



White House slams Florida republicans. The controversy started when the GOP rejected legislation and they named it “Don’t Say Gay!” The goal is to protect the children who need protection from legislation that would show them in a

negative light. They would be subject to Bullying.

The new “F” word is FREEDOM to many of our leaders are infringing on FREEDOM. The word is not being considered as they make a move toward Martial Law.

Our own Republican Dennis Baxley sponsored a proposal. Baxley told law makers it would not forbid to spontaneous discussion but would bar districts from incorporating LGBTQ topics into the curriculum.

Baxley said some discussions are best left to parents! Baxley said when you enter sexual discussions with children you’re entering the “Danger Zone”!

DeSantis stated you’ve seen incidence in which kids are encouraged to be doing stuff with like gender ideology and I think the parents really do need to be involved in that discussion.

## Legal Action Against Biden

**Gov DeSantis and Attorney General is Taking Legal Action Against Biden for Releasing Illegal Immigrants into Florida**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** —Attorney General Ashley Moody announced Florida is taking legal action against the Biden administration for ignoring federal immigration law as the out-of-control situation at the U.S. southwest border continues. The Attorney General filed an amended complaint challenging President Joe Biden’s latest unlawful immigration policy. Instead of commencing immigration court proceedings against illegal immigrants caught at the border, the federal government is releasing them into the interior without even starting the legal process for their removal. The government is calling this unlawful policy “Parole + Alternatives to Detention.”

The amended complaint comes after shocking evidence uncovered dozens of adult male illegal immigrants brought to a U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement office, and then bussed to a nearby airport to be sent to their chosen destination inside the United States, including Miami according to news reports.

“The Biden administration has not only consciously refused to enforce immigration laws, but it has also developed an operation to secretly resettle illegal aliens into communities across Florida and the rest of the United States,” said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. “They’re doing this in the dark of night without any coordination with states, without any background checks, and without any efforts to initiate the legal process for their removal. I am glad Attorney General Moody is continuing our

fight to hold the Biden Administration accountable for its reckless disregard for immigration laws.”

“It is appalling that the president is using taxpayer dollars to fund his open-borders agenda — even facilitating flights to transport illegal immigrants around our own country,” said **Attorney General Ashley Moody**. “Beyond that, his brazen lack of responsibility has led to the absolutely out-of-control conditions at our southwest border — where our border agents came into contact with more than 2 million illegal immigrants last year. While the president’s policies are helping human traffickers, criminals, and deadly drugs find their way across the border and into Florida, I remain committed to fighting to protect Floridians from this disaster.”

In September 2021, Florida filed a challenge to the Biden administration’s catch-and-release border practices that ignore federal law. According to federal law, arriving immigrants, including those claiming asylum, are required to be detained while immigration courts determine if there is a valid basis to enter the United States. As a result of this litigation, the federal government abandoned its “notice to report policy” — which media reports characterized as “immigration by the honor system.” But the “Parole + Alternatives to Detention” policy is yet another unlawful policy out the Biden administration.

Recently, video footage emerged showing dozens of single-adult illegal immigrants lined up to get on busses outside of an ICE facility office in Texas. The buses were then driven to the local airport, where

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## Artist Cara Van Leuven

*Cara Van Leuven's* lifelong obsession with horses is probably like yours — it’s in the blood; it’s an impossible attraction and addiction. At the age of nine, Cara began taking riding lessons and knew, due to the likes of Touch of Class, Big Ben, and Abdullah, she wanted to jump. Throughout middle school and high school, Cara showed in hunters, eventually finding true love in the jumper ring.

Life with horses seemingly ended when Cara left her hometown of Ft. Wayne, Indiana to study photojournalism at Western Kentucky University. Although she did remarkably well with a camera and earned internships every summer working as a photographer at newspapers throughout the country, the loss of horses was marked.

Solace needed to be found so Cara turned to hip hop. Yes, you read that right. When she wasn’t break-dancing, she wrote graffiti in her black book and occasionally on dumpsters and walls. Her love of art wasn’t found so much in art museums, but rather on the side of trains.

After graduating, she spent time in Duluth, Minnesota, and London before settling in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She worked quite a bit in design but could not find comfort in the corporate environment.

Eventually, a transfer to St. Louis, Missouri reshaped her lifestyle thanks to the 2008 recession.

One of the last uninhabited lofts in downtown Seattle became her home. It was full of artists who encouraged her to paint. In 2011, Cara created her first painting, a 6’x6’ of two horses embracing. The only work she could find was as a carriage driver which reunited her with horses and reignited the passion that had been dormant for far too long.

The horses in Cara’s oil paintings have exceptionally long legs, reflecting their fragility and the fragility of life. Her work is highly textured and layered, done almost entirely with a pallet knife.

Today, Cara and her husband Tom York, share magical days on a small farm in Highland, Illinois in their 1861 farmhouse. Their life is rich with two warmblood mares, a miniature horse, two border collies, cats, ducks, and geese, and chores that simply don’t end.

When not spending winters in the Ocala area, Cara works on large-scale works in her recently renovated historic building in downtown Vandalia, Illinois. Read more and see more of Cara’s work at [www.caravl.com](http://www.caravl.com).



Kevin Sheilley

## OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



The CEP recently completed its second 5-Year Strategic Plan, *Moving Forward- Phase II*, on 31 December 2021. This aggressive planned followed up on the original *Moving Forward* plan and outlined a series of strategic initiatives to advance the CEP's goal of "being the catalyst for a prosperous community."

The following is descriptions of several of the initiatives and programs outlined in the plan which were then implemented by the CEP:

Equine Engagement Initiative presented by Pyranha – just prior to the launch of this plan the CEP commissioned an economic impact analysis of the Marion County equine industry. We knew we were *Horse Capital of the World®* but we did not know what that meant from an economic standpoint. The analysis revealed the equine industry contributes more than \$2.6 Billion a year to the local economy. As a result, the CEP created the Equine Engagement Initiative to connect the horse community to the business community and vice versa.

NEXTWorks –is the CEP's talent development initiative. This initiative seeks to partner the business community with our

education providers. The goal is to develop and align training programs around skills needed by businesses in the Ocala Metro and that align with higher education providers such as the College of Central Florida (CF), Marion Technical College (MTC), local governments, the CEP, and CareerSource CLM. The CEP works closely with Marion County Public Schools, CF, and MTC on these initiatives with the recognition that while not every student needs to go to university, every student needs skills and career pathways that allow them to add skills throughout their lifetime.

Live Life Here presented by Professional Realty Ocala – as quickly as our community is growing, we cannot build all of the workforce we need today locally. We need to recruit talented individuals to discover why the Ocala Metro is a great place to live, work, and play. The Live Life Here initiative seeks to do that through targeted digital marketing.

Impact presented by Ausley Construction – is based on the belief that one of the best ways to impact communities is through entrepreneurship. Helping residents create their own jobs and wealth generators will have the most impact long-term and aligns with the CEP mission of creating a prosperous community. This initiative seeks to impact the communities of West Ocala, Marion Oaks, and Silver Springs Shores through onsite business assistance, a Certified Diverse Small Business Enterprise

program, multi-language training events, and a supplier matching program.

Sphere presented by IHG – is the CEP's effort around building a robust healthcare economy comprised not only of our growing and expanding hospital network but with enhanced R&D, healthcare manufacturing, healthcare logistics, biopharma, entrepreneurship, and workforce development.

Additionally, the plan outlined three major Jobs goals:

1. To impact the announced creation of 4,500 new primary jobs;
2. That those jobs will pay on average wages 15% above the County average;
3. Result in a direct investment in our community of more than \$400 million.

These goals were completely smashed with the CEP impacting the announced creation of nearly **5,900 jobs** with wages **16% above the County average** and resulting in a direct capital investment of nearly **\$900 million**. Next month, I will outline the CEP's new 5-year Plan, *Forward Momentum*.

## Jury Scams Consumer Alert!

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is warning Floridians of a recent surge in **jury duty scams** across the state. According to reports, at least five counties have warned of **jury duty scams** in the past year—including two warnings already in 2022. The scam involves an imposter contacting a Florida resident and claiming the resident missed **jury duty** and must pay a fine. The imposter then claims if the fine isn't paid immediately, the citizen may be arrested or forced to pay late fees.

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "There are few civic duties as important to our judicial system as serving on a **jury**. As a former judge, I am livid that anyone would exploit this process to scare citizens into paying a ransom or attempt to steal personal and financial information. Please know that failure to appear for **jury duty** is not grounds for immediate arrest."

Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Canady said, "I am especially troubled when people with bad intentions base their **scams** on what appears to be court business. Our courts depend on **jury service** and we rely on Floridians who are essential to this process. Protect yourselves from scammers and protect our system of justice by taking part in **jury service**."

Reports of **jury duty scams** have surfaced in at least five Florida counties in the past year, including: [Citrus County](#), [Collier County](#), [Lake County](#), [Polk County](#) and [St. Johns County](#).

To guard against **jury duty scams**, follow these tips:

- Know that **jury duty** summons will come by mail, not by phone or email;
- If no **jury duty** summons is received, then ignore a phone call from anyone claiming to be calling about **jury duty**;
- Contact a local court clerk's office using the [Florida Courts map](#) to see if there is a valid **jury duty** issue;
- Never give personal or financial information over the phone to a stranger, especially if the caller acts aggressively;
- Recognize that anyone asking for payments to be made through a gift card is a

scammer; and

- Be wary of Caller ID, as this can be spoofed, making a phone call look like it is coming from a real source.

Report suspected **jury duty scams** to the local County Clerk's office using the [Florida Clerks website](#) and to local law enforcement. Anyone who encounters a **jury duty scam**, or any other type of fraud, can also file a complaint with the Florida Attorney General's Office online at [MyFloridaLegal.com](#) or by calling 1(866)9NO-SCAM.

## District Changes Camping Rules



From [www.swfwmd.state.fl.us](http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us)

The District offers a variety of free camping opportunities across our 16 counties. Starting Oct. 1, new rules will be enforced to create a more consistent and efficient system and increase availability to more campers.

The Florida Legislature updated camping rules during the 2021 legislative session. These rules govern camping reservations on District lands. Here are some of the key changes:

### Making Reservations

- Reservations must be made in advance. You cannot make a reservation for the current day.
- Camping is limited to no more than seven consecutive days and 30 total days per calendar year.
- Permittees can hold no more than two active camping reservations at any one time.
- Any attempt to circumvent the 7-day maximum or 30-day total annual length of stay is prohibited.
- An updated mobile emergency contact phone number is now required on each reservation.

### Onsite

- Campers may arrive no earlier than 3 p.m. on the first day of their reservation.
- Campers must depart by 11 a.m. on the final day of their permit.
- Quiet period is from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. at all campsites.

The District may revoke a camping permit if the permittee fails to comply with camping rules. You can view a complete list of camping rules on District properties at <https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/recreation/camping>

## Legal Action

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the illegal immigrants were flown to their destination of choice within the U.S., with at least one of the immigrants admitting to be heading to Miami. This seems to violate the Biden administration's own procedures under Title 42, where single adult illegal immigrants would not be admitted to the country for public health reasons.

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Dear Friends,  
Thank you to all of you that have taken the time to call, write and e-mail our office over the past few weeks as we continue fighting to protect faith, family, freedom, opportunity and life

itself at our state capitol.

We have reached the halfway mark of the 2022 Legislative Session and we are very excited about the good work being done on behalf of the people of the state of Florida. Will we get everything we want; just the way we want it? No. This process is a conversation that happens between 22 million people in our state who come from many different backgrounds and many different life experiences. Sometimes it can be messy, but a better system of government has yet to be found. Many have tried and many have failed. We should be very grateful that we live in constitutional republic where the rights of individuals are honored and protected.

The most important basic right, the right to life, has been under attack for decades in this country. 63 million lives (and counting) have been lost since Roe v. Wade in 1973. Since then, state legislatures have been

battling this disastrous ruling and for the first time, we are beginning to see a glimmer of hope that we can score some major victories on behalf of unborn life. HB 5/SB 146 is styled after Mississippi bill currently being reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court that could overturn Roe v. Wade. Our bill in Florida completely prohibits abortions after 15 weeks and tightens up reporter requirements for those performed before that. This bill is going to save thousands of precious babies from destruction.

We are happy to report that Florida looks to be in a strong financial position. The initial state budget bills have been proposed by the House and Senate and are available for review as HB 5001 and SB 2500. The budget conference process to figure out the differences between will begin soon but we expect a smooth path forward and that the final number will be in between \$105-\$108 billion. This is a record number for Florida and it is all thanks to you, the constituent. The thing that some people do not realize is that we do not have any money in Tallahassee, it is all money that belongs to you that you send up here so that we can do some worthwhile things. We just figure out how to appropriate those dollars so that we are getting the best return on your

investment. Thank you for continuing to make Florida the best place to live, work and raise and family.

By the time this column reaches you, the Session should almost be concluded and we are looking forward to sharing more in the months that follow. Please continue to talk to us, engage with us, and most of all pray for us as we conclude our work for the year.

Onward & Upward,  
Senator Dennis Baxley

## Tips: Medicare Advantage



### Three Tips To Help Medicare Advantage Enrollees Choose A No-Cost Or Low-Cost Gym Membership

(NAPSI)—It's still Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment season and many fitness-minded folks are choosing to sign up for Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement plans because they appreciate the extra benefits such as subsidized gym memberships. If you have one of these

plans, or you're thinking of enrolling in one, then you may be ready to take the next step in your exercise journey by joining a new fitness center. Here are three tips to help you select the best fitness center for your needs:

**1. Learn which gyms are subsidized through your Medicare Advantage program.** Whether you currently belong to a gym and want to remain a member there, or if you want to try a new fitness center, Medicare Advantage may have you covered. Thousands of top-name gyms, fitness centers, YMCAs, and boutique fitness clubs across the country belong to fitness networks that honor Medicare Advantage memberships. You can call your Medicare Advantage plan directly to learn what fitness program they offer and what gyms near you participate. Options such as the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise program offer access to 18,000+ fitness centers across the nation. Programs like these also offer member benefits such as health coaching and a library of on-demand video workouts. Plus, members can enjoy Facebook Live workout classes or YouTube streaming classes. Whether you want to work out at home, get fit at the gym, or attend classes online, the Silver&Fit program offers something for everyone.

**2. Choose the right gym for your exercise needs.** Ask yourself this question—what are the most important things that will keep you coming back to the gym in 2022? Do you have a yearning for yoga, a passion for Pilates or a goal to gain muscle? Then make sure the gym you select

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Going into another month I have to repeat what I wrote over a year ago. While I was researching something on the internet and I came across this.

It claimed that Wuhan Lab research on COVID was being funded through a religious group by the Obama administration by Fauci. I guess they call that masking or Ghosting. The research and development was on SAR-CoV1. The lab had a bad record of having accidents, so Obama told Fauci to stop funding the research. Now this was a long time ago during Obama's term. It also claimed, Fauci found private funding for his research through allegedly Hillary Clinton and several other which was indicated to be high tech guys in the internet business. Now the Investigation today has not mentioned Hillary or the other's yet, so maybe that was a wrong projection. This was all in 2002, it

jump to humans from bats and was named SARS. That was the first pandemic. This is a the first development of the COVID. Over 8,000 people were infected and things started happening.

COVID-2 Shows up some time 2019 they claim it jump from Bats to humans after the virus had changed. The claims now are it was a Lab leak, then it went Global. Stop a lot of international travel killed a lot of people and was used to change our political image and it has not stopped yet. Yes we need to find out all we can about who was involved but that won't change the out come. If someone in Washington is responsible they need to be stripped of there title, money, job and any further money like retirement. Fauci is our top scientific Advisor. Is he in bed big pharma? Should he stay or should he go?? It is your call as the American people.

Now who are the American people and who is trying to sell us this crap about our Constitution was nothing but an experiment. It is the laws we live by and someone who think it's an experiment is crazy. A few super

rich people think they can control the American people and they are wrong. They are just a disruption. We are smarter than that. We just need to change the people at the top SO VOTE!

Interesting now Nancy Pelosi's son is being investigated. Also allegedly Maxine Waters has been paying a family member with campaign money. It is probably legal some how but is it right? I think the figure was one million dollars. We have to stop this intrusion on our Taxes. Maybe go back to bartering? "A product or service in exchange for a product or services!" What an interesting Idea.

You know how you get these phone calls and they say they are someone but their not. My cell phone rand and a lady voice said I'm from the Attorney Generals Office and I would like to invite you to our Press Conference tomorrow morning in the Villages. At first I thought it was someone pulling my leg but it was true. I felt honored that I would get a call from the Attorney General Ashley Moody support team would take the time to call in person inviting me!

I feel if you consistently do something in life or in business something will happen. I have been bringing you her monthly information in our newspapers.

I have never been thanked by a person

who won a door prize. This lady who is in business in the Villages sent me a thank you note. People don't say thank you much. I say thank you all the time it does not cost anything to say "THANK YOU!"

We have become a nation that has lost its collective mind because we say yes to thing's we would never thought we would agree with. Some of it is over a check from the government, They say yes!!!

(NEW YORK)! Our National Guard are replacing the nurses who refused the vaccine, yet the National Guard don't have to get the vaccine until June!

Our government is more concerned about illegal Alien than the people who are homeless on the streets.

Nancy Pelosi is cheering our athletes on in China she "asked US athletes not to anger the Chinese by speaking out against their human rights abuses. Pelosi stated that the Chinese are ruthless, suggesting they wouldn't tolerate any free speech within their country's borders. She accused the International Olympic Committee of turning a blind eye to China's human rights violations."

All of this Pandemic is leading up to enacting Martial Law so they can implement Socialism. Wake up America!

## Newspaper Deadlines

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now be housed under one roof, including primary care, mental health, audiology, podiatry, Telehealth, and more. Interested veterans can enroll in comprehensive healthcare services at this location by calling the enrollment office at 352-369-1328.

## Monoclonal Antibody Therapies

**Congresswoman Kat Cammack Sends Letter To HHS, FDA Leaders Over Abrupt End To Use Of Monoclonal Antibody Therapies For COVID-19 Patients**

*Letter questions the end to the use of previously approved treatments for Eli Lilly and Regeneron's monoclonal antibody drugs*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Kat Cammack sent a letter to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Janet Woodcock regarding the announcement to abruptly end the use of the monoclonal antibody therapies (mAbs) on patients infected with COVID-19.

In the letter, Cammack questions the FDA's updated Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for two previously approved monoclonal antibody treatments and discusses how the sudden decision affects Florida's state-supported antibody treatment sites.

In the letter Cammack writes: "I have heard from medical professionals across Florida and across the country that monoclonal antibody treatments can save lives and that ensuring providers have access to these treatments is an important component of fighting the spread of COVID-19, even if certain treatments are only partially effective. It is essential to have as many treatment options available as possible, so that providers can make the best decisions on a patient-by-patient basis."

"We've seen great success with monoclonal antibody treatment sites in Florida, yet this abrupt decision at the federal level will have adverse effects on patients in the Sunshine State," **said Cammack.** "A consistent supply of various treatment methods, as well as the introduction of new therapeutics, are key to our country's continued response to the spread of COVID-19."

The letter asks the FDA to reverse this decision and reauthorize the use of bamlanivimab-etesevimab and REGEN-COV as potential treatment options and asks why HHS failed to coordinate its policy change with Florida. The letter also asks how the Biden administration plans to make available other authorized treatment supplies that are currently in short supply.

## Medicare

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offers those options and more. If you love strength training, check that a gym offers various weight training machines and free weights. If you crave structured workout sessions, ask the gym for a class schedule so you can scout the options available. If you're an older adult who enjoys low-impact water aerobics, seek out a gym with a pool. Today's gyms offer many workout options, so investigate several. You can research gyms online by visiting the websites of programs such as the Silver&Fit program to see what gyms are in their network. Just enter your zip code and you'll see what gyms are convenient for you.

**3. Choose a gym that will motivate you to work out.** Research shows that people stay more motivated to work out when they

can do it with a spouse or friend. Find a gym your spouse or friends will also enjoy, then work out together. Or join a gym that offers social events, such as lunches or coffees. Or meet new friends in your in-person classes. Another important motivating factor is location. Choosing a gym close to your home can help ensure that you go regularly. It may be especially helpful if you find one within walking distance. Your walk to the gym can serve as a warm-up and cool-down to start and end your gym session. Other amenities to keep in mind are access to showers and locker rooms and the cleanliness and safety of the gym. Many gyms provide hand sanitizer and equipment sanitizer stations as well as other COVID-safe protocols. Call the gyms you are considering to learn what their specific policies are.

Always remember to consult with your doctor before starting a new exercise routine and to discuss what types of exercises are safest for you.

You can use the Medicare Advantage open enrollment period as an opportunity to plan how you'll get back into your fitness routine—or to set new fitness goals. It's never too late to get started. To learn whether your Medicare Advantage plan offers the Silver&Fit program, check: <https://www.silverandfit.com/health-plans>.

## Bad Pet Breath



**Bad Pet Breath Can Mean Health Issues**

*by Dr. Jay King, DVM*

(NAPSI)—By the age of three, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats show signs of dental disease. If your pet has smelly breath, it could be a warning sign. Pet parents might not know that bad breath is caused by harmful bacteria and can be an indicator of oral disease. Harmful bacteria in the mouth

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[ICYMI from the Department of Children and Families: DCF Files Proposed Rule to End Participation in Federal](#)

[Unaccompanied Alien Minor Program](#)

On February 10, 2022, in [News Releases](#), by Staff

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) filed a proposed permanent rule that prohibits the issuance or renewal of licenses for facilities or organizations that house Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) whom the Federal Government is resettling across the United States, including Florida, unless there is a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the Federal Government.

DCF Secretary Shevaun Harris said, “Through its policies, the Federal Government has made a decision to encourage the mass smuggling of minors to the southern border without their parents. No government that claimed to care for children would ever tolerate this. The Federal Government’s careless policies have led to this unsafe situation, and Florida will no longer be complicit in it. By ending the State’s involvement with the UAC program, the proposed rule will finally force the Federal Government to take full responsibility for the care and

treatment of the UAC population.”

The proposed rule will not affect the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) program because there is a cooperative agreement that governs the resettlement of URM. Additionally, the rule also bars existing licensees from adding to their UAC population, but would require them to conduct regular, in-person welfare checks of any UAC from their current population who are placed with sponsors in Florida.

UAC are minors, mostly older teenagers, who enter the country illegally without their parents. The journey to the southern border can be dangerous, and the UAC are often smuggled or trafficked by criminal actors, sometimes with the knowledge or participation of family members who are already illegally present in the country. The Biden Administration’s willful refusal to faithfully enforce the nation’s immigration laws has incentivized this intolerable state of affairs. In President Biden’s first year of office, the number of UAC arriving at the southern border ballooned to over 146,000, compared to approximately 33,000 in fiscal year 2020 and 80,000 in fiscal year 2019.

DCF is the state’s lead agency to implement and maintain Florida’s refugee resettlement program in coordination and consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and other federal agencies.

The state has an approved state plan for Refugee Resettlement with ORR, which defines the state’s role regarding URM, and this URM program is not impacted by the rule. Providers serving URM may continue

to accept and serve these children.

There is, however, no corresponding agreement or state plan with ORR regarding UAC. DCF’s proposed rule prohibits a UAC child-placing or residential child-caring agency from accepting UAC without such an agreement in place.

[Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Over \\$91 Million in Funding to Support Storm Mitigation and Recovery for Communities Impacted by Hurricane Michael](#)

**MARIANNA, Fla.,**— Governor Ron DeSantis announced over \$91 million in funding to communities across the Panhandle region through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s (DEO) Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program. Projects include improvements to wastewater and sanitary sewer, potable water, and stormwater systems.

“I’ve said from the beginning that recovery from Hurricane Michael would be a long-term process,” said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. “Michael has forever left a mark on Panhandle communities, but through the funding provided today, we can ensure these communities are stronger and better equipped for the future.”

“Following a natural disaster, it is vitally important to support recovery efforts that promote the long-term resilience of our great state,” said **DEO Secretary Dane Eagle**. “Today’s awards are a testament to Governor DeSantis’ commitment to our Panhandle communities impacted by Hurricane Michael.”

“More than three years since Hurricane Michael devastated the Florida Panhandle,

Governor Ron DeSantis continues to make good on his promise to support these communities with vital resources to recover from this historic storm,” said **Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis**. “This additional \$91 million in recovery funding will go a very long way in improving the infrastructure needed to support the families and businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael. Thank you to Governor DeSantis and DEO Secretary Dane Eagle for their continued support of Hurricane Michael recovery.”

Funding announced today will be awarded to 14 communities in the Panhandle region for projects that will strengthen infrastructure and increase community resiliency.

Communities receiving awards are: Town of Alford, City of Marianna, City of Marianna, City of Blountstown, City of Wewahatchka, Town of Grand Ridge, Town of Grand Ridge, City of Bristol, City of Graceville, City of Graceville, Town of Sneads, Town of Sneads, Town of Malone, Town of Campbellton, Town of Vernon, City of Jacob City, City of Gretna, Town of Wausau, Town of Wausau

Rebuild Florida is administered by DEO and allows local governments to develop large-scale infrastructure projects that aid communities in making them more resilient against future disasters.

Rebuild Florida uses federal funding for Florida’s long-term recovery efforts from the devastating impacts of natural disasters. The Department is the Governor-designated state authority responsible for administering all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) long-term recovery funds awarded to the state. For more information, visit [RebuildFlorida.gov](#).

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### Attorney General Moody Prevails in Long Legal Battle with Federal Government Over Cruise Industry Lockdown

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is declaring victory following a long legal battle with President Joe Biden, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention over the federal lockdown of Florida's cruise industry. Florida is the top state in the nation for cruises with approximately 159,000 hard-working Floridians who depend on the industry for their livelihoods. Good news for those families—following Attorney General Moody's relentless legal efforts, Biden's

CDC has allowed the Conditional Sailing Order that shuttered the industry to expire, and now the state is moving to end the litigation.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "As the court said, Biden's industry-wide shutdown was, 'breathtaking, unprecedented and acutely and singularly authoritarian.' Furthermore, his draconian order had a very real impact on thousands of Floridians who were just trying to feed their families. I am proud to stand with Governor DeSantis against the shuttering of our cruise industry, and declare victory over a federal government that has proven time and time again that it has no qualms about exceeding its authority—even when it prevents hundreds of thousands of Americans from working."

In April 2021, Attorney General Moody filed a Complaint for Declaratory and

Preliminary and Permanent Injunctive Relief in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. The complaint argued that the CDC does not possess the authority to issue yearlong nationwide lockdowns of entire industries. The complaint also contended that the CDC's actions were arbitrary and capricious, and otherwise violated the Administrative Procedure Act.

Last June, the court granted Attorney General Moody a Preliminary Injunction, essentially shutting down the federal government's unlawful Conditional Sailing Order in the state of Florida.

Florida fought the CDC all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States. Then, last month, the CDC let the order expire and announced that the order would not be renewed. Additionally, the CDC dismissed its appeal of Florida's preliminary-injunction motion. Given the federal government's abandonment of its order, Attorney General Moody today dismissed the matter and issued a statement outlining

the legal and practical win for Floridians.

### Attorney General Moody Provides Online Safety Tips for Children, Seniors and Adults on Safer Internet Day

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today released online safety tips for Floridians in recognition of Safer Internet Day. In 2020, the [Federal Bureau of Investigation reported](#) that internet scammers victimized more than 50,000 Floridians, with nearly \$300 million lost to online scams. Anyone can fall prey to these schemes—so, Attorney General Moody is issuing a warning to children, seniors and adults on Safer Internet Day to help Floridians guard against fraud.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "No one is completely safe online, and that is why we have developed resources to help protect Floridians on the internet. As we recognize Safer Internet Day, please take a moment to review your online security plan to ensure you are doing all you can to protect your identity, personal information and children from cybercriminals and predators."

In the past year, Attorney General Moody has released online safety content for Floridians of all ages:

#### [Online Safety for Children](#)

Last month, Attorney General Moody released the [2022 Online Safety Toolkit](#), designed to help empower parents to teach their children about the dangers of human trafficking online and to create effective online safety plans for safe internet use. The toolkit contains pages of educational material aggregated from federal, state and local public agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Florida law enforcement and technology companies.

#### [Online Safety for Seniors](#)

In an effort to help seniors avoid scams, Attorney General Moody launched the [Scams at a Glance program](#). The online resource provides tips and information through downloadable brochures designed to assist consumers with information and best practices to guard against fraud.

#### [Online Safety for Adults](#)

Attorney General Moody releases Consumer Alerts covering a wide range of topics, with many focusing on various tech-related scams that are reported to the Florida Attorney General's Office.

Some of the latest, top technology-related Consumer Alerts include:

- [Malware that Drains Cellphone Batteries and Bank Accounts](#)
- [Payment App Hack Attacks](#)
- [QR Code Scams](#)
- [Tips to Protect Passwords](#)

To view other recent Consumer Alerts, visit Attorney General Moody's Consumer Alert webpage at

[MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert](http://MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert).



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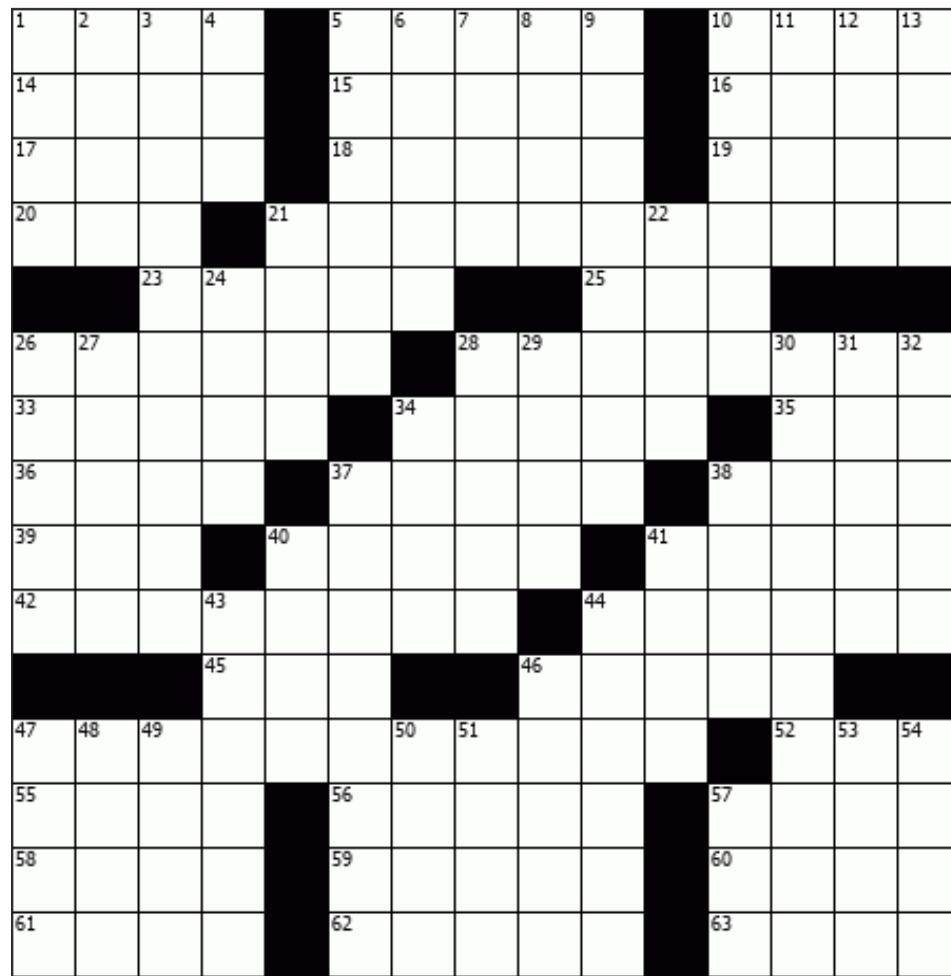
1. Monastery resident
5. Change, as a motion
10. Either horn of a crescent moon
14. Off, as a note
15. Voice range
16. Seat of King Olaf V's rule
17. Singer's concern
18. Lose underpinnings
19. Stand on hind legs
20. Put this down on paper
21. Continental headquarters, 1777-78
23. Like an oak leaf
25. Sports buff
26. Robin Goodfellow, e.g.
28. Not for one time only
33. California-Nevada resort lake
34. Clink glasses
35. Took off
36. Brief scrapbook item
37. Supporting beam

38. It has feathers and flies  
39. Nothing alternative  
40. Promote  
41. Char  
42. Stomach  
44. Word with front-end or muzzle  
45. It aids moving  
46. Devout  
47. Historic site of 1775  
52. Took the flag  
55. Aleutian Island  
56. "The Turn of the Screw" girl  
57. Pants specification  
58. Malleus or hyoid  
59. Poe's corvine visitor  
60. He lived 905 years  
61. It's useless without runners  
62. Comets, to the superstitious  
63. Former Miss America host Parks

**Down**

1. Spumante source  
2. Unexpected advantage  
3. Boston battleground  
4. Literary "before"  
5. Lolling  
6. European thrush  
7. Chemical suffix  
8. Lymph

9. "Jaws" star  
10. Sun's halo  
11. Exploitative type  
12. Tailings matter  
13. A sweater uses it  
21. Stand up and be counted  
22. Cut calories completely  
24. Run rampant  
26. Brown ermine  
27. Picasso or Neruda  
28. Play reveille  
29. Bridge seat  
30. 1777 battle site  
31. Word on a tag  
32. Board  
34. Horseback ride  
37. The way ferries travel  
38. Face on a wrist  
40. Type of muffin  
41. It flattens as it ages  
43. Drew out  
44. Word with "Run" in a 1976 sci-fi film title  
46. Bridge maven Charles  
47. Picked-up items  
48. Unholy figurine  
49. Word with sugar or walking  
50. "Rio Lobo" actor Jack  
51. Travel randomly  
53. Scent or aroma  
54. Hatchling's home  
57. Internet branch



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*Dr. King is medical director of the Center  
for Animal Rescue  
and Enrichment, St.  
Louis, MO.*

## Attorney General Moody Announces Arrest of Business Owner for Stealing Thousands from Medicaid Program

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, today arrested a business owner for stealing thousands of dollars from the Florida Medicaid program. Rasheia James owned a home health care service company that provided services for Medicaid recipients.

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½ teaspoon xanthan gum  
4 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 ½ teaspoon peppermint extract  
1 bar of dairy free mint dark chocolate, chopped

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line an 9x13-inch square baking pan with foil and lightly oil the bottom.
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**Volunteer:** A small number of volunteers have returned to help in various departments. We are accepting volunteer applications but do not yet know when we will schedule orientations for new volunteers. Please contact us for more information about volunteering. We are currently working on a digital orientation.

**Opt to adopt:** According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, there is no evidence that companion animals such as cats and dogs can spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

**Donate:** We know there is a lot of uncertainty right now but homeless and unwanted animals still need us. Donate to help the Humane Society of Marion County so we continue our lifesaving work and make them feel safe and loved.



Bilbie

Bilbie is a 14 weeks old male brought to the HSMC with her brother Wombat! We believe they could be Xolaitzcuinli, or Xolo, which is Mexican hairless dog breed.



Fuchsia is a 15 week old paralyzed kitten full of love.



Ninja is paralyzed in his hind legs but enjoys runs with his wheels.

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor

In 800 B/C. the Upanishads saw so much evil in the world and decided to look for a way for humans to live happy lives on this earth.

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After 1000 years of looking the same 3 issues were being considered.

In 2022 same issues still considered. On January 19, 2021 a Golden Warriors owner said he did not care about an enslaved people. Proof that the ruthless gene recently discovered in Israel does exist.

It is a genetic defect and deserves attention.

If the reset battle is won, freedom is gone forever. The ruthless will have won the war.

Reset issue number 1: depopulate the planet by 95 %.

Issue number 2: No one ever owns anything.

What fool wants that?

CONTROL IS THE NAME OF THE GAME. WHO DO YOU WANT IN CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE/?

D.I.L.

To the Editor

Before we discuss the monstrous toll road we need to discuss Florida is dying. It is being loved to death. We have to consider that Florida is already so crowded that statewide all the springs and state parks are so popular now that they close at capacity by 10:00 am. Most do not open back up the rest of the day. Springs have closed areas to the

public because foot traffic is killing underwater vegetation and eroding the shoreline from overuse. Beaches have to close for different kinds of pollution daily, weekly, or longer for anything from raw sewage to flesh-eating bacteria. Lake Ockachobee is so polluted that when they open the gates to release the overflow, the blue-green algae is so toxic it kills animals that drink it, fish, turtles, porpoises, manatees, and people are told to stay away from the beach for respiratory reasons. The toxic water from Lake O is so polluted it has killed part of the Indian River Lagoon to the point manatees are starving because the natural grass is gone. Various areas along the Atlantic and Gulf are void of fish because of blue-green algae and red tide.

Tampa has built a giant desalination plant for potable water because over-pumping has resulted in saltwater intrusion into wells that can no longer supply potable water. As of 2020, Florida had over 140 brackish water and desalination plants supplying potable water. Florida once known for its beautiful pristine aquifer is drying up or so polluted it can't be used. All of this pollution is south of the rural areas they want to put the toll road through. At one point and time, the toll road may have been feasible but certainly not now. Like the barge canal, we have learned that this kind of construction is destruction. If they use route C or D in addition to Veterans highway, there will be no rural Citrus County left. It will end rural Citronelle and Red Level which will turn into developments creating more pollution

and water usage.

Rainbow Springs State Park will be just a mile from routes A and B. The road and road construction, with all of its pollution, will divide the Rainbow River Aquatic Preserve, threaten the springs with damage from the pounding of the construction, and then the pollution from all the runoff. Regardless if its route A or B it will bring explosive urban development. All of the farmers and ranchers who lose all or part of their property will be forced to close their farms and ranches. Some of these farms and ranches have been in the family for 3, 4, or 5 generations. Young men and women, who thought they would continue the family business, will find themselves out of work, with no place to call home. Farm and Ranchland that is used by an abundance of wildlife, including the gopher tortoise, Sherman fox squirrels, bobcats, bears, deer, wild turkeys, ground-nesting and songbirds, and the list goes on and on, will be destroyed. Romeo has been and is a winter home for thousands of sandhill cranes. That area will become housing developments as the farms and ranches that support the cranes will be destroyed. As the A or B route moves north the destruction of natural and rural Florida will be repeated over and over again like a dragon eating and burning its way through state forest, preserves, greenways, family homes.

As to the turnpike extension being used for an evacuation route. Florida has a great evacuation route make all of I-75 or 95 lanes north. Texas and Louisiana turn their highways all lanes north for hurricanes so could Florida. I could go on about why this is insane and we know FDOT knows that it is. The toll road extension has been killed

multiple times and it must be again forever. We must say no toll road.

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## Stealing From Medicare

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According to the investigation, James knowingly created and submitted falsified documents to Medicaid for services not rendered. James allegedly billed Medicaid more than \$9,600 for services never provided to customers that needed health and personal support care.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Owning and operating a company that cares for patients is a noble endeavor—but abusing that ownership to defraud the Medicaid program out of thousands of dollars is shameless. Not only did James lie and falsify documents, but she intentionally stole taxpayer funds for personal benefit. I am thankful for my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit stopping this scheme and our statewide prosecutors will now hold her accountable."

In an ongoing scheme, James benefited from willfully and intentionally defrauding the Florida Medicaid program by creating false billing information and progress notes used to obtain reimbursement from Medicaid. As an authorized Medicaid provider for respite care services, James's company is supposed to help consumers be active in the community and provide a home-like environment for consumers living in group homes, assisted-living facilities or adult-family care homes and

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# Publishers Restaurant Review

Do you remember the Isaac Walton Lodge well it is under new ownership, a husband and wife team Chris and Anna Wakeman. The restaurant is now called the **Blackwater Inn** it is a place to go!

If you make reservations you might be able to get a table by a window and you can watch the Withalacoochee river flow by, working Fishing and pleasure boat's go by while you enjoy the wonderful food they serve you. The setting is black table clothes with everything you need to eat. Our waitress stop frequently to ask is everything OK here or did we need anything or can I get you anything for you. My wife had a Iceberg lettuce wedge salad it comes with a wedge of lettuce, tomatoes, red onion, bacon bits, and blue cheese crumbles. My wife said it

was wonderful. I had a shrimp plate. A half pound of shrimp.

They offer three ways you can have it fixed blackened, grilled or fried. I had it blackened with two side. I had two sides I had cole slaw. It was all well prepared and delicious. I noticed that when some customers got up from their lunch they took the table cloth away and put a fresh new one down. From what I understand the new owners purchased a number of businesses right on the river. It is located 6301 Riverside Drive, Yankee Town Florida. Phone number is 352-441-5002 tell them Tom the newspaper guy sent you.

**Denny's restaurant HWY 40 and I-75.** I have not been to Denny's for a while so I went in search a new meeting place for the

Select Business Association. Something new I learned, there is a back way in and out to avoid traffic. Just west of Denny's there is a little road entrance, it will take you to the new hotel or Denny's.

Anyway three of us went to lunch. The menu was great you can have breakfast, lunch or dinner at lunch time. One of our members choice was breakfast and the other fish dinner. It was nicely prepared moderately priced and not to loud. It took me two minutes to get out onto SR 40. I took a loaded potato soup home for my wife. She said it hit the spot. Week two new menu, I order Bourbon Bacon Hamburger no bun with Broccoli it was delicious! The people were friendly service was good. If you would like to join our lunch group call Tom Lory at 352-804-1223.

discontinued work with a client, James continued to bill Medicaid for services not provided and lied to employees about the claims.

James is being charged with one count of Medicaid provider fraud, a third-degree felony, and scheme to defraud, another third-degree felony. If convicted, James faces up to 10 years in prison and \$10,000 in fines. Attorney General Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution will prosecute this case.

*The Florida Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes providers that intentionally defraud the state's Medicaid program through fraudulent billing practices. Medicaid fraud essentially steals from Florida's taxpayers. From January 2019 to the present, Attorney General Moody's MFCU has obtained more than \$74 million in settlements and judgments.*

## Stealing from Medicare

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help them make personal choices. However, when James's company

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Discovery Center offers a variety of classes depending on your student's age, interest and when you would like to participate. Find more information online for Discovery Center science classes and registration.

### Free & Paid Drop-In Programs Sing a Long Science - ages 2 to 4

Combine music, science and art with songs and activities geared to the early

learner. Adults will accompany their student for this program. This class is available as a walk in class for an additional \$3.00 after general admission. General admission for Discovery Center is \$8.00 for adults and children over the age of 2. Admission to Discovery Center is free for members.

Pricing: \$3.00 add on to general admission

Class Meets: Saturdays 3:30pm-4:00pm

### Pop UP preschool Science - ages 1+

You never know what will "PopUP" at Discovery Center! This program features a fun book, experiment or craft designed for our youngest scientists. Pop UP Science is offered as a \$3.00 add-on to general admission. There is no need to pre-register. General admission to Discovery Center is \$8.00 per person for adults and children over

the age of two. General admission is always free for Discovery Center members.

Class Meets: Thursdays from 10:30 am-11:00 am

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Class Meets: Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

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## Brownies

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3. In a mixing bowl, beat the eggs on medium high till frothy. Add the brown sugar and beat until the mixture is smooth. Add the melted chocolate mixture into the egg-sugar mixture very slowly and beat well for a good minute. The chocolate will look smooth and glossy.

4. In a bowl, combine the dry ingredients: almond meal, rice flour, fine sea salt, xanthan gum and baking soda; whisk together. Add the dry flour mix into the chocolate mixture one cup at a time and beat well for a minute. Add the vanilla and mint, beat another half a minute or so.

5. Layer the chopped mint chocolate over the top of the batter and press them in slightly. Bake in the center of a preheated 350 degree F oven for 33 to 35 minutes, or until the brownies are set. Don't overcook, gluten free brownies taste better chewy.

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