



William Harvey Carney

The first African American to receive the Medal of Honor in the Civil War. Despite the fact that he had been shot many times he would not let the American Flag touch the ground. A true American, what would he say if he was still alive?

Biography

William Harvey Carney was born as a slave in Norfolk, Virginia, on February 29, 1840. How he made his way to freedom is not certain. According to most accounts, he escaped through the Underground Railroad, and joined his father in Massachusetts. Other members of their family were freed by purchase or by the death of their master.

Civil War

Carney joined the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry in March 1863 as a sergeant. He took part in the July 18, 1863, assault on Fort Wagner in Charleston, South Carolina. His actions there ultimately earned him the Medal of Honor. When the color guard was killed, Carney retrieved the U.S. flag and marched forward with it, despite serious wounds. When the Union troops were forced to retreat under fire, he struggled back across the battlefield, eventually returning to his own lines and turning over the colors to another survivor of the 54th, saying, "Boys, I only did my duty; the old flag never touched the ground!" He received an honorable discharge due to disability from his wounds in June 1864.

COVID-19 Testing

The Florida Department of Health in Marion County is involved in several key aspects of COVID-19 response. Primarily, the department is focused on:

- Testing
- Protecting the elderly and vulnerable
- Preparing for medical surge
- Educating the public on ways to prevent the spread of the virus



The Martin's from Dunnellon Florida have come up with a formula for Lowering Blood Sugar. The young Ladies have been on Shark Tank, the Investors for the first time all wanted to invest. Pictured are girls during the Shark Tank program and you can see the surprised look on their face. From what I understand they have opened a health food store in Ocala Florida. I will try to make contact and maybe do a followup



story. Here is some information on their product.

"Blood Balance Advanced Formula" has been scientifically proven to do the following: Regulate Blood Sugar Naturally; Reverse Insulin Resistance Naturally; Reduce Blood Pressure Naturally; Lowers Bad Cholesterol Naturally; Increase Good Cholesterol Naturally; It supports weight loss naturally.

Local Church Damaged by Arsonist

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Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 6455 SW State Road 200, Ocala, Florida.

On Saturday, July 11th, around 7:30am, a horrific attack on this peaceful community minded Church. Regardless of your faith or belief, there is no foundation for the criminal act of violence and hate putting innocent lives at risk.

Our Priest witnessed the entire chain of events and I urge you to view the video on YouTube, link and title provided below. The video is an accurate first hand account of the attack on parishioners in the torched church structure and premeditated harm of this individual's act.

As our country, is in biased turmoil over opinion based news and radical politically funded movements, derails the foundation of the United States. The emotionally charged movements seem to have lost focus on right from wrong. Our judicial system

seems to undermine law enforcement efforts to keep people safe. Although, the act on Queen of Peace and innocent church members inside worshipping. We must thank GOD and the FIRST RESPONDERS. Marion County Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and 911 for their fast response. Firefighters were on the scene within minutes to contain the heated blaze. Sheriff Deputies transmission of critical information, provided a description of the vehicle and person. The vehicle was seen by other Deputies. The perpetrator wouldn't stop. Started a dangerous chase down our public streets. Fortunately, the trained Deputy, utilizing the PIT maneuver, which pinned the vehicle minimizing additional injuries. The suspect was apprehended and arrested.

The thought of defunding the Police, Firefighters or any other public safety entities is RECKLESS. In fact our judicial system must protect citizens of their jurisdiction. People need help for mental



Jerry Abis speaker at the OBL breakfast meeting. He was explaining that his company has a 100% guarantees. Jerry stands behind his work one hundred percent. He has been part of the Ocala Business Leaders and is well like. Here in the picture he was holding up a roll of tickets. The Fun Gi's are roof cleaning experts, they use a low pressure, low strength solution that will clean your roof without harming it and without harming your plants. They will clean the exterior of you house if you ask and your driveways.

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competency, financial, health and other human needs. This is not about politics, ethnicity, gender or entitlement! It's about people, communities and decency of the human race.

Less than 24 hours after the attack on Queen of Peace. Parishioners gathered in our Parish Hall to worship. Father Patrick O'Doherty, gave a short account of the events, of the previous morning. He did not want us to be angry, mad or sad. He wanted us to be thankful no one was injured but most of all, "WANTED US TO PRAY FOR THE MAN" "that's what we do, is forgive". Please take time to use the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RhXZLcDbfU> YouTube Queen of Peace or titled: "The question today is where is the good news"

Publishers Note...

Suspected Arsonist is in Custody. It is said the Church is praying for him!

DOH-Marion tests for COVID-19 throughout the week, primarily on-site at the department's Ocala office. DOH-Marion staff also perform case investigations when someone tests positive for the virus. During the investigations, staff identify and speak with contacts of people who tested positive (contact tracing) so that those individuals can watch for symptoms and get tested as needed. This also ensures that both contacts and people who test positive can take extra

precautions to prevent the possible spread of the illness further.

For the latest information on COVID-19 in Florida, visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>.

You can be tested for COVID-19 at various places within Marion County:

- Department of Health in Marion County (DOH-Marion)
- Heart of Florida Health Center
- Langley Medical Center

- Local urgent cares
- Hospitals (patients only)
- Some primary care providers

If you are interested in testing at a specific facility, please contact that agency in advance before visiting the facility to let them know you would like to be tested for COVID-19. Each site may have its own procedures for testing.

Testing at the Department of Health in Marion County

Kevin Sheilley

OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



In August, voters throughout our community will go to the polls to decide several local elections and, in some cases, select candidates for the November ballot. While these local raises are very important, I would like to mention an item for which you will start hearing more after Labor Day and heading towards November.

Safety. It is probably something we all take for granted until we need it. It is important to our families and to our businesses. We all want to know that in time of emergency, we can depend on the fire

department, emergency services, and law enforcement to come to our aid. We also want to know that our roads will be safe to travel on.

In March 2016, Marion County voters approved a one-percent sales tax for public safety and transportation infrastructure. **There are no salaries nor recurring costs paid by the sales tax revenues.** Since January 2017, the tax has brought in \$166M in estimated revenue that has funded 43 projects including:

- Building of Northwest 49th Avenue to improve traffic-carrying capacity and enhance the opportunity for economic development in the area.
- Rehabilitation of over 53 miles of roadways including: County Road 464B, County Road 326, County Road

- 316, County Road 42, and County Road 320
 - Marion County Fire Rescue equipment including: 12 new ambulances, 5 new engines, 1 ladder truck, 300 self-contained breathing apparatus, and new fire station at Rolling Greens
 - City of Ocala has completed 12 road improvement projects valued at over \$1.9M
 - City of Ocala also added two new fire stations and a police district office at the cost of \$5.1M
- Additionally, the City of Ocala and Marion County have seen their ISO ratings improve: Ocala to a 2 and Marion County to a 3. These improvements are in large part thanks to the sales tax and provide relief to property owners through lower insurance costs in addition to knowing that our homes and families are safer.
- Our economist reveals that *at least* 30% of the taxes are derived from individuals who do not live in our community. This

could include tourists who are visiting our parks or competing in equine events or simply passing through on the interstate. It also includes the approximately 80,000 people who commute into our community to work. The sales tax ensures they helping to fund the roads they drive on and the first responders on which they depend.

On November 3rd voters in Marion County will have the chance to extend public safety and highway safety with a Yes vote for the 1% local sales tax. We still have a substantial backlog of equipment needs and transportation projects. Should the sales tax fail to pass, the cost for these improvements will be levied on property owners.

Key facts regarding the sales tax:

- One-percent sales tax limited to 4 years
- January 1, 2021, and sunset on December 31, 2024
- Funding only Public Safety (40%) and transportation infrastructure needs (60%)
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HF 20/20 Call to Artists

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It has been 20 years since Ocala's record-breaking public art project and auction, Horse Fever. For five months the public delighted in our herd of 53 horses, many of which still adorn the streets of Ocala. Artists and a generous business community came together to ultimately raise over \$1.5 million for the arts and 27 other local charities, founding the Marion Cultural Alliance. We proudly reflect on a 20-year period of growth and consistent support through programming, grants, and scholarships enhancing art and cultural programs across every medium in Ocala/Marion County.

In celebration, we are creating a new artistic opportunity for artists and patrons. You could be among a select group commissioned to paint and embellish a life-sized horse for this celebration of our community.

Regional artists from Florida will be selected to paint and embellish one of 20 horses that will be displayed publicly in early 2021.

Interested in acquiring an anniversary horse? Please contact [me](#) or call 352.369.1500.



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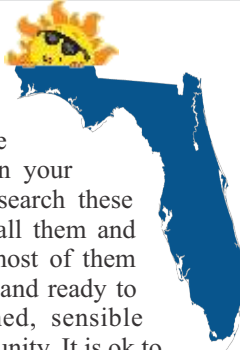
Dear Friends,
Another election season is almost here and your involvement is critical. It seems that we say that every election year and it is just as true today as it ever was. The socialist left is trying

local and state races. These smaller races are so important and will probably have the bigger effect on your day-to-day life. Research these local candidates. Call them and speak with them, most of them are very accessible and ready to speak with reasoned, sensible people in the community. It is ok to disagree with them on some issues, as long as they do not violate your core principles but please do not skip voting because you do not agree on one-hundred percent of everything.

Not voting in August or November is not an option. If you are in the vulnerable population and do not want to risk exposing yourself or others to COVID, then order your vote-by-mail ballot and let your vote be counted. If going to polls is an option for you, then by all means, let that be your first choice. Early voting is great option as well. Usually done one week prior to that Tuesday, early voting lets you choose which day in your schedule is best you while still getting to watch your ballot go in to the tabulating machine to make sure that it is counted. The lines are usually shorter and there will be 5-6 different locations to choose from, as opposed to just one if you voted on Election Day. Your Supervisor of Elections will have those locations posted on their website, or you can call for the information.

Do your research, pay attention to the local races, vote-by-mail, early vote, or show up at your precinct at Election Day and let us continue to make Florida the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley



to tear down American culture and values. Things that once were the bedrock of our society are shouted down as evil or outdated. Things like, faith, family, freedom, opportunity and life itself are all under attack by a mob that seeks to reshape our country into a CHAZ, (Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone – Seattle, Washington) where lawlessness, degradation and oppression are celebrated instead. We cannot let them win and we cannot sit at home in 2020.

The COVID situation has caused quite a bit of uncertainty surrounding the upcoming election. Talks of moving elections to an all-mail-in-ballot system have concerned many people that the other side may be trying to cheat. In Florida in 2018, we saw that two inept Supervisor of Elections in Broward and Palm Beach counties almost throw an entire gubernatorial election because of their incompetence. That following year the Florida Legislature investigated and made a number of changes to ensure that our election process remain safe and secure. As Chair of the Committee on Ethics and Elections in the Florida Senate, your Senator is committed to making sure that it is easy to vote, and very hard to cheat.

In just a few short weeks, millions of Americans will be preparing to cast their vote in a party preference primary. Much of the attention and focus is on the Presidential race in November, but August is when we will choose who represents our party in the

Century of Care for Disabled Veterans



DAV Provides a Century of Care for Disabled Veterans

(NAPSI)—From a World War I veteran who lost both legs to a Vietnam vet suffering the effects of Agent Orange to a young Marine with post-traumatic stress disorder finding her way after returning home from Afghanistan—many of America's veterans live with physical, mental and emotional injuries that impact their lives as a result of military service. They often need support with things such as navigating the complex Department of Veterans Affairs system to access veterans benefits, including health care and education benefits or identifying employment opportunities after military service. And because of their service-connected health conditions, they can be particularly vulnerable during health epidemics and economic downturns.

Fortunately, DAV (Disabled American Veterans) has been providing a century of care to help disabled veterans of all generations adjust to life back home. For the last 100 years, this nonprofit organization has offered a range of services from assisting veterans in accessing the benefits earned through their service to finding meaningful employment and supporting their families. DAV has continued to evolve and provide new care as veterans' needs have changed. However, one tradition remains a constant: DAV's services are provided to veterans and their families at no cost or obligation to them.

DAV's benefits advocates are located nationwide to assist veterans with accessing the health care, financial, disability and educational benefits they've earned. For

those needing guidance on the transition to civilian life, DAV advocates provide benefits counseling at nearly 100 military installations throughout the country. They also assist veterans with filing initial claims for their VA benefits, as well as providing everyday support.

DAV is also committed to ensuring our nation's warriors have the tools, resources and opportunities they need to competitively enter the job market and secure meaningful employment. DAV helps facilitate more than 144 career fairs annually, including virtual and live events to connect veterans with employers who are committed to hiring them. DAV offers advice to job seekers on how to succeed in their careers while educating companies on the value they bring to the workforce. To find a schedule of DAV's career fairs, go to jobs.dav.org.

DAV also helps address the underlying issues of homelessness. Studies show that PTSD is a leading contributor to the homelessness of nearly 40,000 American veterans, with another 1.4 million at risk. DAV's Homeless Veterans Initiative promotes partnership between the organization and federal, state, county and local governments to develop programs to assist homeless veterans in becoming self-sufficient.

When natural disasters strike, from hurricanes to wildfires, the DAV team is on the ground to help our heroes. DAV provides financial assistance to help eligible veterans and their families secure food, warm clothes and shelter and distributes supply kits with basic comfort items. In the past five years alone, the program has provided more than \$3.6 million to assist nearly 10,000 victims.

Another growing need, particularly for the aging veteran population, is transportation to medical appointments. Since 1987, DAV has organized no-cost rides with volunteer drivers to get veterans to their scheduled care at VA medical facilities. During this time, DAV has donated 3,678 vehicles at a cost of nearly \$85 million to the program and has provided more than 615,000 rides annually.

For those needing a little household assistance or other services, DAV also offers a searchable online database, VolunteerforVeterans.org, where veterans and their caregivers can find the help they

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OCALA DOWNTOWN MARKET

Join us at the Ocala Downtown Market (ODM) to purchase a diverse array of products from farmers, artisans, craftspeople, food trucks! A true destination location, ODM is set just blocks off the Ocala Downtown square, in a beautiful open-air Market Pavilion. Besides permanent roof cover the facility it also has large overhead fans, restrooms, a nearby ATM, and water fountains. The Market Pavilion is also available for rental.




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PUBLISHER’S NOTES



Money and the lust for power

George Soros is a socialist and the Sponsors of Antifa. He is a card carrying member of several Anti-American groups. He has supported a large number of people with political ambitions. Pictures are circulating of Corey Booker and Alex Soros, Nancy Pelosi and Alex Soros, Hillary Clinton and George Soros, the Lady that accused Judge Kavanaugh of wrong doing and George Soros, connections Robert Soros is married to Adam Schiff's sister and last but not least Chelsea Clinton is married to Mark Mezvinski, George Soros nephew. Small world isn't it!

It is said that George Soros got his money by destabilizing Countries. He wants America!

Are you going to give it to him?

Martin Luther King once said: “ We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.”

Villages Fl...I read that an Alligator was apprehended with a Bang Stick. Well I guess he was.

A Bang Stick is a shaft that has a gun mechanism on the end of it. The end has a bullet in it usually a shotgun shell. When you apprehend something with a Bang Stick it blows a hole in it the size of a golfball, usually killing what ever was under the stick!!! I guess it sounded better that they captured it!

Charlie Daniels said in an interview just weeks ago: The description of an American's and America is Freedom and the Pursuit of Happiness. Charlie Daniels was a great entertainer and a “Great American”. He will be missed but remembered by his music and his deeds.

This COVID-19 is crazy. Marion County as of July 15 is running up in 150 per day. I have had many skeptics calling and writing about the increases. I say this, I have confidence in our Health Department. They have been feeding information every day for months. They give stats on the people testing positive by Town and Zip code. There was a issue brought up during one of my business meeting. If a family of five has one of the family test positive do they count the rest of the family as positive?

The incident about the church being burned does not fit Ocala, what is going on? I was always told a long time ago that I-75 brings crimes and good people alike. Fortunately some are just passing through. Then look at the industry it is bringing. Ocala Marion County is a good spot in the state for distribution, recreation, jobs jobs jobs! The unfortunate thing is the traffic, but some road widening and improvements and away we go!

I live on a dead end dirt road, our family has 4 wheel drives and vehicles that are not low to the ground so that if the road gets bad can go through it. I was the only one out there for a mile, now I have people all around me, often trespassing. They have excuses that make sense to them but not to the land owner.

“I lost my drone” “I heard my dog barking over the other side” you know just stuff. Anyway none of then above is agreeable with me. So I say please get out of my tree or don't shoot over my fence you might hit someone. That would be Manslaughter? Prison Time?

Luckily we have dogs and they kind of tell on intruders.

Let's hope and pray the schools open and that the Children are all OK. Parents can go back to work. I think it will help the stock market recovery!

DAV

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need, from local volunteers for basic tasks like doing yardwork or running errands.

Since 1920, DAV has been a leader in strengthening federal programs, benefits, health care and transition services for the men and women who served, their families and survivors. Its advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill are guided by DAV members through the adoption of resolutions at its national convention, and last year, with the strength of more than 1 million members, nearly 40 of these critical priorities were included in legislation or other means, with five becoming law.

We salute DAV for 100 years of tireless service and thank them for the work still to come in caring for America's veterans. To learn more and get the help you need, visit DAV.org.

MISSING



Conner Hoff was last seen at 1:30 pm June 17, 2020. White Male, Is 16 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'7" tall, weighs 120 lbs. Lives in Ocala. If you have information please contact Marion County Sheriff or call 352-572-0798

Sweet Potato Blueberry Muffins



(NAPSI)—Chock full of nutrient-dense ingredients such as blueberries, yogurt and whole wheat, these powerhouse muffins have a secret ingredient: shredded California sweet potatoes. A designated

superfood, California sweet potatoes are loaded with vitamins, minerals and fiber. Plus, they keep the muffins moist and tender and add just the right amount of sweetness.

Sweet potato Blueberry Yogurt Muffins

Makes 24 regular or 10 jumbo muffins

- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/2 c plain yogurt
- 1/2 c butter, melted
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 c all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 c whole wheat flour
- 2 c shredded sweet potatoes
- 1 c sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 c blueberries

Preheat oven to 375° F. Coat muffin tins with nonstick spray.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, yogurt, butter and vanilla. In medium bowl, combine flours, sweetpotatoes, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Mix flour mixture into egg mixture. Gently stir in blueberries. Divide batter between 24 regular or 10 jumbo muffin cups. Bake until golden brown and set, about 25 minutes for regular muffins or 30 for jumbo.

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Vacation → Staycation



Turn Your Summer Vacation Into A Staycation

by Samantha Clayton, certified personal trainer

(NAPSI)—For many people, social distancing brings concern about summer plans. In previous years, summertime was when families planned their vacations. The kids would be out of school, the weather could be fantastic, and the days are longer—allowing optimal time to venture to new places, catch some sun and spend more time with friends and families.

Since you may have already been spending a lot more time with your family then you ever imagined due to coronavirus outbreak, you may be looking for ways to keep your family entertained. Between possibly working from home, managing your kids' schoolwork and maintaining a functioning household, this time probably hasn't felt much like a vacation.

Social distancing guidelines are likely to remain in effect in many places during the summer. Activities and entertainment options, lodging, and dining will be affected. The good news is, you really don't have to totally give up on enjoying the

summer at home with your family. Here are some tips to make your staycation exciting for the whole family:

Fit Focused Days

Plan hiking trips or long walks or bike rides close to home. Enjoy nearby parks and take time to look over the architecture in your neighborhood. A quick Google search of interesting facts can help you to plan what you want to go to see. Being a tourist in your own community will help you have a greater appreciation for the place. Challenge your kids to identify certain plants, landmarks or wildlife when you're out walking. It will make the walks more engaging. Having prizes helps with motivation, too. Additionally, backyard games can be a blast—sprinklers, hula hoops and jump rope are things kids love.

Embrace The Farmers Markets

A trip to a farmers market is not just a treat, it's a great way to shop locally. Many of them have adopted social distancing guidelines, so they can be safe for family outings. These markets usually have beautiful fresh and seasonal options to explore, and perhaps find some fascinating new fruits and vegetables. Also, getting the kids involved in selecting ingredients for your meals may help spark their interest in healthier eating. Breaking your usual grocery shopping routine by browsing the stalls in beautiful weather can help spark a vacation vibe.

Create Your Own At-Home Retreats

With a little planning, you can make your own backyard or home feel like an enchanting vacation spot. For a spa weekend, buy or make your favorite products, and set up time to relax and treat yourself. Turn off all your tech distractions,

set up a space outside or in a quiet room. You can even make spa water by cutting up some cucumber or fruit to flavor the water. Consider creating your own yoga retreat. Turn to your favorite online trainer, set up your mat in a designated space, light some candles or incense, and be sure to practice daily, with relaxing music. It's all about being creative.

Travel With Your Cooking

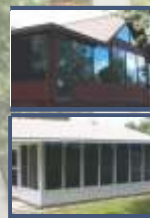
With travel on the back burner, consider themed cooking nights to help transport your taste buds to any destination. It can be really fun to make drinks, shakes and meals with ingredients from places that are on your future travel list. Enjoy a nice Italian spritzer with your pasta one night, try cooking a beautiful curry meal or ordering take-out from a restaurant you've never tried before. Take it a step further and print out some fun-facts you can find online or rent a movie about the particular culture you'll be indulging in that night; it's a great

opportunity for your family to learn about other cultures through food.

Finally, take time to plan out your staycation in the same way you would with a travel vacation. Having an itinerary of what you want to do helps to prevent the lazy, do-nothing blues from taking over. A vacation is about rest, relaxation, discovery and recreation—all of those things can be accomplished right where you are. Studies have shown a positive correlation between taking vacation time and an overall feeling of well-being, so no matter what's on your itinerary, make sure to thoroughly enjoy yourself.

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**Capital City Health
Care Provider Arrest
for \$50,000 in
Medicaid Fraud**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance

of the Leon County Sheriff's Office, today arrested a Medicaid provider on charges related to \$50,000 in fraud. The arrest follows an MFCU investigation that revealed Rodney Burt, 57, billed the Florida Medicaid Program for services not rendered from May 2016 through November 2019.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Participation in Florida's Medicaid Program is increasing during this health crisis, and we will do everything in our

power to protect taxpayer funds from fraud. That is why my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit attorneys and investigators aggressively chase down leads and uncover abuses in this taxpayer funded health care program to ensure those who would aim to rip off taxpayers are stopped and brought to justice."

Additionally, the investigation uncovered that Burt, owner of No Place Like Home, a Home and Community Based Service Provider, assigned inaccurate billing codes to claims submitted to the Florida Medicaid Program in order to increase reimbursements—a fraudulent billing practice known as upcoding.

To view the Probable Cause Affidavit, go to www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases

Burt is charged with one count of Medicaid provider fraud \$50,000 or more, a first-

degree felony. If convicted, Burt faces up to 30 years in prison and more than \$300,000 in fines and restitution.

The Attorney General's MFCU will prosecute the case through an agreement with the State Attorney's Office in the Second Judicial Circuit.

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Refunds for Victims of Bogus Debt Relief
Operation

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody and the Federal Trade Commission announced more than \$16 million is now being distributed to victims of a debt relief scam. The scam targeted thousands of consumers facing financial difficulty in Florida and across the nation. The millions in restitution culminates from a joint lawsuit brought by Attorney General Moody's Consumer Protection Division and the FTC against a group of defendants known as [Helping America Group](#) for allegedly convincing victims to pay hundreds or thousands of dollars a month by falsely promising to pay, settle or obtain dismissal of debts and improve payors' credit scores. Instead, victims discovered debts unpaid, accounts in default and credit scores severely damaged—some were sued by creditors, and others were forced into bankruptcy.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "It infuriates me that anyone would take advantage of people trying to pay off their debts and improve their financial situations. Thankfully, our office, working together with the FTC, has now recovered millions to

be returned to the victims of this appalling scam."

More than 27,000 refund checks will be sent to victims of the scam. Additional money is expected to be collected in this case, and a second round of checks will be planned once additional money is secured.

Recipients should deposit or cash their checks within 90 days. The FTC never requires people to pay money or provide account information to cash a refund check. If recipients have questions about the refunds, they should contact the FTC's refund administrator, JND Legal Administration, at 1(833) 928-2567. Refund data can also be viewed on the FTC's [interactive dashboards for refund data](#).

Consumers suspicious of a scam or deceptive behavior can report it to the Florida Attorney General's Office by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or file a complaint online at MyFloridaLegal.com.

Millions Available in Tech Support
Scam Restitution as August Deadline
Approaches

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today issued a Consumer Alert to urge victims of several tech support scams to claim millions of dollars made available for restitution. The multimillion dollar claims process currently underway is the result of action taken by the Florida Attorney General's Office to shut down

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Everyone has a perspective. It is shaped by our journey through life, where and how we live. We can shape and control our perspective, if we are cognizant of its existence and decide to cultivate or mold it. Or, God can put His finger into our life and it takes an unexpected turn, and we discover it, sometime later in life, and begin to work with and shape our perspective.

Many people never know they have a perspective. Many of those people can be intolerant of any other perspective, and consider any other than their own views, invalid. This presents big problems.

Whose perspective do we live by?

How do we get people to sit down and find a meeting place, all have to compromise. We may find that we have more in common than we realize, we all have a have a problem with capitalism, but cannot seem to find a common ground on which to find a solution. Some really want power and a controlling form of government, others prefer a government that offers freedom, and a fair economic system. That is the crux of the problem.

I will listen, will you listen?

Concerned Citizen

Dear Editor:

DOES WATCHING THE DESTRUCTION OF OTHER PEOPLES LIVES BEING DESTROYED MAKE YOU FEEL HAPPY? Rioting, burning, and looting?

If the answer is no, what can you, what should you do?

Because that conduct is the perspective of a bunch of brain washed kids, do you have to be accepting?

A knowledgeable black friend is considerably more disturbed about the happenings than I am. We are on the same page mutually disturbed by the infantile behavior.

John Dewey told you in plain English what they had planned to do to the children in our schools. You can see the 2 inch headlines in the newspapers of the day. These idiots are the result. Do you like where and how your money has been spent? These people do not kid, they say what they mean, and do it. They promised to brainwash your children, Walla! Dewey promised to keep them dumbed down. Are these morons, looting and burning, dumb enough for you? Want more money for schools? Need more of the same. Do you know or care what children learn.? People can say anything. Do you have to believe them? Do we have education? It does not fit my definition of education.

What is the answer?

Allow our country to be destroyed? Enslaved by a pack of drugged power lusting morons?

America has done so much good for this

planet. People are begging us for help: Hong Kong, Venezuela, boat loads of people all over the world are trying to escape brutal governments. Everyone in the world is trying to make it to America.

Decades ago relatives from Sweden wanted to be sponsored for citizenship in America. They were here on some sort of temporary visa for 2 years. They left when the visa expired. My husband did not want the responsibility of sponsor. If they are still alive they could just walk across the border, and have a free ride for everything. Life is not fair. These were honest hard working, intelligent people.

Now, any moron who wishes can walk over the border, and be welcomed with open arms, and everything is expected to be free.

If I did not want to sponsor productive people why do I want to allow bums to sponge off of me? I cannot afford them. Can you?

Has common sense died?

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Attorney General

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several companies operating tech support scams. The deadline to file a claim is August 30. Thousands are eligible, but so far, only hundreds have successfully filed claims.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Our Consumer Protection Division has worked hard to secure restitution for victims of tech support scams and they continue to diligently reach out to eligible consumers. We need your help to make sure victims know restitution is still available. If you or someone you know was the victim of a tech support scam, please file a claim before the August 30 deadline."

For more information on the claims process, visit FloridaAGReimbursement.com. The claims process follows a massive tech support scam investigation by the Florida Attorney General's Office into the following companies; Complete Fix, Compusafe, JSA Sales, GoReadyCalls Marketing, My Direct Customer Care, My Direct Tech, PC Tech Pros, Project Net 123, Protectnet Solutions, Safenet Solutions, Secure IT Digital Solutions, Telcom Experts, US Software Experts, US Software Pros, Webguard 123 and Wizard Tech Solutions. Another company, Banc of America Merchant Services, provided payment processing for the accused companies. Through an agreement with Banc of America Merchant Services, a claims process is now in place

with \$7,200,000 available for victims.

The investigation revealed that more than 100,000 people nationwide fell victim to the tech support scams perpetrated by these companies. Last year, and again last month, claim notices went out to thousands of potential eligible consumers with information about how to obtain restitution. So far, approximately \$197,000 of the fund has been distributed.

Eligible victims are encouraged to submit claim forms as soon as possible. The deadline to file a claim and any supporting documentation is August 30.

Since 2014, the Florida Attorney General's Office has successfully shut down 13 tech support scams—representing the most tech support scam cases filed by any single state agency in the country. Attorney General Moody filed the most recent case against [AmericanPCCorporation](http://AmericanPCCorporation.com).

Tech support scams typically involve fake pop-up messages or imposter phone calls claiming that a consumer's computer is infected with malware that poses an imminent risk to the device. Fraudsters will request virtual access to a victim's computer to supposedly fix the nonexistent problem. These scammers often target seniors.

To avoid tech support scams, consumers should never:

- Click on any links or call phone numbers provided on pop-up ads or emails;
- Send money, credit card numbers or any financial information to someone they do not know;
- Give anyone control of personal computers or electronic devices;
- Forget that Microsoft and most major computer companies do not display pop-up warnings and ask consumers to call toll-free numbers about viruses or security problems; or
- Go online without up-to-date security software.

To report a suspected scam, submit a complaint by calling the Attorney General's Office at 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or visiting MyFloridaLegal.com.

Work At Home

Work At Home In Comfort And Safety (NAPSI)—According to Darrell Smith, executive director of the International Window Film Association, window film makes a lot of sense for homeowners eager to save money on their energy bills.

"Solar-control films can block as much as 80 percent of the solar heat coming through glass into a building, decrease the heat load on the air-conditioning system and reduce energy costs," Smith says.

With more people working and studying from home, window film allows in abundant natural sunlight while blocking 99 percent of the sun's harmful UV rays to better protect the skin (from possible cancer) and eyes (from cataract development), while reducing the fading of floors and furnishings. Smith estimates that 40 to 60 percent of color fading is caused by UV



exposure. Windows may also be upgraded for safety, as window film helps to hold glass pieces together if the window is impacted and broken.

For even a 3,000 square foot home, window film may be installed in a day or less with minimal disruption. Window film installers clean the glass before installation, keep the work space clean and practice safe contact as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. Find a local dealer/installer at www.iwfa.com.

Testing for COVID-19



DOH-Marion offers COVID-19 testing to individuals who would like to be tested for the virus, regardless of whether the person is experiencing symptoms.

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How will I receive my test results?

The medical provider that performed the test should call you to give you your test results when they are available. Until you receive your test results, you should take precautions to prevent possibly spreading the illness to others.

If you are being tested because you are a contact to someone who tested positive or because you have been feeling sick, this means you should not go to work or attend gatherings until you receive your results. You should also take precautions to prevent possibly spreading the virus to your family or other close contacts, such as a roommate.

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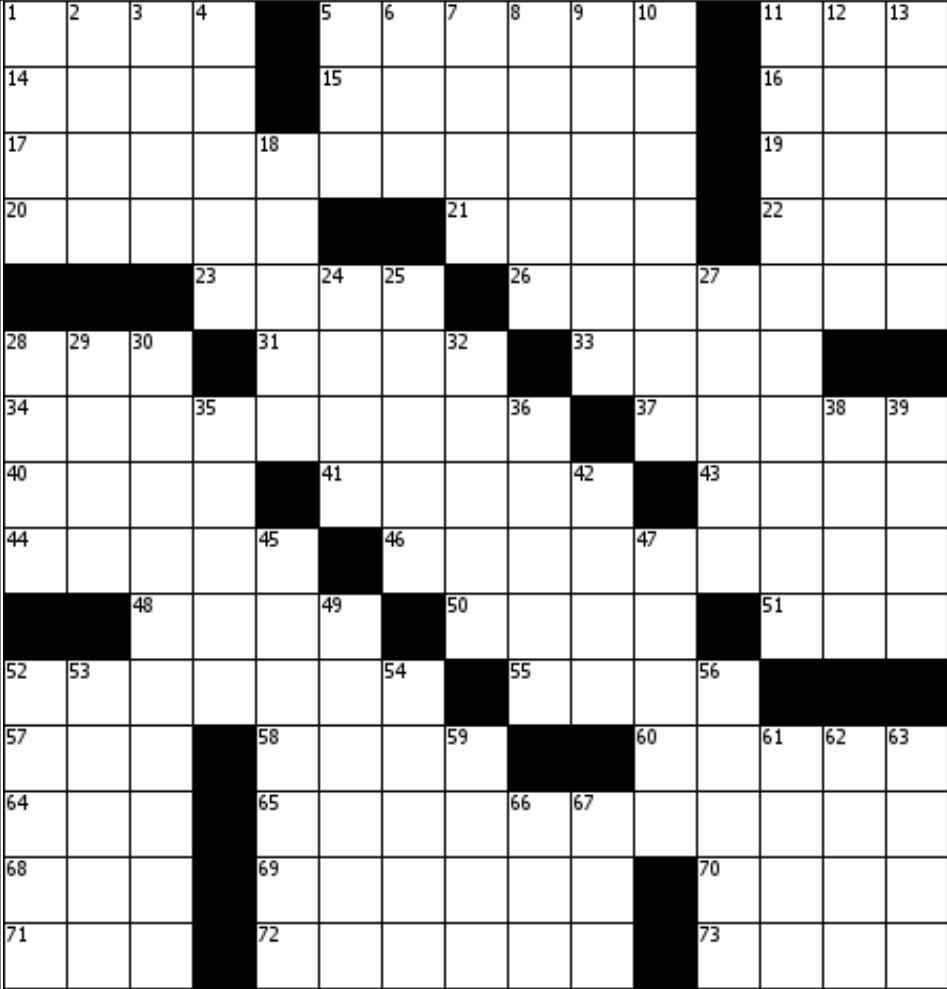
Across

- 1. A ___ pittance
- 5. Reduce in value
- 11. "Ben-Hur" studio
- 14. Big hearts
- 15. First name in aviatrixes
- 16. Pig-poke connector
- 17. Mitchell creation
- 19. Preschooler's dread
- 20. Laser printer option
- 21. It can be French or English
- 22. WWW address
- 23. First word in a Travolta film title
- 26. Support, to a civil engineer
- 28. Forty-niner's equipment
- 31. "Star Trek" crewman
- 33. "Alfred" composer
- 34. 1A, for example
- 37. Kafka hero Gregor
- 40. Mil. institution since 1845
- 41. Outdoor dining space
- 43. Epitome of thinness
- 44. What a library does
- 46. Lamebrain

Down

- 1. Grape refuse
- 2. Dolphin's navigation aide
- 3. Walk like a tosspot
- 4. Ban legally
- 5. Apply with a swab
- 6. Exotic farmbird
- 7. Kiss hit
- 8. Parcel out
- 9. Lead-in for Madre or Leone
- 10. They believe "money doesn't grow on trees"
- 11. Juice provider
- 12. Protruding knot on a

- 48. Sharp barks
- 50. Adult grigs
- 51. Gene's place
- 52. Inhabitant of Luanda
- 55. Calendar abbreviation
- 57. Infantile syllable
- 58. Tennis champ Nastase
- 60. It holds 13 arrows on a bill
- 64. Fertilization sites
- 65. 18th-century navigator
- 68. Insurrectionist Turner
- 69. Buyer, in a phrase
- 70. "Picnic" penner
- 71. A positive word
- 72. Saudi Arabian currency
- 73. Ball-bearing items
- tree
- 13. "___ Leaf Rag" (Scott Joplin)
- 18. Word on a nickel
- 24. Clay or coal unit
- 25. Entreat
- 27. Rush-hour problem
- 28. Road to Damascus figure, later
- 29. Church wing, perhaps
- 30. Some bleaters
- 32. Disentangle
- 35. Talkers' medium
- 36. Dinner fork quartet
- 38. ___ Fein
- 39. Kelp, e.g.
- 42. Give wolfish looks
- 45. Film editor, at times
- 47. It's mostly all downhill from here
- 49. Italian deli item
- 52. Cause for contortions
- 53. Stellar stars
- 54. Bitingly cold
- 56. Unspoken
- 59. Kett of the comics
- 61. Decamped
- 62. Theater section
- 63. Barely manages (with "out")
- 66. Netscape buyer
- 67. Kind of agent



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Restaurant Reviews

Visited Harry's for the first time since the Pandemic Started. Seated fast and all employees wearing masks with the Restaurant practicing all safety precautions. Limited menu and still something for everyone.

My friends ordered Jambalaya, always yummy with plenty of ingredients making a full dinner. To my surprise two of my friends ordered the 1/2 pound hamburger. The hamburgers would shame the Hamburger Joints in town, large patty with all the veggies fix-in and a side dish. I ordered the Shrimp and Scallops Orleans with Grit Cakes. Just enough spicy zing included a side of Red Beans and Rice.

The server was Robert gave us his personal attention, making us feel, we owned the place. Never missed a beat our drink never hit bottom.

An excellent dining experience for a special occasion or to treat yourself, family and friends!

M. Frank Turner

7/10/2020
Scrambles Cafe
3233 SE Maricamp Road #401
Ocala, FL 34471
352-694-4405

Stopped in for breakfast and impressed the second we walked in. The decor had framed pictures of Florida landmarks, Gainesville, Ocala in the early days and surrounding areas. Restaurant practiced all Social

Distancing, very clean, hand sanitizer available, greeted quick and seated with a smile.

Upon seating, our waitress Alannah, was fast to take our drink order. Minutes after our drink order, another waitress ask if our drink order had been taken, gotta love the team work. Makes you feel appreciated!

They had breakfast specials, reasonably priced, we ordered Breakfast Basics, 2 eggs any style. The options were grilled potatoes, hash brown casserole, grits or fresh fruit. Bread options were home-baked biscuit, English muffin, rye/wheat/raisin or white toast. My wife had grits and I choose grilled potatoes, we both had a biscuit. Ate it all.

What makes this restaurant unique is the family owned care and attention you receive. We were fortunate to speak with long time patrons Gail and Ted, that couldn't stop telling us about the owners and all the family members working there and their commitment to provide the quality food, service and the safety from the COVID Virus. We experienced all of it on our first visit. \$-\$\$

Carrabba's Italian Grill
2370 SW College Road
Ocala, Florida 34474
352-867-0240

To beat the rush, my wife and I were having an early dinner. Very clean restaurant from the time you enter. Warm wonderful greeting from a hostess with smile! Social distancing and cleaning standards held at the highest, later in the meal, witnessed the cleaning process after a

couple left the restaurant.

Aimee was our waitress, quick to our table to take our drink order. She is very knowledgeable of the menu and suggested HALF PRICED appetizers. We chose the Tomato Caprese with Fresh Burrata. The generous portion of cut fresh cherry tomatoes, burrata mozzarella, red onions, basil blended with balsamic and olive oil. The perfect blend of flavor! They served complementary, warm fresh baked bread with pesto olive oil, very yummy.

For our entrees, my wife ordered the Mezzaluna, half-moon ravioli stuffed with chicken, spinach, ricotta and romano cheese in a tomato sauce. My choice was fettuccine carrabba, fettuccine alfredo, mushrooms, peas and smoked grilled chicken.

This dining event was excellent \$-\$\$\$ experience! From the time you step in the door, you take in the decor, service, delicious flavors but most importantly the sense of feeling safe from the COVID-19 Virus!

M. Frank Turner
407-756-3555 Mobile

Blue Gill's Bait Shop and Eatery
2727 N. Carl G. Rose, Hernando, Florida 34442
352-419-5408

I made a reservation for a party of 12. Celebrating their birthday a few weeks late. A very special couple, a retired police officer and neurological surgical nurse.

Upon arriving at Blue Gill's on the lake. They have two dining areas, outdoor beach front and indoor seating at street level both with a beautiful view of the lake.

Reservations are accepted for indoor dining. The rustic decor with antique boat motors, fishing tackle, is air conditioned and handicap accessible. The hostess seated us at a large boat shaped table, which accommodated all 12 of us comfortably.

Our waitress was taking our drink orders as we was seated. The restaurant has a bar serving mixed drinks, wines, ice cold beer on tap and bottled.

Our table ordered a wide range of food from, boiled shrimp, grilled haddock, fish and chips, but prime rib was the overwhelming favorite at this outing. All entrees were generous servings with corn on the cob and two side choices. The prime rib was served as ordered with a slight smoke flavoring topped with a small rosemary stem. We finished our celebration with a slice of key lime pie that was smooth, creamy and slight lime flavored. All deserving the \$-\$\$\$ you will spend for your preference dish with the prompt friendly service you expect.



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Governor Ron DeSantis Announces \$900,000 in Awards to Two Rural Northeast Florida Communities to Improve Infrastructure

On July 16, 2020, in News Releases, by Staff Tallahassee, Fla. —

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced \$900,000 in funding for infrastructure projects in two rural communities in Northeast Florida. Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) provides funding to local governments for infrastructure projects in rural communities to encourage job creation and business investment and to strengthen and diversify rural economies.

“Rural communities are vital to the development and growth of Florida's economy and I'm committed to helping them thrive,” said Governor DeSantis. “Infrastructure improvements made available through the Rural Infrastructure Fund will help rural communities be able to attract businesses and provide more resilient infrastructure for the future of their local economy.”

The rural communities receiving funds include:

Columbia County – (\$500,000) to assist in funding the construction of a natural gas main loop that will serve existing and new businesses along the Bell Road Corridor. This project will provide necessary infrastructure to the existing distribution center and allow for expansion of the transportation logistics industry in this vital development area. The project is expected to attract more than \$1 million in capital investment in Columbia County and create an estimated 43 new jobs.

Town of White Springs – (\$400,000) to

help fund construction, engineering and inspection services to improve sewer system transmission capabilities and correct issues that caused overflows during Hurricane Irma to the Town of White Spring's more than 40-year-old core sewer system.

For more information, visit FloridaJobs.org/RIF.

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Next Steps to Strengthen Florida's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

On July 10, 2020, in News Releases, by Staff

\$8.6 million investment will protect air quality and expand state's charging stations by 50 percent along most traveled corridors

Orlando, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced \$8.6 million in funding to strengthen Florida's electric vehicle infrastructure. This investment marks another step in the state's efforts to provide accessible electric vehicle infrastructure while also protecting air quality and expanding the state's charging stations by 50 percent along most traveled corridors.

“This long-term investment in electric vehicle charging infrastructure is a win for our state on multiple levels,” said Governor DeSantis. “Not only will these charging stations promote reduced emissions and better air quality, they will also improve mobility and safety for the ever-increasing number of Floridians that drive electric cars. I look forward to building on this investment and continuing our work to improve Florida's environment and transportation infrastructure.”

“Florida strives to lead the nation in air quality and is proud to be the most populous state in the nation to have met all of EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards,” said Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Noah Valenstein. “Through collaboration with

sister agencies and the private sector, we are able to implement projects like these, that will protect air quality and provide access to charging stations in our state as electric vehicle usage continues to increase.”

“Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, Florida is advancing emerging transportation alternatives to build an infrastructure that will prepare us for decades to come,” said Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. “The addition of these electric vehicle charging stations will not only keep pace with the dramatic increase in the use of these vehicles, but also help to reduce emissions and improve mobility across Florida's transportation system.”

“The installation of these charging stations will greatly extend the range for electric vehicle travelers throughout our state,” said Senator Debbie Mayfield. “Under the great leadership of Governor DeSantis, we are continuing to improve our transportation infrastructure while also improving air quality as we lead Florida into a new era of technological innovation.”

“In March of this year Florida became the largest state in America to meet all National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and the addition of these electric vehicle charging stations encourages more EV commerce across our highways, producing less vehicle emissions,” said State Representative Mike LaRosa, Chairman of the House Commerce Committee. “I commend Governor DeSantis for providing Floridians and visitors to our state alike the ability to charge their environmentally friendly vehicles at our turnpike facilities and for continuing to deliver the cleanest air in Florida history.”

“As the first member of the legislature to drive a fully electric vehicle, I know not only the positive effect these cars can have on the environment, but the importance of having a solid infrastructure to leverage their growth,” said Representative Randy Fine. “I am excited about today's announcement for the commitment we continue to show to

improving Florida's environment.”

Under the Volkswagen Settlement, Florida was allotted \$166 million to improve air quality. Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, which was finalized last October, outlines how the State intends to spend the full award under this settlement. This Plan focuses on Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) projects, the construction of new electric vehicle charging stations and the procurement of electric buses for select school districts and transit agencies.

DEP has reviewed the applications received for the electric vehicle charging stations and has selected the projects to receive the awarded funding. With this funding, 74 additional DC fast chargers will be installed statewide. Combined with the chargers FDOT is installing along the Florida Turnpike, a total of 104 DC fast chargers will be installed along over 1,200 miles of highway, covering the most traveled corridors in the state. Each of the 34 locations will have at minimum 2 chargers each. This represents an approximately 50 percent statewide increase in publicly available DC charging stations.

For more information on Florida's Mitigation Plan and project selection, please visit DEP's webpage at <http://floridadep.gov/Volkswagen>.

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Read more at <https://www.flgov.com/2020/07/10/governor-ron-desantis-announces-next-steps-to-strengthen-floridas-electric-vehicle-infrastructure/>

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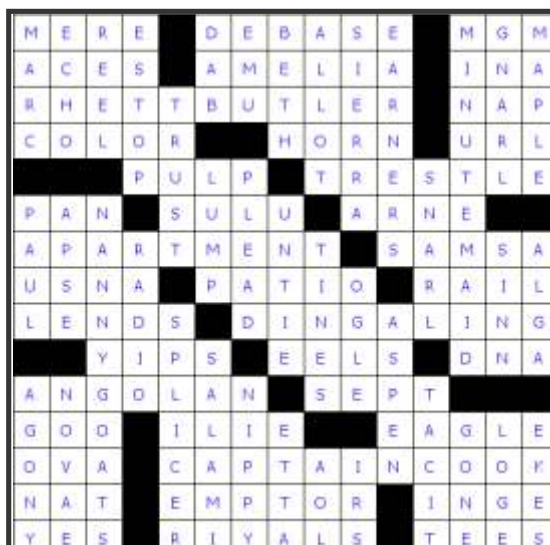
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