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Take Me Home!



The Town of Lady Lake celebrated Arbor Day with the Lady Lake Garden Church of Lady Lake. Miss Leesburg and Teen Miss Leesburg joined in on the fun! Club planting 8 trees at the First Baptist



This months Lady Lake Chamber Networking Luncheon at Harbor Hills was a great success. Food was good, met new

people, met some business people I have not seen in a while, It was a good day!

The Most Important Story I Have Ever Printed

It starts like this...

2,000 Mules video! Produced by DINESH D/SOUSA

By TomL

I will try to describe the video as a short version. I may have missed a couple of things that is why you should watch the video! I don't see this as a hoax, you watch it if you can get a copy. The current administration is trying to suppress it video. All Americans should view the video.

Several of us watched the 2,000 mules video. It is eye opening. It took the coming together of several investigating agency (CELL GEOTRACKING DATA) was used, from one company. Being able to locate a person's phone and locate where they were at any given time on any given day.

Next was investigation into cameras at each ballot boxes.

After looking at the telephone pings being in the same places by certain people, the investigators ask for video footage of the ballot boxes. They are all supposed to have them operating during elections voting hours 24 hours a day. The investigator's noticed the same person coming to the ballot boxes a number of times. They applied the telephone tracking application. The number of hit's were much to big and cumbersome, so they decided to track anyone traveling to the ballot boxes 20 times in one day. There was at least 2,000 so they ask for video footage of the ballot boxes. Some requests were denied they said there were not available but still a few came in. They are supposed to supply them by federal law, some did not! They busted some ballot stuffers in the early days of the election and arrested them by fingerprints evidence, so from that day on the video show's they all were wearing gloves. You see

that on the video. The subject pulled up in the middle of the night with gloves on stuffed the ballots into the ballot box, took a picture proving they were there, took the gloves off and disposed of them in a nearby trash cans. The video's show different people stuffing ballot boxes between 1 am and 5 am but a few in broad day light hours. Suppose you take 2,000 mules (people) in one night stuffing 20 ballots at 20 different locations in one night. How many votes is that? I think it's 800,000 per night. You figure it out! Who really won the election? Watch the video and you decide!

Wait there is more.... three dozen of the telephone locators put the same people at one of the sites where all the burning and looting was going on. Maybe they were paid to burn and loot?

Who is paying them. Well they have one witness came forward on video and admit they were paid by their company to be a mule, I think it was a secretary. They told her to put the ballots in a certain ballot box because the was no camera there. She did and she admits it in the video.

Now come to date. It probably explains the urgency of getting thing done fast. They are about to be exposed! The video has been banned from many locations, so it is taking time for the American people to see it! Take the effort to see it, it is an eye opener! It will take time for all Americans to view this video, so then what. It will be up to the American people! Where is the DOJ? FBI?

Locally you can call the new Republican Party headquarters and ask to view the video? They might show it to you.

Most politicians are trying to raise money to get re-elected so I don't see them getting involved yet.

HAVE A SAFE

4th JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY

AS I SEE IT

In a democracy 'the people' get to "deliberate on, and decide legislation". I don't think there is any such country anywhere in the world.

In a 'Representative Democracy' the people elect someone to make decisions for them.

Communist or Capitalist, it's about the same - 'big money' dictates who gets elected, and the winners serve themselves.

Exactly who 'the people' are and how authority is shared among or delegated by the people has changed over time and at different rates in different countries,

but over time more and more of a democratic country's inhabitants have generally been included.

Supposedly, democracy ensures freedom of assembly and association, property rights, freedom of religion and speech, inclusiveness and equality, citizenship, consent of the governed, voting rights, freedom from unwarranted governmental deprivation of the right to life and liberty, and minority rights.

But 'democracy' has changed over time.

Originally, the Greeks, tried a direct democracy, everyone voting on everything - but obviously that didn't work out too well.

Rarely does any issue receive universal support, so slowly, as in America now, 'the people' divide into warring factions behind their charismatic leader, who increasingly does their thinking for them.

This leads to extremism, and, ultimately dictatorship.

The elected president demands 'blind loyalty' from, not only the population, but also from other elected leaders and government employees, either of whom gets fired if they have an opinion different from the leader.

Eventually, it gets worse. In Florida right now the governor is attacking a private business, not because they did anything illegal or immoral, but for the simple reason

that their spokesperson, expressed an opinion in opposition to that of the governor.

Was the 'free press' outraged by this abuse of power?

A very different response from an executive telling their employees what to think and what NOT to say.

Did our elected republican representatives speak up for 'Freedom of Speech' or 'Abuse of Power'?

Of course not.

Why?

For the simple reason that our leaders are inevitably evolving into dictators.

"Oppose me and you're out!"

It's been said that "No president, regardless of party, should be able to exploit weaknesses in our political system for their personal gain."

Nice 'Polly-Anna' thinking, But, in the real world, this gradual loss of freedom is inevitable.

Pure 'democracy' doesn't work, because we can't agree on anything.

'Representative Democracy' doesn't work because, we cease to think for our selves.

Another complication is the 'blank check' we donate to our elected officials.

As it is, a candidate can state publicly, on the record, that, for example, they are against 'Abortion Rights' and for strict 'Border Controls'.

Then, when in office, they can, and do, vote as they please, regardless of their promises.

How should we vote when we believe in a 'woman's-right-to-choose', and the control of unarmed invaders who are pouring into this country every day?

As I see it, we 'The People' do have the right to vote (on these issues).

That freedom is being denied us by our elected leaders.

The very people who volunteered to serve and protect us.

'til next time. . . .

YOUTH SOCCER

The Lady Lake Soccer Association has scheduled a 5-day (evening) Youth Soccer Clinic/Camp in Lady Lake.

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Website - LadyLakeSoccer.com



Restaurant Reviews

We were very lucky this week. I ate out three times once at Carrabas all you can eat soup & salad \$7.99. it was all good the salad was nicely done and I had one of each of the soups they were very good. Especially the sausage lentil soup.

The next day I took my wife to Olive Garden and of course had the soup and salad. I tried two soup both were very good. I would say they were both restaurants equally as good. Bread and salad were excellent.

I was going to brag about Off Duty's food but someone said they close. I heard they are looking for a new place. It is a great concept catering to Off Duty first responders. I hope they reopen soon, the food was really good.

Mother's Day / Texas Roadhouse 7 pm Sunday night. I had got on the waiting list day before. When we got there at 7 pm there must have been a hundred people waiting outside. I check in they looked for my name on the waiting list and we made it in with a

short waiting time. There was six of us, my Son Travis wife Lindsay, my wife Phyllis, two grandsons Brantley Cash and Lane

I had 8 oz sirloin and shrimp, my son ordered a filet minion and shrimp. I could not eat my steak it was fixed right but to tuff, pink inside the way I ordered it. I took it home, the next morning for breakfast I put a cup of water some beef bullion, sirloin steak, onion. Garlic and some Onion Blossom appetizer, brought it to a boil, let it sit for a few minutes and it was good. The filet my son had was great. It was \$4 more. The Chefs are pushing through that many people on a special holiday they can't worry about the cut of meat, it was cooked the way I ask for it. Service was good and prompt. My shrimp was good, we had fun! I'll never go on a holiday again or I won't eat steak, just shrimp!

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Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,
This is Part II of our report on the 2022 Legislative Session. As of this writing, we have already worked through one Special Session addressing congressional redistricting and independent special districts (Disney, Reed Creek). Both of these have been highly publicized already, so we won't spend much time on those, except to tell you two things:

First, the congressional maps that we passed are fair and constitutional, and we fully expect that it will be upheld by the higher court. The Fair Districts Act, while (possibly) well intended, sends the wrong message about how we should operate as a society. Drawing a district to favor a population, based on the color of their skin, is moving us further away from the dream of Dr. King where we judge men not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. Second, in regards to the Disney and the Special Districts Bill, the robust authority granted to the Reedy Creek Improvement District stretches well beyond those for other cities and counties. It was time for the legislature to conduct an extensive review of the powers and authorities of special districts through the lens of today's environment. As elected officials, it is our duty to represent the best interest of Floridians, not boardrooms in California.

Back to our report on the 2022 Regular Session. We have two bills that we want to highlight this month that we're sure you've seen already, but they were the two that we were the most excited about.

The first, HB 1557 - Parental Rights in Education Act, was a bill that your Senator carried through to final passage. This bill strengthens the Parents' Bill of Rights Act, safeguarding the rights and responsibilities of parents to decide how best to raise their children and remain informed about their child's education. Further, it prohibits teacher-led classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grades (K-3), and specifies that instruction in other grades must be age appropriate and consistent with state standards. Kids at that age don't need indoctrination, they need to be taught skills that can help to make them life-long learners. This shouldn't be controversial. We want to thank Governor Ron DeSantis and President Wilton Simpson for their unwavering support of this legislation.

The second bill sponsored by Senator Stargel, was HB 5 - Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality. HB 5 prohibits abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. The bill clarifies the term "gestation" to provide a more commonly understood and medically accepted measurement of development. State government must do all we can to protect the lives of innocent children and provide support and educational information for parents. Destroying

innocent life as an answer to unplanned pregnancies is not who we want to be as a people, and Florida is committed to being the voice for those who cannot yet speak for themselves.

Thank you for the honor of letting me serve you in the Florida Senate. It is truly a pleasure to represent hometown America in our state capitol.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley



Vaccines Continue To Be Essential

Vaccines Continue To Be Essential To Our Safety

By We Can Do This COVID-19

Public Education Campaign

(NAPSI)—After a few weeks without rain, most people don't throw out their umbrella. Just because someone has driven thousands of accident-free miles, that doesn't mean seatbelts should be abandoned. Similarly, health officials encourage people to think about such prevention measures as wearing masks in the same way that we think about our umbrellas. People shouldn't stop taking steps to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, even if there is a lull in cases.

"Like the weather, COVID changes over

time, and what we know about the virus has expanded, providing effective tools for preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths," said Dr. Mohamed Yassin, infectious disease specialist at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Mercy in Pennsylvania. "It is vital that we continue to layer prevention strategies appropriate for your health status and COVID rates in your community to keep from getting and spreading the virus."

The most effective ways to prevent COVID are simple and widely available to all Americans.

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Tom Loury Long time member of CEP/Ocala Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the Ocala Business Leaders and current member, Co-Founder and past President of Select Business Associates, Past President of the Lady Lake Chamber and current member.

PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Two of us went fishing. It cost me \$20 for bait, \$10 for boat launch, My buddy paid for the gas for the truck, gas for the boat. We had lunch for the trip and there were small craft warning came up. We fished in the river, there was still a stiff wind but no wave. I can get two fish sandwiches for under \$10 hummmm.

I was talking to the people at the Bait & Tackle store. They reported the state is changing the regulation's every six months. Allow to take some fish certain times like two months a year. Very large measurements to make the fish a keeper (for food). The gulf is important to some people that make their living there. They are making it very hard for anglers o keep their catch (FOOD). At ten inch fish could feed a person but there are regulation to fifteen inches, and up. People who pay taxes should be shown some consideration where a tax paying family can go picnic for the day catch a few fish which

they pay for by buying a license. To many rules make for control of the tax payers.

OK you guys in Tallahassee, You are allowing the Turnpike Authorities to take the tax payers land, your controlling the fish catch that we can catch and eat. When you start thinking about it we are highly regulated. Can you give us some slack? My business has really suffered because of the pandemic, we need some slack.

In early April a Supreme Court Justice Arthur Engoron ruled that Donald Trump with Contempt of Court for not supplying information requested and fined him \$10,000 per day. His Lawyer Alina Habba said she will appeal the ruling. Trumps attorney stated Trump and his team did not have the information they are requesting.

We use to have a class in school called Civics. What is the definition of Civics? Relating to a city, citizens, or citizenship: civic duties.(Government, Politics &

Diplomacy) of or relating to a city, citizens, or citizenship: civic duties. It is the study of the rights and obligations of citizens in society. The term derives from the Latin word civic's, meaning "relating to a citizen". The term relates to behavior affecting other citizens, particularly in the context of urban development. Civic education is the study of the theoretical, political and practical aspects of citizenship, as well as its rights and duties.

Did you know that 50% of Congress are millionaires and the percentage of citizens in the United States is 1%. Hmmm?

Got a letter from a Democrat last month. She hurt my feeling she called my newspaper a news letter and a rag and that my article was extremely offensive. I must be doing something right!

Margret please forgive me for not seeing things your way. I was raise a Democrat by my father. The Democratic party was for the working man and woman. But they changed most people are not opening there eyes. The Socialist have taken control of the Democratic party. Bernie Sanders is pulling the strings of the squad and some of them hate the United States and should not be a leader of the free world. We are losing our freedom day by day under this current administration. What scares me is not how they preform but the people who elected an empty suite who stayed in his basement apartment most of the election. I take that back... Watch the video 2,000 mules. Now facts are coming out that are compromising, I want to find out who what when and where and charge them with treason and every other thing that they we can pin on him. In my opinion I think the Biden's are involved dealing and are compromised by China, Russia, Ukraine and Iran.

Elon Musk as a kid developed an anti bug device I just ordered one I'll let you know how it works, It's called the Fuse Bug. The main target is mosquitos but it attracts other bug and kill's them no chemicals.

Shell Oil made \$9.1bn in profit from January to March. almost three times what it

made in the same period last year, while Exxon raked in \$8.8bn, also a near threefold increase on 2021. Chevron upped its profits to \$6.5bn and BP reveled in its highest first-quarter profits in a decade, making \$6.2bn

Interesting fact Russia has become the largest supplier of Military Weapons to Ukraine. The gave up several hundred tanks. The Russians lost their flag ship to a country that does not have a navy?????

I don't know why we give money to country's that hate us. They can hate for free! What is your opinion? tloury@att.net

Letter To The Editor Policies

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Connected Fight An Epidemic

Connecting The Community To Fight An Epidemic

by Marcella Bianco

(NAPSI)—According to recent research by the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), more than 2 million middle- and high-school students use e-cigarettes. With the study conducted fully during the COVID-19 pandemic, this places U.S. youth in a pandemic and an epidemic.

Nicotine hurts the developing brain and this addiction can lead to others. What's more, vaping increases a person's chance of experiencing complications from upper respiratory illnesses, and some [researchers](#)

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The Lady Lake Chamber Puts On April Networking Buffet Lunch

This month's Networking Luncheon was held at Harbor Hills. Several speakers were scheduled. The event was well attended. The food was good, I would describe it as a Salad Bar Buffet. There was plenty to eat. Watch for it next month and attend. Call the Chamber 352-753-6029 for reservations



Lady Lake Police

CHIEF ROBERT TEMPESTA.



Hurricane Preparedness 2022

Hurricane Season is upon us in Florida. The 2022 Atlantic hurricane season runs June 1 through November 30, 2022. The

NOAA forecasters predict a 65% chance of an above-normal season. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Atlantic hurricane season forecast calls for 14 to 21 named storms, with six to 10 becoming hurricanes. The time to prepare for the hurricane season is when you have time and are not under pressure. The Lady Lake Police Department would like to encourage all residents to begin preparations for this anticipated busy hurricane season now, before the season gets into full swing. Some things to consider during your preparations should include,

- Formulate an evacuation plan and an alternate plan
- The CDC recommends you get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. COVID-19 vaccines help protect you from getting sick or severely ill with COVID-19 and may also help protect people around you

- while in shelters or during evacuation.
- Keep a first aid kit and check that it is stocked
 - Plan on at least one gallon of drinking water per person, per day (at least 3-5 days)
 - Stock supplies of non-perishable food items like peanut butter, cereal, granola bars and dried fruit for at least 3-5 days
 - Have at least a 7 day supply of medications
 - Flashlight
 - Extra Batteries and portable chargers
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Waterproof container with cash and important documents
 - Make sure that cats and dogs are wearing collars and identification tags that are up to date
 - Put your cellphone number on your pet's tag (or a relative/friend's number in case you need to evacuate)
 - check in advance to find out about pet-friendly shelters and special needs shelters if required
- Additionally, help your neighbors. Many people, especially senior citizens, rely on the assistance of neighbors before and after a hurricane. Help your neighbors collect supplies they will need before the storm or assist them with securing their residences. Assist them with evacuation if needed or ordered to do so. Check on them after the storm when it is clear and safe.

With proper preparations and planning ahead you may remain safe in an emergency.

Letter to DeSantis

Letter to DeSantis and Turnpike Authority

Publishers note Hi Governor DeSantis

Thanks for forwarding my letter to the Environmental Turnpike Authority. Obviously you did not read my letter because you forwarded to the Problem instead of analyzing it....The Florida Turnpike Authority, I believe that the Turnpike is done. We should not be paying an authority that needs to take free peoples land to keep them working. We have rights Governor Stick up for us. If you read my first letter you would realize people moved here with a dream. Residents are selling their homes so they don't get into a confrontation with people they send out to talk to you. Tell them to get off your land!

They are trespassers! They had to talk to my lawyer to make an appointment to talk to me about coming on my land. Do you realize the Sabal Trail Gasoline has the same combination to the lock's on gates they put up on every land owners property from Alabama to Orlando. I have caught several strangers on my land. I don't expect anything different from these Turnpike people. Oh and by the way they tell story's.

Jennifer Stults, AICP CTP, CPM, FCCM
Planning & Environmental Management Administrator
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Dear Mr. Loury:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Governor DeSantis regarding the Northern Turnpike Extension project. Your correspondence was forwarded to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, part of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), for review and a response. We appreciate you reaching out with your concerns.

Currently, the project is in the planning phase and is following the FDOT's Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) process and the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) process, both of which evaluate and compare corridor alternatives. While all options are still in consideration, four initial alternative corridors have been developed. The PD&E study will also evaluate a No-Build option as well as potential Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) improvements. Alternatives will be evaluated on environmental factors, as well as their ability to enhance regional connectivity, address regional congestion and safety, accommodate increased travel demand, and improve hurricane evacuation.

Starting at Florida's Turnpike Mainline and the I-75 interchange, the planning level analysis used to develop the initial corridors considered minimizing impacts to the natural environment and communities while also considering previous studies and reports within the study area. The NTE is being studied to enhance regional connectivity and is not the only project

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Brody left his friends to catch up on the news.

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being proposed to meet that end. As you indicated, the department is also preparing an Interstate Master Plan to evaluate potential short and long-term improvements to the I-75 corridor. For study purposes, the I-75 corridor has been divided into two study areas. Information about the project is available on the project websites at cfroads.com/project/443623-1 (southern study) or cfroads.com/project/443624-1 (northern study).

The department will follow all requirements of the PD&E process and will continue to work in partnership with local governments, environmental and community organizations, and the public to consider innovative concepts to combine right-of-way acquisition with the acquisition of lands or easements to

facilitate environmental mitigation or ecosystem, wildlife habitat, or water quality protection or restoration. Additional analysis will be used to refine corridors during the ACE and PD&E phases that will avoid and minimize impacts to communities and environmentally sensitive features to the extent possible.

If you need additional information, our project manager William "Billy" Burke can be reached at 407-264-3142 and william.burke@dot.state.fl.us. You can also obtain current project information by visiting the project website: www.floridasturnpike.com/NTE.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Stults, AICP CTP, CPM, FCCM
Planning & Environmental Management Administrator
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

TomL Reply

Hi Jennifer

Thanks for getting back to me. As you can tell I am not in the favor of Toll roads. especially when you take peoples land. The original Florida Turnpike wrecked the eco system in South Florida. No one is looking back and saying oh no what did we do? The water flow in the state was cut off from east to west. Yes there are a few bridges but not enough. I used the turnpike a lot going back and forth to the town where I was raised. Lot's of construction area that was not worthy of the tolls I paid. I watch ALL the Cypress Heads dry up and die on both sides. The service center (Garages) are predatory, with jackup prices and arrogant behavior. The Lake Okeechobee area was effected, the farm land in that area paid a big price and at the end in Wildwood was the most horrible change. Gas and oil in the ground effecting the water supply, people who pray on truckers, predators some living in the woods

who eventually get a job at one of the service center's still praying on people. I remember seeing arrest for drugs and prostitution. It is not a good place for family's to be around. The truckers are great people, but some want to pray on them and I don't mean religion.

So I can only look at the past effects. I hope this time there won't be destruction! I think widening what we have would be less impact on the eco system in the State of Florida. I believe in the Governor, hope he takes a good look at this extension

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DeSantis Protects Floridians from Protests Outside Their Homes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis signed HB 1571, which prohibits picketing and protesting outside of a person's place of residence.

"Sending unruly mobs to private residences, like we have seen with the angry crowds in front of the homes of Supreme Court justices, is inappropriate," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "This bill will provide protection to those living in residential communities and I am glad to sign it into law."

Once this law takes effect, law enforcement officers will provide a warning to any person picketing or protesting outside of a dwelling and will make arrests for residential picketing only if the person does not peaceably disperse after the warning. Residential picketing will be punishable as a second-degree misdemeanor.

Governor DeSantis Approves Historic \$100 Million for Cancer Care and Research at NCI Facilities

MIAMI — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis announced the approval of \$100 million for cancer research and care in the Fiscal Year 2022-

2023 Budget, a \$37 million increase over the current budget. Last year, the First Lady held a roundtable to announce the Governor's proposal of this historic funding for Florida's top cancer centers to continue providing world-class care to cancer patients.

"Cancer remains a leading cause of death in Florida, and we will continue to support those fighting this deadly disease," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "With this funding, cancer centers will continue their cutting-edge research and provide high quality care to patients. Our family is grateful for the care that the First Lady received during her cancer treatment this past year, and we want to make quality care available for all Floridians."

"I am incredibly proud to see this record funding secured for cancer patients, their families, and the facilities that serve them," said First Lady Casey DeSantis. "Early detection is a game changer in the cancer fight. I encourage anyone reading this to be proactive about your health — it might just save your life."

"As a physician, my patients with cancer were the most courageous, and showed optimism in the face of their difficult battle," said State Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo. "This funding is a wonderful thing. The research will identify places of discovery to make change. These discoveries are going to be how we prevent and treat cancer around the world."

"I used to run marathons and do triathlons, but in 2011 my doctors found that I had stage 4 kidney cancer, which spread to my lungs," said Raquel E. Kauffer, Kidney Cancer Survivor. "I went through many harsh tests and treatments with horrible side effects, but I wasn't going to let cancer take my life. Thankfully I had a great support system, and thanks to Sylvester giving me the help I needed, I am here. I want to thank the Governor and Legislature for your commitment to cancer research."

"My daughter Bella battled an aggressive childhood cancer valiantly for 6 years, walking, running, and jumping when doctors never thought possible," said Raymond Rodriguez-Torres, Bella's Father and Chairman, Live Like Bella® Childhood Cancer Foundation Board of Directors. "With support from around the world we founded Live Like Bella to assist families affected by childhood cancer. Since then, \$26 million has been made possible through our foundation for pediatric cancer research in Florida. This brings hope for children and families. Today we know that Bella smiles from heaven, and we remain charged until we know that childhood cancer no longer threatens our kids."

Cancer has been the second leading cause of death in Florida since 2014, which is why the Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute (NCI) Centers Program was created. The \$100 million for this program is nearly a 60% increase from previous years, and will go to Moffitt Cancer Center, the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the University of Florida Health Cancer Center.

Florida's three NCI-designated and NCI-

seeking centers provide world-class care to residents in different regions of our state. These centers use this funding for enhanced research projects and care to support their patients.

Florida is dedicated to supporting every individual in this fight. The state also provides funding for initiatives that support pediatric cancer research and grants for cancer research at centers that are not NCI designated.

Governor Ron DeSantis Appoints Albert Maury to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Albert Maury to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Albert Maury

Maury, of Coral Gables, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Leon Medical Centers, LLC. He previously served on the Florida International University Board of Trustees. Maury earned his bachelor's degree in finance and accounting from Florida International University.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.



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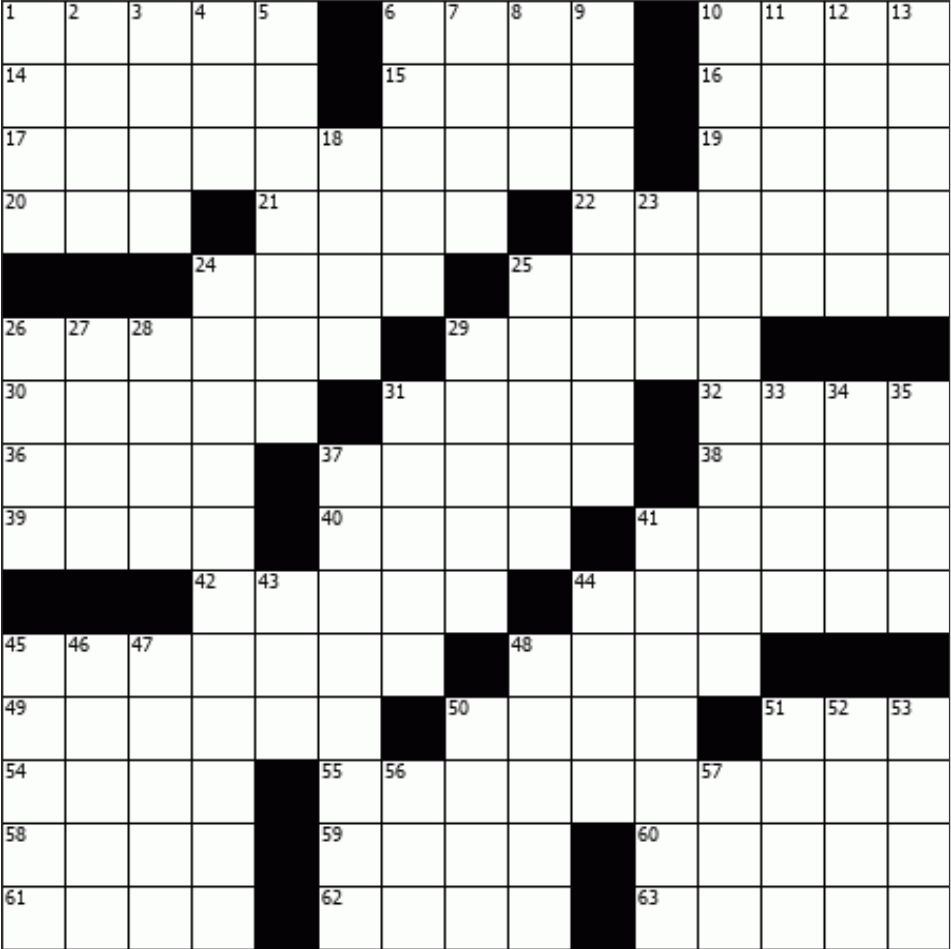
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 - Rival of Bjorn
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 - Jazz legend Chick
 - Sell
- Down**

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 - At the proper time
 - It's more than 4 percent alcohol by volume in the U.S.
 - The end for playwrights?
 - Buying binge
 - Cooperative unit
 - Velvet end?
- Across**

 39. Holiday cherub
 40. French articles
 41. Desist partner
 42. Informal farewell
 44. Trust in
 45. "Titanic" or "Star Wars," e.g.
 48. Old salts
 49. Maltreatment
 50. Repeated word in a Doris Day tune
 51. Stable tidbit
 54. Word repeated before "pants on fire"
 55. "Network" actor
 58. Town in Italy, New Jersey or California
 59. Shah's domain, once
 60. One in charge of a roast?
 61. Suit to ____
 62. Brain exams, for short
 63. Type of whale
- Down**

 9. Excess
 10. "A Rage in Harlem" actress
 11. Marla's predecessor
 12. Toadstools and mushrooms, e.g.
 13. Middle East prince (Var.)
 18. Some Disney collectibles
 23. Lose or draw alternative
 24. "Carrie" actress
 25. Ventures
 26. Whaling, e.g.
 27. Dog-paddled, e.g.
 28. Item for a Mexican pot?
 29. Less sullied
 31. "Haystacks" artist
 33. Job for Mr. Fixit
 34. Start of many words?
 35. Ancient garden location
 37. Attractive one
 41. Wide-mouthed servers
 43. Patient replies?
 44. Roseanne, formerly
 45. Actress Jovovich
 46. "The Hollow Men" poet
 47. Forest clearing
 48. They're coming of age
 50. Deer fellow?
 51. Without repetition
 52. Standout testee
 53. Unnamed ones
 56. I - I palindromic center
 57. Pixie



Egg Drop Soup

Ingredients

- 4 cups Chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon Ginger paste
- 8 ounces Sliced mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon Soy sauce
- 1/3 cup Chopped green onions
- 3 large Eggs beaten lightly
- Salt and white pepper to taste

Instructions

Add the chicken broth, ginger paste, mushrooms, soy sauce, green onions and salt and white pepper to taste in a pot over medium high heat on the stove. Bring the mixture to a boil, and simmer for 15 minutes. Mix the eggs in slowly, stirring as you do.

Continue to simmer a few more minutes before serving.



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FROM THE DESK OF

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



Florida is now experiencing an influx of new synthetic drugs—some even more powerful than fentanyl.

This week, I filed an emergency rule to outlaw eight synthetic opioids known as nitazenes, adding these dangerous drugs to the state's Schedule I controlled substances list. This means possessing or selling them in Florida is now a felony, punishable by time in prison.

I hope this sends a strong message to drug dealers, that we will not allow them to poison Floridians.

While we do not know yet exactly how prevalent nitazenes have become in the illicit drug market, we do know that Florida law enforcement has identified more than 260 cases involving these substances since 2020—including more than 80 so far this year.

Nitazenes have also been linked to at least 15 deaths in our state. The scariest thing about these drugs is that users often have no idea they are taking them.

Like fentanyl, nitazenes are being mixed with other, more common drugs and sold to unsuspecting users—often with deadly

consequences.

It was vital that we took swift, decisive action to outlaw these dangerous substances, before they could become a larger part of the illicit drug supply and increase overdoses in Florida.

It is also important that we reach out to people struggling with addiction and let them know that there is help out there. You can find more information and tools through our comprehensive, statewide resource, DoseOfRealityFL.com. Stay safe, Florida.

Attorney General Moody Calls on U.S. Attorney General Garland to Enforce Federal Law Prohibiting Efforts to Intimidate Supreme Court Justices

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is calling on United States Attorney General Merrick Garland to enforce federal law against attempts to intimidate U.S. Supreme Court Justices by protesting outside the Justices' homes. Along with 24 other Attorneys General, Attorney General Moody is demanding the U.S. Attorney General take action to safeguard and ensure the integrity of the rule of law.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “The integrity of our courts is paramount to a free and democratic society. Any attempt

to threaten or intimidate United States Supreme Court Justices so they change their votes should be thoroughly investigated by the Department of Justice—not just for the safety of judges and their families, but for the independence of our nation's entire judicial system.”

In a letter to Attorney General Garland, the state Attorneys General write: “Following last week's leak of a draft opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, pro-abortion activists have begun protesting not just outside the Supreme Court, but outside the Justices' homes, in the hope of pressuring the Justices to change their votes. As a former federal judge and the current head of the Department of Justice, you must surely appreciate the unique risks to both judges and the rule of law when judges are targeted at their homes. That is why Congress has long barred ‘picket[ing] or parad[ing]’ near a judge's home ‘with the intent of interfering with, obstructing, or impeding the administration of justice.’ We the undersigned Attorneys General act daily to uphold the rule of law. These remarkable recent events provide you an opportunity to do the same.”

The Attorneys General also noted in the letter that Attorney General Garland was not previously shy in using his authority to address a “threat” of parents voicing their opinions to school boards. Yet, when U.S. Supreme Court Justices and the Justices' families are being harassed at home, Attorney General Garland has remained

silent.

The letter states: “You were quick to respond to the purported ‘threat’ of parents speaking out at local school board meetings (though the basis for your threat assessment was shaky to say the least). Here, in the face of escalating extremism directed at the judicial branch, you have an obvious role to play. Congress recognized that pressuring judges to change their votes by protesting outside their homes directly threatens the rule of law. You profess to share those concerns, having unequivocally stated that attacking a courthouse ‘to prevent judges from actually deciding cases’ plainly constitutes ‘domestic extremism, domestic terrorism.’ You can and should act accordingly by faithfully executing federal law to prevent protestors from attempting to intimidate the Justices of the Supreme Court, both to protect the Justices and to safeguard the rule of law.”

The following Attorneys General joined Attorney General Moody in signing on to the letter: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Attorney General Moody Urges Biden Administration to Stop Attack on the First Amendment

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is calling on U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to terminate the creation of a disinformation board that attacks Americans' First Amendment rights. Along with 18 other attorneys general, Attorney General Moody argues that the proposed Disinformation Governance Board will hurt the constitutional freedom to speak freely, debate and disagree with the government—freedoms that state attorneys general are responsible for defending.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “President Biden is attempting to confuse and distort legitimate criticism and the perspective of American citizens. This authoritarian maneuver could be straight out of the novel 1984 and should frighten Americans of all political persuasions.”

The attorneys general argue that this government watchdog agency would abridge a citizen's right to express their opinions and disagree with the government, furthering self-censorship rather than protecting freedom of speech. The board's creation is also an example of federal overreach. There is no statutory authority to support its inception—particularly as the public's elected representatives debate the issue of disinformation in Congress.

The letter states that “the Disinformation Governance Board, by its very existence, and almost certainly by design, threatens to ‘enforce silence’ when Americans wish to express views disfavored by the Administration. It is therefore already chilling free speech and impeding the political process in...every...State. This is unconstitutional, illegal and un-American. Unless you turn back now and disband this Orwellian Disinformation Governance Board immediately, the undersigned will have no choice but to consider judicial remedies to protect the rights of their citizens.”

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All Electric Farm Equipment

From The internet

When you read things like this it is obvious the "all electric" is not well thought out.

questions regarding being forced to purchase electric farm equipment.

Some operation are "partnership farm" with John Deere. They use the larger farm operations as demonstration projects for promotion and development of new equipment. the farmer recently received a phone call from his John Deere representative, and they want the farm to go to electric tractors and combines in 2023. He currently has 5 diesel combines that cost \$900,000 each that are traded in every 3 years. Also, over 10 really BIG tractors. JD wants him to go all electric soon.

He said: "Ok, I have some questions. How do I charge these combines when they are 3 counties away from the shop in the middle of a cornfield, in the middle of nowhere?" "How do I run them 24 hours a day for 10 or 12 days straight when the harvest is ready, and the weather is coming in?" "How do I get a 50,000+ lb. combine that takes up the width of an entire road back to the shop 20 miles away when the battery goes dead?"

There was dead silence on the other end of the phone.

When the corn is ready to harvest, it has to have the proper sugar and moisture content. If it is too wet, it has to be put in giant dryers that burn natural or propane gas, and lots of it. Harvest time is critical because if it

degrades in sugar content or quality, it can drop the value of his crop by half a million dollars or more. It is analyzed at time of sale. It is standard procedure to run these machines 10 to 12 days straight, 24 hours a day at peak harvest time. When they need fuel, a tanker truck delivers it, and the machines keep going. John Deere's only answer is "we're working on it." They are being pushed by the lefty Dems in the government to force these electric machines on the American farmer. These people are out of control. They are messing with the production of food crops that feed people and livestock... all in the name of their "green dream."

Look for the cost of your box of cornflakes to triple in the next 24 months....." Have a great day!

Vaccines

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spread of the virus in communities, further reducing risks for the most vulnerable population

s. Boosters provide extra protection. Like seatbelts prevent injuries in accidents, vaccines are highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death from COVID, but

they don't work if you don't use them. Vaccination is the best way to slow the spread of COVID and prevent hospitalizations and deaths. COVID vaccines are available to anyone age 5 and older in the United States.

Wear a mask. After vaccines, wearing a mask is one of the most effective ways to help reduce the spread of COVID. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing a mask in public indoor spaces, especially in areas where community transmission is high. A mask should fit closely on the face, covering the nose and mouth, without any gaps along the edges or around the nose. Masks are still required on most methods of public transportation.

Keep your distance. If you are not up to date on COVID vaccines, stay at least six feet away from other people, especially if you are at higher risk of getting very sick with COVID. In areas where community levels are high, it is best to avoid crowded places where it is difficult to stay distanced from others who may not be vaccinated. When spending time with people who don't live with you, outdoors is the safer choice. Holding gatherings outdoors decreases the chance of COVID exposure.

Layering these proven prevention strategies in line with your personal health risk and current community levels of COVID transmission, is the best way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Don't throw away that umbrella, keep wearing a seatbelt, and stay current on

COVID vaccines even when cases are lower in your community.

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Epidemic

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believe a relationship exists between vaping and serious respiratory impacts, such as those from COVID-19. While a network of solutions is required to overcome this epidemic, there are actions people can each take today.

Families play a critical role in influencing a child's decision-making. Parents and guardians can help keep their kids healthy by having thoughtful, factual conversations about the dangers of vaping. For assistance getting started, parents and guardians can turn to no-cost digital tools from [Be Vape Free](#)—a nationwide initiative, built around the evidence-based CATCH My Breath program, that provides standards-aligned e-cigarette prevention resources for educators teaching grades 5-12 and families. [Be Vape Free](#) was created in partnership with the CVS Health Foundation, CATCH Global Foundation, and Discovery Education.

The parent toolkit is designed to give parents, guardians, educators, and community members the opportunity to learn more about the vaping epidemic, gauge a child's risk of trying e-cigarettes and find the best strategy to talk to kids about the dangers of e-cigarettes. Chock-full of facts

and research, these resources have just about everything families need to empower students to live a healthy life. With the toolkit, families can answer key questions related to vaping including:

- What is vaping?
- Why do teens vape?
- What do vapes look like?
- What are in vapes?
- What are the effects of vaping?
- What are signs of vaping?

With this informational foundation, parents and guardians can connect with their kids to initiate conversations about the dangers of e-cigarettes based on facts. Together—one conversation, one day, and one student at a time—we can end the vaping epidemic by arming young people with the tools they need to make healthy, smart decisions, and impart lessons that last a lifetime.

Ms Bianco is the National Program Director for the CATCH My Breath youth e-cigarette prevention program. She has 18 years of experience working in tobacco prevention and control with government and non-profit organizations.



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Big Tobacco/Microplastics Problem



(NAPSI)—It's likely you see one of the most common sources of plastic pollution everyday—on the ground, in parking lots, in gutters or at the beach—cigarette butts. This is not trash but toxic garbage and plastic pollution poisoning marine life and humans. Since cigarette filters are made of plastic, they can take years to decompose, leaving behind toxic microplastics that pollute our environment—and could make their way inside of us. In fact, every smoked cigarette filter contains 15,000 strands of microplastic fibers. Though often invisible to the human eye, microplastics are nearly everywhere—polluting the food we eat, the water we drink, and even the air we breathe. So, what exactly are microplastics? Microplastics are tiny pieces of plastic measuring less than 5 millimeters long, or about the size of a sesame seed or smaller. Due to their tiny size, microplastics are nearly impossible to remove from our food and water sources. As a result, they can cause great harm not only to our environment, but

also to our health. It might come as a surprise to learn that Americans ingest an estimated tens of thousands of microplastic particles a year. Adding to the problem, cigarette butts are the most littered item on Earth. They're also the most discarded item found on California beaches and waterways. “Though microplastics are small, the microplastic fibers produced from smoked cigarette filters can cause massive damage to our environment and our bodies. Microplastics pollute our oceans and leach into our soil, and as a result, can harm our wildlife, our food sources, and consequently our health. Putting an end to tobacco product waste isn't just best practice but a necessity for the health of our environment and our communities,” said Eben Schwartz, Marine Debris Program Manager at the California Coastal Commission. The tobacco industry is a top global plastic polluter, producing six trillion cigarettes every single year. More than 4.5 trillion cigarette butts are dumped into the environment globally, each year, and the microplastic remnants can make their way into our communities, our food, and ultimately our own bodies. Microplastics have been found in apples, pears, lettuce, broccoli and carrots, as well as in seafood commonly consumed by humans. Holding the tobacco industry accountable starts with exposing their lies and unmasking the damage they've caused. Learn more about the tobacco industry's impact on the environment at <https://www.undo.org>.

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contest is not only known for the diversity of its entrants but for being a true meritocracy, as the judges see only the story or artwork under an assigned number, not a name. Grand Prize winner Desmond Astaire received a trophy and \$5,000, for his story, “Gallows.” Zaine Lodhi won a trophy and a check for \$5,000 for illustrating writer Azure Arthur's story, “Agatha's Monster.” Dozens of other winners also got trophies and cash prizes. **Learn More** For further information, and to purchase the latest volume, visit www.writersofthefuture.com and www.galaxyexpress.com.

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