusion of utilizing multiple different investigative strategies and extensive resources, the juvenile was ultimately located at the residence of Myers

and Anderson, where she was staying during the entirety of the time, she was reported missing.

An arrest warrant for Anderson and Myers was issued, charging them both with interference with child custody, providing false information to law enforcement, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. They have both been arrested as a result of the arrest warrants.

### Five Arrested in Undercover Sting Operation: Nightcrawler

Detectives assigned to the Lake County Sheriff's Cyber Crimes Unit recently concluded a 4-day operation targeting subjects online attempting to meet children for sexual activity. The investigation, dubbed *Operation: Nightcrawler*, was conducted October 4-7 and resulted in five arrests for various sex-related crimes.

After unknowingly talking online with an undercover detective, the subjects traveled to a predetermined location with the intent to have sex with a child. All suspects were taken into custody upon arrival. This operation would not have been possible without the cooperation and support from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, as well as the Clermont, Tavares, Eustis, Leesburg, Mount Dora, and Altamonte Springs Police Departments.

Those arrested are:

Sawaneh, Musa Traveled from Temple Terrace, Florida

Spencer, Jason Traveled from Tavares, Florida

Amilivia Rodriguez, Kahlil Traveled from Groveland, Florida

Vekaria, Bhaveshkumar Traveled from Orlando, Florida

Hurtado Humeres, Nahuel Benjamin (Chilian citizen, hold for I.C.E.) Traveled from Dundee, Florida

The individual booking photos and charges can be found at [www.lcso.org](http://www.lcso.org).

## Not So Scary Halloween



Celebration of Halloween was for the kids but grownups got into the fun also, The "Not So Scary Halloween " Celebration was a great success. Little kids medium size kids and big kids celebrated had fun at the event. Some were very scary and others were not so scary. **Photos by CKJ-13 Kay Johnson**



**The Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce** hosted its October networking breakfast at HarborChase The Villages. Over the past several months, we have helped fundraise over \$1,000 for

the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Pictured Left To Right: Leslie DiCesare Executive Director, Jeanne Lazo Board President, Patrice Dehaven, Josh, Cindy Thiede, Bob Gersh.

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## Social Security.

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referendum to ask us if we wanted to lend the money to them and recently they have told us that the money won't support us for very much longer. (Isn't it interesting they NEVER say this about welfare payments?) We will start a new fund and call it Our Earned Retirement Income. What Say You? I think we need Trump in office! All these problems would be better for the American people in one year. We would see comforts in our lives again! [tloury@att.net](mailto:tloury@att.net)

Put on your seat belts it's going to be a bumpy ride!

## NEED A BREAK? Read the paper!





## Florida State Senate

### DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,  
We are in our second month of committee meetings and only two months away from the official start of the 2024 Legislative Session, which begins on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We have been busy in Tallahassee preparing for this exciting day. We will share with you some important highlights that have recently taken place at the Capitol.

The Senate Republican Caucus selected Senator Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula) as Senate President-Designate to lead the chamber through the 2024-2026 term. Senator Albritton was nominated by Senators Ed Hooper (R-Clearwater) and Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton) and was elected by a unanimous vote of his Republican Colleagues. In his speech, delivered after his election, the newly named President-Designate Albritton highlighted his roots in Florida's Heartland, his love for his wife and family, his support for Florida agriculture, and his vision of what Florida's future can be. Looking toward his tenure as Senate President, President-Designate Albritton displayed his excitement to work with his fellow Senators and our colleagues across the Rotunda, led by Speaker-Designate Daniel Perez, as they look to meet the challenges of our time and deliver results for Floridians in every corner of the state.

Senate President Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples) and Speaker Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast), joined by members of the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives, held a joint press conference condemning the atrocities committed by Hamas and showing Florida's strong support for the people of Israel. During the press conference, President Passidomo and Speaker Renner issued a joint proclamation on behalf of their respective chambers that officially supports

Israel's right to defend itself, condemns the barbaric attacks by Hamas, and demands the immediate end to any direct or indirect financial support directed to Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran. A copy of this proclamation will be presented to the President of the United States, each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and the Ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States. Florida has made it clear that we stand proudly with our brothers and sisters in Israel, we recognize their right to exist as a sovereign state, and we support their right to defend themselves from any and all threats.

The Florida Department of Children and Families appeared before the Senate Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, chaired by Senator Ileana Garcia (R-Miami), to provide a presentation on the new Office of Community Services. The Office of Community Services includes a variety of programs focused on care, prevention, and concentrated services to result in positive long-term outcomes for Florida's most vulnerable children, adults and families. Initiatives include prevention measures relating specifically to human trafficking, domestic violence, continuing care, and homelessness. Through these critical programs Florida continues the effort to increase vital services to support and protect our most vulnerable populations across the state.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As always, it is an honor to be your Senator and we look forward to continue serving our constituents in Lake and West Orange County.

Onward & Upward,  
Senator Dennis Baxley



## Lake County Events

**NOV 4**

### Quarterly Bird & Butterfly Survey

Join park staff in surveying the birds & butterflies on Lake County's conservation lands.

**NOV 8**

### Remembering Ed Sullivan Show #3

Feel the rhythm and groove as we honor the "King of Rock and Roll," Fats Domino, and the incomparable Godfather of Soul, James Brown. Prepare to be captivated by their electrifying performances and iconic stage presence.

**NOV 8**

### Kids STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. Smart enrichment for elementary aged students.

**NOV 9**

### Friends of the Umatilla Public Library

Support your hometown library by joining Umatilla's Friends of the Library. Friends members raise funds to support library projects, programs and book purchases.

**NOV 9**

### Food Preservation: Jams and Jellies

Cost is \$15 per person, space is limited. Participants will learn about water bath canning and create a jar of fall jam to take home. To register visit: <https://bit.ly/46wGMrD>

**NOV 9**

### Veteran's Day Water Jump

The Phantom Airborne Brigade organizers parachute events for Active Duty, Retired, and or Veteran Paratroopers, to continue jumping in the manner they were used to while serving. Spectator will be able to see the jumpers from Ferran Park.

**NOV 10**

### Mount Dora Art in the Alley

Support local, emerging artists with your purchases every 2nd Friday of the month at Mount Dora's Art in the Alley from 6-9pm. Who knows? You might discover the next Van Gogh. Held on Royellou Ln alley between 3rd and 5th Ave.

**NOV 10**

### Evening Nature Hike

Come learn about cooperative agency management as we embark on a hike from the Green Mountain Trailhead into the Lake Apopka North Shore.

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**NOV 11**

### The Florida Run @ Lake Louisa 5k, 10k, half marathon

The Florida Run @ Lake Louisa State Park is a trail run for everyone! Lake Louisa State Park offers offer 3 race distances: Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K. Register today!

**NOV 11**

### Sandstorm Clinic/Showcase Beach Volleyball Event

NOV Salute to Veterans

We are excited to announce that the event will include the National Remembering Our Fallen Memorial display. This national memorial includes our country's military Fallen who have died from wounds while deployed in The War on Terror since 9/11/2001.

**NOV 11**

### Umatilla Garden Club

Connect with local garden enthusiasts and cultivate your green thumb!

**NOV 11**

### The Florida Run: 5k, 10k, half marathon trail run

The Florida Run @ Lake Louisa State Park is a trail run for everyone! Lake Louisa State Park offers amazing beauty, vast terrain, rolling hills, lakes and wildlife. We offer 3 race distances: Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K. All of our races are professionally chip-timed, and each athlete will receive a finisher's medal and race swag.

**NOV 16**

### Healthy and Safe Holiday Meals

Presented by: Lori Johnson, Family & Consumer Science Agent Time: 12:30-1:30 Location: Tavares Public Library Free of charge, no registration required

**NOV 17**

### Umatilla Literary Society

In Literary Society book lovers get together and discuss whatever they are reading. They compare notes, make lists of new titles to try, and encourage each other to break out of reading ruts.

**NOV 17**

### After Dark Hike

Bring your flashlight, headlamps and insect repellent to see what species are active in the park after everyone goes home and the sun goes down.

**NOV 18**

### Birds on the Checklist

Hike with rangers to try and spot some of the birds that have been seen at Ferndale Preserve. Learn about habitats and the species that use them. For beginners.

**NOV 19**

### Volunteer Planting Day

Join staff and help plant native wildflowers and bunch grasses in the sandhill restoration area where we are enhancing the biodiversity of the groundcover. Bring your own gloves, digging tools, water and snacks please. Must hike into the site.

**NOV 21**

### Naturalist Hike

Get some fresh air while learning about the tracks and signs of nature during this hike with rangers.

**NOV 23**

### Thanksgiving Grand Brunch Buffet 2023

Reservations are open for our 2023 Thanksgiving Grand Brunch Buffet ?? Join us on Thursday, November 23rd and feast yourself with all of your favorite fixings with endless house champagne and mimosas. Live entertainment is also featured.

**NOV 29**

### Service of Hope & Healing at First Presbyterian

You are invited to "Hope and Healing" a winter service of soup, bread and hopeful meditation for those who struggle with the holiday season due to personal loss.

**NOV 30**

### Photography Show at First Presbyterian, Joy Through the Lens of Alberto

The photography show, "Joy Through the Lens of Alberto" is delightful, colorful and full of joyful moments in life, nature & with animals, sure to bring a smile to your face and lift up your heart. M-F 9:00 - 3:00 at First Presbyterian Mt. Dora.

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTES



### The Three F's: Faith, Family & Firearms Spells Freedom

By TomL

What does the three F's stand for? FREEDOM! Yes I'm standing up for what I believe in. We have to support our leaders that are trying to stop the Evil Forces. We need to support Trump against the "Dark Side". We need to shed light on the dark side to expose what is happening to our country and our people. Our Country did stand for "Truth and Justice" We are slowly losing it. Freedom is not free, we have to fight for it! . The Dark side is trying to get rid of our laws and our Law Enforcement. There are some people that have foreign influence and foreign Money. It turns out that they have been paying for the favors to some treasonists people.

I have been writing this column for some twenty years or more and have been sharing information about these illegal irregularities here the last two and a half years. I wrote

about Fauci and Obama using our tax money to help finance the Wuhan Lab. I got COVID two years ago Christmas and gave it to my whole family...My wife, both sons, both of their wives all of the grand children (two were infants) so understand how it effected us on Christmas day. I am still not over it. A few times the thought would ease back, then I would lose another friend. The thought that our country being part of developing the Virus just chills me to the bone. I thought follow the money??? What happened to the Social Security Money that our employer and us paid in for our retirement and they died and retiree won't receive after death? Think about that!

Communitic Countries are trying to control us and there is a faction in our country helping. WHY? So they can control the Country, control the people, the food supply, make money by supplying food and drugs, they want to control the financial system, control all money and grow in power while we lose power and lose control. Then we would become a number. In

Communist countries if you don't fit you disappear.

The things that could stop them is when the masses start believing in Faith, Family and Firearms! Our country was built with firearms in our hands, God in our hearts and strong family beliefs. Don't ever give that up!

### Blaze Radio & TV

It was reported on Blaze radio by Glenn Beck that Nancy Pelosi's security team lied under oath at the Oath Keepers January 6th trial. The Oath Keepers have been an organization that helps keep the piece. Now some of them are in prison the Dems claim for breaching the security at the White House. The were there to help keep the piece and protect the members of government that were in the White House. Outside Investigators put together videos to prove the time line testimony of several of the security team gave as testimony was false. Several videos had a clock in a hallway that proves a difference and video shows that Oath Keepers were holding back the people coming into areas where they did not belong. This proves they were doing what the White House security team was suppose to do. Nancy Pelosi threw them under the bus. According to Glenn Beck on the radio the Oath Keepers that are spending time in prison are innocent! This is part of getting even with Trump by Nancy Pelosi! It is against the law to witness tamper. It is against the law to give faults witness under oath. This should be investigated now! Get those people out of prison.

### Optimist speech

When I was a young boy I was in the optimist club in Dania Florida now known as Dania Beach. Now there is no record of the club, but we had a Oratorical contest. I won three out of four County / state. At 14, I won a trip to Cuba, it was still under the rule of Batista the dictator, Castro was fighting in the hills. The subject of the speech was "Freedom Our Most Precious Heritage". There were almost thirty contestant, Battista was there. It was held at one of the top floor of the Hotel National. It was interesting there were no screens on the

windows just shutters, The spelling of the hotel is now with a c instead of a t. That was where I stayed with many other boys most of which were much older than me. Castro was fighting in the hills. Out front we over looked the Bay and the streets were lined with street vendor. I bought a cleaned pine apple because I was hungry. If you hired a guide with a car you could buy things half price. This other contestant and I hired a guide for three days. He took us around the country where it was safe. Beautiful green mountain side and lush farm land and then there were fishing villages. A few places we could not get out of the car. The guide would buy our lunch and we would pay him back him. He paid half of what it would cost us. At the end of the day another boy and I paid him.

Back to the event I came in fourth with the oratory, the judges came to me later and said I really should have been third. It did not matter to me it was not first place. I met Battiest at the event. Interesting enough the Battista family invested money in Ocala businesses. They were friendly enough.

### Border Walls

Did you know that Instead of assembling and installing millions of dollars of supplies along the border, Biden, the Democrats and the Department of Defense is paying a whopping \$160,000 per month to store over 20,000 panels, fiber optic cables, and lighting. It's our tax money!!! Close the border install the walls we already have and paid for!!!

### CAPITAL POLICE!

Judicial Watch announced recently that it received the court-ordered declaration of James W. Joyce, senior counsel in the Office of the General Counsel for the Capitol Police, in which he describes emails among senior officials of the United States Capitol Police (USCP) in January 2021 that show warnings of possible January 6 protests that could lead to serious disruptions at the U.S. Capitol.

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## FAIRTax



Senior citizens as a group fair better under the FAIRtax than under the current income tax.

Although some erroneously believe they pay no taxes if living on Social Security alone, they are still paying the hidden corporate income tax and employer payroll tax imbedded in everything they buy. Under the FAIRtax, those hidden costs are removed. Plus, senior, like ever other citizen or legal resident will receive the prebate at the beginning of each month for taxes paid on the cost of necessities. Since once an item is taxed it is not taxable again, all purchases of used goods are rendered tax free. If a senior wishes to continue working, they are freed from the regressive payroll taxes on their earnings under the FAIRtax and there is no income tax on their Social Security. The income tax imposed on investment income and pension benefits or IRA withdrawals is repealed. An income tax deduction from most pension funds, IRAs and 401(k) was taken for contributions to most of these plans. All beneficiaries and owners of these

plans expected to pay income tax on them upon withdrawal, but are not required to do so under the FAIRtax. Plus any interest on savings you may have acquired is no longer subject to taxation. Seniors have a dramatically higher home ownership rate than other age groups but those who wish to sell their homes face capital gains tax under the current system. Senior also have the comforting knowledge that if they wish to pass their estate on to their heirs, that the heirs will not have to sell all or part of that estate in order to pay the inheritance tax. There is no capital gains tax or inheritance tax under the FAIRtax. The FAIRtax makes the economy much more dynamic and prosperous. Consequently, federal revenues grow which makes it less likely that federal budget pressures require Medicare and Social Security benefit cuts. And, since the FAIRtax requires a certain percentage of all revenues collected to be distributed between these two programs, Medicare and Social Security will be much more stable for years to come. For more information, go to FAIRtax.org

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## Festival of Trees

### Lady Lake Library invites the community to participate in Festival of Trees

**LADY LAKE** - The Lady Lake Library is inviting the community to participate in the Festival of Trees, a heartwarming holiday celebration that welcomes families, schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses to showcase their creativity.

The Festival of Trees is an opportunity for participants to decorate their very own Christmas trees, which will be prominently displayed at the Lady Lake Library throughout the holiday season. This event is open to all individuals and groups interested in spreading joy while showcasing their organization.

Space is limited, so interested participants are encouraged to apply online at [ladylake.org](http://ladylake.org). [Applications](#) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to submit is Nov. 1, 2023. Trees must be decorated on Nov. 17 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Trees will be on display at the Lady Lake Library from Nov. 20, 2023 - Jan. 3, 2024. Residents will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite tree. Votes will be tallied with an award given for best design.

"The Festival of Trees is a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together, get creative, and spread holiday

cheer," said Aly Herman, Director of the Lady Lake Library. "We believe this event will foster a sense of togetherness and community spirit that is so important."



The Lady Lake Library is excited to see the imaginative and festive creations that will grace the library this holiday season. The Festival of Trees promises to be an event that brings the community together and shares joy during this special time of year. Whether you're an artist, school, local business, or a nonprofit

organization, we invite you to showcase your unique talents and bring a touch of holiday magic to the Lady Lake community.

For more information, contact Library Director Aly Herman at [aly.herman@mylakelibrary.org](mailto:aly.herman@mylakelibrary.org) or Library Assistant Kourtney Fehr at [kourtney.fehr@mylakelibrary.org](mailto:kourtney.fehr@mylakelibrary.org), or call at 352-753-2957.

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## It's Not Right!

TomL

In the old days children knew they wanted to be a cowboy, a nurse, a policeman or policewoman, a doctor, a pilot. Today they expect them to know what sex they want to be at a very young age! Then encourage them to make changes that cannot be changed back AND not tell their parents of their what is going on!

Bill Maher says when he was eight he wanted to be a pirate. Thank goodness he was not scheduled for surgery for a peg leg!

PS At nine years old I was selling newspapers on Dania Beach at the old draw Bridge, when it opened to let sight seeing boats and fishing boat through the cars backed up, I walk the line of cars and sold Ft

Lauderdale newspapers. I did that for seven years. So I guess that's one of the things that helped me choose this profession.

Where does Biden get off canceling student debt. Then rewarding the people who paid their debt by taxing them to cover the cost for those who did not (Politics Stinks). If you agree with this you need to go to another continent.

Americans that are soft spoken or not out going, do not challenge people that are defacing or protesting and chanting bad thing about our country. Don't let them get away with it! We are in a time that people don't want to offend others. If they are wrong tell them you don't agree, don't stand idle.

I don't understand, the discussion in the school system about sex with a fellow school teacher can be called sexual Harassment but the same educators want to teach sex ed to a child at eight years olds, it's OK? If you don't agree don't stand idle!

We have had many Ministers of truth??? For instance Hitler.....Stalin! Could you really consider these two ministers of anything? Yes Death!

It is pretty stupid to buy 500,000 barrels of oil from our enemy (who wants to kill us) and not use oil from American Wells.. The money would go into our own economy.

What do you do when your electric car runs out of power on the interstate? They

don't make a can that will hold electricity, but if they did don't touch it!

How is it that the government can't control gasoline prices, but the weather is something they think they can fix? You can't fix stupid!

A lot of people concern about Britany Griner being stuck in Russia but show no concern about Americans stranded in Afghanistan? What's wrong with this picture?

Biden is not for the American people! He and his son and brother have been playing us for six figure suckers! Vote For Trump!

## Time Stood Still

### Eight Republicans That Made Time Stand Still

By TomL

First they are not part of the Republican Team! They won't win the people over the way they are acting. Who are the eight Republicans that voted with the democrats to get rid of the speaker. Well some say McCarthy made a secret deal with the Dem's and sold the farm. They claim the committee did not cut any spending. In fact there were some spending cut but they were not deep enough and McCarthy paid the price! We should have never set something up that the speaker could be taken from office that easy. But it is, what it is. Now we have to hurry through the process to get another speaker! Electing a temporary Speaker is a mistake.

NO DEMS PLEASE!

If I have a chance to vote these eight Republicans out of office I will! I will vote another republican to replace them because I kind of understand that we need the votes to get anything done. For instance War and humanitarian supplies are on hold because it has to go through the House after they elect a speaker. All of this should not have happened! These eight Republicans are not part of the team. I hope they are proud of themselves, they are costing lives in the war! It is very important the republicans stick together at all cost. The Democrats vote together, the republicans don't. You eight are fools! You have to meet and come up with a better solution than just getting even!

VOTE THEM OUT AND VOTE IN TEAMPLAYERS! (Republicans)

Andy Biggs of Arizona	(R?)
Ken Buck of Colorado	(R?)
Tim Burchett of Tennessee	(R?)
Eli Crane of Arizona	(R?)
Matt Gaetz of Florida	(R?)
Bob Good of Virginia	(R?)
Nancy Mace of South Carolina	(R?)
Matt Rosendale of Montana	(R?)

I hate to talk bad about a fellow republican but they crossed the line.

FOOTNOTE!

I don't understand why everyone is afraid of Iran? Give Israel the Bunker Busters. It's time we stop letting them push the world around. Maybe they will change their minds if Israel has the tools to finish it!

THE TUNNELS!

Israel, don't over think the tunnel's. They have to have air, shut down the vents or close off enough that it will effect them. OR flood the tunnel with salt water. Put big pumps in and give them enough water that it will bring them to the surface. Keep it simple! Some have suggested gas I don't agree. Oh a thought pump oil into the tunnels.



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- **Phonics:** Connecting letters to sounds and forming words.
- **Fluency:** Reading smoothly, accurately, and with expression.
- **Vocabulary:** Recognizing and understanding the meaning of words.
- **Comprehension:** Grasping the meaning and interpretation of what's read.

To further support educators, there are 15 compact "microlearning" modules. Each takes just 6 to 8 minutes to complete and provides turnkey strategies and activities to use with students. Upon completion of each module a certificate of completion is issued.

They're part of the Discovery Education and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's new education initiative—Discover Literacy—designed to support the development of critical literacy skills in K-2 students. It offers teachers, students, and caregivers access to a powerful suite of in-school and after-school digital resources at no cost.

Flexibly designed for students at all reading levels, these resources are easy to use with little to no prep; they can provide equitable access to high quality literacy education for students from every background.

### Who They Are

Discovery Education is the worldwide edtech leader whose state-of-the-art digital platform supports learning wherever it takes place. Through its award-winning multimedia content, instructional supports, and innovative classroom tools, Discovery Education helps educators deliver equitable learning experiences engaging all students and supporting higher academic achievement.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides financial support to schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries.  
[Learn More](#)

For further facts, visit [www.discoverliteracydg.com](http://www.discoverliteracydg.com). You can view the videos at [www.dlc.com/DG-NAPS-Videos](http://www.dlc.com/DG-NAPS-Videos).

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The Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the success of our inaugural **Power of Women Symposium** that took place in October at the Waterfront Inn, The Villages, FL. We were thrilled to welcome seventy-five inspiring women who

joined us for a day of learning, networking, and empowerment. The event was a huge success, with attendees enjoying a delicious lunch, browsing through various business vendors, and listening to an exhilarating guest speaker. **Photos by CKJ-13 Kay Johnson**







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# 2023 Human Trafficking Summit

FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY'S OFFICE: [HumanTraffickingSummit.com](https://www.myfloridalegal.com/week-in-review/attorney-general-moodys-week-review-oct-6-2023).

We officially launched the 2023 Human Trafficking Summit. Our summit brings together survivors, law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, community leaders and concerned citizens who are committed to working together to stop this crime.

John Walsh, television host and co-founder of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, is our keynote speaker for this year's summit. As a nationally renowned crime fighter, victim advocate and host of the former hit television show America's Most Wanted, Walsh has spent decades helping law enforcement locate missing children and solve crimes, including the recovery of more than 400,000 children. I am excited for our attendees to hear Walsh's inspirational message about what we can do to fight back against criminals preying on vulnerable populations.

The summit has nine sessions covering subjects like how the opioid crisis is fueling human trafficking to supporting trafficking survivors in the workplace. Attendees will have access to 11 hours of educational content from leaders in the fight to end human trafficking. There is expert training available for law enforcement about proper ways to document and gather evidence and we also cover important information on how to work with victims so they can recover and heal as survivors.

More than 3,000 attendees, from 29 states across our nation, have already tuned into the summit. Content will remain available through March 2024. So, I encourage those wanting to join our efforts against trafficking to still sign up at

If you suspect human trafficking, please report it immediately by calling 1(855)FLA-SAFE and contacting law enforcement. If you would like to remain anonymous, simply dial \*\*TIPS, the state's anonymous crime tip reporting line.

By working together, we can rescue victims, put monsters behind bars, and build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

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## Dave from Orlando Says:

Wake up all you tree huggers.....listen to the snake oil salesman telling you to do away with fossil fuel...build those electric cars. We can't ALL be that stupid.

Stand up and fight these idiots.....get them off what ever drugs they are on!

## Fighting Housing Shortage

Los Angeles implemented a new tax on luxurious real estate to finance affordable housing and combat homelessness

By [Noah Düker](#)

Los Angeles implemented a so-called "mansion tax". At a rate of 4% for real estate purchases between 5 and 10 million dollars and 5.5 percent for properties over ten million dollars. All in all, the tax is expected to bring in about 670 million dollars of revenue. The money is mend to finance affordable housing and thus preventing

people from becoming homeless.

The tax, officially known as "Measure ULA" was agreed upon by the state legislator after a referendum in November 2022 as close to 60% of voters cast their ballot in favour of the proposed law. Los Angeles being the city with the highest number of homeless people in the country, it's little wonder that such a tax comes to fruition. California in general is also known as the second most expensive state when it comes to real estate, only being topped by Hawaii.

Under the new tax, a millionaire selling a house worth 5 million dollars would have to pay 200 thousand dollars to the government. To put the necessity of action in the city of LA into perspective, the recent crises have made the number of homeless people

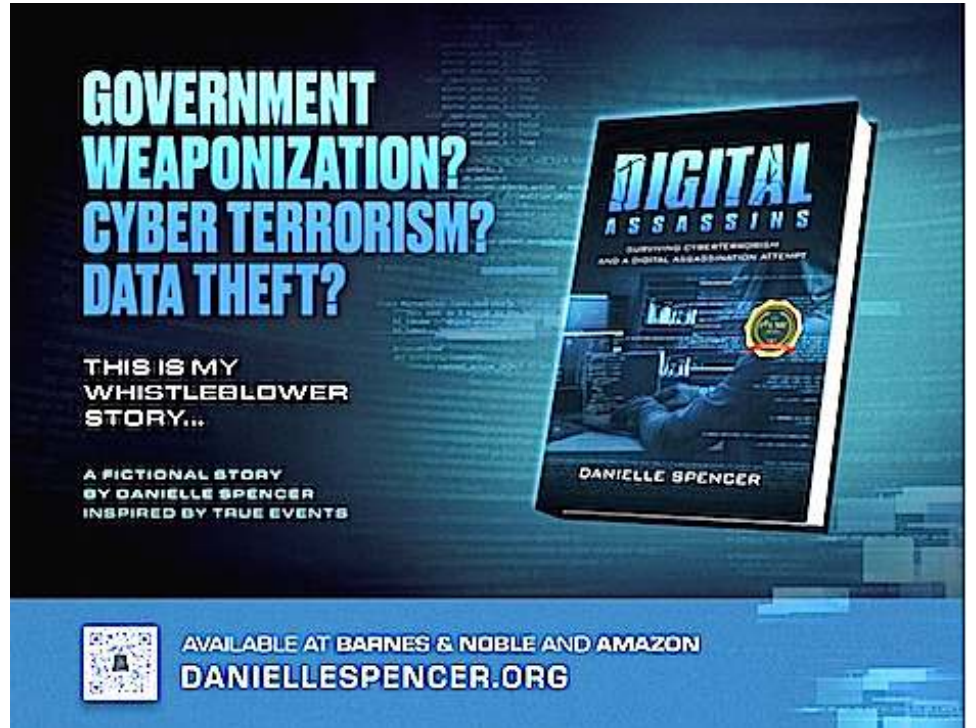
skyrocket to around 42,000 people in February 2022. In 2016 the number was closer to [28,000 people](#) without a home according to an article published in the New York Times.

Other estimates by the "US department of housing and urban development" put the number of homeless people in the LA at a staggering 65.111 people.

**"Mass Panic": Real Estate Owners get creative in trying to avoid the new Taxes**

Despite the relatively low sum of tax money in comparison to the enormous profits made in the real estate market, millionaires and celebrities sought for evermore creative and desperate ways to avoid contributing to improving societal living standards. According to "[The](#)

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Rep. Cammack Joins Colleagues To Support Florida's Request For Federal Fishery Disaster Declaration

GAINESVILLE, FL — Hurricane Idalia severely impacted

Florida's fisheries, a significant contributor to Florida's economy. These small businesses need assistance to recover from this Major Hurricane.

On September 5, 2023, the State of Florida requested the U.S. Department of Commerce to declare a federal fishery resource disaster to support fishery businesses affected by Hurricane Idalia.

Rep. Cammack joined U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) and colleagues in sending a letter to U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo supporting the State of Florida's request.

“Florida's iconic fisheries are foundational to the economy and way of life of many of the communities that have been devastated by Hurricane Idalia. A timely and robust response by the Department of Commerce, through the declaration of a fishery disaster in support of Florida's fishing industries, is required to help these communities recover.”

To Rein in Biden, Look To Florida's Example

President Joe Biden's regulatory assault on American families is easily the worst in American history.

It's driving up grocery prices, utility bills, and the cost of everyday life, leaving people paying a lot more while getting a lot less. If Republicans truly want to fight back, they should look to the states for

inspiration—especially our home state of Florida. The Sunshine State is rolling back red tape at a record pace, thanks in large part to a unique policy that empowers lawmakers to block new mandates. Republicans in Congress should rally around a similar law to stop President Biden's rule by administrative fiat.

Compare what's happening in D.C. to what's happening in Florida.

At the federal level, President Biden proposed and enacted new regulations costing a staggering \$201 billion in his first year alone. That's more than three times the burden imposed by President Barack Obama over the same timespan, and 40 times that of President Donald Trump.

In his second year in office, President Biden shows no signs of slowing down. He's dictating everything from the cars we can drive to the lightbulbs we can buy. If anything, the president's spree of red tape is only going to grow, especially if Republicans retake Congress this November. He'll use what President Obama famously called his "pen and phone" in ways no chief executive ever has before.

Compare that with what's happening in Florida.

The Sunshine State proposed the lowest number of regulations in modern history last year, according to new research from the Foundation for Government Accountability. It follows years of regulatory repeal and relief by governors and lawmakers alike.

This sustained progress puts Florida well ahead of its competition. California now has more than twice as many regulatory restrictions. New York has about 75% more, and Illinois 65% more. Even Texas has a larger regulatory burden than Florida.

The chasm between these states is set to grow even deeper. The overall number of regulatory restrictions is still falling in Florida; it's growing in nearly every other state.

Why is Florida cutting red tape so quickly and effectively? One of the biggest reasons is a 2010 law, passed over then-Gov. Charlie Crist's veto, that says the state legislature must approve all rules that cost \$1 million or more over five years. If lawmakers don't affirmatively approve such a regulation, it doesn't go into effect. This policy ensures that the people's representatives have a say on new mandates.

Unsurprisingly, lawmakers have stopped new mandates that would jack up costs on Florida families. That includes stopping a proposed rule this year from the agriculture commissioner to ban styrofoam in grocery stores, saving families from higher costs.

Florida's policy is the definition of common sense—but the federal government takes the opposite, and nonsensical, approach. President Biden can force Americans to pay hundreds of billions of dollars in higher regulatory costs because there's no real check on his administration's ability to propose new rules. Congress gets no say in the matter, even though the Constitution invests the House and the Senate with sole lawmaking power. Lawmakers are bystanders when they should be referees.

At the start of the current Congress, one of us (Rep. Cammack) introduced a federal version of Florida's law. It's called the REINS Act and it requires the House and Senate to vote on all federal regulations that impose at least \$100 million in costs annually. This policy would have given Congress the chance to stop a significant portion of President Biden's regulatory spree; it would have put Democrats in the tough spot of voting for mandates that make prices higher and life more painful for working families.

But the current REINS Act wouldn't

necessarily have stopped all the president's use and abuse of the federal bureaucracy. Like Obama before him, President Biden has also relied on executive orders and agency "guidance," including the recent 25% boost to food stamp payments. This approach has the de facto effect of regulation absent formality, meaning Congress couldn't always vote to stop it.

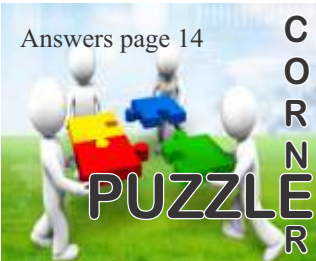
We're therefore partnering to introduce an expanded version of the REINS Act to close this loophole. If this policy is enacted, Congress will be required to vote on essentially every major action coming out of the executive branch. By stopping new mandates like President Biden's, lawmakers could save Americans untold billions of dollars, and even help tame runaway inflation in the process. Most important, it will put citizens back in the position of holding accountable their duly elected representatives—not unelected bureaucrats.

Florida proves this policy works. The state's economy is booming, with new residents moving here every 50 seconds and 1,800 new start-ups setting up shop every day. The state's light touch on red tape, driven by the governor's and lawmakers' willingness to stop costly new rules, is undoubtedly contributing to the Sunshine State's ever-brightening outlook. Republicans in Congress should fight to bring that approach of accountability and affordability to Washington, D.C.

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10. Hudson and Green
14. Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and \_\_\_\_
15. "When pigs fly!"
16. Medicinal succulent
17. Monster lizard
18. Silk with a wavy pattern
19. Eye infection
20. "He may try to cover up his ..."
23. Possessive pronoun
24. Emmy winner Ruby
25. Nickname of the 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. president
28. Hawaiian instrument (Var.)
32. \_\_\_\_ del Plata (Argentinean resort)
35. Snooty
37. Levesque of Quebec
38. Use hip boots, e.g.
39. "He may be hiding out at his ..."

42. \_\_\_\_ out (just made it)
43. Raw silk color
44. Sea of the Solomon Islands
45. Hankering
46. Like some modeling substances
48. Playable serves
49. \_\_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
50. Mosconi's pride
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61. Cubby holes?
62. Wee one in Glasgow
63. Not the best place for a thorn
64. Social starter?
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66. L X W
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- Down
1. Good things to give your kids
2. Ear-relevant
3. Lavish celebration
4. Lamb Chop's handler
5. Reveal
6. Gaudy night light
7. Like fanatical sports fans
8. Sassy
9. Ran the old sewing machine
10. Thanksgiving Day chore
11. Range between soprano

- and tenor
12. Ma the musician
13. Gets an eyeful
21. Thanksgiving Day chore
22. Site of the first stroke?
25. Shrewd
26. How great minds think
27. Ponti's wife
29. Author Jong
30. Having that doubtful feeling
31. Listlessness
32. A language of New Zealand
33. Spot maker?
34. Lively dances
36. Like Methuselah
38. "\_\_\_\_ goes there?"
40. Trustworthy
41. Hebrew school (Var.)
46. TV network letters
47. Hardly plentiful
49. Desert watering hole
51. Test format, perhaps
52. Man with an apple named after him?
53. He's after the news
54. "Out of the frying pan, \_\_\_\_"
55. Tooth partner
56. Word with store or novel
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# ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



## Attorney General Moody Encourages Floridians To Remain Vigilant During National Preparedness Month

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—This National

Preparedness Month, Attorney General Ashley Moody is urging Floridians to remain vigilant. National Preparedness Month raises awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. September also marks the peak of hurricane season. Currently, there are multiple tropical systems in the Atlantic Ocean, including Hurricane Lee. Florida just endured the effects of Hurricane Idalia late last month and recovery efforts will be ongoing for the foreseeable future. To help Floridians solidify storm-readiness plans, Attorney General Moody is highlighting the 2023 Hurricane Preparedness Guide.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "In emergency situations, proper preparations can make all the difference. As we recognize National Preparedness Month, move through the peak of hurricane season, and see heavy storm activity in the Atlantic, I encourage all Floridians to take another look at our 2023 Hurricane Preparedness Guide to solidify storm preparations."

The Atlantic Hurricane season peaks between mid-August and mid-October. Hurricane Lee and Hurricane Margot are both strong storms currently moving through the Atlantic Ocean, and thankfully not forecasted to reach Florida. However, Floridians should still be prepared. On Aug. 30, Hurricane Idalia hit Florida's Big Bend region, and residents are still recovering from the storm that caused [billions of dollars](#) in damage.

Below is a graph from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showing hurricane and tropical storm activity from 1944 to 2020.

Preparedness tips provided in the guide include:

- Know evacuation routes and shelter locations;
- Stock up on enough food, water and emergency supplies for the entire household for at least seven days or more;
- Check that storm-related products are hurricane-proof or impact-proof before purchasing;
- Research recovery charities before donating;
- Beware of unsolicited contractors and extremely low or high prices for quotes; and
- Report price gouging during a state of emergency, including online or on the free No Scam app.

Floridians can stay informed about serious storm events using the Florida Division of Emergency Management's website, [FloridaDisaster.org](#). Floridians can monitor a storm's progression and the latest weather alerts using the NOAA's Hurricane Center by visiting [NHC.NOAA.gov](#).

In the event of an incoming tropical storm or hurricane, Floridians should look for further guidance from local officials and emergency managers.

To report potential price gouging during a declared state of emergency, use the No Scam app, call 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or file a complaint online at [MyFloridaLegal.com](#).

## AG MOODY AND FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS TEAM UP WITH FORMER HOST OF AMERICA'S MOST WANTED FOR STATEWIDE CRIME-FIGHTING INITIATIVE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody and the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers are teaming up with John Walsh from "America's Most Wanted" and "In Pursuit with John Walsh" to fight crime. At the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office today, Attorney General Moody, Walsh and Crime Stoppers announced a new partnership to encourage Floridians to use \*\*TIPS, the state's anonymous crime tip reporting line. The crime-fighting trio are encouraging Floridians to be proactive in helping law enforcement solve cases by reporting information related to crimes. Over the past three years, PBCS received more than 2,000 tips from Crime Stoppers, with more than 400 tips leading to an arrest.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "John Walsh has been the relentless force behind America's Most Wanted and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children—I am excited that he is helping us recruit Floridians to join our fight against crime. Through this new partnership with Florida Crime Stoppers, we will be spreading the word about \*\*TIPS and encouraging Floridians to anonymously report information to help law enforcement solve crimes."

John Walsh said, "I have dedicated my career to locating missing children and fighting crime. The \*\*TIPS tipline will give Florida law enforcement an advantage over criminals in hard-to-crack cases. Solving a case can be a miracle for a family and help make communities safer. I praise Attorney General Moody for her efforts in supporting law enforcement and encouraging Floridians to actively help officers stop crime."

President of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers, Frank Brunner said, "Our statewide network of 27 Crime Stoppers chapters throughout Florida is excited about John Walsh joining our team of crime fighters. This new partnership, along with our current partner, the Attorney General's Office, will encourage public engagement and help increase awareness on how people can anonymously share their critical information and assist law enforcement with making our state a stronger, safer place."

Attorney General Moody, FACS and Walsh are releasing a video message for Floridians to assist law enforcement in making their communities safer. The informational video highlights the \*\*TIPS tipline—a number anyone in the state can call from a cell phone to reach the nearest Crime Stoppers office. Individuals can submit information on crimes and remain anonymous. If the tip leads to an arrest, the

caller may receive a cash reward.

Attorney General Moody and FACS first launched [\\*\\*TIPS](#) in October 2020. Before the tipline's creation, Floridians needed to look up the specific region's Crime Stoppers number to report a crime—there are 27 different offices each with separate phone numbers. Now, by simply dialing the six-key tipline on a cellphone, citizens are automatically rerouted to the nearest regional Crime Stoppers office.

In February 2022, [Crime Stoppers USA](#) adopted the phone number for nationwide use. Now, anyone in the United States can report crime anonymously with this easy-to-remember number and possibly collect a reward for tips that lead to an arrest.

In 2021, Attorney General Moody and FACS announced a [near-doubling](#) of award money for anonymous tips in murder cases that lead to an arrest. The increase takes the maximum allowable award amount from \$5,000 to \$9,500 for tips provided to FACS.

John Walsh is known internationally as a crime fighter, victims' advocate and host of "America's Most Wanted," the reality program that helped law enforcement capture fugitives. Walsh currently hosts "In Pursuit with John Walsh," and co-founded the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that helped bring home more than 50 missing children. Over the past three [decades](#), through "America's Most Wanted, Walsh helped bring to justice more than 1,200 fugitives—including 17 people off of the FBI's Most Wanted list.

If there is an emergency, dial 911. To report tips anonymously about unsolved crimes, simply dial \*\*TIPS.

## AG MOODY UNCOVERS BIDEN'S SECRET PLAN FOR MASS-RELEASE QUOTAS FOR MIGRANTS STOPPED AT THE SW BORDER AMID IMMIGRATION SURGE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody continues to uncover evidence of the Biden administration's intentional destruction of the nation's border with Mexico. Recently-obtained U.S. Border Patrol emails outline new proposed "bookout targets" for field chiefs and deputies to "bring in-custody numbers to manageable levels."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Acting Deputy Chief emailed the new targets on Aug. 8, following a field leadership call to discuss "in-custody numbers." During the call, CBP leaders revealed that "the rate of daily encounters continues to surpass the daily permanent bookouts and the in-custody numbers

continue to rise."

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Biden and Mayorkas have become so brazen that they are now implementing mass-release quotas for immigrants surging into our country. As a federal judge already recognized, these releases are unlawful, yet the Biden administration is ordering Border Patrol to release even more immigrants into the interior. This latest email is further proof of the disastrous cycle created by Biden's intentional destruction of our border with Mexico. Biden cuts resources, opens the border, and then releases detainees while claiming there is not enough detention capacity to prevent the unprecedented flood of migrants entering the country because of his terrible policies. With every passing day it is becoming more obvious that the border crisis is being intentionally orchestrated by the Biden administration. We will continue to do everything in our power to push back and let the American people know of Biden's devious plan."

While the email Attorney General Moody obtained from CBP references new "daily bookout targets," the actual release quotas were redacted for unexplained reasons.

According to reports, CBP is currently detaining nearly 20,000 migrants with agents [reporting nearly 6,000](#) new encounters daily.

Since President Biden took office:

- [More than 6 million](#)
- migrants have surged across the border;
- [More than 50,000](#)
- pounds of fentanyl has been seized, enough to kill the U.S. population more than 35 times over; and
- [259 people](#)
- on the terrorist watch list have been identified, including 146 so far in fiscal year 2023.

With the current surge and mass-release policies in place, states as far north as New York and Massachusetts are feeling the effects. [Massachusetts is under a state of emergency](#) while struggling to house an influx of illegal immigrants.

Florida beat the Biden administration in federal court earlier this year, obtaining a ruling that called the current border "[little more than a speed bump](#)," a ruling affirming what Attorney General Moody has been saying for years, that Biden's immigration policies are unlawful.

Last month, [a federal trial](#) in Texas began, challenging Biden's Humanitarian Parole Policy allowing 30,000 immigrants from select countries automatic access into the U.S. every month. Florida is a party to the case.

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### 'First Lady Casey DeSantis Highlights the Expansion of CarePortal to Support Floridas Vulnerable Adults

*Through the Hope Florida program, Hope Navigators use*

*the CarePortal to help Floridians access services available within their own communities*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — First Lady Casey DeSantis highlighted the expansion of Florida's CarePortal platform to meet immediate needs of vulnerable adults including persons with disabilities, veterans, the elderly, and any other individual in Florida needing assistance. CarePortal was initially created to support children and their families in need and is a platform that connects individuals and families in need with faith institutions and local businesses willing to help. This expansion builds on the success of the portal to date, which has led to nearly 500 churches and over 5,000 community members helping nearly 13,400 children and their families since 2020.

“One of the best ways to uplift our community is to ensure that our vulnerable populations have access to the resources they need to live successful lives. Whether that is children, adults, or families, we must make sure that we have the correct tools in place to put our drive to serve into action,” **said First Lady Casey DeSantis**. “We have worked alongside the CarePortal team to expand quickly in Florida and connect people with available resources beyond government available in their own communities. I am thankful to those who have answered our call to action and made their services available on CarePortal so that together, we can build a stronger community.”

“I want to thank First Lady DeSantis for taking bold action to make community-based care-sharing happen at scale,” **said CEO of CarePortal Joe Knittig**. “And I want to honor the Care-Sharing Network — the social workers, Hope Navigators, organizations, churches, and businesses — who use CarePortal to sacrificially care for their neighbors in unity together. They are the real heroes.”

“Since day one, First Lady DeSantis has been the fiercest advocate for vulnerable children and adults in our state,” **said Department of Children and Families Secretary Shevaun Harris**. “Through the Hope Florida initiative, and our partnership with CarePortal, Florida has truly revolutionized the way our state responds to families in crisis and transformed the activation of community resources and services. At the heart of the program is communities helping communities, and with this expansion, we will be able to accelerate our efforts in connecting more vulnerable individuals in need with those who want to give back.”

“We are so grateful for First Lady DeSantis' tremendous advocacy and partnership that allows us to serve even more families in Florida,” **said Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Michelle Branham**. “CarePortal is a

unique and innovative platform that offers Florida's faith-based organizations and community members the opportunity to support vulnerable seniors throughout our state, in conjunction with the resources and services that our aging network provides. We are extremely excited and honored to be part of the First Lady's vision in transforming the way we serve and expanding how we reach those who need us. I truly look forward to witnessing the results of this innovative and collaborative expansion.”

“Under the leadership of First Lady Casey DeSantis, the Hope Florida program has begun to bridge the gap between our communities' most vulnerable and the resources they need to succeed,” **said Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Secretary Eric Hall**. “Through Hope Florida's Pathway to Potential initiative at DJJ, we have already seen the profound impact Hope Navigators and the network of resources they employ can have on the lives of our youth and families. The latest expansion of the CarePortal platform will enable even more Floridians of all ages and backgrounds to connect with these life-changing services.”

As more state agencies have joined the Hope Florida initiative, the needs identified throughout the state have increased exponentially. This first in the nation expansion of CarePortal will allow Hope Florida to positively impact the lives of more Floridians than ever before. Hope Navigators will now be able to use CarePortal's innovative platform to meet immediate needs of not only families with children, but also persons with disabilities, veterans, the elderly, and any other individual in Florida needing assistance.

If you are in need of services, you can connect with a Hope Navigator by calling 850-300-HOPE.

To learn more about joining CarePortal's Care Network visit [www.HopeFlorida.com](http://www.HopeFlorida.com) and click “I Want to Help.”

### Governor DeSantis Hosts Discussion About COVID Boosters with State Surgeon General and Health Experts

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — Governor Ron DeSantis held a discussion with State Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo and public health experts about the recently federally approved COVID-19 mRNA boosters. While there, the Surgeon General announced new COVID-19 booster guidance advising against the use of COVID boosters for individuals under the age of 65. This recommendation was based on the fact that the newly FDA approved COVID boosters lack a human clinical trial and evidence of benefit or efficacy. The federal government has spent more than \$30 billion on COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, which have shown little to no benefit to prevent COVID-19 infection.

“I will not stand by and let the FDA and CDC use healthy Floridians as guinea pigs for new booster shots that have not been proven to be safe or effective,” **said Governor Ron DeSantis**. “Once again, Florida is the first state in the nation to stand up and provide guidance based on truth, not Washington edicts.”

“Once again, the federal government is failing Americans by refusing to be honest about the risks and not providing sufficient

clinical evidence when it comes to these COVID-19 mRNA shots, especially with how widespread immunity is now,” **said State Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo**. “In Florida, we will always use common sense and protect the rights and liberties of Floridians, including the right to accurate information.”

Today's announcement builds on actions taken by the DeSantis administration to push back on the FDA and CDC's rushed approval and mandates of COVID vaccines since 2020, even when the evidence doesn't line up

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## New Tax

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Guardian“, one desperate super rich homeowner of a 16.5-million-dollar mansion was going as far as to gift a supercar to whoever buys his house, just to get out of paying around 900 thousand dollars in tax.

## The Fight Against Polio



(NAPSI)—When it comes to combating polio, there's good news, bad news and better news.

**The good news** is that efforts to eradicate the dreaded disease have been going on for decades. Back in the disease's peak years in the 1940s and 50s, it affected between 13,000 and 20,000 people in the United States each year, many of them children. Thousands died. Many others were permanently paralyzed. Then Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin developed vaccines and the number of cases dropped. As of August 30, 2023, only seven cases of “wild polio virus” (two in Pakistan, five in Afghanistan) have been detected in 2023.

**The bad news** is that even one case of

polio is one too many, and while cases of polio have fallen over 99% worldwide since 1988, a variant of the polio virus is causing outbreaks and consuming critical resources needed to stop the transmission of wild poliovirus. What's more, the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted efforts to combat vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio.

**The better news** is we know how to eradicate polio. Vaccines are highly effective, and the more people who are vaccinated, the less the virus can spread.

### What's Being Done

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative developed tailored strategies to end polio. It offers multi-vaccine campaigns with polio and other vaccines, and increased environmental surveillance sites to quickly detect the virus.

Also, Rotary and its partners are using a new vaccine, nOPV2, to address outbreaks of the variant poliovirus. Millions of doses have been administered.

### Who Is Helping

Polio eradication is the flagship priority of Rotary, a global humanitarian organization with more than a million members around the world. These men and women are business, professional, and community leaders with a shared commitment to making the world a better place.

The organization had the audacity to take on a global effort to protect children everywhere from disability and death due to polio and the tenacity to finish the job and keep its promise to children everywhere.

### What You Can Do

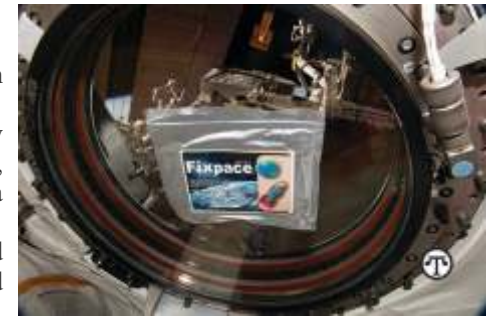
You can be part of the effort to end polio in four ways:

1. **Donate** to the End Polio Now Campaign. Donations will be matched 2:1, up to U.S. \$50 million by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
2. **Contact** government leaders and encourage them to prioritize financial and political support for polio eradication.
3. **Participate** in World Polio Day on October 24, 2023, to raise awareness of the importance of polio vaccination and to celebrate the parents, professionals and volunteers who make eradication achievable.
4. **Join** Rotary. Rotary members have contributed over \$2.6 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to immunize up to 400 million children a year. As a result, more than 20 million people who would otherwise have been paralyzed are walking, and more than 1.5 million people are alive who would otherwise have died.

### Learn More

For further information visit: [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org) and [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org).

## Out-of-this-World Inventions



(NAPSI)—Chances are, you're not among the roughly 600 people who've been into outer space—but you can still learn about some of the products and discoveries of those who have.

For example, according to NASA, many products firms made for space travel have their earthly uses today. These include:

**Memory foam:** It was originally designed by NASA-funded researchers to keep test pilots cushioned during flights. Now, it's used in beds, couches, shoes, and many other everyday items.

**CMOS image sensor:** When NASA needed miniature cameras for interplanetary missions, it created the CMOS active pixel sensor. Today, it can be found inside your DSLR camera, cell

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## Inventions

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phone cameras, and in medical imaging and dental x-ray devices.

**Scratch-resistant glass:** Created to protect astronaut helmet visors and increase their ability to filter out UV rays and enhance colors, it's now found on sunglasses, ski goggles and welder masks.

**GPS:** No one wants to be lost in space, or anywhere else, so NASA created the satellite navigation system called GPS with an accuracy of up to five centimeters.

**Cold weather wear:** NASA found a way to make light warm clothing, often used by hikers.

### How To Get Into A Sticky Situation

Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical Co., Inc., the makers of the world's best-selling OTC Salonpas pain relieving patches, applied their patented patch technology to help astronauts keep objects from floating around in zero-gravity conditions. They proposed a product called Fixpace® to the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's (JAXA) application for ideas for daily necessities, and it was adopted. It was recently installed on the International Space Station where it keeps knives, forks, pens, scissors and similar stuff from floating around in outer space, because their adhesive properties enable items to stick to the patches on the wall or other surfaces.

### What's Next

As for the future, the comforts of space that you can have around the house may just be getting started. NASA expects its engineers will develop new technologies to meet the challenges of advanced space exploration and that will improve air transport and much else here on Earth.

### Learn More

Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical Co., Inc will work towards developing products to solve issues for living in Space and living on Earth

via the company's 176 years of experience and expertise in developing patches whether for adhesion purposes in outer space or effective OTC pain relief around the world here on planet earth. For a deeper look into the patches used for space and here on planet earth, go to [us.hisamitsu](https://us.hisamitsu.com).

## Give Thanks With A Traditional Meal

### Apple Cider Brined Turkey

#### INGREDIENTS FOR THE BRINE

2 qt. apple cider  
6 c. water  
1 c. kosher salt  
1/4 c. packed brown sugar  
4 cinnamon sticks  
3 sprigs fresh rosemary  
1 orange, quartered  
1 tsp. whole cloves  
1 tsp. whole peppercorns  
1 (8-lb.) whole turkey, giblets removed

#### FOR ROASTING

1 red onion, cut into large wedges  
1 apple, quartered  
1 head garlic, halved  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
6 tbsp. butter, melted

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The night before you plan to cook your turkey, make brine. In a large pot over medium heat, bring all of the brine ingredients except turkey to a boil and let boil until sugar and salt are dissolved. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature.

Place turkey in a brine bag or in a stock pot big enough to hold your turkey and pour brine over turkey, making sure it's completely covered. Refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 400°. Remove turkey from



brine and pat dry with paper towels. Stuff cavity with red onion, apple, and garlic. Season bird all over with salt and pepper and brush with melted butter. Tie legs together with kitchen twine.

Place turkey on a roasting rack over a large roasting pan. Roast until golden and thickest part of thigh reads 165°, 1 hour 30 minutes to 2 hours.

Let cool 15 minutes before slicing.

<https://www.delish.com/holiday-recipes/thanksgiving/a29490440/apple-cider-turkey-brine-recipe/>

### Mom's Cornbread Stuffing

#### INGREDIENTS

One 16 oz. package of cornbread mix  
10 slices white bread, stale or dried in the oven  
2 large onions, chopped

4 stalks celery, chopped

6 TBL butter

4 eggs, beaten

1 tsp salt

1 tsp thyme

1/4 tsp poultry seasoning

1 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

1 cup chicken broth

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Make cornbread according to the recipe on the box.

Toast the bread on the oven rack at 350 degrees for three minutes per side until crusty. Crumble.

Cook celery and onions in butter until soft, about eight minutes.

Combine all ingredients.

Bake at 350 degrees until warm, about 30 minutes.

<https://my100yearoldhome.com/thanksgiving-dinner-in-april/#mv-creation-62-jtr>

### The Best Mashed Potatoes

#### INGREDIENTS

3 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes

1/2 cup heavy cream or whole milk, plus more if needed

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

4 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

4 tablespoons Mascarpone cheese

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper to taste

freshly chopped chives

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Peel and dice potatoes, making sure all are in about 1 inch cubes.

Place in a large pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and then reduce heat to medium low to maintain a rolling boil. Cook until potatoes are fork tender and you can easily pierce them with a fork when touched.

Remove the potatoes from the heat and drain off the water. Place the diced potatoes through a ricer and then place back into the warm pot. Alternatively, if you don't have a ricer, mash the potatoes with a masher and place back into the warm pot

Add the cream, butter, Parmesan, mascarpone and garlic and stir to incorporate. Season with salt and pepper and fold in the chopped chives before serving.

<https://whatsgabycooking.com/80-thanksgiving-dinner-ideas/#recipeJump>

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