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United States of Amazon?

By Peter W. Wagner

Being part of a community – be it a town, neighborhood, church or social/service organization - was just about everyone's desire when I was growing up as the youngest of two boys in a traditional family of four.

A dozen years later, when my wife and I were starting our first paper, I came to realize every town needed five things to exist: a locally owned and managed bank willing to support civic endeavors, a local school system with programs and sporting events that brought the people together, a community newspaper to create consensus, at least the semblance of retail stores offering a good selection of the everyday basics from groceries, clothing, auto parts to greeting cards and finally, because I live in Northwest Iowa, a locally owned and managed cooperative elevator.

But the times are changing. Everything is becoming multi-location and regional. Few small-town banks are still locally owned and managed. Most large corporate banking organizations are less interested in supporting local projects such as the rebuilding of the aging baseball field or the use of their lobby for a charity bake sale.

Local K to 12 schools have been integrated with other nearby school districts and the "hometown" football team has disappeared. The excitement of Friday Night Lights has drifted down the road and so has the weekly gathering of fans and the exceptional local spending that went with it.

Entire main streets have gone the way of the earlier mentioned local school. In many small towns only a bar and a convenience store/gas station exist for the purchase of essentials such as milk, bread and a six-pack of beer. Many small communities are simply thankful that a new Dollar Store recently decided to build on the highway at the edge of town.

What were once local cooperative elevators have merged and remerged over the last 10 years to eliminate even the hint of competition.

And the nation's newspapers, with no community to support them, are disappearing. It is reported that 1,800 have closed in the last 15 years. Newspapers reflect the vitality of the community they serve.

The problem with all of this is the buyers, at least for the moment, depend more on the internet rather than local suppliers for everything from prepared boxed meals to on-line college degrees to buying a new car. I can understand the magic and power in all this online buying, but it will surely lead to a smaller "community".

There was a time when shopping for groceries or a new dress was a social experience. Two shoppers would bump into each other while working their way down aisle three or headed for the dressing room and stop to catch up, share a recipe or two or plan to meet for coffee.

Just a few years ago there was a time when a trip to the elevator included a visit



Pictured is a vendor at the Spring Fling: Tobias Veterinarian Service (A Mobile Veterinary service). The Spring Fling had many vendors. It was held at the

Wildwood Community Center, indoors and outdoors. The visitors were steady until about 2 o'clock, after which it started to slow down. See more pictures page 9.



Nothing but Networking is a special event put on by the Lady Lake Chamber of Commerce. In this picture if you look all the way to the back on right, you will see

the Mayor of Lady Lake visiting with the Business people. See more pictures on page 8.

with the counterwoman about anything and everything from the weather to the upcoming election. Now everything is ordered from the elevator by email.

Once, when a family thought it was time to buy a new car it was the center of every conversation. They'd discuss the pros and cons with extended family or those gathered around the table at the local café. Now it's possible to order the car on the internet and have it delivered to your door just a few days later. In many cases this and other factors have left entire counties without a single car

dealer to provide the follow-up care or service.

Bookstores have all but disappeared and so have "record" shops.

The abundance of streaming services are cutting deeply into the working capital of bigger city television stations.

As for newspapers, they were the first writers of local history. Newspapers were, and still are, the original social media.

The local paper disseminated news of the happy and caring times from births to who had Sunday dinner at whose house to

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■ A.J. "Tony" Powell ■

AS I SEE IT

by A.J. (Tony Powell)

"TRUMP-WINS RE-ELECTION!"

The 'Democrat Dozens' are conspiring to ensure that President T.Rump is re-elected without (meaningful) opposition.

I know it's boring to read a write-up about the Democrat candidates, but here goes anyway:-

Michael Bennet - from Colorado has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Not much else known about him.

Joe Biden, 76 from Delaware Senate for decades. Has been accused of plagiarism, sexual harassment,

bullying Anita Hill when she accused now US Supreme Court Judge Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment.

Bill de Blasio, 58 - The New York City mayor has called T.Rump a "bully" and a "con artist"

Cory Booker, 49 from Newark was the first African American to be elected to office. And the second black candidate, has admitted financial ties to banking and pharmaceutical interests.

Steven Bullock, 53 - an unknown Democratic governor of Montana,

Pete Buttigieg, 37 from South Bend, Indiana who, for whatever reason brags that he is 'openly gay'

There is nothing relevant on his website. And his campaign manager is a high-school friend with no experience in presidential politics.

Julian Castro, 44 from San Antonio, Texas was US secretary of HUD under Obama and the grandson of Mexican immigrants.

John Delaney, 56 is one of the wealthiest members of Congress and a former banking

entrepreneur who advocates cutting taxes for US corporations (Sounds like a Republican to me).

Tulsi Gabbard, 38 from Hawaii is the first Hindu member of Congress and the youngest person elected to a US state legislature. She used to oppose same-sex marriage until it cost her votes so she then jumped on the LGBTQ bandwagon.

Kirsten Gillibrand, 52 from New Yorker worked at HUD for Hillary Clinton but came under fire when she dismissed sexual harassment claims against one of her male aides.

Mike Gravel is 89 years old - Nuff said!

Kamala Harris, 54 is the daughter of immigrants from Jamaica and India. Supports a middle-class tax credit, Medicare for All healthcare funding reform, the Green New Deal but has no ideas how to pay for it.

John Hickenlooper, 67 from Denver is a cofounder of the Wynkoop Brewing Company who

opposes any plans to deal with Climate Change because it might "Give the government too much power in investment decisions".

Jay Inslee, 68 from the State of Washington worked at HUD under Bill Clinton and is very much for fighting climate change, is against capital punishment and supports Obamacare and wants to expand Medicaid. But has no plans on how to pay for it.

Amy Klobuchar, 58 from Minnesota is against Medicare but for controlling prescription drug prices.

Wayne Messam, 44 from Miramar, Florida whose parents emigrated from Jamaica has very low name recognition and funding.

Seth Moulton, 40 a former marine from Massachusetts wants to tackle climate change and grow the US economy by promoting green jobs as well as hi-tech and advanced manufacturing, and has advocated stricter gun laws banning military-style weapons.

Beto O'Rourke, 46 a wealthy white male from Texas, enjoyed notoriety for record fundraising (Over 6 million in 24-hours).

Tim Ryan, 45 from Ohio says he will create new jobs in technology, public education and affordable healthcare. But, has no plan on how to get it done

Bernie Sanders, 77 from Vermont proposes free tuition at public colleges, a \$15 minimum hourly wage and universal healthcare. He raised nearly \$6m during his first day.

Eric Swalwell, 38 from Iowa wants to raise Social Security caps. and allow politicians to cast votes by phone (Presumably so they can take even more vacations that they already

do).

Elizabeth Warren, 69 from Massachusetts was a Harvard professor and a fierce Wall Street critic, who had to apologize for claiming to be a Cherokee. Labeled "Pocahontas" by T.Rump.

Marianne Williamson, 66 is known for her appearance on 'Oprah'. She is demanding \$100 BILLION in REPARATIONS for slavery, supports gun control, education reform and equal rights for lesbian and gay communities.

Last-But-Not-Least there is THE BEST CANDIDATE TO VOTE FOR - Andrew Yang, 44 The son of immigrants from Taiwan, is an entrepreneur and former tech executive who wants to guarantee all Americans a \$1,000 cheque every month, as well as more Medicare.

'til next time.



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Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Friends,

It feels great to be home! The past few months in our State Capitol has again reminded me of the blessing and honor it is to be able to represent hardworking, salt of the earth people in Senate

District 12. I thank you for the privilege of letting me work alongside of you to protect freedom and liberty. With the 2019

legislative session officially ending on May 4th, I felt that it might be good to share with you a few of the big highlights from our work in Tallahassee.

The first big accomplishment was that we killed a lot of bad bills! Out of the 2500+ bills that were filed, less than 200 actually made it all the way through the House and Senate, and Governor DeSantis has already vetoed a few of those. Did some good pieces of legislation die with



those? Sure. We didn't get everything that we wanted but it has been my experience that the more bills that pass, and the more government messes in our lives, the less freedom we have. So, I am very pleased to see that this process is working, and that every decision we make is met with careful inspection and reflection. This process isn't always pretty, but our country's great experiment is still the best in the world.

I was very proud of some of the work that the Florida Senate did with workforce education (SB 770, by Sen. Hutson). Recognizing the demand we have for a skilled workforce, we created a new high school graduation pathway that allows students to gain work experience and master

a skill, through apprenticeships and other work related programs while gaining a conventional education. Your Senator was also able to fill a big need in District 12 by obtaining \$500,000 in funding for the Elevate Lake program. This construction academy in Lake County will produce 140 high school students per year, who, upon program completion, will obtain industry certification, advanced trade school training and will prepare them for direct employment in high wage construction careers.

Florida continues to be strong financially. This year, we passed the 2019 Tax Package which delivers broad-based tax relief to families and businesses across the state. In total, the bill provides approximately \$121 million in tax relief. All while increasing per student funding by \$242, which will bring the per pupil funding up to a record high \$7,672 per student. Overall, the Florida Senate invested nearly \$35 billion in our state's education system. This investment means that school districts now have an additional \$364 million in flexible spending that can be used for teacher pay raises or other district needs.

As Chair of Ethics & Elections, I was very pleased of what we accomplished through SB 7066 in protecting the integrity of our elections process. We worked very closely with our Supervisors of Elections on correcting some things that will help them run more effectively and deliver timely results. As a father to blind son, I was very proud of the fact that we were able to implement voting machines for blind people to interface privately and personally with the ballot. This gives them more freedom and independence to exercise their voting rights at the polling places. That's a major win for me, and for my son, Jeff.

We are very blessed, there are a lot of people in other states looking at Florida, wishing that they could be in our position. Again, thank you for letting me serve you in the Florida Senate.

Dennis Baxley

Amazon

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weddings. They were the source for the weekly update of who was ill, where the fund-raiser was going to be that weekend and what exciting new things there were to see, do and eat.

More importantly, the local paper delivers balanced, credible news and shopping opportunities to the majority of the community, not just the few that are friends on some store's Facebook list.

If we can bank on-line, order any piece of clothing on-line, get an education on-line, vote on-line, order our groceries, insurance and new car on-line what happens to our community?

Will we, as a society, all look back one day and see social media was the start of the decline of society and not beginning of a "brave, new world"?





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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Someone needs to tell the Democrats to stop investigating and start investing in our country. It's time to stop acting like children. Our country and our values are at stake. I really think they are afraid of what the AG is going to uncover. We might be surprised about how high it goes. The Democrats think they have been cheated. Our Attorney General Investigated it's over! The Democrats won't stop! I wrote about the indicators of a civil war. They are all right in front of us today. Let's pray it does not happen. That is what Russia and China want.

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Socialists are hiding in the Democratic party. The Socialists are using the Democrats. They figure they can get some Democratic votes, promise people free stuff and get the socialist vote. You better root them out before all is lost. The Republicans are getting a good footing and doing what the people are asking them to do. Don't hide, take a stand!

I met an interesting reader Robert Dreyfus, a conservative Christian. We talked for an hour about life in general, politics, religion, etc. We found a parallel. I went to school with his cousin Carolyn. She was a good person, always kind to everyone. Her father was the police chief of Hollywood, FL. He was also the Principle of

the school where I started first grade. Actually it was a 1st thru 12th grade school. Now there are Elementary, Middle & High School.

They are talking about the Sun-Coast Parkway again. They claim it is going to Georgia. Georgia just said on the news they were not told of the toll road. I'm not sure they would believe Florida anyway. Years ago the Turnpike Authorities told Georgia they were going to improve the road on the west coast along Hwy 19. They were going to extend the Florida Turnpike to Hwy 19 which goes all the way to Georgia.

The tax payers in Florida said "no" and stopped them. The current Turnpike cut off the flow of water east and west. Yes they put in bridges but not enough. If the truth be known some of what is wrong with the Everglades is the Turnpike and Alligator Alley. The Turnpike authorities have added the word Enterprise to the end of their name. Florida has created a machine that eats up money and land. The Tolls never dropped like they originally promised they would. The roads are not better and when we get on a road that we paid for we get the pleasure of paying to use it and slow down for all the

Construction along the route south and back. Now the Turnpike Authority Enterprise has changed the name to Sun-Coast Parkway. Someone needs to talk to Georgia and see if they want the road. Georgia and Florida are not friendly. There's a lot of things that the two states reciprocated that have been dropped, never to be discussed again. Hunting / Fishing don't reciprocate. I had a hunting permit at age 65 for life in Florida and Georgia and some years back Georgia stopped it. I feel the first promise to bring the Turnpike extension ruined all that. The Turnpike Authority Enterprises should be taken apart and the road construction should be bid on and let the DOT and the Governor's office Comprehensive Grow study take over.

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Three New Toll Roads

Florida's largest road project in half a century was given a green light Wednesday, after the House voted to send a bill creating three new toll roads to Gov. **Ron DeSantis** for approval. Overcoming opposition from environmental groups and questions about whether the roads were needed, the House voted 76-36 to start the ball rolling on creating one new toll road and extending one new one. The bill would extend the Suncoast Parkway to Georgia, extend Florida's Turnpike to the Suncoast, and build a new toll road from the Naples area toward Interstate 4 near Orlando. Construction would begin in 2022 and be finished by 2030.

Did Barr Lie to Charlie Crist?

The *Washington Post* is reporting Wednesday that special counsel **Robert Mueller** sent a letter on March 27 to Attorney General **William Barr** expressing displeasure with the Department of Justice's four-page summary of the investigation into Russian election interference and President Donald Trump. Barr's brief summary for Congress "did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance" of the 448-page investigation, Mueller said. The summary said Mueller found Trump did not collude with Russia and while Mueller was inconclusive on obstruction of justice, Barr determined Trump did not.

Brody left his friends to catch up on the news.



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Information furnished by Chief Tempesta

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First, create a disaster supply kit that will last your family three to seven days. Ask yourself what you would need if you couldn't get to a grocery store, pharmacy, bank or gas station for several days. Your kit should include a gallon per person per day of water, non-perishable food, a can opener, blankets and pillows, rain gear and sturdy shoes, first aid items, prescription drugs,

toiletries, a flashlight and batteries, a battery-operated radio, a fully-charged cell phone as well as a non-cordless phone. Pack any special food, medicines or supplies you might need for an infant, an elderly person or a pet. Make sure you have credit cards and cash on hand and gas in your vehicle. Put all of your important documents such as insurance and medical records, bank account numbers and your social security card in a waterproof container or waterproof plastic bag. You can research more at <https://www.stateofflorida.com/articles/hurricane-preparedness-guide.aspx>.

Talk to your family about which place in your home would be the safest during a storm and at what point you would move to a shelter. Plan what to do with your pets if you have to evacuate and designate an out-of-state relative or friend to be a point of contact for each family member after a storm. Make sure children know when and how to call 911.

Protecting your home is just as important. Secure windows and glass doors with hurricane shutters. If you use plywood, make sure the pieces are fastened adequately, so they don't become dangerous, airborne debris during a storm. Make sure trees are trimmed to prevent catastrophic damage in the event one falls and all gutters on your home are clean and clear in the event of heavy rain. Secure outdoor furniture and other items that can become airborne during heavy winds.

The Lady Lake Police Department is prepared to help you and your family in any

emergency, but I encourage you to create a disaster supply kit and talk to your family about an emergency plan. On behalf of the men and women at the Lady Lake Police Department, I wish you and your family the safest possible hurricane season.

Teachers To Be Armed

After about seven hours of angry, sometimes deeply painful debate about race and gun violence that spanned two days, the Florida House passed a bill Wednesday that would allow classroom teachers to be armed an expansion of the program it created last year after the Parkland shooting. The debate at times reached emotional heights that had Democrats shouting or tearing up as black

members delved into details about their personal experiences with racism and their deep-seated fears about minority children being targeted by teachers who have guns. The bill is now on its way to Gov. **Ron DeSantis'** desk. For teachers and other staff to be armed, school districts must opt-in to the so-called "Guardian program," which allows teachers and other staff to volunteer to carry a gun on campus after undergoing screening and training by a local sheriff's office.



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Outbreak of Hepatitis A

By Dr. Matt Leavitt

A trip to the dermatologist has traditionally involved treatment for a specific skin problem like a rash, acne or a wart. Increasingly however patients are seeking care for a much more serious problem: skin cancer, which will affect one in five Americans in their lifetime.

This alarming increase in skin cancer incidence is leading board-certified dermatologists to take a proactive approach – urging patients to get full body examinations to identify potential skin cancers anywhere on the body, including areas where patients might not think skin cancer could occur.

The exam is simple, quick, and painless – but priceless for the early detection it offers.

More than 3 million people will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year, including nearly 200,000 Americans diagnosed with the deadliest form of skin cancer, melanoma.

When melanoma is detected early through exams like the Total-Body Skin Cancer ExamSM offered at Advanced Dermatology, survival rates approach 99 percent. When detected at advanced stages, survival rates plummet to just 15 percent.

Because of the importance of early detection, health officials join together to mark Skin Cancer Awareness Month each year.

Who is at risk for skin cancer?

The factors that put people at high risk for

skin cancer include a history of sunburns with blisters at any point in life, spending significant time outdoors for work or recreation, or having light colored hair or fair skin. People over 50 years old are also at higher risk, and men are more likely than women to get the disease. Anyone with a history of using tanning beds, which have been found to dramatically increase the cancer risk, is at greater risk.

Experts say it takes only one bad sunburn to double a person's chance of getting melanoma.

Melanoma can affect anyone, regardless of race or gender. Melanoma can develop anywhere on the body – scalp, nails, feet, mouth, even the eyes. A common misconception is that melanoma only occurs on skin that has had extensive sun exposure. As many as three out of ten melanomas arise in completely sun-protected parts of the body. An annual Total-Body Skin Cancer Exam ensures that even these 'hidden' melanomas do not go undetected.

While detection is critical for problems created in the past, protection is the important theme of what to do to maintain your health in the future.

To protect your skin and your health, Advanced Dermatology recommends:

- Moles or growths that change, itch or bleed could be early warning signs of melanoma. Get them checked as soon as possible by a –board-certified dermatologist.
- Appropriate sunscreen use. Sunscreen has been shown to protect against the development of skin cancer.
- Seek shade when possible, cover up with

clothing and wear sunglasses and wide brim hats when in the sun.

- Avoid tanning beds. Indoor tanning beds are harmful to your skin and may cause cancer, according to the Melanoma Research Foundation. Young people using tanning beds are 8 times more likely to develop melanoma.

Getting outdoors and being active in the sun is enjoyable and promotes good health. But it's important to get an annual skin exam and take a few proactive steps to ensure your health is protected.

Dr. Matt Leavitt is Founder and CEO of Advanced Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery, which offers the Total-Body Skin Cancer ExamSM at offices in The Villages. For more information on protecting your skin, please visit www.AdvancedDerm.com






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Spring Fling

Spring Fling was held at the Wildwood Community Center near Brownwood Paddock Square. There were over 75 vendors, free food, free admission, free entertainment, and free drawings all day. The Village Cheerleaders performed. The Village Twirlers, the drummer core, singing groups and all the vendors had free stuff at their tables. It was a site to behold! This event is held every year so watch in this newspaper for the ad telling you when and where.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Tom,

Thank you for publishing The Village Spectator and the Lady Lake Magazine here in the Villages and other Florida locations, and the news you generously provide for a free, monthly publication. You have been one of our friends for many, many years and both Don and I, who now reside in the Villages since January 2019, can appreciate your publication even more than ever living right here in the Community of Largo. We love the Villages and always have since my late brother bought a Villa home here in Spanish Springs 17 years ago. Though he is no longer with us, my sister-in-law stills lives here. We were not able to move up here before, but thankfully, this opportunity came along.

There are many activities in the Villages, though both Don and I are very busy as radio talk show Hosts who joined our Eastern Family of friends on the EAL Radio Show broadcast every Monday evening for an hour with former Eastern Captain, Neal Holland, Producer and Director, who began this program 8 years ago. So some of our days are spent, as Lewis and Clark (as Don likes to call us), as we explore all the Villages locations.

On one of our ventures of Lewis & Clark, we took a ride up on Rt. 466A to Morse Boulevard West which goes into Wildwood to see all the new Villages communities that went up and passed Osceola Hills. We crossed Route 44 and drove down to the Villages of McClure and Fenney and continued to the end where it goes onto Route 301. When we passed the construction for the Magnolia Plaza, we thought those communities will be happy once the Plaza is completed, though they are near Brownwood Paddock Square. We stopped at the Fenney Community and they too have the Fenney pool and Nature trail and went inside the Recreational Center, that was great and decor was lovely. The Fenney Grill restaurant is right next door, all of which is a great asset for that community. We can't believe that we crossed over the Florida Turnpike and how much new construction has taken place.

We too attend the Dance bands at night which are located at the three market

squares, and love the music and meeting more Villagers. We're sure you can relate to how much we love hearing the bands play, where you and Don played drums in the band in Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. We also enjoy the trade shows, classic car shows and especially love the Farmers' Market in Brownwood Paddock where I can buy a variety of foods; breads; spices; cheeses, jellies, etc., which of course complements my gourmet cooking. By the way, I completed my 2nd cookbook, "Dorothy's Collection of Treasured Recipes" but not yet published the book. Of course, we must mention the wonderful restaurants throughout the Villages that we ate at during our Lewis & Clark exploring, and such a great variety, too.

Then on the other days Don and me volunteer to be hosts on The Eastern Radio Show, which airs weekly where callers are able to talk over the phone by calling into us at 213-816-1611 at 7:00 P.M. to talk live. It is wonderful and they can hear this show on their computer by going to our Blog Talk Radio website at www.blogtalkradio.com/capteddie, which takes you right to our present and past programs. We understand that in the Villages, there are more of Eastern retirees, and we would love to have them join in with us each week.

In addition, I am the Webmaster of this website <http://www.EalRadioShow.com> where our Eastern family members send in their memories and post their photos. Don too, Hosts the Old Time Radio show every other Thursday from 3:30 to 4:00 P.M. and the other Thursday, Captain Neal shares Eastern memories. Eastern has always been an airline of "firsts" and the radio show is carrying on that tradition and Legacy. So it is very exciting and lots of fun talking to the Retired Eastern Airlines family who bring back many memories that are shared and a great way to hear from anyone who retired from Eastern Airlines that lives in or around The Villages. This Radio Show is for and about the people of Eastern. Feel free to write to us by E-mail at Host@EALRadioShow.com anytime.

We are enjoying the Villages and all it has to offer, our new friendships we made and

our old friends too, and keep busy as you can see. We look forward to seeing you soon and in the meantime will continue to read your publications. We also wish you the best of everything.

Love, Dorothy & Don

WOW! Thomas Sowell hit a home run, touchdown, and a basket with this book, Discrimination and Disparities.

Thomas Sowell reaches back to antiquity, and touches base all along the course of history, to find info to refute the misconceptions about the items in the title. He uses hard facts and basic information to discredit the opinions proffered by Boomer Boob progressives on social justice, discrimination, and disparities. Boomer Boobs have visited more havoc on the human race than any monster in history. How can you be lucid when you are high?

Thomas Sowell's writing style has always been thorough, and highly intricate, but this book is written in a style that is readable by blue collar readers. If you want the other perspective on these topics this book will more than adequately fill that need.

Discrimination is broken down into many different aspects of human behavior and situations. There are a myriad of reasons for disparities. Just anticipating the next fact is reason to hold your attention. If this is not enough to entice you to read the book, a quick browse of pages 177-185, and 198-223 will be quite enlightening.

The pages on immigration will shock you, as might a few other issues explored. America has dealt with immigration issues before.

I am on cloud 9. You might not be as enthused, and only make it to cloud 7. If you are ever open to a different perspective, this might be the one to try.

D.I.L.

Letter to the editor

Nearly 55 million children are enrolled in the public (government) school system by well meaning parents who believe the school they are sending their children to is a 'good school.'

If parents knew the truth, they would do everything possible to avoid placing their children in public schools. Research shows this system has become so corrupt that many view it as a form of legalized

child abuse which is devastating children intellectually, spiritually and morally.

There have been hundreds of books, thousands of articles and numerous documentaries detailing the disastrous impact which this educational system is having on children and the nation. Two veteran educators, Drs. Lundt and Wiles In their book, Leaving School - Finding Education state: "The public school system is responsible for increasing amounts of cultural decay and social dysfunction in our society... Schools have no hope of reforming themselves. Schools cannot and will not change... Schools are resistant to changing; they have always been this way... Parents should be both frightened and outraged... Schools are the largest impeding force in our nation... Schools are beginning to pull other institutional agencies downward... This is an institution, your authors believe, in its final days... An alternative must be found quickly. What we believe, after very full careers in schools as teachers, administrators, and curriculum leaders, is that defining any improvement in the school will be both a futile exercise and a self defeating proposition... The American school cannot be fixed. Schools are now in a dysfunctional state... The time has arrived for the United States to think seriously about bidding farewell to its schools... they are a relic from another age".

RD

To the editor

To destroy the Constitutional Republic socialist Democrats are using the Cloward/Piven Plan to overwhelm the economic system with impossible demands resulting in the collapse of government. They would then replace capitalism with a socialist/communist system as they have done in other areas of the world which has led to over 120 million deaths in the 20th century.

Some of their proposals are unlimited immigration, free college, free health care for everyone including illegals, guaranteed income and the elimination of fossil fuels. This would overwhelm the system and bring about the fall of capitalism by overloading the government with impossible demands, initiating economic collapse as it has in Venezuela and many other countries.

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Attorney General Moody



Our Back the Blue Campaign continues to highlight individuals that take extraordinary steps to further build positive relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

This week, I traveled to Fort Myers to present a Back the Blue Award to School Resource Officer Donna Aiossa-McNally who serves at Buckingham Exceptional Student Center. Deputy Aiossa-McNally gave up her office and turned it into a food pantry so that special needs students could learn the shopping experience. By creating the food pantry, students are able to develop important vocational skills, build confidence when making decisions, and bring food home so they do not go hungry at night. This is especially significant at Buckingham because 78 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Deputy Aiossa-McNally is also working towards making the school's home economics kitchen ADA and wheelchair accessible. This would give students the opportunity to learn how to cook and make meals themselves from the items they

picked at the food pantry.

School resource officers are important to the schools they serve in many ways. After visiting Buckingham, it was clear how valued Deputy Aiossa-McNally is by these students and the impact she has made at the school. She started this project by personally stocking shelves herself and is now partnered with Harry Chapin Food Bank. The food bank delivers 400 to 500 pounds of food to the school every Friday.

Thank you, Deputy Aiossa-McNally for going above and beyond your duties, for building a strong relationship between local law enforcement and your community, and for simply being the good person you are.

For more information about our Back the Blue Campaign and to nominate a law enforcement officer, citizen or organization for an award, click here.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to recognize American's fallen heroes. Monday is Memorial Day, and as Floridians prepare to enjoy a long holiday weekend, let

us not forget the courage and sacrifice of our military heroes who gave their lives, so we could live free.

Patients to the Black Market

Patients Turning to the Black Market

The clock neared midnight Tuesday as Representatives in the Florida House debated at length over an amendment to a larger healthcare bill that would put a proposed cap on THC for smokable medical marijuana. House Democrats asked amendment sponsor Rep. **Ray Rodrigues** a series of questions related to the affordability of medical cannabis, potential for litigation and the issue of patients turning to the black market to treat their ailments with stronger marijuana. But at 11:50 p.m. the bill was temporarily postponed before the main debate on the bill even began. House Speaker **José Oliva** then told the chamber they'd be taking up SB 168, or the Senate's version of a bill to ban so-called "sanctuary cities" in Florida. And that was that in the battle Democrats were waging against one of this session's most controversial bills.

Dole Whip Lemonade



Ingredients

- 1 c. frozen pineapple
- 1 c. lemonade
- 1/2 c. coconut milk
- Pineapple wedges, for garnish
- Maraschino cherries, for garnish

Directions

Blend frozen pineapple, lemonade, and coconut milk in a blender. Pour into glasses and garnish each with a pineapple wedge and a maraschino cherry.



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Tragically they have been very successful. According to recent studies 58% of millennials now prefer socialism! RD

The Healthcare Game
 Do you know how to play it? I do not, and it may end up costing me my life.
 Obama said I could keep my health plan, and I did: the F plan. The best there is. So, good they are discontinuing it, telling us to buy the G plan. I have never paid one penny Co-pay. The F plan is pricey, but the only way I will be able to keep it is if I can afford the new gigantic premium. So, the game goes on, and I do pay the increase, what next.
 Some people think healthcare is the new candy store, and services are woefully lagging behind demand. So severely, that if you have a bacterial infection, and a doctor referral, the wait is 2 months for an appointment. You could be dead in that amount of time. That is happening a lot according to an article in the newspaper. Thousands of elderly are being allowed to die.
 If I go to a doctor it is because I am pushed, shoved, frightened, and cajoled. It has to be serious, none of this hangnail stuff. When someone says doctor it has to be

serious, or it is a no go. I have been my own best doctor. Have not had a cold in 50 years. I know me, and take care of me. Who else is supposed to be responsible for me?
 So, I have my insurance sans the care part. How do we rectify that issue? Is it just Sham care, Phony care, Pretend care, Care if you can get it? Anyone have any clues, I am listening. This is a serious issue: Life and death. Those with pre-existing conditions are being treated, but at the expense of the elderly, who are the sacrificial lambs. .Everyone does not win. As with everywhere else universal coverage has been tried, this is a failure as well. Citizens of the shining star, Sweden, must now buy insurance if they want health care that matters. Nothing is EVER for free, it cannot happen. You get what you pay for. Chairs in the grocery store, Drugstore, Walk in clinics. Nary a doctor in sight. Is this good enough? QUALITY be damned. Adequate be damned. Just so you can say the words health care, that is good enough.
 Just because one is old does not mean they want to die. The old should have choice. Die? Not die? I have seen it happen. Friends allowed to die. The helplessness is unbearable. It happens to veterans, too. We lost 2 in our group.
 Anyone know where or how we can find

an uncorrupt government? Our founding fathers tried as hard as they knew how, but, alas; they failed. Ours is about as corrupt as they come.
 Every few months more and more healthcare administration is being absorbed into a government bureaucracy. More bureaucrats, more control , more surveillance, more money, less and less for patient care. How does that benefit citizens? Is that O.K. with you ?
 There is a pack of papers waiting for me,

in order that I can attend my next appointment. If it keeps increasing, soon we all will become book authors. How much paperwork is too much, and why is it necessary? How does it make healthcare better?
 Citizens are supposed to rule? Aren't we? Why are we ceding control to the government? Vote for people who think we are the ones with the brains, or are we?
 D.I.L

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Kitchen Habits Making You Sick?

Your Kitchen Habits Could Be Making You Sick

Following four simple steps at home -- Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill -- can help protect you and your loved ones from food poisoning.

Clean:

Wash your hands and surfaces often

Germs that cause food poisoning can survive in many places and spread around your kitchen.

Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water before, during, and after preparing food and before eating.

Wash your utensils, cutting boards, and countertops with hot, soapy water.

Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running water.

Separate:

Don't cross-contaminate

Raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs can spread germs to ready-to-eat foods--unless you keep them separate.

Use separate cutting boards and plates for raw meat, poultry, and seafood.

When grocery shopping, keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and their juices away from other foods.

Keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separate from all other foods in the fridge.

Cook:

To the right temperature

Food is safely cooked when the internal temperature gets high enough to kill germs that can make you sick. The only way to tell if food is safely cooked is to use a food

thermometer. You can't tell if food is safely cooked by checking its color and texture.

Use a food thermometer to ensure foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature.

145 F for whole cuts of beef, pork, veal, and lamb (then allow the meat to rest for 3 minutes before carving or eating)

160 F for ground meats, such as beef and pork

165 F for all poultry, including ground chicken and turkey

165 F for leftovers and casseroles

145 F for fresh ham (raw)

145 F for fin fish or cook until flesh is opaque

Chill:

Refrigerate promptly

Bacteria can multiply rapidly if left at room temperature or in the "Danger Zone" between 40 F and 140 F. Never leave perishable food out for more than 2 hours (or 1 hour if it's hotter than 90 F outside).

Keep your refrigerator below 40 F and know when to throw food out

Refrigerate perishable food within 2 hours. (If outdoor temperature is above 90 F, refrigerate within 1 hour.)

Thaw frozen food safely in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in the microwave. Never thaw foods on the counter, because bacteria multiply quickly in the parts of the food that reach room temperature.

Summer Pool Party Essentials

(NAPSI)—Summer is here and everyone is diving into the season by beating the heat at the pool. Whether you're planning a pool party at home or attending a friend's, it's time to gather all the essentials for a day of fun,



starting with staples like your favorite swimsuit, a towel and your go-to sunglasses. Beyond these everyday necessities, add a refreshing snack to your checklist that all your family and friends will enjoy, such as HI-CHEW™, the immensely fruity, intensely chewy candy.

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To satisfy bigger groups, pick up large mixed bags such as the HI-CHEW™ Original Mix including the brand's most popular flavors, Strawberry, Green Apple, Mango and Grape, or transport your taste buds to an exotic island with the Tropical Mix including fan-favorites Mango, Kiwi, Pineapple and Dragon Fruit. The chews are also available in on-the-go 10-piece stick packs that easily fit in your pool tote, which come in Strawberry, Green Apple, Mango, Grape, Banana, Kiwi and Açaí flavors.

Make a splash for the adult party-goers with a refreshing, easy-to-make, candy-infused cocktail. To infuse the candy, simply dissolve one piece of HI-CHEW™ in one ounce of liquor and mix in your favorite cocktail ingredients. Try this fruit-forward HI-CHEW™ Watermelon-infused take on the Julep cocktail:

Watermelon Julep

2 oz. HI-CHEW™

Watermelon-infused bourbon

1 teaspoon sugar

¼ cup fresh mint leaves

In a cocktail shaker, gently muddle the sugar and mint to release the oils in the mint leaves. Pour in the bourbon, shake with ice, and strain over pebble ice in a julep cup. Garnish with a large bouquet of fresh mint and serve with a metal julep straw.

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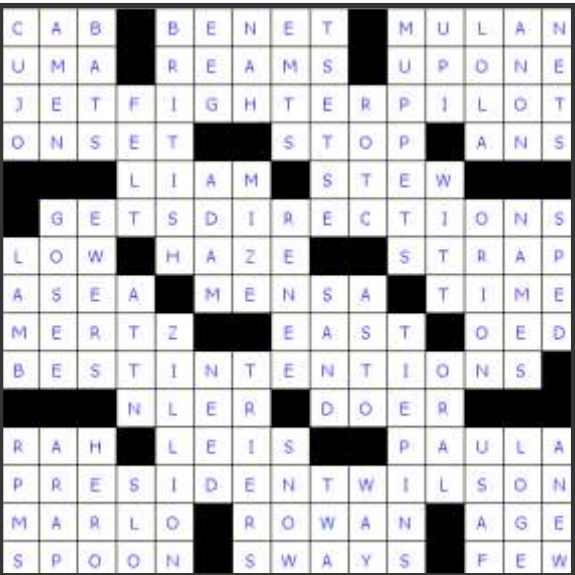
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