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Pictured is a couple of venders giving American made Xpert Solar systems. me a thumbs up they were selling

Who Is Pulling Big Business Strings

By TomL

Here is one thought!

I hear people / readers talk about Russia being so powerful or China being so powerful. It makes me wonder about down deep inside about our country, who is pulling the BIG BUSINESS" strings? Here is what I have...

Who has the most influence in the World???

Most of the following are American Citizens and have work hard to get where they a at:

- 1. Google CEO is an Indian.
- 2. Microsoft CEO is an Indian.
- 3. Adobe CEO is an Indian.
- 4. IBM CEO is an Indian
- 5. TWITTER CEO is an Indian
- 6. Net App CEO is an Indian.
- 7. MasterCard CEO is an Indian.
- 8. DBS CEO is an Indian.
- 9. Novartis CEO is an Indian.
- 10. Diageo CEO is an Indian. 11. SanDisk CEO is an Indian.
- 12. Harman CEO is an Indian.
- 13. Micron CEO is an Indian.

- 14. Palo Alto Networks CEO is an Indian.
- 15. Reckitt Benckiser CEO is an Indian.
- 16. Britain's Chancellor is an Indian.
- 17. Britain's Home Secretary is an Indian.
- 18. Britain's next Prime Minister will be an

19. Ireland's last Prime Minister was an Indian....

20. and the American Vice President is

Now to take this further I think most of the CEO's are dedicated to this Country. This is not meant to talk bad about these CEO's they worked hard to get where they are at. So where do we go from here. The American people must VOTE and they must ask themselves this question is your life better now than it was in the previous administration. Vote on achievements, vote on what's good for the country not the party and how it effects your family. Free stuff is not free, it don't count because if you are receiving free stuff or maybe a check every month and you can work remember where it comes from...Your neighbors pocket that is working and paying taxes!



The Town of Lady Lake's 50/50 wins over Director Leslie Dicesare, President Vicki 1,000.00. Congratulations to Christina Kerley and Mayer Jim Rietz

Winner of the Lady Lake Chamber and Woznikaitis, check presented by Executive

Law Makers Revoke Disney Self Governing

Florida Senate - 2022 SB 4-C By Senator Bradley 5-00006-22C

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to independent special amending s. 189.0311, F.S.; dissolving independent special districts; authorizing the reestablishment of certain independent special districts; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida Section 1. Section 189.0311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 189.0311 Independent special districts; charter requirements.-

(1) Notwithstanding any general law, special act, or ordinance of a local government to the contrary, any independent spe-cial district charter enacted after September 30, 1989, shall contain the information required by s. 189.031(3). Recognizing that the exclusive charter for a community development district is the

statutory charter contained in ss. 190.006-190.041, community development districts established after July 1, 1980, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 190 shall be deemed in compliance with this requirement.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 189.072(2), any independent special district established by a special act prior to the date of ratifica-tion of the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, and which was not reestablished, reratified, or otherwise reconstitut-ed by a special act or general law after November 5, 1968, is dissolved effective June 1, 2023. An independent special dis-trict affected by this subsection may be reestablished on or after June 1, 2023, pursuant to the requirements and limitations of this chapter.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022

Florida Senate - 2022





AS I SEE IT

Recently, I've noticed so many people stating their version of the origin, the meaning, the intent and the effect of the Con-stitution of the United States of America.

For example, one starts, "Let me clarify what the 'experiment' (of the U.S Constitution) is". He the stated, "When this na-tion was founded, foreign nations were ruled by kings, tsars, autocrats. Even England still had a monarchy, in its queen".

(Question - At that time, wasn't there a 'King' of England?)

The writer continued, "Our country was founded as a democracy where our leaders were elected by the people."

(Question-Is the USA a 'democracy' or a Representative, Democratic Republic?)

Then, he claims, "Our laws were enacted by elected representatives of the people, to benefit the people fairly and justly.

(Q-Are these assertions based on a study these 'elected representatives?'

And then, "We have a system of checks and balances that ensure that our system would be administered so that no one branch of government would have ultimate power over the others.

(Q-Is this true? Is there, in fact, a system of 'checks and balances' or, has the 'system' enabled a 'minority of five' to ex-tend it's

Local governments are routinely overruled by the State, and in turn, those States are subjected to the whims and devices of Federal Authorities?

And, even the President and laws passed by our duly elected representatives in Washington DC, Democrats and Republicans alike, are regularly invalidated by a socalled, Supreme Court. And their decisions determined by the 'unjust five', who are partisan, life-time lawyers who have never

Tom's Letter To

I have four monthly newspapers and run a

I also live in Dunnellon Florida, the

lot of your press releases. My papers are distributed in the Villages and in Ocala.

The Governor

Hi Governor DeSantis Hi Bailey A Smith

lived in the real world?

Q-Is it true that "The Constitution, is our Constitution as written, and should be followed! It's the law!" If that was/is true, then we wouldn't need lawyers to 'interpret' it for us would we?

-Is the question of protecting the borders of the United States of America against an uncontrolled invasion, or the right of a woman to have an abortion, clearly spelled out in the Constitution?

-Under the Constitution, is the written that a President and a Federal government can militarily invade and subjugate a free state, for the sole reason of 'preserving the union'?

Here's a quote by Lincoln's hand:-

"I would save the Union.

I would save it the shortest way under the Constitution.

If there be those who would not save the Union, unless they could at the same time save slavery. I do not agree with them.

If there be those who would not save the Union unless they could at the same time $destroy\, slavery, I\, do\, not\, agree\, with\, them.$

My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or to destroy slavery.

If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it, and if I could save it

freeing all the slaves I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone I would also do that.

What I do about slavery, and the colored race, I do because I believe it helps to save the Union; and what I forbear, I for-bear because I do not believe it would help to save the Union.'

Q-Fact or Fiction? I don't know. I wasn't there...

'til next time.

Georgia by way of HWY 19 north, Georgia was already the plan 15 years ago for the traffic when the last Turnpike extension was tried. The World Equestrian Center is one of the biggest things to ever happen in Ocala. Thousands of Horse people and visitors are visiting WEC and using this route above would help you and them for normal traffic and more important an emergency evac route out of the state.

Better yet Florida already owns the land, Florida already have road access just build extra lanes. I also don't think we need Turnpike Authorities / Turnpike Enterprises. Extra management money extra retirement money when the Florida DOT can handle it. CUTTHE FAT!

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residence have been informed that the turnpike extension is coming through the area most likely along the Rainbow River, one of Florida's last natural resources. People are really upset and are losing sleep wondering if the extension will destroy their farm or their land (investment), I'm one of them. The Sabal Trail Gasline has already intruded through my small farm. From what I understand there is another route that is also being studied in Citrus County which would

take it away from the Rainbow River, the Withalacochee, the Barge Canal that connects to the gulf, The Blue Run and the Backwaters (Lake Rousseau). There is another choice that I have not heard anyone

Extend Turnpike to I-75 & widen, to HWY 27 clover leaf widen at HWY 27 west that would give the World Equestrian Center a very large Horse complex in Ocala a route from the west and from the east, HWY 27 west to HWY 19 widen that to the Georgia state line. I think sending the traffic to

discussing, here it is.

New Breakthrough

'Nano Powder" Battery Technology

TRUE OR FALSE? A stunning breakthrough in chemical engineering has unleashed a massive supply of renewable energy..

Enough energy, in fact, to power the entire globe.

This technology is so revolutionary, it's poised to decimate Big Oil's obscene profits, make OPEC obsolete, and hand the United States 100% energy independence.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Defense just invested \$250 million in over 60 different projects...

Google, Facebook and car manufacturers like GM, Toyota and BMW are spending billions racing to implement this technology.

And billionaires like Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates and Warren Buffett are going all in.

The International Energy Agency predicts \$48 trillion could soon flow into this sector, making it the #1 source of energy on the planet.

Goldman Sachs is already calling this **Illegal Immigrant** phenomenon a "once in a lifetime opportunity."

So there's no time to waste...

Do you know which technology we're talking about?

Paul Mampilly's "12 Million Mile Battery" Prediction

The focus of Paul Mampilly's "12 Million Mile Battery" prediction is a battery than any electric vehicle battery available.

Given the headline of the presentation, you might assume he was suggesting there's a battery that can go 12 million miles on a single charge, but that's not the case. Instead, he says the battery has a range of "over 9,200" miles" and can "last" 12 million miles.

across the country nearly four times — on a single charge!

It is creating the electric vehicle of the future -- a gasoline-free car that has the potential to...

✓ Charge in eight minutes — not hours.

✓ Drive a range of over 9,200 miles meaning you would have months of travel between charging, instead of days.

✓ And last not 1, but 12 MILLION miles.'

Publishers Note: As I understand this claim the battery will last 12 million miles but not the charge. The charge is suppose to last 25 times longer, which means you could travel for at least a month without a charge and then the charge would take 8 minutes. If all of this is true switching to electric vehicles might work but it takes time for all this to happen, so we need to keep the oil flowing until then. Come on Biden do the right thing!

Brutal Murders

Brutal Murders Committed by

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Biden Administration's dangerous immigration policies, as well as the soft on crime policies of the 9th Circuit State Attorney's Office (Orange and Osceola counties), have once again resulted in the needless deaths of innocent Floridians. On March 10, 2022, a man named Jean R. Macean, a citizen of Haiti and an illegal immigrant, was taken into custody for the murder of Terry and that he claims is 25 times more powerful Brenda Aultman and charged with two counts of first-degree murder. Macean had previously been arrested in Orange County prior to the murders, but the charges were inexplicably dropped by the State Attorney's Office under former State Attorney Aramis Ayala. Daytona Beach Police Chief Jakari Young described these killings as "one of the "This innovation could send a Tesla most vicious attacks I've ever seen in my 20 vears."





DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,

This column will be the second in a series that we plan to write, providing an overview of the 2022 Legislative Session. Last month, we b r o u g h t s o m e information to you

regarding Florida's budget and what the Legislature did with your money. This month, we will highlight two education policy bills that we passed this year

HB 1557, Parental Rights in Education by Senator Baxley and Representative Harding. By now, many of you are familiar with this bill as it received national attention and is part of broader conversation regarding parental rights going all the way back to last year. Given the slanderous moniker "Don't Say Gay Bill" by left wing media outlets, this bill expands on the Parental Rights bill passed in 2021. Let us be clear, this bill says nothing about not being able to say "gay" in schools. We are not prohibiting casual conversations. What we are saying is that children in K-3 schools do not need to be indoctrinated with gender theory instructional material and their parents left in the dark about it. HB 1557 will empower parents and families by prohibiting school districts from adopting policies that require employees to withhold information from a parent regarding their child, unless necessary to protect the child when the school suspects abuse or neglect. Additionally, this bill ensures ageappropriate curriculum by prohibiting teacher-led classroom instruction on gender identity or sexual orientation in the primary grade levels (K-3) and Improves transparency between schools and parents by requiring school boards to notify parents if there is a change in their child's services related to mental, emotional, or physical health and wellbeing. The enforcement arm of this bill authorizes a parent to request the Commissioner of Education to appoint a special magistrate to investigate unresolved parental complaints and recommend resolutions to the State Board of Education within 30 days. Further, it establishes a process whereby parents can bring action against a school district that violates the provisions of the bill that seek resolutions for unresolved concerns.

HB 7, Individual Freedoms by Senator Diaz and Representative Avila. This bill protects individual freedoms and prevents discrimination in public schools and the workplace while supporting factual, educational discussions and materials for our students. The bill identifies several principles of individual freedom to guide instruction and curriculum, such as: No individual is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex. No race is inherently superior to another race. No individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion,

STAY INFORMED!

disability or sex. Accordingly, the bill requires that instruction, instructional materials, and professional development in public schools be consistent with principles of individual freedom.

Thank you for the honor of letting me serve you in the Florida Senate. There is no higher calling than serving others.

Onward & Upward Senator Dennis Baxley

Students Recognized

Students Recognized for Science Projects That Search for Water Solutions

The District recently presented the Water Matters award to three Pasco County students searching for solutions to improve water quality and sustain freshwater supplies.

The Water Matters awards were given as part of the 2022 Pasco Science and Engineering Showcase last month. Hosted by the District School Board of Pasco County, this annual event encourages students to work through the scientific research process to explore pressing issues

and problems to create powerful solutions. The student projects considered for the Water Matters award aligned with the District's mission to protect water resources and ensure the public's water needs are met, while also demonstrating creativity and innovation.

"It was a great opportunity to recognize the amazing work being done by students related to water resources, and we look forward to presenting the award again in the future," said Katherine Munson, senior communications coordinator.

This year's Water Matters award recipient projects focused on improving water conditions and exploring alternative water supply options. The award was presented to *Continued page 5*





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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



several readers in the papers to the south, the Villages Spectator and the Lady Lake Magazine about getting information off the internet and are

questioning the validity. Here is one example of a story I got off the internet two years ago that now has validity. It seems that Hunter Biden's laptop is slowly being confirmed. The New York Post released Hunter Biden's Laptop to the FBI in October 2020. What do you think the election result's would have been if that was pick by the news as actual true information. Now the New Times has verified some of the email sent by that Laptop. It was a blazoned separation of information by several higher

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki was ask about the Laptop story she responded Hunter Biden does not work for the White House, the US Government and

I'm being busted by she is not obligated to answer questions about the story. She is telling reporters to ask the Department of Justice about the Laptop. Looking back during the election when ask about the story she said it was dissimulation of fake news by the Russians to influence the outcome of the election. The Laptop in many area referred to the "Big Guy" getting his cut of the loot. The Laptop shows about influence peddling. The Laptop also mentions Family Business dealings with Russia, China, Ukraine and more.

When someone is wrong all the time, that's something else. That's not an accident, that's on purpose. That's not stupidity, that's evil. That's a plan.

This is not an accident. That's a hit job.

And that's what's going on with Biden. They are trashing the country. The Socialist are triggering systemic failures across the society and economy. They are doing it on purpose. That's the only plausible explanation. Nobody is this stupid by accident. Nobody could wreak this much havoc, or destroy this much security and

intentionally setting out to do so.

Through executive orders and disastrous decisions, The Socialist have pushed several vast national systems into calamity or collapse. Healthcare, gasoline, transportation, consumer products availability and affordability, national defense, international relationships, labor, food supply, public safety.

Every indicator is downward, so we need to get the right party in office to stop the down slide.

I am not against the Democratic party I am against the decisions being made. What worry's me is the people that elected him!

Everyone is worrying about Russia and China. The Indian are hear working and living in our country are industrious people and have elevated themselves in life as CEO's of very large company and many have become Doctors, most are very good, I have a good one, but I've seen some I might question.

Finally I would like to run this list of the equipment the USA left in Afghanistan along with all the lives lost during the withdrawl.

Afghanistan

The most outrageous things you may ever read!

prosperity this quickly, without Aircraft: The Taliban now ranks #26 in the world in total military aircraft, thanks to us leaving behind

208 planes and helicopters:

110 helicopters

60 transport/cargo planes

20 light attack planes

18 intelligence/surveillance planes

Vehicles: You've probably seen the footage of the Taliban riding around in our Humvees.

We left a total of 75,898 vehicles:

42,604 tactical vehicles

22 174 Humyees

8,998 medium tactical vehicles

1,005 recovery vehicles

928 mine-resistant vehicles

189 armored tanks

What is your opinion tloury@attnet



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(Clinic Manager)

Students



students from the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Jacen Bartenfelder, a third grader at Watergrass Elementary, was the Water Matters elementary level recipient with his project "Removing Phosphates From Water." His project looked at the effects of different filtration materials and how they impacted the number of phosphates found in a water sample. The inspiration for his project came after concern about runoff polluting the lake behind his home. This experiment was designed to learn about ways to protect his local bodies of water.

Sebastian Davis, a seventh grader at Pasco Middle School, was the Water Matters junior level recipient with his project "Stopping Thirst One Drop at a Time." The project aimed to find the best method for removing mineral components from sea water. Davis observed multiple methods to determine the most effective and efficient Three Tips To Help Seniors Kickstart A way to cleanse sea water. His goal was to find the best way to purify salt water to increase freshwater supply.

Muhammad Shahraj, a twelfth grader at Cypress Creek High School, received the Water Matters award for the high school level. His project involved using White-Rot fungi to degrade metal pollutants in different water environment conditions. Shahraj observed the potential of the fungi in his experiment to understand how the heavy metals would break down in larger bodies of water

To learn more about the competition,

Leesburg Man Arrested

Leesburg Man Arrested On Child Pornography Charges

On April 7, detectives with the Lake County sheriff's Criminal Intelligence Unit executed a search warrant at the residence of 7448 Harbor View Drive in Leesburg regarding suspected child pornography being contained on the premises. Detectives located multiple electronic and digital media storage devices that were collected as evidence. On-scene forensic analysis was conducted on some of the devices, which revealed numerous images of the sexual performance of children ranging from infants to teenagers.

The suspect in this case, Keith Alan Wilkins (D.O.B. of 9/03/1960), was taken into custody and charged initially with 11 counts of possession of images depicting the sexual performance by a child and possession or promotion of certain images of child pornography. Further forensic review of the evidence collected from the home is being conducted, which will likely result in additional charges.

Wilkins has been employed as a facilities maintenance supervisor responsible for inspecting maintenance work conducted at daycare facilities throughout the state.

Wilkins was transported to the Lake

County Detention Center and was booked in

War in Ukraine

- Since the war began on Feb. 24, Russia has lost

15,300 personnel,

509 tanks,

1,556 armored combat vehicles,

252 artillery systems,

80 multiple-launch rocket systems,

99 warplanes.

123 helicopters,

1,000 vehicles, three ships

35 drones.

Seniors Kickstart **A Fitness Routine**



Spring Fitness Routine

(NAPSI)—Spring is here, and with it comes warmer weather, longer daylight hours, and for many, a desire to spring into new activities, including exercise. If you're ready to kickstart a new fitness routine, here are three tips to help you get started.

1. Find What Motivates You

Are you itching to get out into the sunshine for a walk? Are you eager to set up some friendly competition on the tennis or pickle-ball court? With warmer weather, there are so many outdoor options. But, if there's still too much "brrr" in the air for you or if you're motivated by more structured exercise options, such as strength training or cardio classes, there are many online workouts you can enjoy in the comfort of your home. For example, the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise program offers 54 free Facebook Live or YouTube classes each week. Thousands of people participate in these beginner, intermediate, and advanced dance, yoga, tai chi, cardio, strength, and flexibility classes.

If you've got a hankering to get back to the gym for the rowing, cycling, running, reight training, or stair stepper machines that most gyms offer, now is a great time to take the leap. Being around others who are working out can be motivating. If you aren't a gym member but want to find one, look into the affordable, subsidized gym memberships available to Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement members. Thousands of top-name gyms, fitness centers, YMCAs, and boutique fitness clubs across the country belong to fitness networks that honor Medicare memberships. Call your Medicare Advantage plan directly to learn what fitness programs they offer and what gyms near you narticipate.

2. Set Your Goals

Are you ready to kick spring off with a goal to gain more muscle, lose a few pounds or improve your flexibility and balance? Setting a goal and finding a workout that

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Seniors Continued from page 5 supports it is a key to success. For greater flexibility and balance, try yoga or tai chi, for example. To build muscle, you could alternate between strength training classes and free weights. To get started, write down a few simple goals and cross them off your list as you achieve them. Don't be afraid to start small. Try 10 minutes of a video workout, walk on a treadmill for 15 minutes or do 10 bicep curls with light weights. Achieving small successes improves your motivation and your fitness level. As you progress, increase your workout intensity.

3. Join Forces with a Workout Partner

Kickstarting something new can be easier and more fun with a friend or accountability partner. Set a regular time to take a walk or jog together. Join a tennis group or meet a friend at the gym. Ask your gym about working with a personal trainer who can help you plan an exercise routine. Some programs even offer members healthy aging coaching, so you can connect with a personal health coach via phone sessions. Your health coach can help you plan and achieve various health goals.

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

Whether you want to work out at home, get fit at the gym or attend online classes, there are many types of fitness programs that can help you kick start your spring fitness routine.

ALEXANDER SPRINGS



SEARCH IN ALEXANDER **SPRINGS**

The Lake County Sheriff's Office. in conjunction with the US Forest Service, is currently

searching for a 39-year-old man in the Alexander Springs area of Altoona after the man reportedly became separated from his group yesterday afternoon. The man and two others were apparently canoeing in the area yes-terday when the canoe overturned. According to the parties involved, two of the men were able to get back in the canoe; however, the missing man was unable to. The men reported that he then swam back to the shore and yelled to them that he would walk back and meet up with them.

The sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit, helicopter, K-9 deputies, mounted posse, and other resources have been searching diligently for the man, but as of this writing, he hasn't been located.

A photograph of the missing man, Davidson Anjab, is attached.

Further details will be released as they become available.

Read more at www.lcso.org

FIRST Robotics Competition

Strong People, Not Just Robots

(NAPSI)—When people think about FIRST, they immediately think of high school robotics competitions. But for the 2.5 million students who have participated in FIRST programs worldwide since 1989, the payoff is so much more.

FIRST is a robotics community that prepares students for their future through inclusive, team-based robotics programs for ages 4-18. Its mission is to inspire young of the program, they've had the opportunity people to be science and technology leaders

FIRST Robotics Competition Builds and innovators, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs.

"FIRST Robotics is not just a program about building robots, it also focuses on the growth and development of the individual, with technical training, organizational training and community outreach," said Derek Curd, a mentor of the Up a Creek Robotics team (Team 1619), based in Longmont, Colo. "FIRST teams operate like small companies, so when students come out to develop management and operational Continued page 15

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Awareness for a Family Safe Summer

With summer upon us, it is important to prepare for the heat that Florida sun provides to us. The state of Florida has the

second highest total number of heat related vehicle deaths of children with 99 based on statistics from 1998-2021. More than half of vehicular heatstroke cases were because an adult forgot about a child, according to NoHeatstroke.org. Additionally, every year pets suffer and die when their guardians make the mistake of leaving them unattended in a parked vehicle to "run in for just a minute" at the local store. The Lady Lake Police Department is committed to informing and educating parents and pet owners on the dangers of leaving children and pets unattended in a vehicle and taking precautions to help prevent these tragic

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

Heatstroke inside temperature of a vehicle can rise to 99 degrees in 10 minutes and soar up to 114 degrees in 30 minutes. At 90 degrees outside, the inside temperature of a vehicle can rise to 109 degrees in 10 minutes and soar up to 124 degrees in 30 minutes.

A child's body temperature can rise up to five times faster than an adult. When a core body temperature of 107 degrees Fahrenheit is reached, internal organs begin to shut down leading to death.

Dogs and cats can't sweat like humans, so they pant to lower their body temperature. If they're inside a car, recycling very hot air, panting gives no relief, and heat stroke can happen quickly.

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

Make it routine to open the back door of your car every time you park.

Set an alarm on your cell phone or computer calendar as a reminder to drop your child off at childcare. Make the alarm sound different from other alert tones.

Keen a stuffed animal in the child's car seat. Place it on the front passenger seat as a reminder when the child is in the back seat.

Ask your babysitter or childcare provider to call you if your child hasn't arrived as scheduled.

If you are driving a child, put something you need in the back seat so you will need to open the back door. Items may include a cellphone, handbag, employee badges, or any other item you would need at your destination.

What to do if you find a pet confined to a

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

Once removed from the vehicle, provide water to drink and if possible, immerse in cool water for up to two minutes to gradually lower the body temperature.

Watch for signs and symptoms of heatstroke such as restlessness, thick saliva, heavy panting, glazed eyes, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, dizziness, seizure, and lack of coordination. If a dog shows any of these symptoms remove it from the heat and transport to a veterinarian immediately.

Practice safety awareness and follow these precautions this summer season with your children and your pets to prevent a vehicle heat-related tragedy from happening to your family. Stay safe out there during our hot and humid summer!

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ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



Attorney **General Moody** Congressman Posev Announce Legislation to Give States the Ability to **Enforce Immigration**

Laws When DHS Won't

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Frustrated by the border crisis and the federal government's refusal to enforce its own laws, Attorney General Ashley Moody and Congressman Bill Posey today announced legislative efforts to give states more authority to combat illegal immigration. The congressional legislation, H.R. 7413, would allow state officials to demand the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security enforce federal immigration law in certain circumstances. DHS will then have the option to either enforce the law or deputize state officials to carry out the federal immigration duties.

he bill comes just days after President Joe Biden announced the termination of <u>Title</u> 42, a pandemic-era rule that allows border agents to quickly expel migrants attempting to enter the U.S. who traveled from a country where a communicable disease is present. DHS estimates that there might already be <u>25,000</u> migrants waiting in shelters just south of the border for Title 42

to come to an end. There are also projections that customs and border patrol agents could see up to 18,000 migrants a day after the removal of the policy.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "In less than a year and a half, the Biden administration has obliterated our southwest border and it's about to get even worse as the president prepares to end Title 42. We can no longer trust this administration to enforce the law. It is time for swift action to protect the American people. That is why, Representative Posey and I are taking this matter to Congress and asking the legislative branch to let the states protect our citizens by enforcing publicsafety immigration laws when Biden

Congressman Bill Posey said, "Maintaining operational control over our nation's borders is critical to our security and our ability to stop human traffickers, drug smugglers and other violent criminals and terrorists who mean to do our communities harm. When the federal government abdicates its role in protecting our nation's borders and refuses to enforce immigration laws allowing millions of people to illegally cross into our country states should have authority to protect their citizens."

Under H.R. 7413, the Immigration and Enforcement Partnership Act of 2022, if a state attorney general finds that DHS is not adequately fulfilling the non-discretionary duties under title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the attorney general may

so. Such duties include the arrest, detention and removal of criminal and arriving aliens. No later than 30 days after receiving a month period. With Mexico being the request, the secretary shall either ensure that the duties are adequately fulfilled by officers and employees of the DHS, or authorize enforce the law when the federal state officials to enforce federal immigration law. If the secretary does not comply, the attorney general may file a civil action to enforce these requirements. The bill also requires the courts to expedite proceedings on such action to the greatest extent practicable.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection encounters with illegal migrants at the southwest border totaled more than 2 million since February 2021, with deportations down 70% last year. Attorney General Moody and Congressman Posey are concerned that the federal government's seeming disinterest with enforcing immigration laws will exacerbate the opioid crisis and leave the door open for unmitigated drug and human trafficking.

It costs Florida more than \$100 million a year just to incarcerate illegal immigrates who commit crimes in the state. The cost to public safety is harder to calculate as the nation struggles with a deadly opioid crisis claiming 21 lives a day in Florida. The crisis is being exacerbated by fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 100 times stronger than morphine. According to CBP, since Biden took office, the amount of fentanyl seized at the border is enough to kill every man, woman and child in the nation more than seven times over.

According to recent reports, fentanyl is the number one killer of adults aged 18-45. The Center for Disease Control and

request in writing that the DHS secretary do Prevention projects that nearly 70,000 people nationwide have died from fentanyl overdose in the most recently recorded 12number one source of fentanyl imports into the U.S., it is important that states be able to government does not.

Attorney General Moody and Congressman Posey are also fighting to end human trafficking in Florida. The southwest border is a gateway for human smugglers to bring trafficking victims into the nation. Due to the chaos at the border, many are sneaking by enforcement officials. A former border patrol chief estimates more than 400,000 migrants evaded agents and crossed the border last year. The risk of being trafficked is higher with noncitizens who pay to be smuggled into the country. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials state that dangerous human smuggling circumstances are encountered every day at the southwest border.

CBP reports arrests of individuals with criminal convictions increased more than 340% in the last fiscal year. There was an 450% increase of those previously convicted of illegal drug possession and trafficking, a 585% increase of illegal immigrants previously arrested for trafficking, and a 212% increase of those arrested for sexual offenses.

In January, Attorney General Moody traveled to the southwest border in Texas to receive briefings from law enforcement officials about the dramatic overrun of the border brought on by President Biden's

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DeSantis Signs Bill to Protect the Lives of Florida's Most Vulnerable

KISSIMMEE, Fla. Today, Governor Ron DeSantis was joined by pro-life advocates and

community leaders to sign HB 5, the Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality Act, to protect the lives of Florida's most vulnerable by prohibiting all abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. HB 5 represent the most significant protections for life in Florida's modern history. Read more on what they are saying below.

"Life is precious and children are a Godgiven gift," said Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez. "That is why House Bill 5 is so important, as it provides added protections for the unborn child. Governor DeSantis and I remain steadfast in our commitment to defending the sanctity of innocent human life and protecting the unborn?

"Every abortion kills a special and unique human being who deserves protection under the laws of this state and the chance to grow up in a loving family," said Senate President Wilton Simpson. "As an adopted child in a family that took in foster children, it has always been important to me that our state do everything we can to promote adoption as an alternative to abortion. Floridians can be proud that we

Governor Ron live in a state that not only protects innocent, unborn life, but also supports children and parents. I commend Governor DeSantis for making strong pro-life, pro-child, and profamily legislation the centerpiece of his administration."

> "With Governor DeSantis' signature on our bill that respects and protects life before and after birth, we are well on our way to saving thousands of babies — and it doesn't stop there," said **House Speaker Chris Sprowls**. "Through provisions in our bill, we will continue to support babies and new moms to ensure they have the best opportunities to be healthy and safe for years to come. I could not be more proud of the tenacity, courage and resilience displayed by Representatives Grall and Persons-Mulicka in their fight for this bill and the lives of Florida's next generation."

> "In the half century since the Roe v. Wade decision, science has shown us that an unborn baby rapidly develops the functions and form of a child long before viability. Having once been a scared teenage mother myself, I understand the challenge and anguish of a woman facing an unplanned pregnancy, but we have a duty to protect life," said Senator Kelli Stargel. "This bill safeguards innocent, unborn children with beating hearts, who can move, taste, see, feel pain, and whose lives should be protected under the laws of this state. Governor DeSantis is a champion for life, and I am grateful to him for signing this bill into law

and protecting the right to life for unborn sparred her. I am thankful for my daughter, children across our state."

"Today, Florida takes a big step forward in creating a culture that values, defends, and protects life," said Representative Erin Grall. "I am proud to have worked alongside so many great leaders, including Governor DeSantis, to pass HB 5 because I know our state values the rights of the unborn and ensures that a life remains a life, whether planned or unplanned, wanted or unwanted, in the womb or outside of the womb."

"The bill that the Governor is signing will save babies. This bill will save mothers and fathers from the lifetime of pain that I have suffered, and for that I am so grateful," said Pro-Life Advocate Heather Grall Barwick. "I made a mistake [to get an abortion] at 21 years old that I cannot change but I can let others learn from my mistake. I choose to share my story for my 6-year-old daughter and my 19 nieces and nephews. I chose to speak up for the women who say abortion does not cause mental distress and the women in their 70s who had abortions who just now are able to testify on the regret they have held for 40 years.'

"When Hope was 10 and a half weeks gestation, her birth mother had an abortion at an abortion facility and she left that day believing she had had an abortion, but God had sparred Hope's life," said Terri Kellogg, Hope's mother Pro-Life Advocate. "At 5 ½ months, her birth mother felt movement and at that point she chose life and adoption. She didn't know anything was wrong with her baby until she delivered two months early. When I look at Hope and I see her scar, I am reminded of how God

and I am thankful for her birth mother who chose life when given a second chance. My heart is full to be here with all of you who have done so much to stand for life.

"No one wanted my daughter, her father said it's not mine, my parents wanted nothing to do with the pregnancy, my mother even took me for the abortion but when I got there, I didn't do it," said Kelly Therrien, Pro-Life Advocate. "I had nothing, I had nobody but I did it. My daughter will be 3 ½ on the 17th. I was pro-choice but when you get in that spot and it is you personally, it messes with your mind and I am against it now, because I wouldn't have her. People say she was a mistake but no, she was a surprise. Thank you Governor for signing this.'

"Being a single mother has not been easy, but I have the good fortune to be where I am now," said Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Simone Marstiller. "When I was in college, I fell pregnant at 19. I went to a physician and was handed a referral for abortion without any counseling. I decided to keep my baby and when she was born, yelling and screaming, she was put on my chest and immediately fell silent, that is when I knew I had done the right thing. It takes courage for any woman who finds herself at a crossroads and has to make the toughest decision of their life. I hope hearing my story will encourage someone out there to make a choice and choose life, do not believe the narrative that a baby will ruin your life and that abortion is the right choice, you WILL be fine and all WILL be well."





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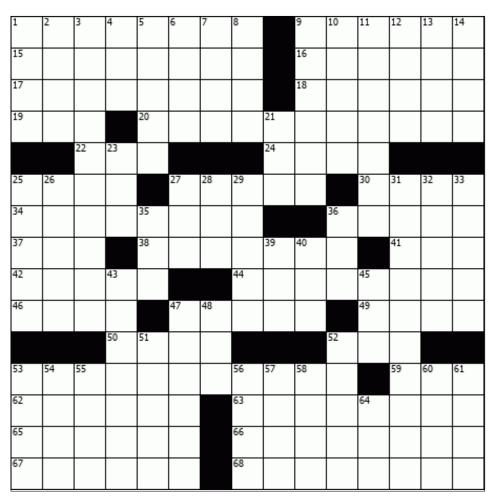
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3 cloves garlic, finely minced

2 teaspoons chili powder

½ teaspoon ground cumin

½ teaspoon dried Mexican oregano

8 taco-sized flour tortillas heated on skillet lightly coated with Corn Oil until lightly charred.

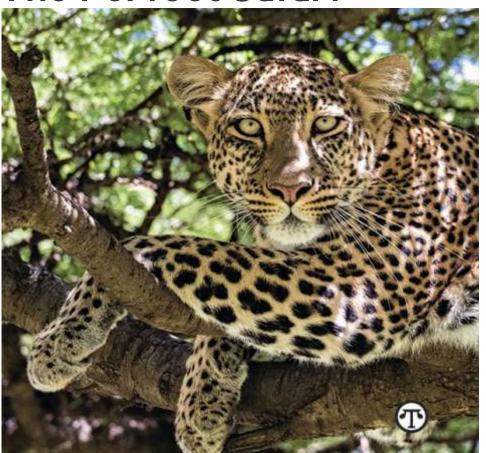
Cotija cheese Chopped cilantro Pickled jalapeno

Toppings:

In large bowl, combine soy sauce, lime juice, 2 tablespoon Mazola® Corn Oil, minced garlic, chili powder, cumin and oregano. Remove steak from freezer and slice thinly across the grain. Place in bowl with marinade. Stir to cover. Marinate 45 minutes to 2 hours. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in large skillet over high heat. Add steak to hot oil. Sear on both sides for about 1 minute. Immediately reduce heat to medium high. Add reserved marinade. Cook, stirring often, until marinade has reduced to half, about 3-4 minutes. Divide steak among warmed tortillas. Top with a sprinkling of chopped cilantro, crumbles of cotija cheese and pickled jalapeño. Serve immediately with lime wedges.



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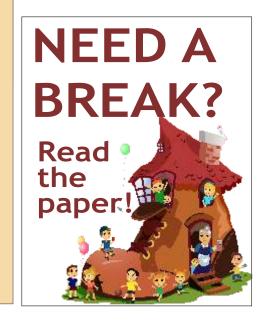
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Moody Continued from page 9 reckless immigration policies. Attorney General Moody joined attorneys general from across the nation for the security briefing.

Congressman Posey has been to the border and seen firsthand how open and dangerous it has been allowed to become. Congressman Posey has been a strong advocate in Congress for securing the borders and maintaining operational control over them, as well as fighting human trafficking, targeting fentanyl and other illegal drugs, deporting criminal aliens and rooting out fraud in our immigration system.

Attorney General Moody Brings Multistate Action Against Biden's **Unlawful Federal Immigration Policies**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is bringing a multistate action against President Joe Biden for fail-ing to enforce federal immigration law. The attorneys general of Alabama and Georgia joined Attorney General Moody in a complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief, arguing that the president is failing to perform the duties required by Con-gress by continuing to operate under unlawful immigration enforcement priorities. Under these priorities, the Biden admin-istration is refusing to detain and deport criminals in the country illegally—directly contrary to federal law.

The immigration enforcement priorities are also contrary to precedent set by presidents of both political parties. As Obama administration Solicitor General Donald Verrilli recognized, "Congress has told the Department of Homeland Security that it has to prioritize the removal of criminal aliens.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "The Biden administration's refusal to deport criminals here illegally after they com-plete their sentences makes us all less safe. Biden's lax immigration policies are exacerbating the opioid crisis, facilitating human trafficking and further jeopardizing overall public safety. As Attorney General, I will continue fighting these unlaw-ful immigration policies until the president is forced to do his job and secure the southwest border."

The immigration priorities, as is nearly every immigration policy from the Biden administration, are designed to weaken border security. Through multiple acts of legislation, Congress instructed the executive branch to arrest, detain and remove criminal aliens due to concerns that those who are not detained continue to engage in crime and fail to appear for removal proceedings.

The complaint filed by Attorney General Moody states: "The Biden Administration seeks to 'dispense with' these acts of Congress. It claims the discretion to decide...which aliens should be arrested, detained and removed, even if its policy pref-erences directly conflict with the clear commands of Congress. And it has used the claimed discretion to allow illegal immigrants guilty of drug trafficking, burglary the United States District Court in the and other serious crimes to return to our Northern District of Alabama. communities upon release from state custody rather than arresting and removing them as federal law requires."

Thus, Florida argues that Biden's new immigration priorities are contrary to law because, as the Supreme Court has held, immigration officials "must arrest those aliens guilty of a predicate offense."

The policy is also arbitrary and capricious. The Biden administration displayed no awareness that the memo changes a longstanding position of the federal government, nor does the memo consider the substantial costs imposed on the states by ignoring the law.

States bear many of the consequences of unlawful immigration. According to the complaint, "Plaintiffs spend more than \$100 million per year incarcerating illegal immigrants who commit crimes within their borders. They will spend more be-cause of the criminals the Biden administration is releasing instead of arresting, detaining and removing...especially given the high recidivism rates among released prisoners. Plaintiffs will also expend more resources on the supervised release of aliens."

The complaint asks the court to hold the immigration priorities unlawful, issue permanent injunctive relief prohibiting the Biden administration from enforcing the policy and compel the Department of Homeland Security to comply with the law.

The states of Alabama and Georgia are joining Florida in the action that is filed in



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Robotics Competition

Continued from page 6 skills as well," he said.

Up a Creek Robotics was established in 2004 and partners with the St. Vrain School District. Curd, a tech industry engineer, has been a team mentor since 2014. The team has won numerous regional competitions dating back to 2015 and has earned several invitations to compete at the international meet in Houston, Texas. It also took first place in the global skills competition last year against more than 1,500 teams.

"Some students from our club have gone on to work at local robotics firms, and about 90% of them pick a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields, such as mechanical engineering or aerospace," Curd said.

Gracious and Professional

An important element of the FIRST culture is being gracious and professional. The organization rewards teams that help each other advance. Unlike combat robot competitions, the focus of FIRST robotics challenges is not to destroy your competitor's robot, but to perform the challenges as best you can. The teams want to win, but against opponents who are also at their best.

"Teams are paired with each other in alliances to play games better or faster than their opponents," explained Kate Pilotte, senior manager, kit of parts at FIRST. "The ultimate goal for many teams is to be on the alliance that wins the championship."

Coping with COVID

In March 2020, due to the spread of COVID-19, FIRST competitions around the world were canceled. Pilotte said that teams had to pivot their goals. They used what they learned in FIRST to make personal protective equipment, ventilators, robots that delivered groceries to seniors, and much more. "In the end," she added, "they found innovative ways to put their talents to the

arguably more resilient."

The Competition

Every January, the FIRST Robotics Competition launches a new challenge in which teams of high school students build industrial-sized robots to play a difficult field game. Sometimes robots have to climb, build, stack, or throw objects, grab things and move them, or fit components together.

"The technology that goes into these robots is crazy," Curd said. "Almost every year we are using state-of-the-art vision systems—tracking targets on the field and shooting at them. There's a lot of complex software algorithmic work going on here that is impressive for these high school students."

Every team builds its robot on a control platform named roboRIO from National Instruments, which is driven by powerful Zynq-7000 adaptive computing chips from AMD-Xilinx that have the processing capacity to handle complex AI algorithms in real time. "The Zynq device can operate at different voltages, interfaces and protocols. It offers a great deal of flexibility that supports different types of input and output paths to and from the NI box," Curd said.

AMD-Xilinx has sponsored the Up a test and are emerging from the pandemic Creek team for many years. "Sponsoring

FIRST gives us an opportunity to help students get exposed to the idea of pursuing careers in technology and does a lot of other good for the community as well," said Dan Gibbons, vice president of software programmability and compute acceleration at AMD-Xilinx.

Inspiring Ideas

"There are students from FIRST who designed and manufactured a special wheelchair for a kid in their community. In Turkey, one team built a robot to help save a puppy," Pilotte said. "It is truly inspiring to see what these kids can do.'

juniors Alex Van Aacken, Heather Frisch, and Lily Pamphile have been involved in 'Woodward Academys FIRST robotics program for three years and now are program leads. Van Aacken contributes to the team as a mechanical designer and helps build the robots. Pamphile is head of

programming, and Frisch leads electrical engineering.

In March, the team completed its first competition in three years and made it to the quarterfinals.

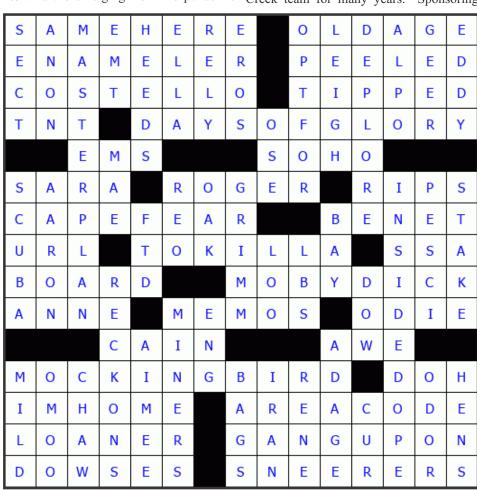
"The Columbus competition included an interesting game involving lots of balls flying around," Van Aacken said. "We focused our robot on getting good at ball shooting from far away. There were some problems that plagued us along the way, but we're really proud of how far we got. We haven't advanced this far as a team since 2018."

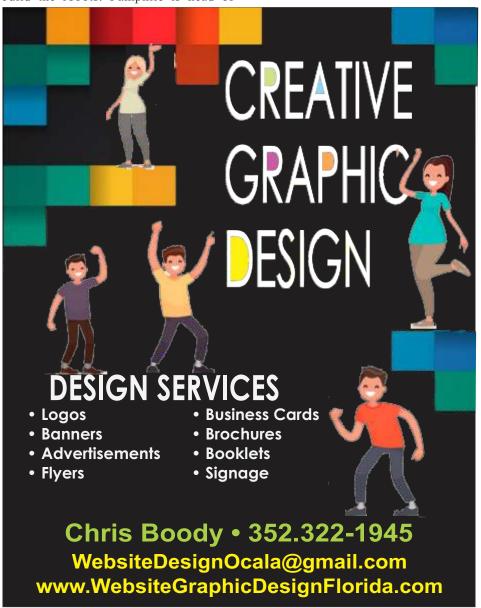
"Our main issue at the competition stemmed from the electrical board," Frisch explained. "We had some new electrical components that had connection problems and we had a firewall issue. It was definitely a struggle, but we got a lot of advice from our FIRST mentors and we talked to other teams to help us solve the problems.'

Last year, the Woodward Academy robotics team was able to meet in person on a hybrid schedule and participated in competitions online. "We basically built half of an FTC field in our lab and then we ran a match, trying to score as many points as possible," Pamphile explained. "From there, we uploaded our scores and videos to the FIRST website, and that's how we were ranked."

Finding Community

"FIRST is not all about robotics. It's not In the Atlanta suburb of College Park, always about kids with the best programming ability. It's also about kids looking for a community," said Tim Hipp, the team's lead faculty mentor. "FIRST is the reason many of these students come to school." [More information: https://xlnx.com/38xmjdg.]







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