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Networking Luncheon





business luncheon called nothing but others. This event is monthly and was held networking. Each table fills up with at Water Front Inn. Usually eight to ten business people who have a chance to share tables are full. Call Sue Kelly to inquire with each other what they do and talk about about attending 753-6029. the products they offer. Out in the real world

Lady Lake Chamber of Commerce has a they have your information to share with

Tourism Breaks All Records

announced that Florida set another record in tourism by welcoming the highest amount of visitors in the state's history with 112.8 million visitors in 2016. This is the sixth consecutive record year for visitation to Florida, exceeding the previous high of 106.6 million in 2015 by 5.9 percent. Tourism jobs also hit a record high in 2016 of 1.4 million jobs, exceeding the previous record in 2015.

Governor Scott said, "Today, I am proud to announce that Florida has once again

FLORIDA- Governor Rick Scott welcomed a record number of tourists with 112.8 million visitors to the state in 2016. Visitors spent \$109 billion and supported a record 1.4 million Florida jobs in 2016 – a testament to the vital importance of tourism to our growing economy.

> "I have seen firsthand how tourism impacts our state. Since I have been in office, we have made important investments in VISIT FLORIDA and broken record after record of visitors, added more than a million new residents and seen Florida's private sector create more than 1.25 million new

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Double Homicide



DETECTIVES RELEASE IMAGES OF VEHICLE OF INTEREST IN WEIRSDALE DOUBLE HOMICIDE

Marion County, Florida (February 4, 2017) - Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Major Crimes detectives have released images of a "vehicle of interest" in a double homicide that occurred in Andy Fockler (DOB: 8/14/1978) were Weirsdale on January 29, 2017. The vehicle pronounced dead on scene. The suspects is described as a 2015-2017 blue in color Chrysler 200. Detectives are asking for the public's help in locating this car, as well as helping us identify its owner and any occupants that may have been in it.

Place Road in Weirsdale last Sunday

morning after receiving a 911 call. Deputies discovered that an apparent home invasion robbery had occurred with two fatalities inside the home. At this time, detectives are not releasing the manner of death. 18 year old white male, Bailey Zylo (DOB: 8/21/1998) and 38 year old white male, were described as two black males, both wearing masks.

If you have any information on the vehicle of interest or any information about this case, please call Detective Aaron Levy at Deputies responded to 14241 SE 151st 352-368-3546. Citizens can also phone

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Sabal Trail Gas Line



The Sabal Trail Gas Line is rolling through Marion County. Two years ago the Gas Line authorities held meetings about informing the public of their intentions, then last year they held town hall meetings in all then small communities and things were about to calm down, when they started digging and people realized oh this gas line deal she could and she did. is here now. They started protesting, but by

this time most of the gas line deals had been made with the land owners effected. I was one of those. Yes the gas line went right through the 30 acre Loury farm. One year ago when there were no protest, I realized it was going to happen no matter what. I instructed my attorney to get me the best

I think the most critical thing is where and *Continue on page 2*

Tom's Picks **Need something** fixed and don't know who to call? 804-1223



AS I SEE IT

By A.J. (Tony) Powell

What is the answer to this question? "Who has the "right-to-exist"?

History shows that creating a "Country" is a murderous, violent, ruthless process.

It's easy to overlook the fact that many countries in the so-called 'Old World/Europe' are a lot younger than the 'good-old-USA' in 1776.

For example-Austria in 1804; Romania in 1887; Italy in 1861; Greece in 1830; Finland in 1917 and many other across the world because, "we killed them - before they killed us!"

Usually, a new country is dominated by an ethnic, political or racial majority. But sometimes, as with Australia, New Zealand and most of the 'new-world' a powerful minority, invades, overpowers and exterminates the native majority.

As happened in the Americas where the local population was decimated to the extent that they were no longer 'relevant' to the lives or prosperity of the 'dominators'.

This is how the world has worked since the origin of humankind.

Isn't it true that 'your country' is only 'yours' as long as you are able to defend it?

It's increasingly popular these days, for our 'intellectuals' to reject reality and promote 'open borders', uncontrolled immigration, and free trade.

Recently I heard someone from India say that 'Immigration is one of his 'human rights'. He asked, "Why shouldn't he and his people move to a successful and prosperous

country if they want to?"

The British people are embroiled in the BREXIT controversy. Regardless of what the politicians claim, and the media report, the main issue is 'uncontrolled immigration'.

Does 'Britain, i.e. the existing British citizenry, have the right to preserve their country and their way-of-life, against an uninvited 'invasion'?

Now, we are having the same conversation in the USA.

As I see it, America is, and should be, a safe and secure haven for Americans. That doesn't prohibit contributing, legal immigrants from sharing the American Dream.

But while America can fight an armed invasion like ISIS, or North Korea or even Russia, it seems that we are defenseless against the millions of invading boat-people and fence climbers.

Is it reasonable to fear that they 'messed up' their own countries and they will do the same here?

When questioned about a behavior which is incompatible with American values, they say, "This is normal in our culture".

Should Americans be forced to change to accommodate foreign, alien cultures, or should those cultures adapt to America?

As I see it, immigrants need to accept America, and America will accept them.

What is the answer? "Do Americans have the right to exist?"

'til next time....

Sabal Trail

Continued from page how they cross the river. We have the best water in the state of Florida and people don't want the gas line threatening our quality of water. I



have a well that has never had a filter on it in 46 years where it comes into the house and I would not like a gas line effecting it.

The gas line started in Alabama and ends up in Orlando, just south of Dunnellon. A small spur goes to the Crystal River Power plant to power the new gas power plant where my son works. My sister lived in South Florida and said when they went from coal to gas her power bill went down a fair amount.

I guess time will tell how all this plays out. I do think we should use our natural resources to our own benefit. Now I would be unhappy if they started shipping this gas out of the country. If it's running across my

land, I want it to stay in America.

Additional news: recently two protesters trespassed and bound themselves together inside a pipe to stop the

construction.

I wonder if they are land owners. If not are they environmentalist. What is their interest in all this? What say you? tloury@att.net

Man Shooting At Sabal Pipeline Flees From Area

Killed During Officer Involved Shooting

BREAKING NEWS! MARION COUNTY, FL

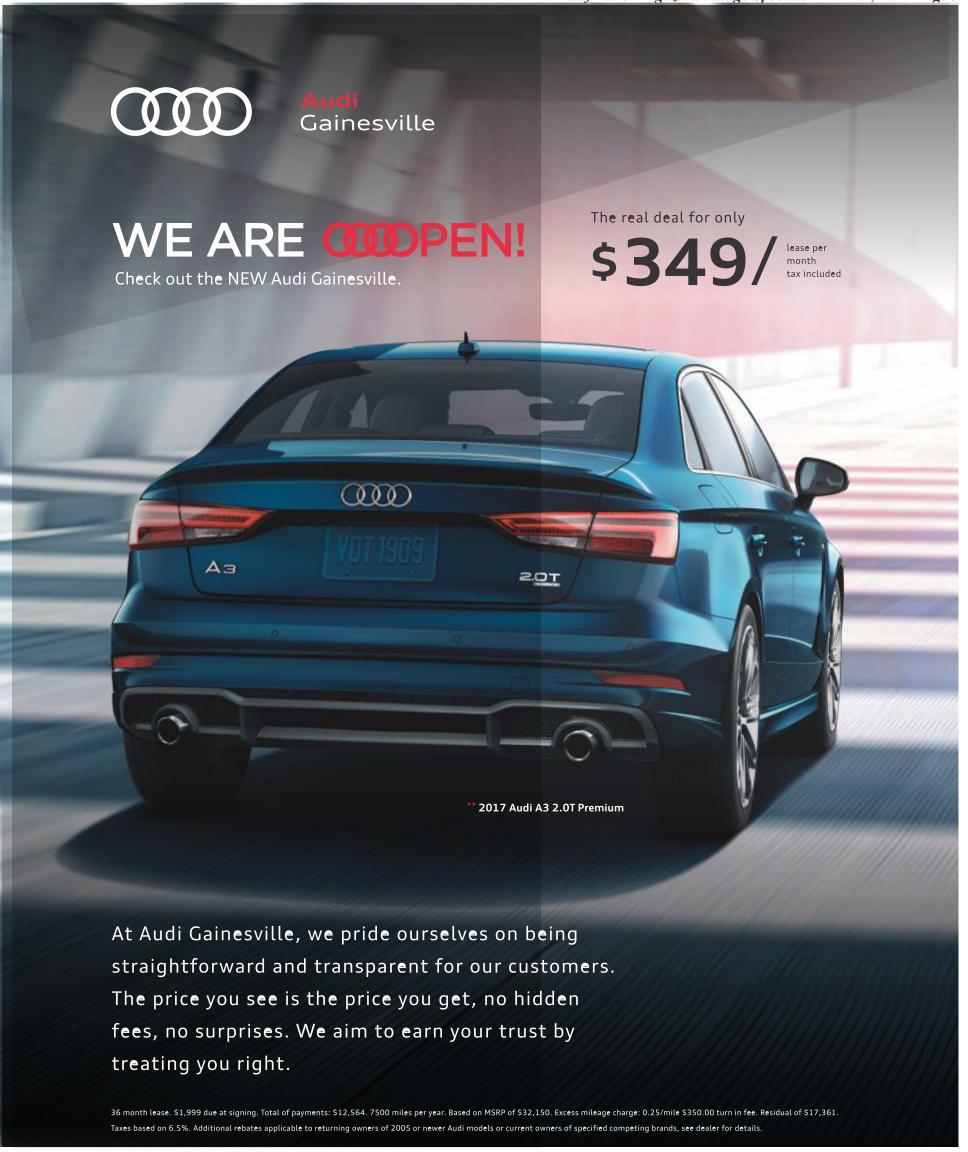
(February 26, 2016)

At approximately 9:00 a.m., on Sunday, February 26th, Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) deputies were dispatched to a call regarding a man using a high powered rifle to shoot at the Sabal Pipeline and equipment.

As MCSO deputies were responding to the Sabal Pipeline located at the 12500 block of Highway 200 in Dunnellon, the suspect fled into Citrus County. Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) then located the suspect's vehicle and a pursuit was initiated. The suspect was involved in a crash near Floral City Park, at which time he brandished a weapon at CCSO deputies and was subsequently shot and killed. At this time, the identity of the suspect is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) will be investigating the shooting. No law enforcement personnel or citizens were injured as a result of this incident.





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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



There is so much to talk

GAS LINE! Well one of the local things that is going on in my life is that the Sabal Trail Gas Line is all but finished. The 3ft diameter pipe is welded and buried. Let's hope this is not where the

real trouble starts. I see these people protesting carrying signs. To them I say you are a year too late. The Gas Line representative held meetings for some two years, asking

questions, answering questions, but very few were protesting. "I DID!" Actually when they first came to talk to me, I refused them and ran them off my property. The next contact was to get permission to survey my property...I refused them again. They said that legally I had to allow surveyors to survey my property. I refused them again and hired an attorney because I could not do my daily business and deal with them. So from the day I hired my attorney on till finish I did not talk to them. I refered them to legal council.

When I realized that many people were not fighting but instead were rolling over and signing their papers, I saw that at that time public opinion was not to protest. There was

some obstruction but to no end results.

The man I ran off several times come to find out was the project manager. Of course I would have to choose the top guy! It seems I had to give them permission to survey, so the attorney set up a permission each time they came 3 to 4 days in advance. What I did not want to happen did happen. I had strangers walking around in my back woods. Stuff I had store there is gone. I'm not saying someone on the project took it but that the land was no longer secure from outsiders. I set a new rule through my attorney that they would have to confine themselves to the proposed Gas Line right away and fence it, to keep our live stock in and intruders out. Finally we agreed to settle this dispute. We told the attorney to get all financial settlement money possible. There was no protest visible. I was acting for my brother who is in and out of the VA hospital fighting for his life. We agreed to a settlement with them to lease the space the pipeline is buried forever! The attorney did a good job closing the deal. I will have more to say about the Golfer tortoise and the lizards that the environmentalist searched for on our little farm.

TRUMP! All I could think of at first was spoiled children fighting over something and Trump was king of the playground but then I realized this is much more than that.

It's more like that cartoon called Humpty Dumpty sitting on a great wall (sound familiar) and all the King's Horses and all the King's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Which one is Humpty Dumpty??? Trump? Democrats? or the Fake News Media? Who will fall and who will not. I have to hand it to Trump. The News Media don't know what to think, many of them are backing the Democrats and Trump out of the clear blue calls a press Conference and calls the Press out. Not just innuendoes but points

them out in the news conference and tells them what an unfair lousy job they were doing. Accuses them of creating Fake News and in most cases it certainly seems that way. Then printing leaks that have no bases to them, more fake news, in hopes that the uninformed would hear the fake news and go out a protest.

Meanwhile the Democrats behind the scenes in their shadow Government are stalling Trumps appointed people and creating havoc by encouraging protesters to protest. Some say Protesters are being paid to protest and they make bonus money if they go to jail

The American Tax Payer is who is paying for all this, not the people on Government checks and out there protesting. Congress needs to pass a law that says it is unlawful to pay someone to protest especially an elected official. Let's hope that the American Tax Payers don't wind up being Humpty Dumpty.

I think there are so many middle men taking money from the Tax Paying citizen that they are afraid that Trump will drain their income, expose them and fire them!

What say you???

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Amendment of the U.S. Constitution clearly states that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or

abridging the freedom of speech. This freedom from the establishment of a state religion and the protection of free speech establishes the protection of religious speech and expression as well. There have been many challenges by the ACLU and others at public schools across America and in Florida to sterilize the schools of religious expressions using the establishment clause; however, this clause was intended to declare religious freedom in the US and to escape the establishment of state religion as was common in governments of the old world.

After much case law, it is time to articulate in statute how Florida school policy will apply this free speech to our school administrators, teachers, staff, and students. We owe them clarity.

This proposed bill is not in response to a crisis or high profile case. The time to clarify is not in the middle of a crisis, but the trend is clear to people of faith. Expressions of faith have been stifled in our public schools. This proposal is not intended as a criticism of our school administration; we have left them

The First without clarity on this issue. Free speech does not stop at the school property line and this statute will give clarity and direction on how to preserve this constitutional right without authorizing disruption and disharmony.

> Rep. Daniels, a Democrat African-American House Member brought this language to me, a Republican Caucasian Senator. It is a bi-partisan and bi-cameral proposal brought in harmony to the legislative body. It is much like an "enabling bill" often done to apply a constitutional amendment when added to the Florida constitution by the voters. How refreshing to work across the aisle and across the chambers to clarify how the free speech of our citizens will be protected at our schools.

> Without this free religious expression, we are in fact establishing a state sponsored religion – secular humanism.

Let Freedom Ring!



Florida House is Playing Politics with Families' Jobs

By, Governor Rick Scott

The Florida House of Representatives has decided to push legislation to undo economic development funding in Florida and defund our state's tourism agency. A House panel voted for this job killing legislation two weeks ago and the House Appropriations Committee will be voting on it tomorrow.

That's correct, many of your elected members of the Florida House have decided their top priority this year is to eliminate funding for Florida's economy. They want to eliminate Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida.

They say that they don't want government intrusion in the free market. Of course, there is government financing in the areas of healthcare, transportation, education, housing, and social services. But, they have decided to try to totally eliminate funding for the one area where we can easily show a major return on the investment of your tax dollars - jobs are being created by more companies moving to our state and our tourism industry has recruited a recordbreaking number of visitors over the last few years.

Even more absurd, the politicians in the Florida House who already voted for this bill say they don't necessarily want to abolish these programs but instead want

to advance a "conversation" ... meaning they voted for something they don't support. This is hypocrisy at its best and these are the kind of games I came to Tallahassee to change.

I ran for Governor to fight this sort of politics and bring common sense from the business world to our government. The plan has worked, as Florida has added more than 1.26 million new jobs.

Many politicians spend a lifetime in government and they simply don't have any understanding of how business actually works. These are the facts that confirm the negligence of eliminating our jobs and tourism agencies generating jobs:

- · Before I came into office, state incentives were often awarded before goals, like job creation, were met.
- But, today Florida companies only receive economic incentives after an independent third-party audit proves stringent requirements are met, including proven job growth and wage requirements to ensure a great return on investment for Florida families.
- This means NO MONEY is given as "corporate welfare" because no money can be awarded until contract requirements like jobs are created.
- Because of our economic development programs, several companies like Hertz, Northrup Grumman, and Blue Origin to name a few - have located or expanded in our state to create thousands of jobs.

The Florida House likes to rely on inaccurate information to push their narrative of "corporate welfare," by Continued on page 9

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Simple tips to keep your home safe: Remember - Light it UP!

Many people ask, how can I keep my house safe from potential burglars? Here are a few tips about home

security lighting to help prevent break-ins to your home:

Keep the outside of your home well lit! Keeping the outside of your home well lit can help to deter any would be criminals by shedding light on all possible areas of entry into your home. This can be done

Light it Up!
tips to with flood lights or well-placed landscape lighting.

Front porch/entry lighting: Keeping your front porch light on while you are away can give the facade of being home even if you are on a week-long vacation. This can be achieved by purchasing a timer that will turn the lights on and off at certain times of the day that can be set differently for each day to give the illusion that you are home.

Keep random lights on in different rooms via plug in timers. Having lights go off and on at random times throughout the house will make it seem like the house is occupied. This is a huge deterrent to any lookouts or criminals that may be out. Make sure the lights you choose are in areas that can be seen from the street or as

someone approaches your home.

Set up motion sensor lights on the outside of your home. Setting up motion sensor lights on key portions outside of your home can not only let you know when there is movement, but let your neighbors know as well.

OK, are you ready to take a quick test? What is your Security Quotient?

The following test will help you evaluate your "Security Quotient" or the degree to which you have reduced a criminal's opportunity to gain access to your home. Naturally, we expect a score of 100% and we do hope this questionnaire will serve as a guide for you to make your home and your neighborhood a safer place to live! Put a check mark next to each question you answered yes to and discover your "Security Quotient".

- I have trimmed all shrubbery that would conceal entrances to my house.
- My house number is clearly marked on my residence and illuminated by my

- entrance light for quick recognition by emergency personnel.
- The exterior doors to my home are constructed of solid wood or metal and have strike plates and hinges installed with 3-inch screws.
- I leave exterior lights ON, front and back, during the hours of darkness, whether I am home or not.
- · have deadbolt locks or other recommended secure locks on all exterior doors, and I use them!
- All windows in my home are locked (not just latched) while I am away.
- When I leave my home unoccupied, I leave a radio on and lights on timers. In other words, my home has that lived-in look while I am gone.
- · I keep shed or garage doors securely locked when I'm gone.
- When I'm away overnight or longer, I alert neighbors to watch my house and ask a trusted neighbor or friend to pick up mail and or newspapers, change lights, mow lawn, etc.
- · When my neighbors are away, I keep an eye on their house for them.

Give yourself 10 points for each point checked.

- . 0 50: attention is necessary
- 50 70: consider improvements
- 70 90: you're doing a good job
- 90 100: excellent, way to go!

On behalf of the men and women of the Lady Lake Police Department, please help us to help you and take advantage of some of these tips to reduce your chances of being victimized.

Remember, if you see something suspicious, call the police immediately. Your neighbors will thank you.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Illegal aliens committed a crime entering my country. If you think that was the only crime they committed, think again. I am not speaking about street crime. I am talking about document fraud, fiscal fraud, voter fraud. The things about which I am aware turn my stomach. Things I have witnessed. You cannot believe the things that kind of mind can imagine. They generally include a hand in American pockets {illegally}. These people are not the cream of the crop, pouring in by the millions.

This is why they appeal to progressives. They are fodder, easy to groom {brain wash, and propagandize} as progressive voters,

and demanders of progressive hand out programs {fraudulently}.

Do you have free health care? Do you have free college tuition? Do you have free food and cell phones? Do you have a new car, home, clothes? Do you deserve to live comfortably? Aristotle thought comfort and happiness were the things humans sought and cherished. If someone is crowding you out of your arena to achieve comfort and happiness, do you have a right to say NO?

If you have been living committing crime after crime, how do you justify any claim to rights? You could have come in legally. You chose illegal. You got away with it, but that is no justification for any right.

Six generations ago my ancestors came to America LEGALLY, we have worked like dogs without government handouts. Survived poverty and hunger through the depression {sans food stamps, rental subsidies cell phones, health care a car clothes.} We subsisted, and were tremendously grateful to be in America, and lived through hell and high water [literally], had to evacuate through a street floor window into a canoe.

How can you dare try to equate these two paths to citizenship, valid?? Citizens are upstanding individuals, not criminals. Australia tried it once. No more, they now expect us to take the criminals waiting on an island off their coast. Some people learn Australia did, Progressives didn't.

Americans have needs, jobs, housing, cars, education, health care etc. You help your own, not criminals. Progressives want brain washed, propagandized voters.

D.I L

Letter/note to editor

the results in DC and New York are indicative of what educated voters and voters with direct experience of Trump did: they voted overwhelmingly for Hillary ... and now you are seeing why polls show over 40% wish to impeach & remove traitor Trump & his big oil fascist cronies, John



Shopping Places You Like

Publishers Note Pre Election

The questionnaire we ran in our Newspapers indicated that a great number of our readers

were going to buy a car this year or within the next year. They also said they like to shop at Publix. A large number won't be buying a Golf Cart this year. One reader said she likes Yamaha Golf Carts. The actor they like is Clint Eastwood; one said she wanted him for President. The restaurants named were Takis, Panera, Nancy Lopez and Spanish Springs. Tell me about your shopping habits?? tloury@att.net

Audubon Society

Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society of Lake County, FL has been educating central Floridians about birds and their habitats for over 50 years. In March the chapter will begin preparing for the 2017-2018 season with new and exciting educational programs by local experts and field trips led by experienced birders. We are looking for new members and we invite you to join us as we explore the amazing world of birding. Everyone is welcome, programs are free, and no experience is necessary. Please visit us on the web at www.oklawaha-audubon.com or you can call 407-230-5404 for additional information.

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Tourism Record

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jobs. Unfortunately, even with these incredible successes, politicians in the Florida House are trying to eliminate VISIT FLORIDA. I don't understand how anyone can look at Florida's booming tourism industry, and the more than 1.4 million jobs it supports, and vote to kill it. The legislation the Florida House is pushing puts more than 1.4 million jobs at risk and we cannot let that happen. We have to fight to continue investing in our tourism industry so we can keep breaking records and adding even more jobs.

"Over the past week, I have traveled the state meeting with small business owners, economic development leaders, tourism leaders, community members and

to connect with consumers."

hardworking Floridians who all had a clear message - Florida's economy needs tourism. Last year, Florida was challenged like never before as we faced the Zika virus, two hurricanes and the terror attack at Pulse Nightclub. In the face of adversity, we continued in our mission to promote our great state and thanks to the hard work of VISIT FLORIDA, we continue to see record visitors to Florida.'

In 2015, every 85 tourists supported one job. Today, VISIT FLORIDA data shows that every 76 tourists support one job – proof that tourism continues to be a major and growing influence on job creation in Florida and that we must continue to invest in this vital part of our growing economy.

VISIT FLORIDA estimates that a record 98.0 million domestic visitors traveled to Florida in 2016, reflecting a 7.3 percent

-Steuart Henderson Britt

increase over 2015. Estimates also show that 11.1 million overseas visitors and 3.7 million Canadians came to the Sunshine State last year. Total enplanements at 18 Florida airports during 2016 increased 4.3 percent over the previous year, with a record 83.7 million enplaned passengers. For 2016, the average daily room rate (ADR) rose 2.0 percent and the number of rooms sold grew by 1.1 percent compared to 2015.

Ken Lawson, President and CEO of VISIT FLORIDA, said, "Six years of recordsetting visitation would not be possible without a strong global marketing strategy focused on maximizing the economic impact of Florida tourism. To have achieved another tourism record in 2016 given all the challenges this state faced last year is an incredible testament to the cooperative relationship VISIT FLORIDA has with our more than 12,000 industry business partners around the state. Today's announcement proves that sustained collective tourism marketing works and we have Governor Scott and our supporters in the Florida Legislature to thank for their unparalleled leadership over the past six years that has helped position our industry for this unprecedented success."

For fourth quarter 2016, estimates show a record 27.6 million people visited the Sunshine State. This represents the largest fourth quarter visitation number Florida has

VISIT FLORIDA Board of Directors, said, "Given the hyper-competitive global tourism marketplace, the series of challenging events the state faced and the uncertain economies of some of Florida's key international markets, I am extremely encouraged to see that the programs VISIT FLORIDA and our statewide marketing partners conducted have resulted in another record year for visitation which ultimately supports and generates jobs throughout the state. This success in the face of tough times means it's more important than ever to invest in smart tourism marketing."

> 112.8 million tourists visited Florida in 2016

How Blinded Veterans Help Themselves And Others To A Better **Quality Of Life**

(NAPS)—According to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) statistics, there are over 130,000 legally blind veterans in America. Every year, another several thousand are added to the number either because of combat injuries, age, illness or other factors.

What's Being Done

Fortunately, they're not simply left in the dark. All over the country, the VA has set up residential and outpatient centers where

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Families' Jobs

highlighting the failed deal of Digital Domain. Let's look at the facts: EFI recommended that the state not fund Digital Domain. Ironically, politicians in the Florida Legislature chose to ignore EFI's recommendation and circumvented EFI's strict process in 2009 by funding the failed project FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

Both Visit Florida and EFI have made mistakes over the years. In both cases, we have made changes to ensure transparency of taxpayer dollars and brought in new leadership. That is what you do in business; you make changes and get it right. But what you do not do is close up shop.

If the House were to succeed with ending economic development and tourism programs in Florida, the small and rural communities in our state would be hurt the most. Cancelling our statewide program would hurt those areas in Florida that would truly be revitalized by a new job creator in their community.

Just last week I travelled the state and met with business owners who are devastated that there is even talk of abolishing these programs. Many job creators rely on EFI and Visit Florida and said they would not be able to keep their doors open if it weren't for their help. No job is expendable to the families they employ.

Coming into this job after a lifetime in business, I knew I would have to learn to tolerate some aspects of politics, and I would have to endure lectures from people

who do not know the first thing about Here are some prevention tips: creating jobs. But, I cannot allow thousands of Floridians to be denied jobs and opportunities in our state just so a few in elected office can get headlines for their campaign for higher office.

Our economy is booming. Our economic development and tourism programs are some of the best in the nation when it comes to getting a positive return on investment. I will continue to set the record straight on the politics the Florida House is playing and fight for the Florida families who expect their government officials to bring them more opportunity, not less.

This is no time to stand still. In business you are either moving forward or you are moving backward. The Florida House is currently planning to take our state backward. I will fight to stop them, and so should you.

Get Ahead Of Allergies

(NAPS)—Don't wait for allergy season to



arrive to do something to avoid the h e a l t h problems that allergies can cause. There are several easy steps you can take to beat the sneezing before it starts.

- Cut back on carpeting; instead, consider using tile and hardwood floors.
- Use a vacuum with a HEPA filter.
- Roll up your window shades and clean
- Have your HVAC system professionally cleaned.

Dirty ducts can harbor pollen and other pollutants. Contaminants are pulled into the HVAC system and recirculated several times a day. The buildup in the ductwork creates continuous exposure that only cleaning can address.

A complete cleaning should include replacing the filter and cleaning the ductwork, from where the air enters the return duct, through the air handler (blower, coil, and head exchanger), to the exit, where the air is released to condition the home. This will remove built-up particulates and contaminants such as pollen, improving indoor air quality and maximizing system efficiency.

Members of the National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA) have signed the NADCA Code of Ethics and invested time and resources into industry training and education. NADCA requires that all members have at least one certified Air Systems Cleaning Specialist (ASCS) on staff, and they must clean and restore your heating and cooling system in accordance with NADCA standards and guidelines.

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Blinded Veterans

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former military persons who have impaired vision can learn to lead more independent, pleasant and productive lives.

There are two basic kinds of facilities. The Blind Rehabilitation Programs support blind and low-vision veterans and active-duty servicemembers in regaining their independence and quality of life to enable their successful integration into family and community life.

These places also support family and significant others to better understand visual impairment and foster the provision of appropriate support, to assist in enhancing home environments and to reduce caregiver burden.

The Visual Impairment Services Outpatient Rehabilitation (VISOR) programs use a team approach to provide services based on a thorough assessment of the veteran's strengths, needs and personal goals.

Veterans and their families are encouraged to identify these goals and provide ongoing feedback regarding progress.

To enhance the quality of life for veterans and servicemembers experiencing vision loss, the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) works with VA to help keep these places up to par. Recently, that organization's Training Coordinator, Wade Davis, conducted a comprehensive and individualized Veterans Care Review at each of the 13 Blind Rehabilitation Centers

The Visual Impairment Services nationwide. He is currently doing the same atpatient Rehabilitation (VISOR) with the VISOR programs.

What Davis Does

Over several days, Davis visits each facility and meets separately with the staff and the veterans involved. He considers various aspects of the programs: orientation and mobility, living skills, manual skills, low-vision therapy, computer access training, low-vision clinic, optometry, eye clinic, ophthalmology, recreation therapy, social work, psychology, nursing, diabetic education, and pharmacy. He also talks to the Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) Coordinators individually. Davis' aim is to evaluate the full curriculum of care and to share findings with staff and the administration to promote and expand each facility's successful procedures and generally make the facility as productive and safe as it can be for blinded veterans.

He also holds information sessions for the veterans and provides literature about BVA

Davis' BVA evaluations have brought about a number of improvements to blind rehabilitation services, such as making sure each of the facilities has the training and equipment it needs.

What BVA Does

All this is just one way BVA fulfills the mission it's pursued since the end of World War II: to promote the welfare of blinded veterans so that, notwithstanding their disabilities, they may take their rightful place in the community and work with their fellow citizens toward the creation of a peaceful world. Through its free service programs, regional groups, resources, and



advocacy before the legislative and executive branches of government, it makes life better for blinded veterans.

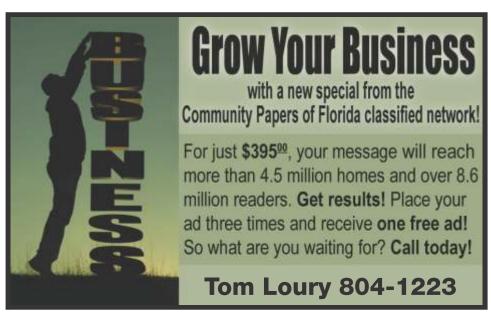
Where To Learn More

Because BVA advocates for all blinded veterans, whether they are members of the organization or not, and regardless of how their visual impairment occurred, veterans old and young and who experience vision loss can call BVA at (800) 669-7079, or visit www.bva.org, to get connected with the rehabilitative services they may need and have earned. For more about VA health care, visit www.va.gov/health.

Double Homicide

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anonymous tips to the Crime Stoppers of Marion County at 368-STOP or 368-7867. Text tips to 274637 using keyword 368STOP. Tips can also be submitted at www.ocalacrimestoppers.com. For Crime Stoppers, please reference 17-17 in your tip. Also for Crime Stoppers, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for an award of up to \$1,000.00.





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What You Need To Know Before Hiring A Tax Pro

(NAPS)—When it comes to dealing with the IRS, there are a few more initials it may pay for you to know about.

These can include PTIN, CPA, Esq., AFSP, EA and NAEA. Here's what it all means:

PTIN: By law, whomever you hire to do your taxes must have a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). Checking for a PTIN is a good place to start in making sure your preparer is on the level.

CPA: Certified public accountants are licensed by the state and must pass tests and report continuing education. CPAs must pass a four-part test, one part of which centers on taxation. CPAs can have a variety of specialties, from accounting audits to estate planning.

Esq.: Attorneys often have Esq. (for esquire) after their names and sometimes JD for Juris Doctor. Like CPAs, lawyers are licensed by the state and may or may not specialize in taxes. Attorneys have unlimited rights to represent taxpayers before the IRS but not many of them prepare taxes. They are more often called on by taxpayers already in trouble with the IRS.

AFSP: This stands for Annual Filing Season Program. It's a voluntary program for preparers that shows they've passed a

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A Fairy Tale Come True-Stay In A Castle



(NAPS)—If you or your kids have been dreaming about living like princes and princesses—at least for a while—you may be glad to know it's possible to live your own fairy tale. You can join the more than 9,000

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The vacation home rental site offers nearly 1,000 castles around the world and expects them to be a popular option in 2017 as travelers may draw inspiration from Disney's new live-action adaption of "Beauty and the Beast," which takes place in an enchanted castle. Surprisingly, the price tag on these castles won't leave you royally broke. In fact, renting a castle can be as cheap as \$20 per guest a night.

In celebration of the movie, HomeAway is giving away the ultimate dream vacation. One lucky winner will be able to bring up to 20 guests to all vacation together in the 14thcentury castle in Scotland this summer. The prize package includes a five-night stay in the majestic Duns Castle and includes travel arrangements for all guests.

the entire castle to themselves. They will be free to roam the 1,200 acres as they wish and can partake in the many activities offered on the grounds, such as archery and falconry. Or, they may choose to wander around the many rooms of the castle, dancing, singing, looking for magic mirrors, or conversing with the furniture hoping it will talk back, just like in "Beauty and the Beast."

Located on the Scottish border just an hour south of Edinburgh, the Duns Castle Estate boasts its own nature reserve with extensive forest trails. The winning guests will be treated to custom experiences such as wine tastings and art classes.

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basic test and agreed to complete some continuing education each year.

EA: Enrolled agents earn their credential by passing a comprehensive exam administered by the IRS that covers individual, business taxation, and IRS representation. Because they have a federal license, EAs are authorized to give tax advice in any state. They represent and prepare tax returns for individuals, partnerships, corporations and any entities with tax-reporting requirements. EAs' continuing education requirements help ensure they have the knowledge to effectively represent taxpayers audited by the IRS despite the continually changing tax

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