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Taxation Villages

The Sumter County raging tax battle has been temporarily stopped. It has been tabled until July. Three new Sumter County Commissioners Miller, Search and Estep have voted against the compromise that has been proposed. The proposed tax could have doubled the taxes for the residents and businesses in Sumter County.

Recently the Developer offered to pay \$40% more of the road impact fees on every home they build. The compromise was denied by the County Commission. All three County Commissioners have their own idea of a fair taxation. Some of the increased taxes are supposed to assist with the New UF Health Hospital.

Commissioner Breeden has rejected any taxation on the people of Sumter County. Breeden said when we raised the ad Valorem

tax we promised the people that we would not raise taxes for five years, that was in 2018.

Commissioner Doug Gilpin was not agree. I guess we will have to wait till July to see how it is worked out.

Villagers Get Shot In The Arm

Governor DeSantis was in Brownwood discussing the success of the amount of shots that were given. Now getting things ready for a new batch of Vaccines. Florida will be receiving 41,000 more doses on top of our normal allotment.

Earlier Gov DeSantis said the drive through's work so well some will become permanent. It looks like there is a plan in place now if they will get the medication in the state.

Pledge of Allegiance



By TomL

I have heard some rumors about taking the words "Under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance. I fact Check that and I can't find where the rumor started and can't find if someone is really trying to take the words "under God" out. Several political's repeated the rumor. NOT TRUE!

BUT the way things are going and the strange people that are getting elected it will come up. It will be political suicide! Do you ever wonder how these people are getting elected? Hell we are making girls compete against boys who wish to be girls. The problem is they have the male structure and strength. Girls are better at things that boys are not. NOT FAIR! It's robbing some girls of their scholarships. I'm getting at what? It show that there is a force trying to disrupt everything in our country that means anything about our great Country's history and current structure.

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the Social Minister Francis Bellamy. It was originally published in the

Youth's Champion on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hope it would be used by all countries.

The original form read:

"I Pledge Allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"

In 1923 the words were added "the flag of the United States of America"

"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to

the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encourage Congress to add the words "under God" creating the pledge we say today.

"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Gov DeSantis Friendly Military

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces the 2021 Florida Military Friendly Guide

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the publication of the 2021 Florida Military Friendly Guide. The Guide updates the programs, policies and benefits Florida provides for our servicemembers, their families and military veterans.

"The Florida Military Friendly Guide reflects Florida's consistent commitment to

our military installations, servicemembers, their families and veterans," said **Governor DeSantis**. "As the most military-friendly state in the nation, Florida has the back of the thousands of military and civilian families who live and work in our defense communities. We hope this guide connects our service members with the resources and support they need."

Produced by Enterprise Florida and Florida Defense Support Task Force, the Florida Military Friendly Guide is distributed in print to Florida's 23 major military installations, representing each of the six services, more than 65,000 active

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AS I SEE IT

Covid-19?

Nothing new!

The War-Of-Words rages on – It's surprising and disappointing that there is still no 'truth' that we can all accept.

Ask any one, the dumb, the smart, the ignorant, the educated, the rich, the poor – each has their own version of the 'facts'.

What is 'education' and what is 'propaganda'? Do we know?

Here are a few recent quotes:-

"Anyone who has had COVID cannot get or give the disease". True or false?

Seems to me that, by definition, 'antibodies' will only form if there is an 'infection' for them to fight!

If that's true, then you must be infected, so is it reasonable to anticipate that an infected,

immune, inoculated person can infect others?

"An immunized person can't be a carrier, so we don't need to wear a mask." True or false?

Even the CDC says; "Infection with COVID results in natural immunity. Their immune system produces the antibodies needed to fight it."

That may be true, but in my small world, 'fighting' doesn't always mean 'winning'.

Isn't that proven by the fact that there is an increasing number of patients who are now getting re-infected?

They have 'antibodies' from their first infection don't they? But they get sick again, often worse than the first time.

The World Health Organization (WHO)

stated "Most people infected with COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment."

Fact is that there is still no way to know how COVID might affect you.

So, what do we do?

Just hope that we are 'Most people' and not 'One of the few'?

I have not seen a clear statement which says how long a recovered COVID or inoculated patient will be immune. Immunity may not last very long at all.

There is so much uncertainty about the vaccines which are now being issued by the Federal Government.

How long will immunity last?

Will immunity suddenly stop, or will it slowly get weaker and weaker as time passes?

As I See It, it will take the Federal Government so long to get 330 million

citizens of the USA vaccinated, that by then, they will have to go back and start again with patient #1.

It happens every year with influenza – get a vaccination, hope that they chose the right one for this years virus, and then hang on and hope for a couple of months.

Problem is that COVID is not 'seasonal', so we might have vaccinations several times a year.

An alternative is to quit these injections right now, everyone go back to work "The Way We Were", and just let nature take its course. As long as 'COVID' is designated as 'natural', hospitals can go back to 'healing the sick' and the 'un-vaccinated' can take their chances.

Those with natural 'immunity' or resistance will survive, while the rest of us hope that tomorrow will be a better day.

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Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,
The 2021 Legislative Session will be underway as of March 2 and already the picture is becoming a little clearer about what the priorities of the Florida Legislature will be. The eight weeks of committee hearings leading up to this have had numerous state agency and local government presentations, along with citizen input, about the challenges our

state faces and the needs we will be asked to meet. I will share a few of those highlights with you today.

The state budget is always the top concern, as the only constitutionally mandated duty of the Florida Senate is to pass a balanced budget. We do not have to do anything else or pass a single bill, except that one. Which we have done, faithfully, each year. This year, with the COVID crises, the forecasting is predicting a budget shortfall, which means that cuts will be

made and many good projects will go unfunded. This will be an exercise in frugality and efficiency and will not be all together bad for our state. A budget event like this can be a good reset for Florida as it brings in to focus those things, which are actually a priority. We are in a good place with Senator Kelli Stargel leading our efforts in this area and she has my full confidence.

SB 498, sponsored by Senator Joe Gruters is a bill that your Senator is particularly excited about seeing pass this year as this is something that we have been working on for a long time. This bill fixes an issue for many churchgoers and others that attend religious institutions that are connected to a school. Currently, state law prohibits a person from

carrying a firearm to defend themselves in these places. SB 498 will remove this prohibition and let these churches and other religious institutions decide for themselves. This is a great pro-second amendment and pro-property rights bill.

SB 744 is another bill that your Senator is co-sponsoring this year and could be a huge win for the pro-life movement if passed. This bill is called the "Florida Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act", which you probably have heard of already as other states have passed in some form or another. This bill would prohibit doctors from performing an abortion procedure on an unborn child more than 20 weeks old. This is the age that most physicians agree that an unborn child can feel pain. This bill is not perfect, but it is a step in the right direction and will save many lives.

Unfortunately, because of the issues with COVID, the Senate President is not allowing visitors to our offices in the Capitol, but we are holding virtual meetings and phone calls with any constituents who have concerns or ideas. So, please do not let that stop you from reaching out to our office. We need your input in this process. I work for you.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley

A Tool To Save Lives



(NAPSI)—Heart disease is a leading cause of death for all Americans, but the death rate is higher for African American men and African

American women of all ages than for whites. To help community health workers in African American communities teach others about heart disease prevention, The Heart Truth®, a program of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, recently released a new resource, "With Every Heartbeat Is Life," that provides culturally tailored information about heart health. It is a resource for community health workers to use when holding educational sessions on heart disease in their own communities. It has culturally relevant information, such as heart-healthy modifications of traditional recipes, to make the manual particularly useful and meaningful in African American communities.

Heart-health experts developed the toolkit to help community health workers teach the course and engage participants using idea starters and picture cards to generate conversations.

The curriculum discusses heart disease risk factors and prevention, blood pressure, cholesterol levels, diabetes, alcohol consumption, weight management, sleep, physical activity, stress, and not smoking. The resource provides practical tips, such as eating healthy even when money is tight, and how to act in time to respond to heart attack signs.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



By TomL

Have you ever had a cloud hanging over you. Here is how you handle it. My Business Bank account got hacked, the Bank took care of it with much worry on my behalf! "But I Smiled!" I

came home the other night and the drain was back up in the Kitchen. I found the Plumber snake and got it working after much worry on my behalf. But I Smiled. Two days later my AC unit broke down. The AC guy came and after much worry on my behalf and four days without AC it was fix. When I paid the bill it hurt. But I just Smiled. So today I will start out smiling before anything happens and maybe nothing else will break for a while. JUST KEEP SMILING AND DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU. SMILE!

From a reader...

A reader pointed out that ebay will not allow sales of Confederate Flag. So now the factory's are not making as many, for not making them at all. Just another way of controlling what we can purchase.

Go to EBAY / search Pizza / Hit tab Shopping. It will show you where to buy a Pizza, or a website to buy a pizza. All Good!

Now search where to buy a Confederate Flag?

What do you see when you hit the shopping tab?

EBAY Will not allow sales of Confederate Flags!

How are these people allowed by law to control what you look for or buy online.

Personally I have never bought or owned a Confederate flag but you should have a right to check out the history or buy what you want.

There was talk about deleting History / Military Flag. Stupid and Sad!

It is said the suppliers are no longer

making the Confederate Flag. It is a part of our history.

I am printing this because it is one of our readers opinion.

If you close your eyes and think of this name..."Pearl Milling Company" What do you think of??? Maybe a concrete Plant. Well that is the suggested name for Aunt Jemima Pancakes.

The Impeachment is all about political Grand Standing. First you can't impeach a civilian. Second it comes down to the word fight. What does it mean if you say it or what does it mean I say it. Fighting for a cause does not mean violence. You can fight for a cause in many different ways. I don't think anything will happen because the Supreme Court Justice refused to attend. Which means they don't have a case...

I saw this line and begin to think about it "Valentines Day Would Be Rough With Out You!" You know there will be a lot of people who lost love ones this year because of the COVID-19. Our loss is more than most years. If you know someone that lost a love one any time of the year go visit them. Just call them up and say let's have coffee and sit and talk with them. It has a calming effect.

Governor DeSantis

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duty Servicemembers and families, over 35,000 DOD civilian employees and families, and 1.45 million veterans. An online version is also available.

"Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, Enterprise Florida, the Florida Defense Alliance and the Florida Defense Support Task Force remain committed to working with Florida's state agencies to support our military men and women and their families and keep pace with their needs," said **Secretary of Commerce Jamal Sowell, president & CEO of Enterprise Florida.** "This edition of the guide boasts more resources than ever and reflects the hard work of the Governor and Florida

Legislature."

Among states, Florida boasts the 2nd highest number of military retirees in the U.S., the 3rd largest number of veterans, and the 5th largest number of Servicemembers and DOD civilians. Florida's military and defense industry contributes just under \$95 billion in economic impact and supports more than 914,227 jobs, the third largest economic sector in the state.

New programs highlighted in this year's publication include the Governor's Salute our Soldiers military loan program, launched by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Also highlighted are items that have renewed importance to Florida's military families, such as Virtual School options under long existing Florida School Choice laws.

The Florida Military Friendly Guide is online at 2021 Florida Military Friendly Guide. Other relevant resources produced annually include the Military Consumer Protection Guide from the Office of the Attorney General and the Florida Veterans' Benefits Guide from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Florida Defense Alliance was created in 1998 with the purpose as the organization to ensure that Florida, its resident military bases and missions, and its military host communities are in competitive positions as the United States continues its defense realignment, and base structure adjustments, as well as efforts with the defense industrial base. For more information visit <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/>

The Florida Defense Support Task Force was created in 2011 with the mission to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, support the state's position in research and development related to military missions and contracting, and improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military families, veterans and businesses that bring military and defense-related jobs to the state.

For more information on the Florida Defense Support Task Force, visit <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/>

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Trump Impeachment Failed!

By TomL

Trump Impeachment Failed! But it told me something the RIGHT and a lot about the LEFT. It was all theatrics, did you see those lawyers trying to make a point. They even used edited videos so it would help them make their point. I am really disappointed in Mitch McConnell. It was over he had no reasonable reason to make a anti-Trump speech after the impeachment failed. UNLESS the old school Republicans are as afraid of Trump as the Left is!

I believe the Left is afraid of the millions of followers and how far they will follow Trump. Now I'm beginning to think that the old school Republican want him out of the way so they can run a different candidate, because right now there is no question who will run as the Republican candidate.

The Congress, the House and the Senate are composed of many attorneys, not that is wrong but the have a different thought process, they are deal makers. When a guy like Trump comes along. He is half bad boy and half Political Animal. Not many men or women that I know of would stand in a

dictators Country and tell them no to a trade. He has told many of them we are not sending money any more and you are not paying your part.

I think Trump or someone close to him should build a new internet platform that will be fair and impartial and follow the laws of the constitution. NEW RULES (LAW!) If you slander someone, they have the right to challenge it. If they challenge it is fact checks false, they tweet it again on the new platform they can be sued. Suspended from sending any more without a swift hearing.

We need new blood, when I look back in history you see many military Vets in Government. Let's elect Vets with good business scents, who believed in the Constitution and will enforce it. Don't try to change it. These bills that Congress is trying to pass has so many riders and attachment that has nothing to do with the original issue, you can't even recognize them. Send a clean bill that pertains to one issue! No Attachments. No exceptions PERIOD!

Just to make it clear... Trump did not tell the Rioters to attack the White House security. That was their decision. Did his speech fire them up? It probably did but his intent was not for them to go inside, once they did it was a fight. It is said by many that there were other faction mixed in infighting violence. It does not take much once a crowd is in that frame of mind.

Lindsay Graham wants Trump to help rebuild the Republican Party! That's probably a good idea, but trump needs to ease up on the tweeting. The news media loves it because it gives them copy!!!



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Honoring The Selfless



(NAPSI)—At a time when their efforts were desperately needed, organizations helping to combat the effects of the coronavirus, champion equality and diversity, and provide medical care for those in need headlined this year's .ORG IMPACT Awards. The awards, presented by Public Interest Registry, recognize organizations that are healing, helping, and inspiring others around the world.

Days for Girls International was the recipient of the .ORG of the Year Award for its efforts to promote health for millions of women and girls and prevent the spread of COVID-19 through its MasksForMillions Campaign. "Every day, Days for Girls is empowering women and girls to achieve their dreams by providing critical education and health resources to those who need them," said Jon Nevett, the CEO of Public Interest Registry, which acts as operator of the 10 million-plus .ORGs around the world.

Other .ORG of the Year recipients included Kayla Cares 4 Kids—an organization Kayla Abramowitz founded at age 11—that collects and donates entertainment and educational items to children's hospitals nationwide, and Change Labs, which promotes diversity, inclusion, and equity by increasing the number of Native-owned small businesses operating in Native communities. "Their work is a critical part of providing equity and opportunity to Native Americans seeking to achieve their dreams by becoming small business owners," said Nevett.

Public Interest Registry established the .ORG Impact Awards to recognize, honor and reward organizations on the .ORG domain that are making an incredible positive impact in their communities and the world around them. The company donated a total of \$85,000 USD to this year's recipients. "These organizations embody

what motivates PIR every day. They are filled with selfless people who throughout even the toughest of years looked beyond themselves to their communities," said Nevett.

For a complete list of finalists and winners of the 2020 .ORG of the Year Awards, please visit <https://orgimpactawards.org>.

Keep Your Air Clean



(NAPSI)—People are increasingly concerned about dirt and germs these pandemic days, but many are neglecting an unseen area where airborne contaminants can lurk: the air ducts.

Even in the cleanest house, the indoor air system can recirculate dust, dirt, and particles from renovation and remodeling projects.

Why It's Important

Your home's heating and cooling system is the lungs of your home. The system pulls air from your rooms; filters, heats or cools it; and sends it back out again.

Unfortunately, the average home generates 40 pounds of dust a year, so the filters can't get every speck. They get clogged and can send contaminants back into your home. This can lead not only to unhealthy air—a particular problem for children, seniors and those with respiratory or autoimmune conditions—but higher energy bills as well.

What To Do

Fortunately, it can be easy to have clean ducts when you turn to a reputable, certified HVAC professional.

Where To Turn

Making it simple to find one is NADCA (National Air Duct Cleaners Association). Its members comply with a code of ethics and meet the organization's high standards. For a list of certified, nearby professionals, visit www.nadca.com.

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Drug & Alcohol Abuse

March 22-28 is National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. Addiction can happen to any person regardless of age. It usually starts when a person

is young. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, addiction is the result of changes in the brain that can come from substance abuse. Addictions affect how people think and what they do. There are no specific “type” of person who becomes addicted. People can face addiction regardless of where they are from, or their social status.

Though this may be a difficult topic to discuss with a family member or friend, it is important to have this discussion as it may save a person from problems in the future that can include arrest, loss of employment, or even death. Teens are especially

vulnerable due to peer pressure from friends who may experiment with drugs and alcohol. One important sign of addiction is that a person continues to use drugs even though it's harming their life: physical health, performance at school or work, or relationships. They feel like they can't stop using drugs, no matter what happens.

Some other signs that a person may be abusing drugs or alcohol are”

- Teens are hanging out with different friends than you are used to seeing him/her with.
- Lower grades in classes due to inattentiveness or missing school. Behavior issues in school resulting in reprimand or suspension.
- A person may no longer care about their appearance or hygiene.
- Altered eating and sleeping habits. This may result in significant weight loss and other health issues.
- Unable to pay bills due to increased spending on substance.
- Loss of employment.
- Trouble with law enforcement resulting in arrest and a record.
- Trouble with family members and friends.

The Lady Lake Police Department is here to help. Feel free to contact our department at 352-751-1560 if you need assistance. You may also contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) hotline at 800-662-HELP(4357).

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Emotional Investing



Emotional Investing And Social Media (NAPSI)—When it comes to gathering information to make an investment decision, investors have access to a variety of online information sources, from investment platforms to news and social media. No matter where you get your trading insights, know this: Where there is opportunity, there is also risk. Stock markets go up and they go down—and the steeper the rise or the fall, the easier it can be to derail a long-term strategy with a snap, emotionally driven decision.

Fortunately, you can use these tips to keep emotions in check.

1.Be mindful. Mindfulness can be helpful, even with investing. Before you make an investment decision, ask yourself whether an investment aligns with your financial goals. Small-dollar investments based on hype around a security might turn into big gains, but they can just as easily turn into big losses.

2.Mitigate your risk. Make sure your

investment decision involves a level of risk you, not necessarily others, are comfortable with. Some people have the means to take risky bets, but many do not. Short-term trading in a volatile market carries significant risk of loss. Above all, if you seek short-term returns, don't sacrifice money you cannot afford to lose. Remember that diversification—spreading out your investments both across and within different asset classes—can help you manage your risk.

3.Consider your source. Some companies offer tools that analyze or aggregate information from social media sources to help investors make investment decisions. Depending on how it is presented, this social sentiment information—particularly real-time discussion platforms and buy/sell indicators driven by social sentiment—can lead to impulsive investment decisions, which can be a risky way to approach investing.

4.Watch your wallet. Some investors believe they can maximize investment returns by taking early withdrawals from retirement accounts or borrowing against their homes. Be aware that leveraging long-term assets for short-term gains can have significant consequences—from fees and taxes to risk of loss and more.

5.Understand the costs and risks of margin investing. Trading in a margin account—an account which lets you borrow money to purchase securities—also involves risk and you can lose more money than you deposit in a margin account. Your firm can force the sale of securities in your accounts to meet a margin call, sell your securities

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Tiny Teeth Are A BIG Deal



(NAPSI)—With more than half of the state's third graders having experienced tooth decay, the Tooth Fairy is canvassing the state—virtually—to help improve the dental health habits of her young friends, in hopes of a cavity-free Washington.

“Children who experience tooth decay are more likely to miss school, have lower academic success, experience nutritional and speech development issues... and over time, become more susceptible to systemic inflammation, which may limit growth and development. It can also result in an increased risk for lifelong dental problems,” explains Abbie Goudarzi, DDS, a licensed dentist and Delta Dental consultant. “It's really unacceptable that more than half of our state's third graders have tooth decay, a number that's even higher in many rural and BIPOC communities.”

To help address the issue, the Tooth Fairy

is making virtual appearances in classrooms and community-based youth organizations statewide as part of her interactive pediatric dental health education program, The Tooth Fairy Experience, designed to make dental health education fun for students in kindergarten through second grade.

The free 30-minute interactive presentations led by the Tooth Fairy are customized for each learning environment—including a storybook reading, fun teeth facts, proper brushing techniques, tooth science experiment, dental health hand puppets and a sugar demonstration. It's all aimed to improve dental health behaviors of kids as they enter their cavity-prone years, and to spur regular dental exams—which were down 17 percent statewide last year for 5-10-year-olds, claims data from the state's largest dental benefits provider reveal.

According to Delta Dental's National Children's Oral Health Survey, 30 percent of U.S. parents reported that their children (between the ages of 6 and 12) missed school in the previous year due to an oral health problem (as opposed to a regularly scheduled dental appointment).

Children's dental care may not seem like a top priority considering kids lose their first set of teeth, but baby teeth are very important. Cavities early in a child's life can have long-term effects which linger far past the loss of baby teeth—it's why the program's website (www.TheToothFairyExperience.com) also offers helpful resources and tips for parents, including early signs of cavities:

Pain around the tooth and gums when eating or brushing

A new or increased sensitivity to hot or cold food and drinks

Aversion to hard or crunchy foods

Consistent bad breath

Visible white spots on the teeth

Holes or discoloration (cavities in their early stages will often appear as white spots, then become a light brown color as they progress. More serious cavities may turn a dark brown or even black)

Delta Dental reminds parents and caregivers that good dental health habits are important throughout a child's life and are particularly impactful during the formative years—and to educate themselves and their children on the importance of dental health, noting that “the Tooth Fairy will thank you!”

The Tooth Fairy Experience was developed by Delta Dental of Washington in partnership with Arcora Foundation and School Nurse Organization of Washington.

For free downloadable materials and information on scheduling a virtual Tooth Fairy Experience presentation, visit www.TheToothFairyExperience.com.

Emotional Investing

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6. Get the basics on options trading. Options are contracts that give the purchaser the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a security at a fixed price within a specific period of time. Options can help investors manage risk or increase buying power. But buying and selling options also involves risk, and it is possible to lose money.

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Pave Your Road To Financial Independence With A Ticket To Work Service Provider

(NAPSI)—This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This law mandates equal opportunities for people with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the public. In observing this legal milestone, we recognize that employment is a key step toward financial independence. Having a job and earning a paycheck can put you in a better position to make financial decisions to build your future. Social Security's Ticket to Work (Ticket) Program provides free employment services and supports to disability beneficiaries ages 18 through 64. In addition to services that promote personal savings, improve money management and budgeting, many Ticket Program service providers offer benefits counseling to help you understand how working will affect your benefits.



They can advise you on your eligibility for other state and local programs and offer information about how work affects those programs. Social Security also offers Work Incentives that may make it possible to explore work and still receive some or all of your benefits and Medicare or Medicaid coverage. Ticket Program service providers can help you understand Work Incentives like the Plan Achieve Self-Support (PASS). PASS lets you use income or assets to achieve a work goal, while providing SSI benefits to help you meet your living

expenses.

The road to financial independence typically starts with making a budget, which helps you to keep track of your money, prioritize spending and set financial goals. Ticket Program service providers can offer financial counseling or connect you with another organization that can help.

Once you have a job, good savings habits are key to becoming financially independent. If your disability began before age 26, you may be eligible to contribute to an ABLE Account, a tax-advantaged account that can fund disability-related expenses.

For more information about the Ticket Program and how to find providers who can help you on the path to financial independence, call the Help Line at 1-866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. You can also visit choosework.ssa.gov and use the self-service Find Help tool to locate approved providers.

Election Integrity

Governor Ron DeSantis Highlights Proposed Legislation to Strengthen Election Integrity and Transparency Measures

West Palm Beach, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis proposed new

measures to safeguard the sanctity of Florida elections. The Governor's announcement reaffirms his commitment to the integrity of every vote and the importance of transparency in Florida elections.

“Last November, Florida held the smoothest, most successful election of any state in the country,” said **Governor DeSantis**. “While we should celebrate this feat, we should not rest on our laurels. Today, we are taking action to ensure that Florida remains a leader on key issues regarding our electoral process, such as ballot integrity, public access to election information, transparency of election reporting and more. By strengthening these election integrity protections, we will ensure that our elections remain secure and transparent, and that Florida's electoral process remains a blueprint for other states to follow.”

The proposed legislation takes an important step in designing some of the nation's strongest election integrity protections and providing unprecedented election transparency for Florida residents. The proposed legislation would include the following measures:

Ballot Integrity

Address the use of ballot drop boxes.

Address ballot harvesting so that no person may possess ballots other than their own and their immediate family.

No mass mailing of vote-by-mail

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter From Ron C.

This is woefully true. Each point he makes is so clear and valid, and he covers the whole gamut. I don't understand how so many can favor this trend. I don't understand how so many can actually favor this trend. Blind fools. Yes, the Bible once was the guide for our nation. We need to get back to that!

But they refused his message, God's hand was removed, and destruction took place. (I've been saying this sadly for quite a while now: God isn't actively punishing us; He has simply removed His hand of protection and left us to our own devices.)

Within the first two weeks his presidency, Joe Biden issued 42 executive orders, compared with four for Trump, five for Barack Obama, and zero for George W. Bush. That's the mark of a dictator, not a freedom-loving leader. (Yes, indeed—governing by fiat is not governing, it's dictating.)

Dear Sir,

I commend you on your honesty and bravery in your "notes" during these trying times of uncertainty. You have more guts than some of our congressmen. You are an inspiration to many of us. I particularly remember your 'note' on K Harris's history. Too bad for the many fools who did not read it.

I worry that many men today (and women) will not be as you and stand up for our freedom. Our young have been taken in during their educational years in school. However, our ancestors appreciated what a great country America is and taught us well from their experiences.

I wish you well and many years to communicate to the American people.

V. M.

Letter to the Editor

Are you familiar with the FAIRtax? If

you are in favor of replacing the income tax, eliminating the I.R.S., reducing the need for lobbyist by 80%, getting rid of complicated & costly tax reporting, taxing the underground economy, and/or reducing the evasion problem, you may be a FAIRtax fan.

By replacing the income tax system with a simple, transparent and fair consumption tax administered by the states, our economy would soar. When we have more jobs available than people to fill them, wages are increased. Under the FAIRtax, you bring home your full paycheck with no federal taxes deducted. The more you bring home, the more you spend, the more you save and the better your cost of living becomes.

The FAIRtax (HR25) is a bill sitting in the Ways & Means Committee waiting to be acted upon. What is keeping it from moving forward? The answer is Congress. Unfortunately, many members of Congress have become used to the manipulative power they have with the current system to reward friends, punish enemies, and receive money for their campaign coffers. The FAIRtax gives the power back to the people to determine how much they pay in taxes by adjusting their individual spending habits.

HR 25 was introduced to the new Congress on January 4, 2021. It is sponsored by Rep. Buddy Carter (GA-1) and has 17 co-sponsors as of this writing and more are promised. Rep. Dan Webster, however, is not at present one of those co-sponsors. When approached by FAIRtax volunteers he always says that he likes the FAIRtax. When politely pressed, he claimed that he does not cosponsor bills. Excuse me sir, but in the past Congress you cosponsored 125 bills & resolutions, so that excuse will not fly.

This is where you can help. If you are in favor of the FAIRtax please call Rep. Webstrer at his Villages office at 352-383-3552 and let him know how you feel. Or better yet, stop by and talk to him and/or his staff at 8015 E County Rd 466, Suite B. He needs to hear from YOU, his constituents,

that his signature is expected on this important bill. Be polite but be persistent.

If you would like more information about the FAIRtax, go to fairtax.org. Once you understand it, you will demand it.

Elaine

Dear Editor:

Chapter 1

O.K. No more time to waste. The gloves are coming off. They call you ignorant, and treat you accordingly. That treatment is the reason you do not have a happy life.

I have tried to convey the message of the need for knowledge.

Political knowledge. Recently I discovered there is a physical defect that some of these nasties are afflicted with. It is called the RUTHLESS gene. You need to become familiar with the affliction, and take control of the situation, if you ever want that happy life. It could be responsible for Mao killing 45 million people, Stalin killing 20 million people, Hitler, Pol Pot, Castro killing millions more, and not one word being said to condemn any of it. There is another holocaust on the way, will you seek the knowledge to stop it, or are you content to be a casualty?

They are using global warming as a cudgel to bully you. This planet has been through global warming and cooling cycles before we ever existed, and the planet survived. Do not think it will be any different this time. This is the controlling mechanism they are using for control.

Ignorance is not a permanent condition. It can be overcome. I did it, so can you. Is a happy life worth it? It has taken 2500 years to come to fruition, please do not Blow It? Time to kick butt.

Does Nancy Pelosi fit the ruthless profile? Biden? Schumer?

And a few more in D.C.

D.I. L.

Dear Editor:

Are you ready for chapter 2?

The Great Preset at Davos? The Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Take a look at it and see how much you are

willing to swallow, any of it?

Robert F. Kennedy is already at odds with Gates, as are writers from Global Research, but he strayed many many years ago with his first purloining from his mentor. First person I would check for AVPR10{The new Ruthlessness gene discovered in Isreal} is Gates. He has never stopped. He sells products that are never owned by the customer, he decides when you no longer can use a program, and forces customers to buy new programs that are not usable, are never wanted by the customer, How many people can pull that off? Some magic touch? AVPR10 is here to help us.

They are all at Davos: the ruthless. They are not the nice guys, this time we are forewarned. We can stop them this time, their ideas are putrid. harmful, and blatantly stupid. WE know they are not playing with a full deck. Are you willing to take a chance, or go on blissfully shaking your head yes to everything they say.

I will gladly give you my share of the misery they will inflict. Maybe the sheeple are now gluttons for punishment. Perhaps 2500 years of learning is not yet quite enough. We need another 2500 years?

1. Earth can hold only 90 million people and there are 8 billion. What is the solution? There are bad people out there.

2. Does any of this phase you, or are you on your way out to" CHARGE?

3. Were Mao, Stalin, Pol Pot, Hitler, Castro enough for you, or are you ready for more slaughter? Or, could you take a taste of that happy life? Trump has got us as close to it as we have ever been.

4. In the choice between the happy life and the next wave of slaughter, most people seem to have showed a preference for the coming holocaust. Humans never realize that ruthlessness is the eternal cause for the absence of the happy life. It appears you do not want a happy life, why?

5. Ruthlessness, ruthlessness, you know what it is, why won't you stop it? You now have a tool to detect ruthlessness, and stop the next holocaust. The Fourth Industrial Revolution will tell you exactly what they have in store this time. Perhaps someone will read it.

D.I. L.

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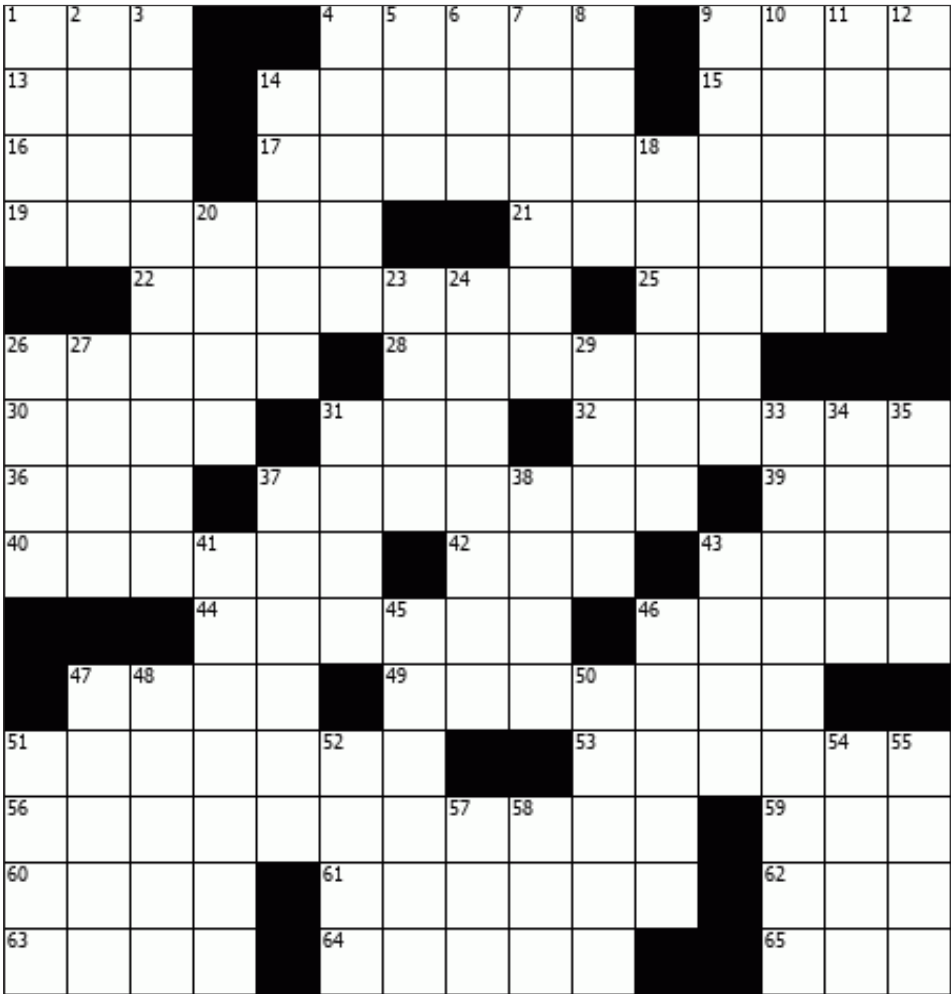
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Attorney General Moody Issues Tips to Promote Safe and Responsible Internet Use on Safer Internet Day

promoting safe and responsible internet use in recognition of 2021 Safer Internet Day. With COVID-19 forcing more Floridians to learn, socialize and work remotely, secure internet usage is more important than ever. The good news is there are simple steps users can follow to improve online security and protect sensitive information.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Most of us access the internet every day to learn, work or socialize. This increased online activity provides more opportunities for scammers, hackers and thieves looking to steal your personal and financial information. Safer Internet Day is a good reminder to take a fresh look at how to protect your finances, identity and safety online."

Attorney General Moody is releasing the following tips to help Floridians stay safe online:

- Use a strong, lengthy password that has uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols. Create unique passwords for each online account;

- Never give information to an unknown or untrusted source, and always use secure networks to send information;
- Understand personal privacy terms and conditions for any smart-home devices or virtual-personal assistants in use;
- Monitor children's internet and technology use with Parental Controls; and
- Proceed with caution when using public wireless networks as they are accessible to the public, including hackers. Avoid staying logged in to accounts when accessing these networks to help prevent hackers from accessing personal information.

For more tips and information on how to stay safe online, go to <https://www.consumerresources.org/consumer-topics/internet-and-privacy>.

In January, Attorney General Moody issued a Consumer Alert that provides additional tips to guard private information online. To view other recent Consumer Alerts, visit our Consumer Alert webpage at MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert.

Attorney General Moody Secures \$40 Million for Florida

from Company Marketing Opioid Medications

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is securing millions of dollars for Florida through efforts to hold accountable corporations responsible for helping fuel the deadly opioid epidemic. Attorney General Moody today announced the results of a multimillion-dollar action against a marketing company that helped turbocharge the opioid epidemic through a marketing collaboration with Purdue Pharma.

Florida joins a coalition of attorneys general from 47 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories in the

\$573 million action with one of the world's largest consulting firms, McKinsey & Company. The multistate action resolves investigations into the company's role in working for opioid companies to help promote products that fueled the opioid epidemic. As a result, Florida will receive more than \$40 million—a majority of which will be made available for allocation by Florida lawmakers during this critical time.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I'm pleased this money will be available to help Floridians very soon, and I will work alongside our great legislative leaders to ensure funds are allocated to areas hit hard by the opioid crisis. While securing these funds is a great win for Florida, our work is

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Attorney General

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far from over, and I remain committed to fighting tooth and nail, both inside and outside the courtroom, to stop the death and destruction inflicted on Florida families by opioid abuse."

Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls said, "Thank you Attorney General Moody for holding companies accountable for their role in perpetuating the opioid crisis. This epidemic has impacted families across Florida and this settlement is another step toward righting these wrongs."

Florida Senate President Wilton Simpson said, "Today's announcement is the product of years of hard work, and I am very grateful to General Moody for her leadership in bringing this tremendous settlement across the finish line. Opioid abuse has plagued our communities for far too long, tearing apart families and taking so many lives way too soon, while the COVID-19 pandemic has left many people struggling with this addiction feeling isolated and alone. As a state, we are doing all we can to address this terrible problem, and Floridians can take great pride in the fact that our Attorney General is a national leader in this effort. This settlement is welcome news, but I also know it is really just the beginning of General Moody's tremendous efforts to hold these companies accountable."

The money will be used to abate problems caused by opioid abuse in Florida. In addition to providing funds to address the

crisis, the multistate action calls for McKinsey to prepare tens of thousands of internal documents detailing work for Purdue Pharma and other opioid companies for public disclosure online.

McKinsey also promises to adopt a strict document retention plan, continue an investigation into allegations that two of its partners tried to destroy documents in response to investigations of Purdue Pharma, implement a strict ethics code that all partners must agree to annually and stop advising companies on potentially dangerous Schedule II and III narcotics.

Today's filings describe how McKinsey contributed to the opioid crisis by promoting marketing schemes and consulting services to opioid manufacturers, including OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma, for more than a decade. The complaint, filed with the settlement, details how McKinsey advised Purdue on how to maximize profits from its opioid products, including targeting high-volume opioid prescribers, using specific messaging to get physicians to prescribe more OxyContin to more patients and circumventing pharmacy restrictions in order to deliver high-dose prescriptions.

When states began to sue Purdue's directors for their implementation of McKinsey's marketing schemes, McKinsey partners began emailing about deleting documents and emails related to working for Purdue.

To view the complaint and consent judgment, go to myfloridalegal.com/

The filing is the latest action Attorney

General Moody's office has taken to combat the opioid epidemic in Florida and hold accountable those responsible for creating and fueling the crisis. The Florida Attorney General's case against major opioid distributors, manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies continues.

For more information on the state's case, go to myfloridalegal.com/ Joining Florida in the investigation and court action are attorneys general from: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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ballots—only voters who request a ballot should receive a ballot.

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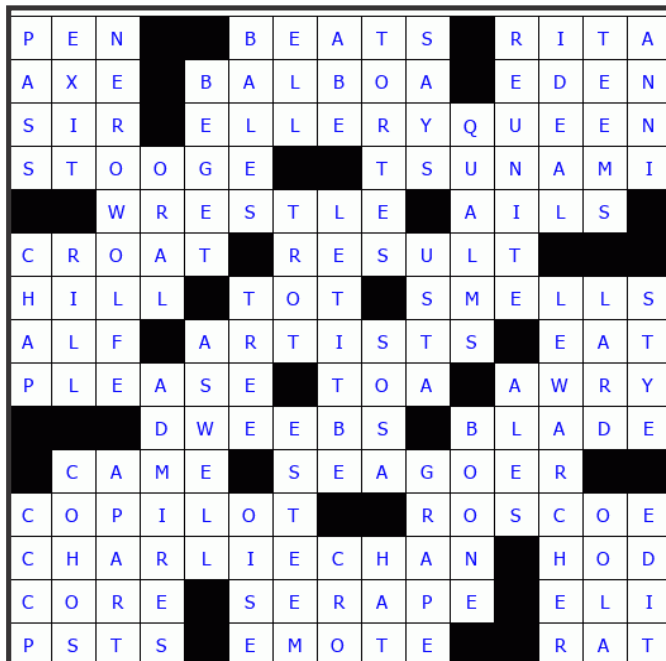


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