

Meet Baseline Tire



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For many years I have noticed that there are not many garages to service the cars in The Villages. Let me introduce you to a GEM, just minutes from The Villages.

Robert and Karen Gazda, husband and wife are owners and operators. They have a very good reliable staff of many years. Billy Brown Front desk customer service Representative. Also with them for many years are Sam James and Ron Bartlett. You learn something about a company when employees stay that long.

Rain or shine mechanical work gets done. What I like is they have a cover drive up so if it's raining you can get out and go in to talk to Robert or Billy. They have a good size show room, with lots of reading material in the waiting area, free coffee and TV.

Regardless to what some people think,

Baseline Tire is not on Baseline Road. It's on 441 in Belleview just minutes from the Villages. They started in 1975 and moved to build a bigger building with 8 bays. They have a good stock of tires on hand and good mechanics to service or repair your vehicle. They handle all mechanical repair, wheel alignment, tire balancing. They service four wheel drive trucks of all kinds. Enjoy the many years of experience that their long time staff bring you. Experience and technology is where vehicle repair has gone in the last years and they have both. Robert is an avid fisherman. Has a nice boat and goes when he can. I'm sure if he has time he can tell you a fish story and he has a wall full of pictures to prove it.

So go on down to see Robert and talk to him about your car needs or let them inspect your car to see what they think it needs.



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Lady Lake Chamber holds a Business Luncheon called "Nothing But Networking". They hold it in different restaurants. 50 to 60 Business people attend, but we have had as many as 100. We had so many people last month I misplaced my camera, which I found it later. The business people show up at 11:30, check in at the door and they are given a number. Everyone networks for a half hour. At twelve you go to the table that has your

number and sit with the people at that table, order your lunch, learn about the business people at your table. You ask about their business and then tell them about your business. Especially share what is a good referral for you. If you want to find out, more call Janet at 352-753-6029 These businesses are good people looking for the same thing as you - MORE BUSINESS! Help each other!

Avoid Moving Scams



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Summer is the most popular time of year to move, and Attorney General Ashley Moody is issuing a Consumer Alert to help Floridians avoid scams during this busy moving season. A common moving scam involves companies agreeing to a price for service, loading a consumer's personal belongings and then demanding more money before delivering the property. Sometimes this tactic involves

charging additional fees supposedly based on the weight or volume of property moved or other factors not previously disclosed.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Moving can be a stressful experience. Scammers know this and exploit an already tense situation to coerce consumers into paying increased costs or fees just to get through the process or to have their possessions safely returned. Before moving, do your research and take steps to ensure you do not fall victim to disreputable household movers."

To avoid common moving scams consumers should:

- Research moving companies thoroughly with the Better Business Bureau to determine if other consumers have filed

complaints against a company;

- Check online for independent reviews separate from the moving company's website, such as on Google or the Better Business Bureau;

- Make sure that the moving company is properly licensed with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration;

- Never sign any blank or incomplete documents presented by a moving company;

- Obtain estimates and quotes from several different moving companies in writing and make sure the estimates are binding;

- Determine whether the movers will perform the move alone or if the company will be subcontracting to another carrier; and

- Beware if movers show up in rental trucks and without uniformed personnel. These may be fly-by-night companies

without appropriate licenses or insurance coverage.

Additional tips and resources can be found by visiting the United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's website.

Since 2018, the Florida Attorney General's Office has filed six court actions involving 14 moving companies following investigations into deceptive marketing practices, unlawfully misappropriating customers' property and holding personal possessions hostage.

Anyone who is a victim of a moving scam should contact the Florida Attorney General's Office at MyFloridaLegal.com or by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM. Complaints can also be filed with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the United States Department of Transportation.

■ A.J. "Tony" Powell ■

AS I SEE IT

by A.J.(Tony) Powell

Can you trust your favorite 'Network News'?

Here's a question! "When is the truth a lie?"

For months the media has been screaming about President Trump's 'Crackdown' on 'illegal aliens'

To me, 'crackdown' means an 'increase'; That Trump is taking a harder line than did his predecessors; That Trump has 'expelled' millions of these 'invaders'.

But, in fact, Trump has deported only a few thousand.

This shows the reality behind the 'pro-alien' propaganda that floods the 'news' every day.

How does Trump compare to deportations by past presidents, both Democrat and

Republican?

CLINTON – More than 12 million.

BUSH - More than 10 million.

OBAMA - More than 5 million with as many as 450 deaths each year.

In fact the infamous ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) sued Obama because of what they called the 'appalling living conditions' of these illegal aliens.

Also, the 'cages' which now house these people, were, and are, the very same ones as used by Obama.

Obama deportations were over 385,000 EACH YEAR in 2009-2011, and up to 400,000 the next year.

Trump did about 200,000 in 2017 and 250,000 last year, but the money allocated by Congress (Democrats & Republicans) is still insufficient to pay for the homes, health

care, schooling and the care demanded by the liberal media.

By-The-Way, have you been told (by your favorite T.V. News person) about all the diseases that these invading aliens bring with them?

American Citizens are 'encouraged' (forced?) to immunize their children with mandatory vaccinations for a number of problem diseases.

Is it obvious that these people have no such program in their own country?

Apparently there over 5200 of them had to be quarantined for mumps and chicken pox alone. This uses almost 40 so-called 'detention facilities' with medical and security staff to be paid for – Vaccinations can cost \$100 or more. That adds up to over a half-million each time.

All paid for by the American Tax-payer.

Of course, these aliens are not that dumb, they refuse the vaccinations, so that their 'Immigration Hearings' have to be

postponed for months.

Another By-The-Way, while American Veterans, the poor and the disabled are sleeping under a bridge or on the street, the ACLU complained that the aliens are "deprived of hotel-style bedding, good food and plenty of it. That they are entitled to free medical care, even soap, toilet paper, diapers and nice warm showers.

But, if you're an American – you're on your own. Their answer to your poverty is "Get A Job!"

If you're a 'legal' applicant for immigration, their answer is "Get In Line - there are thousands of educated, valuable, qualified people in front of you, and, by-the-way, you have to apply back in your own, home country".

Yes-it can be said that America is a country of immigrants.

But taking your turn on Ellis Island according to law – is not exactly the same as these uninvited, illegal, alien invaders is it? 'til next time...

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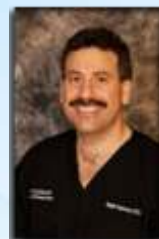
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Our military members risk their lives in service to our country. Sadly, while they are deployed overseas, and even after they retire from service, scammers may target them to try to make a dishonest dollar. July is Military Consumer Protection Month, and in recognition of the month, I launched our Patriot Protection Week Campaign. This initiative aims to help Florida's service members and veterans guard against military-related scams by directly providing them consumer protection tips and resources.

As part of our Campaign, I released our 2019 Military Consumer Protection Resource Guide. The Guide is full of information, advice and resources to help the more than 90,000 active and reserve members of the Armed Forces and 1.5 million veterans who call Florida home.

Tips to avoid common military-related scams include:

- Beware of scammers using misleading photos or language to imply association with a branch of the U.S. Military;
- Verify the authenticity of an email or text that appears to be from a military branch. Phishing schemes use manipulated messages that appear to be from a military branch or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in an effort to target service members, veterans or their family members;
- Ensure any veterans charity soliciting funds is registered with the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 800HelpFla.com; and
- Place an active duty alert on credit reports at no cost. An active duty alert requires businesses to take additional steps before granting credit in the name of active duty personnel serving overseas.

There are even more tips and strategies to help protect military members from consumer fraud in the Attorney General's Military Consumer Protection Guide. The download the Guide, go to:

myfloridalegal.com

I will always stand up for those who risk their lives for our safety and freedom and do everything in my power to stop military and veterans-related scams. By protecting those who protect us, we will build a stronger, safer Florida.

Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,
It's a great day to be an American! Throughout the country, and Florida in particular, we are reaping the rewards of having a President who loves American and puts her first. That leadership

has trickled down to our state and we have a rock-solid conservative in the Governor's mansion, as well as many other talented, capable legislators that help

shape Florida policy. The Democrats (or, socialists), can't stand it. They hate that conservative leaders have this country moving in the right direction again, and that Florida did not see the liberal medias much anticipated "blue wave".

The 2020 Legislative Session in Florida is quickly approaching, with committees beginning in September and Session following in January, we are already seeing

how much the 2020 election will shape the tone of the conversations that we have over those few months. The D.C. globalists are pushing even further left, and their rhetoric has completely changed the democratic party. The socialists in their party are emboldened and empowered by disastrous party leadership. It's not just in D.C, the local and state races are not immune. In many cases, they have actually become the training ground for some of their most extreme candidates.

My friends, this is a call to action. We must preserve the America we were given. We have two diametrically opposed viewpoints fighting for the hearts of our children and grandchildren. One viewpoint values

individual rights and responsibility, and economic strength, through freedom and entrepreneurship. Those on left believe in limited rights through government action, no responsibility for the individual, and the suppression of those that might believe differently. That is not the America that we want.

This 2020 election is critical, and it matters sooner than you think. We must engage early. Ask your elected leaders (and those running for office) the hard questions, get your friends registered to vote, find an active group of people to join with to help strengthen your voice and help us protect faith, family, freedom, opportunity and life itself for the next generation. Onward and upward!

Senator Dennis Baxley

Joke of the Month

As told by Mark Twain

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed,
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— Mark Twain

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An example of information shared: Short story when Sue Kelly decided to leave the Lady Lake Chamber. She decided to slip away quietly and assume a new position with Grand Oaks. We ran a story in the paper thanking her for her service to the Lady Lake Community. Her phone blew up with calls saying I did not know you were leaving. She got more thank you's for her service. Sue Kelly, Thank You for your service to the Community.

TomL said that.



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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



What is it that would make a person go hunting that normally does not hunt. I have met many that hunt. Some have trophy's to show, some go for the camaraderie of sitting arounds the fire after the days hunt. That is certainly fun, telling stories, listening to stories, telling jokes. Others it makes them feel more like a man to say they are a hunter. Some people who have never hunted are content to sit in a tree stand and shoot a wild hog that has been baited up with a feeder. Some own and hunt with dogs. Some just quietly slip around in the woods by themselves. I prefer that kind of hunting. If you want to find out something about yourself, walk into a stand of palmetto bushes carrying a rifle (not for close up hunting) and hear a wild hog popping his jaws to warn you not to come closer. What you do at this point tells you a lot about yourself. You like danger and you are sure of yourself you won't back out. You move

forward and handle what is coming at you in the bush. That happened to me. I bagged a wild hog so big that it took three grown men to load it in a truck. He had cutters that stuck out longer than your thumb. It told me I never wanted to do it again, but now I can say I stood my ground against a creature twice as big as me, that I could not see until he was up close and personal. It was not mounted as a trophy; it fed many needy people and was an experience and memory of a life time.

Politics: One of the young candidates said "Let me free from freedom!" What do you think he meant?

"According to the Declaration of Independence, certain rights—namely life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—are unalienable."

Another candidate called the president racist and moments later she said "We don't need black people without black voices and we don't need brown people without brown voices". "RACIST REMARKS!" Someone asked why do we have so many candidates in the Democratic party. Next

year check the net worth of the candidates that did not win. Many will be wealthy and were not before they raised money for their political race.

I'm going to stick my neck out and say this. "I don't like some of the things that Trump does and says." But think of it this way, who would be able to drain the swamp? He is a perfect tool to clean up our country. I stand with and behind the President of the United States. It is time for the American people see what has been going on.

A famous saying, "Walk in to the future and forget your past!" Sometimes people have to pay for what they did in the past! If a citizen making minimum wage goes to jail for a crime committed so should the people in high places. No special privileges!

Minimum Wage hike has caused 8% decline in Uber and Lyft Trips. The increased cost has gone up and I guess the passengers are thinking they can get it done cheaper. New York officials have implemented congestion surcharges for app passengers and limited driver numbers in a bid to reduce traffic congestion.

Trump's latest tweets have caused quite a stir. The Squad has jumped on him after he told several of them. "Go fix the country you came from then come back and tell us how

you did it!" I think he also said "if you don't like the USA go back where you came from." It's about time someone stood up for the lifelong natural born citizens. Good example: people move to Florida from another state and soon after start trying to change the Town / City / neighborhood to what they just moved away from. Why do they do that when you just moved away from it? If you like it that much don't move! In my opinion the squad of four will probably help Trump win the election with a bigger margin. I think some of them are running out of money and are making outlandish statements trying to draw attention to themselves to raise more election campaign money.

When I first move to Marion County a mile off the paved road, back into the woods where I have lived now for 49 years, I built a fence the first year to pasture our horses. My closest neighbor one mile away said the first thing you south Florida people do is come up here and put up fences. I said if you would keep your animals home I would not have to. Things kind of changed after that confrontation, but even after that there was problem with neighbor's dogs running lose and killing small animals, even goats and pigs.

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Heat Related Deaths

The state of Florida has the second highest total number of heat related deaths of children being left unattended in a vehicle. More than half of vehicular

heatstroke cases from 1998 to 2018 were because an adult forgot about a child, according to NoHeatstroke.org. Additionally, every year pets suffer and die when their guardians make the mistake of leaving them unattended in a parked vehicle to "run in for just a minute" at the local store. The Lady Lake Police Department is committed to informing and educating parents and pet owners on the dangers of leaving children and pets unattended in a vehicle and taking precautions to help prevent these tragic situations.

Leaving a child or a pet in a hot car even for a short period of time can be dangerous, even if parked in a shade or with the windows cracked. A vehicle's glass transparency allows for the sun's rays to heat up the inside essentially creating a vacuum of heat. Within minutes a car that was just being cooled can experience a spike in temperature. On a sunny day, when outside temperatures are 70 degrees the inside temperature of a vehicle can rise to 89 degrees within 10 minutes and 104 degrees within 30 minutes. At 80 degrees outside, the inside temperature of a vehicle can rise to

94 degrees in 10 minutes and soar up to 114 degrees in 30 minutes.

A child's body temperature can rise up to five times faster than an adult's and death will occur with a body temperature of 107 degrees. Dogs and cats can't sweat like humans, so they pant to lower their body temperature. If they're inside a car, recycling very hot air, panting gives no relief, and heat stroke can happen quickly.

I encourage you to take these safety precautions to help avoid these preventable tragedies.

- Make it routine to open the back door of your car every time you park.
- Set an alarm on your cell phone or computer calendar as a reminder to drop your child off at child care. Make the alarm sound different from other alert tones.
- Keep a stuffed animal in the child's car seat. Place it on the front passenger seat as a reminder when the child is in the back seat.
- Ask your babysitter or child care provider to call you if your child hasn't arrived as scheduled.
- If you are driving a child, put something you need in the back seat so you will need to open the back door. Items may include a cellphone, handbag, employee badges, or any other item you would need at your destination.

What to do if you find a pet confined to a vehicle:

- Take the vehicle's make, model, color and license plate number and notify your local Animal Control or Police Department.
- Once removed from the vehicle, provide

water to drink and if possible spray with a garden hose or immerse in cool water for up to two minutes to gradually lower the body temperature.

- Watch for signs and symptoms of heatstroke such as restlessness, thick saliva, heavy panting, glazed eyes, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, dizziness, seizure and lack of coordination. If a dog shows any of these symptoms remove it from the heat and transport to a veterinarian immediately.
- Practice safety awareness and follow these precautions this summer season with your children and your pets to prevent a vehicle heat-related tragedy from happening to your family. Stay safe.

Non-Citizens Can't Vote

Non-Citizens can't vote in Florida. So why is a group trying to ban it again?

Fueled by millions of dollars from unknown sources, an obscure petition drive declared victory this week and announced that a new constitutional amendment to require only citizens to vote in Florida — something that's already required by law — has more than twice the number of signatures needed to get on the 2020 election ballot. It's strange.

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From the Governor' Desk

Governor Ron DeSantis Encourages Florida Businesses to Recruit and Employ Veterans on Hire a Veteran Day

Tallahassee, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) celebrate national Hire a Veteran Day by encouraging Florida businesses to recruit and employ veterans. Florida businesses can benefit from the education, leadership experience and dedication veterans have cultivated in their military service.

"We're proud to celebrate *Hire a Veteran Day* in Florida as we continue on our mission to be the most veteran-friendly state in the nation," said **Governor DeSantis**. "I recognize the important role these brave men and women hold in our communities and will continue to encourage businesses to recruit veterans. The dedication and value they bring to Florida's economy is vital to the success of our businesses and the diversity of our workforce."

To support veteran employment, DEO directly administers the Jobs for Veterans State Grant and works with local workforce development boards throughout the state, which are staffed with veterans' employment representatives who are dedicated to helping veterans find meaningful employment. In 2019, nearly 4,000 veterans gained employment after assistance by the CareerSource Florida network.

"Governor DeSantis and I both proudly served our country where we obtained valuable skills needed to serve Floridians," said **Ken Lawson, Executive Director of DEO**. "Hire a Veteran Day highlights the unique skills veterans can bring to a

business. Every company can benefit from having talented, well-trained veterans on their staff."

DEO also offers Employ Florida Vets, an online job portal, to assist veterans and their families with accomplishing their employment goals by providing information, resource links and job opportunities. Employers can use the portal to post available jobs, access information about hiring a veteran and learn if their business qualifies for local, state or federal tax incentives.

"The CareerSource Florida network is honored to serve the men and women who have served our country in their transition to civilian employment," said **Michelle Dennard, President and CEO of CareerSource Florida**. "As workforce developers, we applaud Governor DeSantis for recognizing Hire a Veteran Day and the contributions veterans make to Florida's economy through the advanced skills, teamwork and commitment they provide their employers."

Criminal Punishment Code Task Force Appointments

Tallahassee, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointments of Michael Morley, John Stinneford, Melissa Nelson, the Honorable Michael Andrews, Bradenton Police Chief Melanie Bevan and Pasco County Sheriff Christopher Nocco to the Criminal Punishment Code Task Force.

Michael Morley

Morley, of Windemere, is an assistant

professor at the Florida State University College of Law. He previously taught at the Barry University School of Law, served as Special Assistant to the General Counsel of the U.S. Army and clerked for Judge Gerald B. Tjoflat. Morely earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and his juris doctorate from Yale Law School.

John Stinneford

Stinneford, of Ponte Vedra Beach, is a professor at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. He previously taught at the Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Dayton School of Law. Stinneford earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia, his master's degree from Harvard University and his juris doctorate from Harvard Law School.

Melissa Nelson

Nelson, of Jacksonville, is a state attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

She currently serves on the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm's National Gun Crime Intelligence Governing Board, the Florida Cold Case Advisory Commission and is a fellow at the American College of Trial Lawyers. Nelson earned her bachelor's degree and juris doctorate from the University of Florida.

The Honorable Michael Andrews

Andrews, of Oldsmar, is a judge at the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court. He previously served as a judge for Pinellas County from 1997-2003. Andrews earned his bachelor's degree in political science and his juris doctorate from the Florida State University College of Law.

Chief Melanie Bevan

Bevan, of Bradenton, is the Chief of Police of the Bradenton Police Department. She previously served with the St.

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Mental Health & Substance Abuse



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First Lady Casey DeSantis Holds Listening Session on Mental Health and Substance Abuse in Sanford

First Lady Announces the Formation of a Drug Abuse Prevention Panel to be Chaired by Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma

Sanford, Fla. — Today, First Lady Casey DeSantis held a listening session on mental health and substance abuse at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office in Sanford. This was her second listening session of the day following a stop at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast in Venice. Today's listening sessions were part of the First Lady's *Hope for Healing Florida* campaign, a multi-agency initiative that strives to combine the resources and efforts of the public and private sectors to better serve Floridians struggling with mental health and substance abuse.

First Lady DeSantis also announced the formation of a drug abuse prevention panel with Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma to serve as chair. The focus of the panel will be to discuss and determine best practices and innovative solutions to combat drug abuse throughout the state, specifically as it pertains to Florida's youth.

"I am excited to announce the formation of a new drug abuse prevention panel and I thank Sheriff Dennis Lemma for his willingness to serve as chair of this important initiative," said **First Lady DeSantis**. "As we enter the school year, we want to make sure that kids know how dangerous drugs can be, as well as what they should do if someone in their home is using drugs. We will continue to confront these challenges head-on and I look forward to working with leaders from around the state to determine how we can better serve those in need."

The First Lady was joined today by Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Mary Mayhew, Department of

Juvenile Justice Secretary Simone Marsteller, Representative Cyndi Stevenson, Representative Scott Plakon, Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Orange County Sheriff John Mina, Department of Children and Families Chief of Staff David Mica, as well as stakeholders and community leaders from the Orlando area.

"It was a pleasure having First Lady DeSantis at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office today and I am honored to chair her new drug abuse prevention panel," said **Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma**. "The collective IQ of a group is always stronger than that of an individual and through increased collaboration being spearheaded by the First Lady, I am confident we will find meaningful solutions to these challenges facing Floridians."

"First Lady Casey DeSantis' leadership in this area is needed and welcome," said **Representative Cyndi Stevenson**. "Her energy, and the act of bringing people together will serve as a catalyst to promote needed improvements in the access to care and will pay long term dividends for many Floridians and their families."

Governor DeSantis' Bold Vision for a Brighter Future Budget included nearly \$2 billion in substance abuse prevention and mental health funding. This includes more than \$123 million in state and federal funding for medication-assisted treatment and prevention and recovery services to confront the opioid epidemic.

The Governor's budget also included \$75 million for the Mental Health Assistance Allocation for Florida schools. This funding will go directly to school districts to provide additional mental health services to students in need.

For more information on the First Lady's *Hope for Healing Florida* campaign, please visit

www.HopeForHealingFL.com.

High-Level Drug Traffickers Nabbed

HIGH-LEVEL DRUG TRAFFICKERS NABBED BY LAKE SHERIFF'S UNDERCOVER DETECTIVES IN WARRANTS SWEEP

The Lake County sheriff's undercover narcotics detectives, in conjunction with the Clermont, Leesburg, and Eustis Police Departments, just concluded two simultaneous operations this week that targeted high-level traffickers responsible for distributing methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, marijuana, and cocaine throughout Central Florida. Dubbed Operation Pull the Plug and Operation C.E.L.L. Block, the two investigations lasted approximately 6 months and resulted in detectives' obtaining 67 arrest warrants.

During Operation Cell Block, detectives identified Jy'keez Jackson as being responsible for distributing trafficking amounts of methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl in South Lake County. As the investigation progressed, it was determined that Mr. Jackson was not only distributing methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl, but he was also responsible for distributing marijuana and homemade marijuana edibles, which were manufactured from marijuana, THC oil, and cereal. During the course of the investigation, Alphonsa Williams was also identified as a high-level methamphetamine trafficker and supplier who was operating out of Wildwood, Florida.

During Operation Pull The Plug, agents identified Valentino Knowles and learned he was responsible for distributing trafficking amounts of cocaine throughout the Leesburg area of Lake County. As the investigation progressed, detectives were also able to identify Omar Aviles-Lopez and Julio Gonzalez-Pabon, both of whom reside in Osceola County and were supplying Mr. Knowles with trafficking amounts of cocaine.

As both operations unfolded, undercover detectives were also able to conduct several undercover drug purchases from individuals distributing methamphetamine, crack cocaine, and other narcotics related to the aforementioned operation areas.

As a result of the operations, 67 arrest warrants were obtained for criminal charges including racketeering, trafficking in cocaine, trafficking in heroin/fentanyl, trafficking in methamphetamine, sale of cocaine, sale methamphetamine, sale of marijuana, and solicitation to purchase illegal narcotics.

Detectives served six search warrants, seized five vehicles, and confiscated over \$10,000 dollars of U.S. Currency. They also seized approximately a half a kilo of cocaine (worth approximately \$20,000), a kilo of methamphetamine (worth approximately \$10,000), two ounces of heroin/fentanyl (worth approximately

\$4,000), multiple pounds of marijuana in several different forms, including leaf, edible, and oil.

Detectives arrested 44 subjects on the arrest warrants obtained from these operations during a two-day sweep on Wednesday and Thursday, many of whom have extensive criminal histories for narcotics sales, weapons violations, and violent crimes. Joseph Kramer, for instance, was arrested for conspiracy to traffic methamphetamine and was out on bond for Armed Robbery and Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon at the time of his arrest.

There were 3 additional subjects arrested on unrelated charges, for a total of 47 arrests so far, with 23 still wanted. One subject detectives obtained a warrant for, Cliff Johnson, is currently out on bond for a Lake County homicide and is one of the subjects still at large.

"I would like to thank the Clermont, Eustis, and Leesburg Police Departments for their hard work and assistance during these operations. We will continue to work hard together to keep drug dealers off the streets and out of our communities. As I've said before, if you're pushing this poison onto our streets, we're coming for you." - Lake Sheriff Peyton Grinnell.

California Sweet Potatoes

(NAPSI)—The next time you're firing up the outdoor grill (or indoor grill pan, for that matter), throw on a sweetpotato or two. An easy, healthy side dish with a huge wow factor, grilled sweetpotatoes are nutrient rich, high in fiber and absolutely delicious. And they go great with burgers, steaks, chops, chicken or pretty much anything off the grill.

Start with this basic recipe, and if you're feeling creative, try different shapes—sweetpotato coins or steak fries, for example. Or add your favorite herbs and spices—such as chopped fresh rosemary, thyme, cinnamon or smoked paprika.

Grilled Sweet Potatoes

Serves 3 or 4

1 lb orange- or yellow/white-fleshed sweetpotatoes, cut lengthwise into ¾-inch wedges

1 ½ Tbsp olive oil

1 tsp salt, plus more for sprinkling

Heat a grill or grill pan to medium-high. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine sweetpotatoes, oil and salt. Arrange sweetpotatoes on the grill or grill pan and cook until lightly charred and tender, 6 to 8 minutes, turning halfway through. Sprinkle with more salt and serve.

For more recipes, nutritional information and tips for cooking with California sweet potatoes, go to

www.casweetpotatoes.com.



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Never Miss...



How To Never Miss A Day Of Your Medication

(NAPSI)—Most people can't go a day without a cup of coffee or checking their e-mail. But with the demands of everyday life it's not surprising that about 50 percent of patients sometimes fail to take their daily medications as prescribed.

According to a new survey by WebMD, over the past six months one-third of respondents either sometimes or most of the time missed taking their medication as prescribed even though 76 percent know it can cause their condition to worsen or symptoms to return.

When asked why they'd missed a dose, 66 percent of survey respondents said that they forgot, 38 percent said they experienced side effects, and 26 percent weren't able to get to the pharmacy to refill their prescription on time.

"Not following a prescription correctly can seriously impact your health," said Jamal Downer, a Walgreens pharmacist. "Your local pharmacist is an expert who can help you understand your medications and provide tips on how to use tools like smartphone apps that make it easier and more convenient to stay on track."

Steps to help you take your medications include services online, through apps and in store:

Getting help whenever you need it: A pharmacist is an integral part of your support team, and now they are available anytime via phone. Walgreens Pharmacy Chat service provides 24/7 access to pharmacists who can answer questions to help you better understand your medications, including side effects and how the other medicines you take and food you eat may interact with another drug.

Setting reminders: Whether you need a quick prompt to take your pill or a text alert that your refill is available, calendar notifications and free tools like a pill reminder can help ensure you always have your medication on hand.

Simplifying your refills: Pharmacists can also coordinate your prescription refills to a single pickup date with the Save a Trip Refills® program for free. Refilling your prescription can be made more convenient by switching to a 90-day supply or setting up automatic refills.

Making refills convenient: Just like you can order purchases online from your phone, you can have refills shipped directly to your home. With Walgreens Express™, patients can prepay and pick up prescriptions in a dedicated line or get their eligible medications delivered.

From pill reminders to tools for conveniently managing your condition, the answer to improved health and saving money could be in the palm of your hand. Download the Walgreens app or ask your local pharmacist how they can help you stay on track with your medications.

For further information, go to <http://bit.ly/redphone-wakeup>.

Free Glossary Comp. Guide



Free Glossary And Compensation Guide

(NAPSI)—If you or someone you care for is ever diagnosed with mesothelioma or lung cancer after exposure to asbestos at work decades ago, here's news for you. If you're undergoing medical treatment, you can use a free "Asbestos Disease Glossary" available from the Asbestos Lifeline Institute of Great Neck, New York.

The handy, pocket-size booklet explains all the common medical terms used in asbestos injury care and identifies all the different medical specialists involved in treating mesothelioma, lung cancer and several other nonmalignant, asbestos-

related diseases.

The free booklet also contains helpful information about achieving monetary compensation for asbestos injuries, which hinges upon a timely filing of the claim and the ability to identify the specific asbestos products you used. In most instances, a "latency period" of several decades after exposure occurs before asbestos diseases develop, so most victims are in their 60s or older.

For victims with valid claims, choosing the right law firm for representation can be daunting, due to the many choices presented through TV commercials and Internet searches. The Asbestos Lifeline Institute can also be helpful in guiding you to the right firm.

To learn more, call the Asbestos Lifeline at (800) 990-1650, e-mail AsbestosLifeline@gmail.com or visit www.AsbestosDiseaseGlossary.com.

Save All Shelter Pets

(NAPSI)—The lives of nearly 733,000 cats and dogs could be saved with the help of caring humans and an innovative Web-based platform introduced this week by Best Friends Animal Society.

Envisioned as a tool to help animal lovers help their communities save more pets, the new community lifesaving dashboard combines groundbreaking data visualization technology with the most comprehensive data set on animal welfare ever published.

Two years in the making, the tool crowdsources, validates and translates complex data about the dogs and cats in U.S. shelters.

It brings an unprecedented level of transparency to the animal welfare movement, unlocking new opportunities for saving pets by providing a detailed picture showing precisely—on a city, state and community level—where cats and dogs need to be saved.

For the first time, anyone with a smartphone or computer will be able to easily access his or her community's snapshot of how many cats and dogs need to be saved and find tools to help individual shelters save more pets. The organization used independent research, government data and even FOIA requests to create the most comprehensive data set on animal welfare ever published.

Best Friends CEO Julie Castle says the investment in data was necessary to achieve the organization's goal of bringing the whole country no-kill by 2025.

"Up until two years ago, we didn't even know how many shelters existed," she said. "How can you possibly save all the animals if you don't even know how many need to be saved?"

"With this data in hand, our goal to save every savable pet by 2025 is finally within reach," Castle said.

To explore the community lifesaving dashboard, visit BestFriends.org/2025.

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Supporting Law Enforcement



Office of Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody

Supporting law enforcement is very important to me and I have made it one of my office's top priorities. I always enjoy working with deputies and officers and learning about recent cases or just parts of their everyday life. I want our law enforcement partners to know that our state fully supports them, so that is why I initiated the Back the Blue Campaign shortly after taking office.

Back the Blue highlights extraordinary and brave acts of law enforcement officers, persons or organizations that forge positive relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Just this week, I issued Back the Blue Awards to Jacksonville Sheriff Police Officers who risked their own lives to save another. Officer Kathleen James and Officer

Chelsea McCullom responded to a vehicle crash on Interstate 10 that quickly erupted into fire. The officers heard screams coming from the vehicle, and without hesitation, went into action to rescue a female driver. They had to break a passenger window and physically force a jammed-door open to get to the woman. The officers then dragged the woman 10 feet away before the vehicle exploded and used their own bodies to shield the woman from flying shrapnel.

It is because of their quick-thinking and heroic actions that the driver is alive today. Despite life-threatening injuries, including second and third-degree burns to 40 percent of her body, the driver has made a full recovery.

It was an absolute honor to get to know Officers James and McCullom and present them a Back the Blue Award. Their selfless acts of bravery did not go unnoticed and I am so proud of them. Brave actions like these

take place every day in Florida and across the country. I am, and will always be, eternally grateful for the men and women who put on their uniform every day to protect us.

For more information about our Back the Blue Award and to nominate a law enforcement officer, citizen or organization, go to MyFloridaLegal.com

Flood-Damaged Vehicles

How To Identify Flood-Damaged Vehicles

(NAPSI)—Following record-setting rainfall in many areas of the country, flooding has taken its toll on vehicles. It's important for those considering buying a used vehicle to be car care aware and check for signs of water intrusion or contamination, advises the nonprofit Car Care Council.

"Purchasing a used vehicle and later learning it has been flood damaged can be very problematic and lead to costly issues down the road. Worse yet, these vehicles can be unhealthy to occupy because of mold and bacteria growing in the carpet and ventilation system," explained Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council.

The Car Care Council and the Car Care Professionals Network (CCPN), a group of

automotive service providers, say it all comes down to how much water the vehicle took in and where it can be reached. They recommend these five steps to determine if a vehicle has been flood damaged:

Take the sniff test. Close all the windows and doors and let the car sit for about five minutes. Then, crack open a door and sniff. Mildew and mold have very distinctive smells and it doesn't take long for that smell to present itself.

Try the touch test. Get some paper towels and press them against the low spots in the carpet. The paper towels will draw the moisture out and reveal if the carpet is wet under the surface. Some carpets can be several inches thick to insulate from heat and sound. If the paper towel becomes wet, it could mean water has gotten into the car.

Investigate the interior. Look under the seats and dash for corrosion and rust and look for exposed metal that is untreated. There are metal springs under the front seats that are usually not painted. If they are rusted, that is a sign the interior has been wet. Look for mud and debris in places they don't belong.

Inspect the instrument panel. Turn on the key and perform a bulb test. Make sure every bulb lights up. If a system has an issue, removing the warning bulb can hide it. Many times, vehicles that have flooded have malfunctions in their anti-brake and air bag systems. If the light comes on and then goes

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Golf Cart complaint
One person's opinion!

This needs to be heard, written and exposed! I have lived in the Villages for nine years. I live in the Villages of Delmar. Up until about three years ago I didn't realize how dangerous it is for Golf Cart drivers to drive in the Golf Cart path, Clearly marked Golf Carts and bike path.

I understand that walkers use the same path and no problem sharing with them. However recently while riding with several of my friends (one being an elderly client) whenever we see someone walking towards us in the Golf Cart Path, they don't step aside up on the curb, grass to safety, instead they continue walking which makes the Golf Cart pull out into traffic to avoid hitting them. I was with my client and without looking back or using a turn signal he, by instinct, just pulled around the walkers. One time we came very close to being hit by a car.

Villagers know to watch out for walkers or Golf Cart drivers and are alert to what might happen, but visitors are not prepared to watch out for a carts pulling out in front of them.

Now this is where I'm so upset...I refuse to pull out into the road when walkers can just step up to safety, preventing the Golf Cart driver from instinctively pulling out into traffic. I come to a dead stop and wait until the walker goes around me...but you would not believe how many times I have been used out for not going around them putting myself in danger when all they have to do was step up!!!

Last week on my way to golf, I was following another golfer in our Golf Carts I noticed she always pulled out into traffic when ever a walker came up her path, with out looking back or using a turn sign. I

questioned her about this when we arrived at the Golf Course, she replied, I have always just pulled around them, how lucky is she??? One more thing on that same day we passed two men with their dog's standing in the middle of the Golf Cart path, not walking just standing talking. I came up to them in my Cart and stopped, they njusyt looked at me then one said, go around! Then I said I'm not getting faff the path in harms way when you can atle a step up, he said to me "kiss my ass" Loud and clean, I can not believe this coming from this friendless Home Town. You should print this so maybe the men can see how disrespected they were and maybe save lives. It happened the 5th on my way to the Nancy Lopez. It's shameful.

Step up to safety.

D. F.

Publishers Note:

In the state of Florida the pedestrian (walker) always has the right away even in the Villages Florida. I think the local Chief needs to give a class on what the laws of the Florida Florida drivers. First no one should be driving a Golf Cart on the road without a Florida drivers license. They have to learn the Florida Driver laws even in the Villages.

Editor:

There is a great deal more to USMCA than a few tomatoes, strawberries, and bell peppers. Dumping is status quo for any arm of the globalist's agenda. This is agricultural dumping.

Britain is Brexiting the EU, and we are about to enter the North

are relentless. We must keep our guard up, and scrutinize American version of EU.

We had better look more closely before we leap. This USMCA usurps our sovereignty, just like the EU does in Europe, another attempt to foist Socialism on us. Globalism by any means, one inch at a time.

These globalists everything they propose.

The farmers may suffer economically, but we will all suffer infinitely more in other ways if USMCA is enacted.

By hook or by crook they mean to take our freedom away from us.

Do you care?

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Flood-Damaged

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out after the bulb test, that's an indicator that the system is on and has no active faults.

Take it to a professional. Let a service and repair technician inspect your vehicle. He or she can raise the car and look underneath to see if there is any mud, sticks or rocks in the suspension. A professional can check the oil in the differentials to make sure they contain no water. Spend a few dollars to have it looked over to give yourself peace of mind.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers.

For the latest car care news, visit the council's online media room at <http://media.carcare.org>. To order a free copy of the popular "Car Care Guide," visit the council's consumer education website at www.carcare.org.

Designed Just For You



A Ticket To Work: Designed Just For You

(NAPSI) — As you may have discovered,

looking for work is not a one-size-fits-all journey. That's why the Ticket to Work (Ticket) program, Social Security's national employment-related program, uses a customized approach to help people with disabilities find meaningful work that leads to financial independence.

How It Works

The Ticket program supports career development for people ages 18 through 64 who get Social Security disability benefits (SSI or SSDI) and want to work. The individualization begins when a beneficiary and a service provider agree to work together. The service provider and beneficiary work one on one to develop an Individual Work Plan (IWP), a detailed road map that identifies employment goals based on where the individual is on the path to work. This process, as well as other services, can be done either in person or virtually. The IWP also includes services that the participants will need to prepare for jobs tailored to their capabilities and strengths.

Services Available

Different types of service providers focus on different types of services:

Employment Networks (EN) are private or public organizations that can help with career counseling and assistance with job placement, including advising about how benefits will be affected by work. Some ENs provide services only to their local community, while others work across one or more states or even nationwide.

State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies provide training to help people develop a variety of new skills or strengthen current ones to help people with disabilities return to work, enter a new line of work or enter the workforce for the first time.

Work Incentives Planning & Assistance (WIPA) organizations provide free benefits counseling to help beneficiaries make informed choices about work. These groups provide in-depth counseling about working and the effect that earning money will have on benefits.

The Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) program provides legal support, advocacy and information to help beneficiaries resolve disability- and employment-related concerns.

Learn More

To get started and find further information about the Ticket program, call the Ticket to Work Help Line at 1 (866) 968-7842 or 1 (866) 833-2967 (TTY) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET or visit the Choose Work website at <https://choosework.ssa.gov>.

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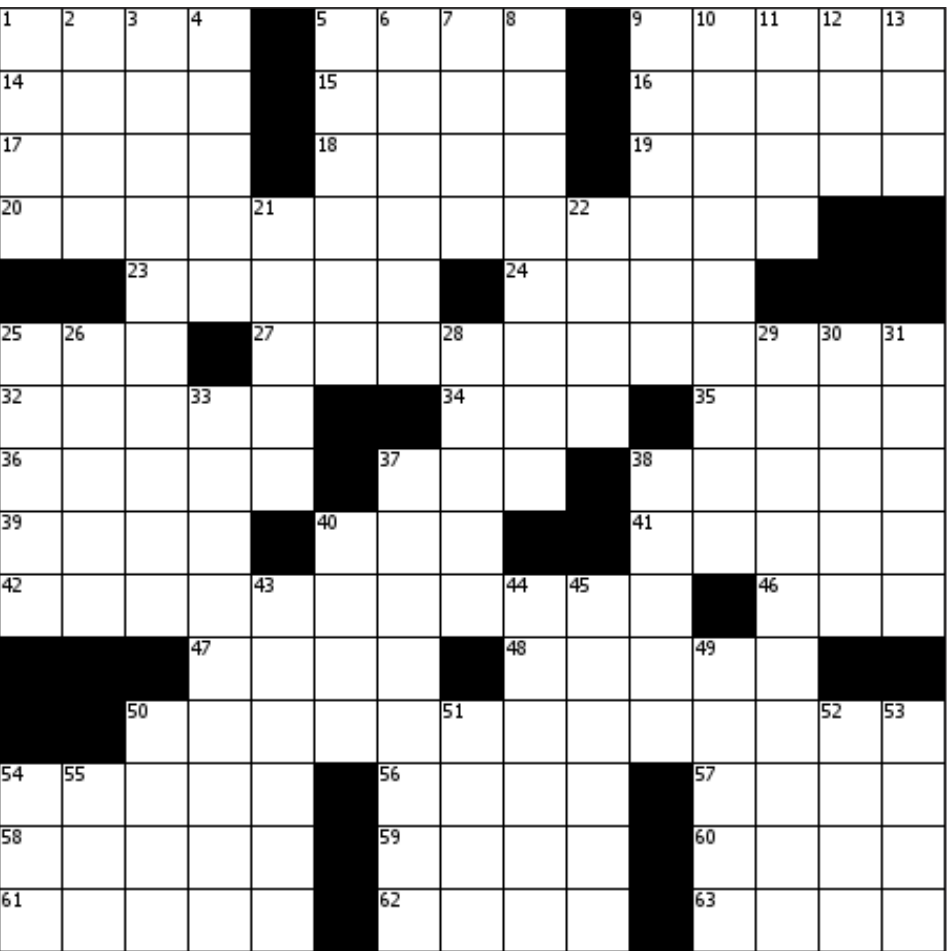


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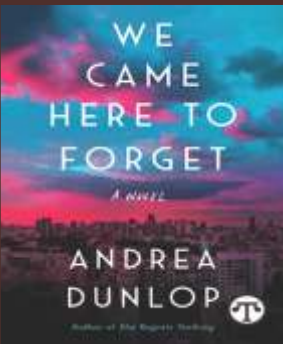
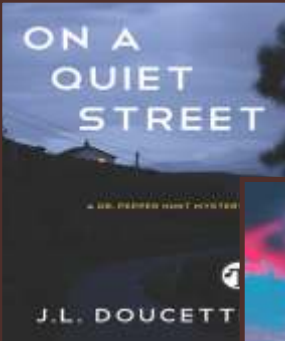
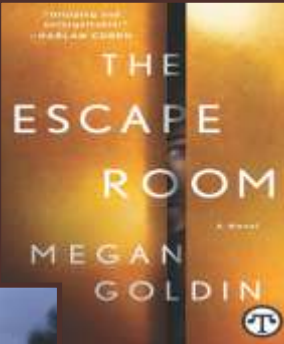
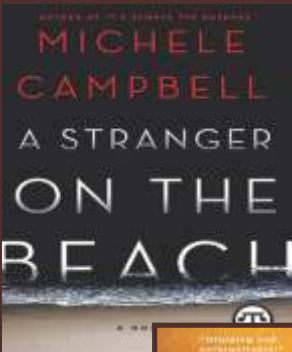
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Petersburg Police Department for 29 years. She has served in specialized positions such as a vice and narcotics detective and an intelligence and street crimes unit commander. Bevan is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. She earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from St. Leo University, her master's degree in public administration from Troy State University and her doctorate in organizational leadership from Argosy University.

Sheriff Christopher Nocco

Nocco, of Land O' Lakes, was appointed Sheriff of Pasco County in 2011 and was subsequently elected to the position in 2012. He previously worked for the Philadelphia Public School Police, the Fairfax County Police Department and the Broward County Sheriff's Office. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and his master's degree in public administration from the University of Delaware.

Lies, Crimes And Secrets

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Four Intriguing Tales Of Lies, Crimes And Secrets

(NAPSI)—BookBites is a continuing series bringing readers information and ideas for their next read. Here are four thrilling new books to try from BookTrib.com.

"A Stranger on the Beach" by Michele

Campbell

An edge-of-your-seat story of passion and intrigue that will keep you guessing until the end. Caroline Stark realizes her husband is lying to her, their money is disappearing and there's a stranger on the beach outside her house. As Caroline's marriage and her carefully constructed lifestyle begin to collapse, she turns to Aidan, the stranger, for comfort...and revenge. After a brief and desperate fling, Aidan's infatuation with Caroline and her life becomes more destructive. But who is manipulating whom in this deadly game of obsession and control? Who will take the blame when someone ends up dead...and what is Caroline hiding?

To purchase "A Stranger on the Beach" (St. Martin's Press), go to <https://amzn.to/2K48fKY>.

"We Came Here to Forget" by Andrea Dunlop

A young Olympic skier loses everything and escapes to Buenos Aires, where she reinvents herself, meets a colorful group of expats, and becomes enmeshed with a man keeping dark secrets. The city seems like the perfect refuge, but can she really outrun her demons? As Katie Cleary's elite skiing career nears its zenith, a terrifying truth about her sister could ruin her career, family and relationships.

You can find "We Came Here to Forget" (Atria) at <https://amzn.to/2KCRVjG>.

"The Escape Room" by Megan Goldin

Welcome to the escape room. Your goal is simple: Get out alive. Four Wall Street rising stars discover the price of ambition when a challenge turns into a lethal game of revenge. The escape room was supposed to be a team-building exercise, but when the

lights go off and the doors stay shut, it becomes clear this is no ordinary competition: They're caught in a dangerous game of survival.

The rivals must solve cryptic clues to break free. But as the game begins to reveal their darkest secrets, they realize there's a price for the terrible deeds they committed to boost their careers. They must solve one chilling puzzle: Which of them will kill in order to survive?

To get "The Escape Room" (St. Martin's Press), go to <https://amzn.to/2Xxyxsw>.

"On a Quiet Street" Sby J.L. Doucette

The fiancée of a prominent attorney is murdered a month before their wedding,

with the contractor who found the body suspected of killing her in a jealous rage.

Dr. Pepper Hunt joins forces with Detective Beau Antelope to find the killer. Pepper uses her clinical skills to probe below the surface of the perfect couple's lives. Chilling secrets and sinister motives that lead back to unsolved crimes with a direct link to the fiancée's murder are finally brought to light.

For "On a Quiet Street" (She Writes Press), go to <https://amzn.to/2KyxSTH>.

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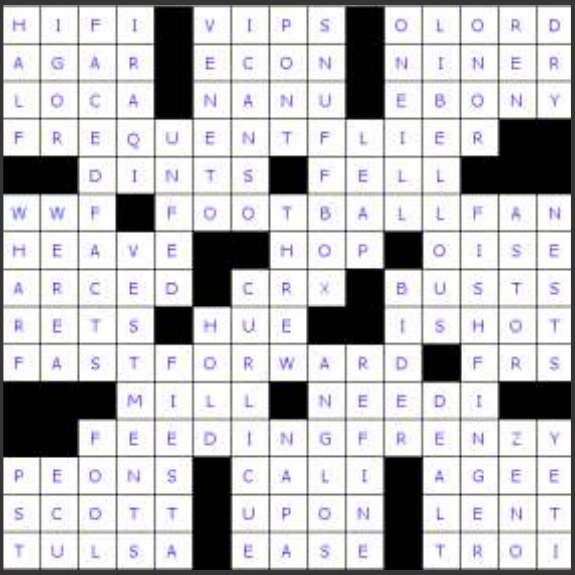
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