



Lady Lake Chamber celebrating a Grand / Re-opening by having a Ribbon Cutting at Beef O'Brady's. As you can see there were plenty of people in attendance. They are

located 8720 SE 165th Mulberry Ln, The Villages, FL 32162. Go see them. You will not be disappointed. Photo by Janet Fraley of the Lady Lake Chamber.



Another successful Nothing But about their business with others and Networking event. Over fifty business learned more about other businesses. It people attended. They shared information was a success. See more on page 8.

White House Briefing Defining the Rule of Charge

At a recent White House briefing Acting USCIS Director Ken Cuccinelli announced the definition of the Rule of Charge to mean, people coming to this

country may not get food stamps and use public housing. They must depend on their own resources sponsors or family but not from the United States Government.



What is Happening to America?

By TomL

Politics happened to America!

Many years ago before we had so many governmental rules by political parties, there were laws; we were the most prosperous country in the world. We had no debt, we did not have a large cumbersome payroll for Congress, Senate and all of the government employees and their retirement programs.

If you add what we are or were paying other countries for lord knows whatever and the tariffs we were paying other countries losing on every deal - billions.

We start borrowing money we don't have to prop up the government, their extravagant ways and to keep paying other countries that hate us! Every year we budget more money than the last year. Obviously

we expanded government at a greater speed and there really was no record of where some of the money went, I'm talking billions. There have been unconfirmed reports of shady deals of moving money in or out of campaign funds, paying countries for things the tax payers did not know about. Selling uranium? Paying Iran with pallets of cash, just to mention a few. Here recently some of government overseers are looking at where the money went.

When I was in my twenty (hundred years ago) joke! When working different jobs in the newspaper world, I would hear other employees refer to the government as "the

man", meaning big bosses! They were saying they have been misusing our tax money for years. If it went on, that was small deal compared to what goes on today. The country is addicted to spending. Look what they are doing to the minimum wage. They are pricing the human race out of jobs. Just recently they tested a driverless truck from point A to point B, NO DRIVER. Yes they are inventing driverless vehicles in self-defense.

They have robots flipping hamburgers, WHY? Because the wages will no longer allow them to pass wage expense to the

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■ A.J. "Tony" Powell ■

AS I SEE IT

The following is one persons and not necessary the opinion of this newspaper.

Did you know that you owe about \$775,000 to China? That's your share of the USA National Debt!

Since the end of the Clinton Presidency, the U.S. government has spent a LOT more than they collected from the tax-payers.

The Federal Government owes Medicare, Social Security, Government Pensions and retiree health care liabilities and much more.

How much? Some sources say about \$118 Trillion. Our Federal Government, regardless of which party, Republican or Democrat, is addicted to 'borrow, spend and borrow more, and spend more.

This year they plan to borrow another \$25 Trillion.

Whose fault is it?

As I See It, nothing has changed - WalMart is to blame Well, maybe not WalMart alone --- but, when you shop at any major store, your money goes to China. You are exporting your American Dollars and getting nothing in return.

"Why does WalMart buy from China instead of the USA?" The simple answer is greed. The lower the price, the more they can sell. The more they sell, the more they get rich. The more they get rich, the more they take advantage of employees by cutting hours, their pay scale and their benefits while the executives make hundreds of millions every year.

American products in the stores, means American jobs in the factories. Those American jobs mean that we would get back

to buying homes, cars and a million other things we want and need.

As long as candidates are allowed to make promises to get elected, and then break those promises as soon as they are in office, nothing will change.

How long will it be before - "We the people" demand a direct voice in government?

Most Americans do not want American Dollars to be 'exported' to foreign countries.

You don't see any cuts in pay or benefits for your Senator, your Representative or any of their staff. In fact, we're paying their salaries while they plan to cut our Medicare, Social Security, pension plans, health care and everything else that keeps people alive.

Reduce the deficit by eliminating foreign aid and foreign invasions. Cut government payroll and benefits so none of them can take from us more than they give to us.

Make 'Made In America' a label that consumers demand.

"For the people" and "By the people"

means that major decisions, like spending and borrowing need the approval of the voters and the tax-payers - electing 'representatives' to make those decisions for us is not working ---

The USA is a 'Representative Democracy' - As I see it, we need a lot less 'representing' and a lot more 'democracy'.

'til next time....Email

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consumer without pricing a burger out for \$10. First time jobs are perfect for the fast food industry but not at \$15 per hours.

In the last 100 years we have added at least 50 federal taxes. 100 years ago Moms stayed home and raised the children while Dad worked. In the 50's and 60's Moms started working part time while the kids were in school. Now they have no choice, they must work!

ALONG COMES DONALD J. TRUMP!

In just a few years he has lifted the country up to a standard of living that has never been seen. He has lifted our reputation in the World to something that once use to be, IT HAS NOW HAPPEN" The past president said and I quote "what is Donald Trump going to do? Wave his magic wand and fix things?" The answer is yes his magic wand has a name. It's called "Common Sense & Political Transparency". He has more backbone than anyone I have ever seen. He is not perfect but he is not a corrupted politician. Yes he is a counter puncher, but his rival whether it be a world leader or a politician, knows when they jab him they will get jabbed back even harder. He thinks outside of the normal political box and from a business perspective. Who would think you could leverage tariffs for billions of dollars in a deal. Who would think he could tell world leaders to pay their share for military help! Who would think we could apply pressure on Mexico to stop the immigrants from traveling across their country?

I would venture to say, when it is all over Trump will go down as the greatest President ever! Trump's opponents are making him look great because he has done this without any Democratic cooperation of any kind, just Republicans and not all of them. Remember who was helpful at election time. Actually the Democrats are ruining their reputation by not excepting an elected President. Imagine what Trump could have done with cooperation from the Democrats and they would have gotten some credit and we could have preserved the rule of laws in our country. Other countries are laughing at us because of what the Democrats are doing, but we will see who is smiling at the end. How we feel about our country is the most important thing! But just as important is how our country is viewed by the world. They love to see conflict in our country.

Publishers Note: I think America is great and always has been. But we have had some corrupt people in our governing body, like leeches sucking on money, politics and promoting corruption and when the Trump administration and the media tells the story, the truth gets out and a person will think twice about doing something shady when working in our Government. We have always been great and now we have a new greatness to celebrate! It can only get better.

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DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,
My words today will be shorter than usual, but no less meaningful than in previous months. Firstly, thank you for your continued engagement and devotion to our great nation and the principles on which it was founded. Faith, family, freedom, opportunity and life itself are under attack each day from socialist radicals who want to see individual

liberty and responsibility exterminated. We must continue to fight for our God-given rights for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

Recently, news out of El Paso and Dayton have confirmed again that the violence in our culture is very real, and heartbreaking. Evil men, committing evil acts is nothing new to any culture, but in our time, the ease of accessing information seems to put it directly in front of us each day. The mainstream media seems intent on

amplifying these acts to as many people as they can. This violence is tragic and despicable, but using these events to gain some sort of political advantage or to influence long debated policy ideas (or, in most cases, constitutional law) is also destructive.

The call to you today is that thoughts and prayers are not useless. Coming together as Americans to condemn violence against any person, no matter their race or sex, born or unborn, can and will make a difference. Let us grieve together the violence of our culture. Our hearts will move us to action but our heads should guide us to reason in policy and law. Onward and upward!

Senator Dennis Baxley

Help Prevent Veteran Suicide

Five Ways To Help Prevent Veteran Suicide

(NAPS)—It's a tragedy: Every day, 22 U.S. veterans take their own lives—a needless loss of 8,000 service members a year.

The Problem

Returning veterans may experience divorce, joblessness, homelessness and hopelessness.

The often-devastating effects of mild to moderate traumatic brain injury (mTBI) and post-traumatic stress (PTS), plus the loss of their military community support, can cause a downward spiral.

Symptoms of mTBI include headaches and problems with balance, sleep, vision and memory. Emotional signs include depression and anxiety. But today's treatment approaches and therapeutic technologies offer hope for veterans feeling overwhelming physical and emotional pain from these invisible wounds of war.

What You Can Do

1. Be observant about behavior changes. For many veterans, the physical symptoms of mTBI are not obvious. Be on the lookout for loss of interest in meaningful activities, personality changes, social isolation and substance abuse.

2. Reach out and spend time together. Let a veteran know he or she is not alone. Meet for coffee or go for a walk. Listen and encourage them to seek help.

3. Tell veterans and their families about helpful programs. Encourage caregivers, spouses and friends to seek help on behalf of a veteran.

One outstanding option that's transformed the lives of more than 550 veterans and their families is the SHARE Military Initiative at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Ga. This innovative program provides up to 12 weeks of intensive rehabilitation, at no cost to the veteran, to treat mild to moderate brain injury and psychological concerns of those who served in the U.S. military since September 11, 2001. Treatment plans are personalized to each veteran's needs. The program is open to all post-9/11 veterans, including those with other than honorable discharges.

Because of intensive and comprehensive therapy, rehabilitation and life coaching, SHARE has become a model for centers nationwide. Experts in working with veterans provide medical consultation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and cognitive therapy, recreation therapy, case management, neuropsychology, chaplaincy and counseling.

4. Volunteer or donate to organizations battling the epidemic of veteran suicide.

5. Support fundraisers and events, such as the Shepherd's Men Run. Annually, a team of committed volunteers runs seven days of half marathons in multiple states wearing 22-pound flak jackets—to increase awareness of treatment options and suicide prevention for veterans. Shepherd's Men have raised millions for this heartfelt mission.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



What Rights Are You Born With?

Our forefathers and mothers designed laws to help hold this great nation together. When you are born in America you are entitled to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness! Our men and women fought and some died to ensure yours and my liberty. When you break our laws then you are punished, but you are innocent until proven guilty. Actually when you are born anywhere else of this world you should have Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness but some countries have different beliefs or laws. Remember nothing is free, you must earn what you get! NO free tuition, NO free healthcare, NO free abortions, NO free housing, etc. The Socialists are wrong! Because of our fast pace mobile world, millionaires can move anywhere in the world and there many places that will not tax them for most of their money to feed, house,

abort, pay doctors with the money they have earned. Remember with Socialism the wealthy pay but the politicians don't! The wealthy move and taxing goes on until there is nothing left except Government control. Anyone that preaches Socialism knows that!

Assaulting People / Police Officers

Our country has laws that we have to abide by. Without law and order we have chaos. People are not safe when there is chaos. Some people are of the nature of taking things too far, like throwing water on police officers. Next thing you know it won't be just water. Throwing water at or on anyone against their will is civil assault. Throwing anything at a police officer should be a federal offense with a mandatory sentence, and if there is video proof, it should be immediate! No overnight bail or anything that would delay the sentence. Hard jail time NOW. That would make these lawless acts stop.

Fear of Military Action

In our world we have conflict and we have

peace. The world is like a neighborhood where you get along with some of your neighbors and some you don't. Again, in our fast pace mobile world you can move fairly easy. But mostly we get along. In a neighborhood you have to forgive and forget, just like in family life, kind of go with the flow. The Villages is an interesting place to put that to the test. You have people from every geographic area of the country and even some from other countries, each trying to have fun doing mature activities. It's when they act immature where the trouble begins. The trouble comes in many forms: who tees off first; the people ahead are golfing too slow; the golf cart cut me off on the road; someone is displaying our flag wrong; etc. etc. etc.

Learn To Be Patient

My problem is I don't wait well. When you go into a doctor's office for an appointment and the doctor is in, you should not have to wait more than 15 minutes. If the doctor had an emergency, reschedule. Some people will sit for hours. That happened to me 5 years ago. I waited two hours for the doctor to see me. Then I told him off. "First what makes you think that your time is more important than mine?" "I have missed a scheduled meeting because I was sitting in your office waiting for you!" I said "what do you have to say for yourself?" You're here now. The doctor was mad, his hands were shaking, no one talks to him like that. He wanted to give me a shot. I said I'm done with you! Got up and walked out. No need for people sitting and waiting. It is a waste of their time.

Civil War

I suggest you read Dr. Jack Devere Minzey. He was the Department Head of Education at Eastern Michigan University and author. He has since past away. I will attempt to pull a few paragraphs out of his last article to show that he thought we were headed for a Civil War. (Paragraph from Dr. Minzey's article)

"How do Civil Wars happen?"

Two or more sides disagree on who runs the country. And they can't settle the question through elections because they don't even agree that elections are how you decide who's in charge. That's the basic issue here. Who decides who runs the country? When you hate each other but accept the election results, you have a country. When you stop accepting election results, you have a countdown to a civil war.

Past President (Paragraph from Dr. Minzey's article)

If the Democrats are in the White House, then the president can do anything. And I mean anything. He can have his own amnesty for illegal aliens. He can fine you for not having health insurance. He can use the IRS as his own police force and imprison citizens who speak against him. He can provide guns and money (Fast and Furious) (Iran nuclear deal) to other countries to support his own agenda, and watch while one of America's Ambassador's is dragged through the streets and murdered doing

nothing to aid our citizens. His power is unlimited. He's a dictator. But when Republicans get into the White House, suddenly the President can't do anything. He isn't even allowed to undo the illegal alien amnesty that his predecessor illegally invented. A Democrat in the White House has 'discretion' to completely decide every aspect of immigration policy. A Republican doesn't even have the 'discretion' to reverse him. That's how the game is played. That's how our country is run. Sad but true, although the left hasn't yet won that particular fight.

Publishers Note about Civil War.

We are on the brink of a Civil War. All indicators are visible. Our country has made more progress in the last three years than in the history of this country. This country survives because we have the rule of law. Socialism is on the rise in our country. IT DOES NOT WORK! It's a trick to take control of the country. Don't fall for it! Get out and vote. Get out and support your candidate. Be visible and show who you stand for. Do not be violent! If someone comes to you in a violent manor, press charges without hate. They broke the law and must be punished! **Matter of fact!**

I will stand with the elected President of the United States. Guess what? In year 2020 I will stand with the elected President. If I don't like him I will vote accordingly. We must follow our constitution; it is the letter of the law! I personally believe that Trump is the only person that can clean up the corruption in our country. His job is not done, re-elect him!

Note from Bud in the Villages

Last month I had a Lady in the Villages send me a letter complaining about pedestrians in multi-path right of way used by Golf Carts. Here is what one reader says...

Hi Tom,

Hey, Hey, get outta my way !!! We got 'em in the Villages.

Glad to see you pointed out that pedestrians have the right of way on multi paths.

~ Bud P.

Ocala Florida

For a number of years I have been asked why I don't have newspapers in the lobby of the Tax Collector's office. Everybody else does but you. So two months ago I asked permission and put a wire rack in. This month I went to put August papers in it and it has disappeared. If anyone knows what happen to it call 804-1223. That is called restraint of trade. Actually while I'm at it, these big giant online businesses that are taking down people's posting is RESTRAINT OF TRADE if it pertains to their business! The FCC needs to get more involved.

TomL said that!

WHAT SAY YOU?

Newspaper Deadlines

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School Is Back In Session

This month, students will be returning to school in the tri-county area. Your child's safety is our number one priority. Please take a few moments to review back-to-school safety with your child.

Walking To School

If your child walks to school, make sure there are sidewalks along the way. If you are not able to walk with your child, remember there is safety in numbers so have your child walk with siblings or other neighborhood children. Being hit by a car is by far the greatest threat to any child walking to school. Make sure your kids stay on the sidewalk and only cross at crosswalks. Remember to remind your children to never, ever stop to talk to strangers on the way to and from school and, most importantly, never to get into any vehicle with a stranger. These could potentially be life threatening situations.

Bicycle Safety

Children peddling to school on bicycles must wear bike helmets – it's the law. Helmets are the single most effective devices for cyclists, greatly reducing the risk of death or critical injury. Your children should ride their bicycles on the right side of the road and obey stop signs and traffic signals.

Bus Ride

Children who ride the bus should never

misbehave. And remember, no bullying. It's important for children to remain seated at all times, keeping their hands and feet inside the vehicle and never throw anything inside or outside of the bus. When exiting the bus, children should always cross in front of the bus – never from behind.

Drivers need to remember that Florida law prohibits passing, in either direction, a school bus that is stopped with its flashing lights activated on a two-way street or highway. If the highway is divided by a raised barrier or an unpaved median at least five feet wide, an example is US Hwy 27, you do not have to stop if you are moving in the opposite direction of the bus. Anyone caught passing a stopped school bus or speeding in a school zone can expect to get a costly fine – the Lady Lake Police Department simply will not tolerate violations that could harm a child. Please reference Florida State Statute 316.172.

Drivers must also remember to slow down in school zones. Driving slowly and carefully through school zones greatly reduces the risk of a tragic accident.

Bullying

Bullying among children is aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power or strength. A child who is being bullied has a hard time defending him or herself. Usually, bullying is repeated over time. Bullying can take many forms such as physical, verbal, emotional and cyber-bullying. Signs that your child might be bullied are: torn clothes; loss of appetite; mood changes; and/or a reluctance to go to school. It's important that your child knows they can talk to you if they

are being bullied. Whenever you know that someone is the victim of a bully, you should speak up and report it right away.

Many schools in Lake County have a school resource officer or deputy. If your child is experiencing trouble with others or feels they are being bullied, please contact the school's administrative office and ask to speak to the officer or deputy.

By keeping safety in mind, we can work together to make the 2019-2020 school year safe and successful.

OBITUARY

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF RICHARD ALLEN LOURY. Born September 27, 1945, he passed away August 16th, 2019 after a long illness. RICHARD leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Mary Loury, son James Loury, daughters, Sheri Loury Gamboa (Paul) and Krysti Loury, granddaughter Alexia Gamboa, sister Carol Jurascheck, and brother Tom Loury.

Richard was a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed fishing and reading.



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From the Governor' Desk

Governor Ron DeSantis Appoints Three to the Florida Board of Medicine

Tallahassee, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointments of Dr. Zachariah Zachariah, Dr. Scott Ackerman and Dr. David Diamond to the Florida Board of Medicine.

Dr. Zachariah Zachariah

Zachariah, of Fort Lauderdale, is a cardiologist and internal medicine doctor. He is the Medical Director at UHealth Cardiology, Fort Lauderdale and a member of the clinical faculty at the University of Miami. He received his medical degree from the Armed Forces Medical College in India and completed his residency at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. He served as Chairman of the Florida Board of Medicine from 1990-1992, 2000-2001 and 2013-2014. Zachariah is appointed to a four-year term.

Dr. Scott Ackerman

Ackerman, of Jacksonville, is a radiation oncologist and Medical Director at Ackerman Cancer Center. He received his medical degree from Ross University in Miramar, Florida and completed his residency with Columbia University Medical Center in New York. Ackerman has made significant contributions to Florida's fight against cancer and is a strong believer in patient advocacy, community outreach and individualized patient care. He also oversees the First Coast Cancer Foundation and is a board member of WeCare Jacksonville. Ackerman is appointed to a four-year term.

Dr. David Diamond

Diamond, of Winter Park, is a radiation

oncologist at Florida Radiation Oncology (Winter Park). Diamond earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and his medical degree from the University of Florida. He completed his residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital and his radiation oncology training at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Washington University School of Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology, where is served on the Board of Chancellors for 6 years. Diamond is appointed to a four-year term.

These appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Threshold Met for Increased Federal Cost Share for Hurricane Irma

On August 19, 2019,

Fort Myers, Fla. — Today, Governor DeSantis announced that Hurricane Irma costs in Florida have reached \$2.63 billion, triggering an increase in the federal cost share from 75 percent to 90 percent. Along with this announcement, Governor DeSantis submitted a letter to President Trump officially requesting this increase in the federal cost share, which will save the state and local governments more than \$160 million. Read more at <https://www.flgov.com/2019/08/19/gov-ron-desantis-announces-threshold-met-for-increased-federal-cost-share-for-hurricane-irma/>

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YourAdChoices icon, and it can be your gateway to trustworthy information and control over digital ads.

When you see the blue triangle, it means the ad might be using information collected from other websites about your interests to help personalize advertising for you. The icon gives you information about how that process works, along with choices to "opt out" if you don't want to see that type of advertising, which is known as "interest-based advertising." It makes predictions about the types of ads groups of people might want to see based on data about the websites or apps they enjoy, such as sports, movies, hobbies or travel.

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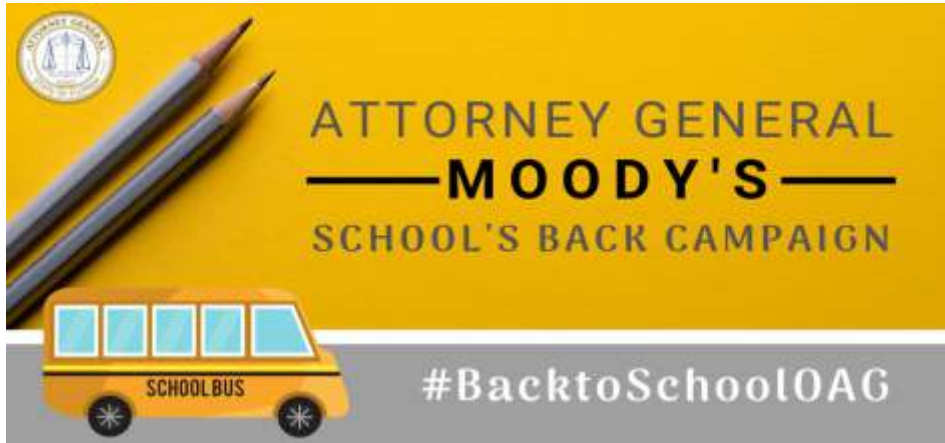
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Back to School

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—As millions of Florida children begin a new school year, Attorney General Ashley Moody is reaching out directly to students and parents with tips and resources. The weeklong #BackToSchoolOAG campaign will provide information about internet safety, the dangers of drug use, risks associated with vaping and more.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “This week, millions of children and teens in Florida will head back to school, and with a new academic year comes new risks and challenges that parents may not be thinking about. Online games and apps can create a venue for human traffickers to stalk children, drugs pose a major health threat, and the alarming increase in teen vaping cannot be ignored.

“Through #BackToSchoolOAG, I hope

we can reach parents and students as the academic year begins to encourage a continuous, open dialogue about some of the extremely important challenges facing Florida students today.”

Earlier this summer, Attorney General Moody launched a fact-gathering mission to learn more about the dramatic increase in teen vaping. The Florida Department of Health released a [report](#) in April, noting a 58 percent increase in the use of e-cigarettes among Florida high school students from 2017 to 2018. According to the report, nearly one in four Florida high school students now admits to vaping.

As Chair of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, Attorney General Moody is also working to raise awareness about human trafficking. Recent criminal cases handled by the Attorney General's Office involve teens lured online by human

traffickers. Attorney General Moody is asking parents and guardians to talk to their children about cybersafety.

For more information about cybersafety, check out the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Booklet from the Stop.Think.Connect.

Drug use among minors continues Chatting with Kids about Being Online, to be a problem exacerbated by the opioid crisis. Using opioids just one time can lead to an overdose or even death. The problem is exacerbated by the increase of fentanyl use in Florida.

Attorney General Moody is asking parents and guardians to talk to their children about drug use.

Statewide Council on Human Trafficking

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Introduction

The 15-member Council chaired by Attorney General Moody, will build on existing state and local partnerships working to combat human trafficking.

Members include law enforcement officers, prosecutors, legislators, as well as experts in the fields of health, education and social services. The Council was created through legislation passed and signed into law in 2014.

About Human Trafficking

The International Labor Organization estimates that there are 20.9 million victims of trafficking around the world. Domestically, Florida continues to rank third in the nation in the number of calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

Victims of human trafficking include children, women and men who are subjected to sexual exploitation or forced labor through force, fraud or coercion.

According to a study of U.S. Department of Justice human trafficking task force cases, 83 percent of sex trafficking victims identified in the United States were U.S. citizens. The average age that a trafficked victim is first used for commercial sex is 12-14.

Council Duties

- The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking was created to support human trafficking victims by enhancing care options available.
- Council duties include:
- Develop recommendations for comprehensive programs and services including recommendations for certification of safe houses & safe foster homes.
- Make recommendations for apprehending and prosecuting traffickers and enhancing coordination of responses.
- Hold an annual statewide policy summit with an institution of higher learning.
- Work with the Department of Children and Families to create and maintain an inventory of human trafficking programs and services in our state.
- Develop overall policy recommendations.



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Lady Lake Chamber Nothing But Networking was held last month at RoadHouse Grill. Approximately fifty business people attended. A lot of information was shared. Business people meeting business people, sharing information and learning more about the others' businesses. You help them and they will help you. Next month the Nothing but Networking will be held at Eaten's Beach. A great place on the water overlooking the lake. It will be sold out. Any questions about the Lady Lake Chamber call 352-753-6029



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America Needs Locally Owned Papers September 2019

The once powerful Gannett media company — publishers of the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader, Des Moines Register, USA Today and 106 other mostly daily newspapers — has announced it will merge with GateHouse Media. GateHouse is reported to own 156 dailies across America.

Of course, it isn't really a merger, Gannett is being assumed by GateHouse. Both companies have seen steady growth through acquisitions during recent years, but neither is doing well financially. By combining into one company, the new organization should see huge savings in operational costs and possible increases in advertising revenue. GateHouse, traditionally, operates with less staff than Gannett and is known for cutting staff whenever it buys an additional publication.

Gannett moved mostly away from a focus on the printed newspaper a year and a half ago, putting emphasis on producing its digital products. Gannett and GateHouse, which is owned by New Media Investment Group, are believers in consolidated management and minimum local operating expenses.

With the new firm's emphasis on an information network dedicated to fewer locally printed pages and less publication days, the plan is to expand the company's overall digital presence. The hope is to

reduce costs through centralized accounting, production and editorial centers and increase national advertising revenue through expanded multicity readership. But the digit content will most likely be built around general interest national news, sports and features — think CNN and USA Today — and reduced coverage of hometown news important to local voters and taxpayers.

The rumor is the new firm probably will shed itself of many of their small, less-profitable, weekly publications. That might be good news for those interested in investing in and upholding the local hometown newspaper. There is a need for locally managed community newspapers. But operating a small, local weekly paper has become financially difficult. Many local communities no longer have a retail base large enough to support a local paper.

The national Democratic Party appears to be responding to this cultural change in a way that could be dangerous to the future of local and national media.

In a recent online article, David Uberti reported one of the Democratic Party's largest Super PACs, Priorities USA, is reported to be underwriting a \$100 million effort to boot President Donald Trump from office. The PAC hopes to do it with a flood of one-sided digital information messages in key swing states that have lost numerous local newspapers.

Privacy Choices

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each computer or mobile device, which lets them deliver ads to that device.

Most people find that type of advertising more relevant and helpful than generic ads. If you're shopping for a new camera, it can show you ads for discounts or camera accessories you might need. If your team won the playoffs, it can make it easy to buy the team's new championship gear. If you love to travel, it can help you find bargains and little-known destinations.

Perhaps equally important, those ads help fund the free websites, services, and apps you use every day, including e-mail, news, videos, social media, photos, maps and search.

If you want to learn more about an ad or control your choices, clicking on the icon gives you information about the companies that brought you the ad and a way to turn off the collection and use of data for interest-based advertising from those companies in the future.

In addition, to learn more or control your preferences for hundreds of companies at once, you can go to YourAdChoices.com, which serves as a control panel for companies engaged in interest-based advertising.

When you visit that site, you get access to a tool that performs a quick system check and shows you which companies are currently customizing ads for your browser. With a few clicks, you can opt out of receiving those types of ads from any of those companies or all of them at once.

The site also offers information and tools

in the mobile world via the YourAdChoices.com mobile website and the "AppChoices" app, available for download from all major app stores.

Run by the Digital Advertising Alliance, a non-profit self-regulatory program created and supported by the advertising industry, the Your Ad Choices program—including Web Choices and AppChoices—gives millions of people the tools to control their online advertising experiences. The icon is now served more than a trillion times a month worldwide, making it easy to find and use on all of your devices.

Good Ideas On Aging Well



(NAPS)—May is Older Americans Month! Staying connected to the community is a key ingredient to healthy and successful aging. But for many older adults, staying connected can be difficult. Fortunately, older adults and their caregivers

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By Blanca Taylor
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Scammers have become more aggressive and sophisticated in the digital age. With millions of people relying on Social Security and Medicare, scammers target audiences who are looking for legitimate program and benefit information. Scammers sometimes try to scare people into giving out their personal information. Never give someone who called you any personal information unless you absolutely know who they are.

The law that addresses misleading Social Security and Medicare advertising prohibits people or non-government businesses from using words or emblems that mislead others. Their advertising can't claim that they represent, are somehow affiliated with, or are endorsed or approved by Social Security or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Medicare).

People are often misled by advertisers who use the terms "Social Security" or "Medicare." Often, these companies offer Social Security services for a fee, even though Social Security offers the same services free of charge. These services include getting:

- A corrected Social Security card showing a person's married name;
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- A Social Security Statement; and
- A Social Security number for a child.

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Remember, our information is easy to email and post on social media. Please let your loved ones know about these types of scams. Sharing this article with friends and family can save them from financial and emotional hardship.

A Simple Explanation



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Social Security and Medicare are both programs that are household names, but do you know the true difference? Both programs help safeguard millions of Americans as well as improve the quality of life for their family and friends. While Social Security offers retirement, disability, and survivors benefits, Medicare provides health insurance.

Medicare is our country's health insurance program for people age 65 or older and younger people receiving Social Security

disability benefits. The program helps with the cost of health care, but it doesn't cover all medical expenses or the cost of most long-term care.

When you first enroll in Medicare and during certain times of the year, you can choose how you get your Medicare coverage. There are 2 main ways to get Medicare:

Original Medicare

Original Medicare includes Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance). If you want drug coverage, you can join a separate Part D plan. To help pay your out-of-pocket costs in Original Medicare (like your deductible and 20% coinsurance), you can also shop for and buy supplemental coverage. Examples include coverage from a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, or from a former employer or union.

Medicare Advantage (also known as Part C)

Medicare Advantage is an "all in one" alternative to Original Medicare. These "bundled" plans include Part A, Part B, and usually Part D. Part C plans may have lower out-of-pocket costs than Original Medicare. They also may offer extra benefits that Original Medicare doesn't cover — like vision, hearing, dental, and more.

If you can't afford to pay your Medicare premiums and other medical costs, you may be able to get help from your state. States offer programs for people eligible for or entitled to Medicare who have low income. Some programs may pay for Medicare premiums and some pay Medicare deductibles and coinsurance. To qualify, you must have limited income and resources.

You can learn more about Medicare, including how to apply for Medicare and get a replacement Medicare card, at www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare.

Aging Well

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can contact the Eldercare Locator to learn about local programs and resources that can help them stay engaged and active in their communities.

Programs funded through the Older

Americans Act provide older adults with many ways to stay active and involved in the community. For example, exercise classes, educational programs, volunteer opportunities and other health and wellness activities are available to older adults in communities around the country.

Need more help than that? The Eldercare Locator can also connect you to local resources designed to help older adults maintain their independence at home, such as transportation, in-home assistance with daily needs, home modifications and assistance with healthy meals.

The Eldercare Locator is a free service of the U.S. Administration for Community Living that is administered through the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

Contact the Eldercare Locator at (800) 677-1116, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday and online at eldercare.acl.gov.

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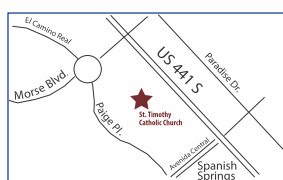
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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We need to ask ourselves, "Was the Tax Cut's and Jobs Act of 2017 real tax reform? We were told at the time it was the first real tax reform in a generation. So let's examine this claim.

Did it change the tax rates? Yes, a number of key tax rates were reduced.

Did it eliminate the income tax? No, we still have an income tax.

Did it eliminate the payroll tax? No, we still have the payroll tax.

Did it eliminate the IRS? No, we still have the IRS.

So just what did it reform? Apparently, nothing! In fact, according to accountingtoday.com, the TCJA of 2017 introduced almost 500 tax law changes. Changing the tax rates and leaving the rest of the system in place, is not tax reform. Tax relief, maybe, but not tax reform.

So what would real tax reform look like? Well, if we got rid of the income tax completely and replaced it with a sales tax, THAT would be reform. And without an income tax, there would be no need for the IRS.

Without an income tax, our lives would be much simpler. And if you run a business, it will be much simpler too. And this would lead to more jobs.

If you want real tax reform, you need to get behind the FairTax Act of 2019, HR 25. The FAIRtax will eliminate the income tax and the IRS and replace them with a simple sales tax collected at the retail level. Here in Florida, this sounds familiar since we don't have a state income tax; our government is funded primarily by the state sales tax collected at the retail level.

Hmmm, if it works for Florida (and eight other states) it just may work for the federal government too. You can find out more by going to fairtax.org and by watching our weekly FAIRtax Power Radio/TV show at fairtaxguys.com. The FAIRtax - When you understand it, you'll demand it.

Publishers Note: All letters are the opinion of the writer only and not necessarily the Opinion of this newspaper! Yes I believe in God!

Do you believe in God?

Then you believe that God created man, Adam and Eve, 2 genders.

Is God here again incognito, creating new genders? If not, then who is creating new genders, and by what authority, or is there some new kind of wisdom? What are we missing?

Years ago these supposed new genders appeared in stories in the press as defective beings. People those genes were defective. Now they are celebrated, and elevated, and lavished with aid. What is the purpose of all

the adulation? Is this part of the power luster's dumbering down program?

These less than perfect beings are being presented as being the more acceptable of our species, those normal of the species are being demeaned. The normal are the defectives, the flip is in place. Do we need to do the flop?

Can you imagine telling your 3 year old they can choose their gender? What is a gender, they would ask? Who is smarter the parent or the child?

Are you aware of anything farther fetched than this gender ploy? No matter how you cut it there are 2 genders, why don't we speak out. There are defective gender genes. Some are correctable with surgery, but this is hidden from these defectives. Defectives have lived satisfactory lives, until these Looney Toons came along. The human brain is terrifying. Why? Why would anyone justify such an off the wall concept? The reason is baffling?

What purpose does all this chaos provide? Unhappiness for all?

Why can't we find the happy road???? Wouldn't that be some accomplishment? Do we want to be happy? God help us find the answer.

D.I.L.

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To the Editor

America is my home. How dare anyone barge in and tell me what to do in my home. Who does our congress represent?

What right does anyone have to give my sweat equity built up over 4 generations, to a bunch of gate crashers? They push in and demand it all right now.

When we were in poverty we never even got a block of cheese. You had to have \$5 dollars if you needed to see a doctor, or no care. If you graduated first in your class with an I.Q. of 150 there was no scholarship, or any kind of free tuition, or help for your education.

You sacrificed all to pay every penny of tuition for your children, and deny yourself any pleasures {world travel} enjoyed by everyone you knew. I have paid for my comfort, my children are struggling to make ends meet, even with a college education, so are others children. Americans are getting the short end of the stick, in favor of greedy gate crashers expecting to take my well being, just because they push their way in. Who asked them?

Some Immigrant's with an I.Q. of 50 expect free tuition, and they get it, but they are not educated. They loaf or play or drug themselves through school. Waste our hard earned money. Is that fair? Smart?

They have a country, why not make their country livable, why destroy ours? Are we that dumb?

Americans do not deserve to enjoy the fruits of their labor? If you want to give your fruits, feel free, leave me to make my own decision.

75 years ago, while I was in dour poverty, I was shamed into trying to donate money to the poor kids in Africa. It was devastatingly humiliating, when I took in my dime card nearly empty. They are still begging for the poor kids in Africa. When does it end? How much does it take? 75 years and nothing has changed. There has been and still is more guilt sold than any other commodity on earth. If someone works hard and enjoys anything, the guilt merchants rush in. Yet guilt merchants take tremendous salaries. What is fair??

I used to feel guilty for living a comfortable happy life, no more. I earned it, I deserve it. I am not a hedge fund, or derivative, or charity thief. Guilt no longer works on me. For the past 20 years I volunteered at something. When is enough, enough? I have reached the "Falling apart stage", and they still want me to give, give,

give. Never enjoy.

Is America the only country with enough smarts, or ambition to build a country? Why can't any of these gate crashers build a country? They leave socialist countries, then try to bring their socialism to our country. What kind of sense does that make?

Wake up Citizens: fight for your sweat equity in America. It is a commodity you have earned that gate crashers have NO stake. You owe them nothing.

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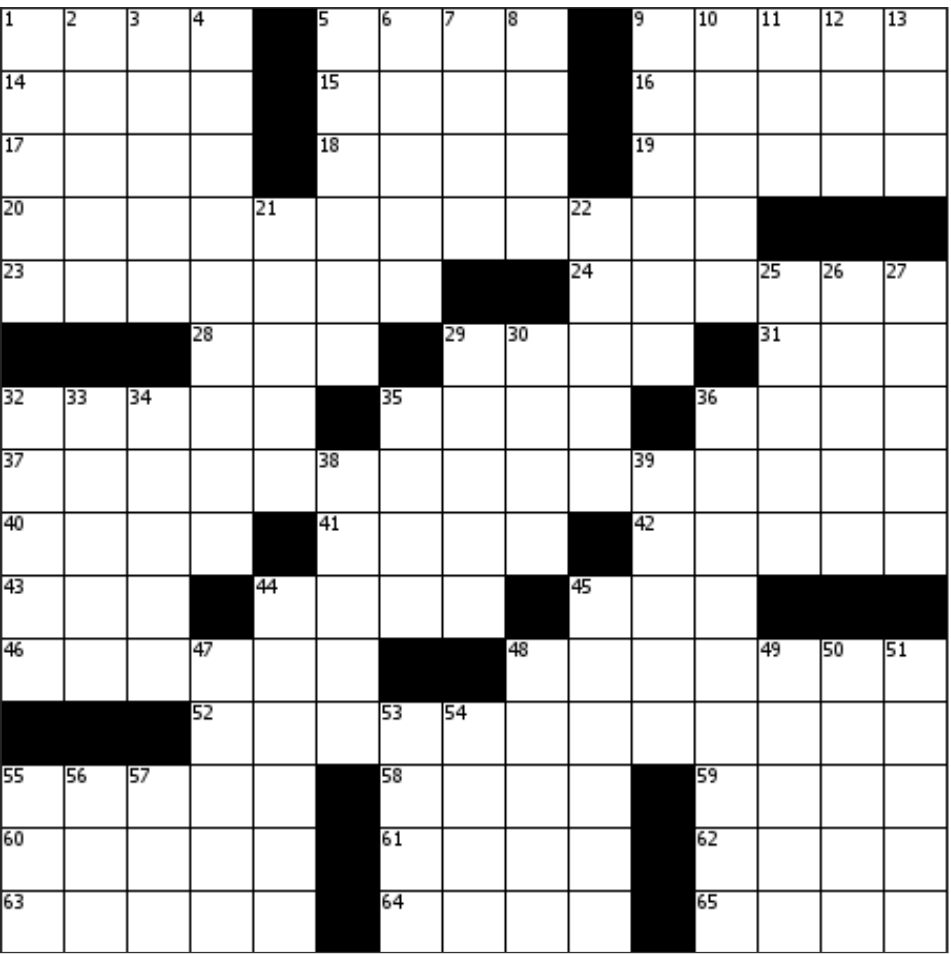
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Emily Skor, CEO of the world's largest ethanol trade association, Growth Energy, celebrated this new partnership and the opportunity for millions of drivers to find the more affordable choice at the pump with Unleaded 88 through GasBuddy's popular price-tracking app.

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"Off the Grid" by Robert McCaw

A scrap of cloth fluttering in the wind leads Hilo police Chief Detective Koa K?ne to the tortured remains of an unfortunate soul, left to burn in the path of an advancing lava flow. For Koa, it's the second gruesome homicide of the day and he soon discovers the murders are linked. These grisly crimes on Hawaii's Big Island could rewrite history—or cost Chief Detective K?ne his career. The book has been called a relentlessly riveting tale that races out of the gate and never lets up.

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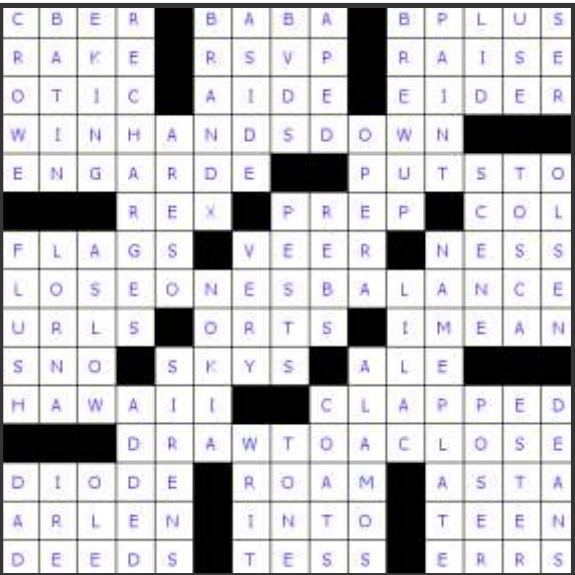
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