



Lady Lake Chamber "Nothing But Eaton's Beach. It was a packed crowd. See Networking" was held this month at more page nine.

Speeding in The Villages

By TomL

I have been swamped by information coming out of the Villages and several other sources about the controversy pertaining to people speeding in the Villages. There are residents complaining about speeders and traffic on certain roads. The speeders are reported to be residents, visitors and contractors.

One persons Opinion

I was stopped a year ago April on Morse past Rio Grande on the way to #441. The cop told me the speed along there is 30mph because there are golf cart lanes alongside the car lanes. The speed limit is 35 on the roads with a separate golf cart paths and 25 thru the neighborhoods. I lose patience too but it would be a lot worse if I hit a golf cart. We "old people" break easily. I sure don't need that on my conscience because I was trying to go a little faster.

I see people driving cars in the golf cart lanes. What are they thinking?

Also, pet peeve: Street Legal should stay in the golf cart lanes. They are still just flimsy golf carts and cannot go over 25 even on Morse or Buena Vista.

I would add that the speed limit on Rio Grande Avenue is posted at 25 MPH in the Town of Lady Lake traffic jurisdiction of The Villages. It is Posted at 20 MPH in the Sumter County traffic jurisdiction.

Second persons Opinion

The posted speed limit is the law, 20, 25, 30, 35, whatever. The speed limit in the Town of Lady Lake traffic jurisdiction of The Villages is 25 MPH for the most part. The "STRICTLY ENFORCED" yellow board speed limit on Chula Vista Avenue is 25 MPH, no 5 MPH fudge factor. Golf carts will wiggle and wobble and become unstable if they stray into the concrete gutters at the side of the road. This is a very

is very easy to do especially for older drivers. So, SLOW DOWN as recommended by LLPD Chief McKinstry in his April 2018 news letter.

Third persons opinion

I must admit that in Spanish Springs - Rio Grande is impossible to stay between the lines in the golf cart lane - otherwise you get pulled into the curb. However everyone knows that the lanes are ridiculously skinny and the carts have to stick out. That being said - 20 - 25 on a main drag is still grrrrr. People here REALLY do need to learn how to drive and park!!!!!!!!!!!!!! GRRRRRRRRRR.

Fourth person opinion

I will be the one you swear at. I DRIVE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT WHILE IN MY CAR because when I am in my golf cart on shared roads (Rio Grande 25 mph and Morse Blvd 30 mph) there are idiots driving way to fast and scare me to death. While on my golf cart on Morse, I ride the ride side paving, having st least 1 1/2 to 2 feet to the left white line. I HAVE BEEN HIT ON MY CART BY SPEEDING LANDSCAPING TRUCKS WITH OVERFLOWING LAWN DEBRIS... To fast to get the plate or name on truck....DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT OR LEAVE EARLIER !!! I want to enjoy my retirement!

Fifth persons opinion

OH MY GOSH --- you guys are killin me. I am Native Floridian. I've been driving in this mess all my life ---and yes I have driven also all over the US as well. I have NEVER had a speeding ticket or driving infraction. At my age I consider that a pretty good record. What they do in Maryland is of no consequence here. I really don't care to have "the law" that you know down my throat. I feel you have missed the point and relevance to my comments over and over



Pam Jones, that works at Congressman Daniel Webster office, sang the National Anthem to kick off the Business to Business Expo. The Expo was a great success. There were 55 businesses represented there. See page eight for more.



For more of the Business to Business Expo pictures, see page eight.

again. If you are going to comment to me, please make it applicable to the points I am making. I ALSO know the law!! I'm not an idiot. If you have common sense then please apply it to the conversation at hand. MY points are valid and have nothing to do with "the law". : O...I think I just need to shut up and be done with this conversation. It just frustrates me and gets me upset. You are missing my point entirely...and I DO have the right to think that the speed limits here are ridiculous - and I DO have the right to

voice that opinion...and from all the people agreeing with my opinion in PM I don't stand alone in my view. Telling me that's the law and just take your foot off the accelerator and such comments are just insulting. When

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■ A.J. "Tony" Powell

AS I SEE IT

by A.J.(Tony) Powell

TRUMPS TARIFFS – The 'Fake News Media' talk like President Donald Trump 'invented' tariffs, which, of course, is a lie.

The truth? The first protective tariff was passed by Congress back in 1816. Here are a few 'facts' along with a couple of opinions. Tariffs have been controversial in the USA for hundreds of years. Way back in 1828 the infamous "Tariff of Abominations" was created to protect industry in the northern states.

Just like today, northern industries couldn't compete with low-priced imports. The South, which had no manufacturing industries, labeled the 38% tax on almost all imports (Mostly from Britain) as the 'Tariff of Abominations'.

Today the 'fake news' rants about 'retaliation' from China. Back then, the retaliation was from the British who said; without industrial sales to America, we can't buy your cotton and other produce, which, of course, crippled the economy in the south. These days, the Fake News falsely reports that "It's American Consumers who ultimately pay these tariffs". They offer an example where a 20% tariff on imports from China means that it is the people in the USA who will pay the tariff.

Of course, there's the 'Truth' then there's the 'Whole Truth'. I don't know much about 'economics', or 'international commerce', so I'll rely on, what I see as 'common sense'. If you spend \$100 at WalMart, some of that money must stay in the store, some must go

to the millionaires who manage and own WalMart, some probably goes to taxes. But the rest of it goes to China. As I See It, that means that American Dollars are financing jobs in China, building factories in China, paying taxes to support the Chinese Dictatorship, as well as all the international shipping, all with our money.

Is there an alternative? I think there is. Fake News doesn't ask, "Who are these American 'buyers'? I don't think China, or any other country, sends their stuff over here and then demands payment from whomever – do they? Isn't it greedy, self-serving American millionaires, who line their own pockets at the expense of American workers? One billionaires' workers, are another billionaires' customers - aren't they?

As I See It, why wouldn't they choose 'America (Americans) First'? Seems 'Un-American' to me! That \$100 we spend at WalMart, should stay in America – all of it!

The solution? A simple system of 'credits'. If you want to buy from a foreign country, then you buy credits from an American Company who 'sells' to a foreign country.

It's that simple!

The Billionaires at WalMart can continue to send 'trillions' of American dollars to foreign governments if they want to, as long as they can 'partner up' with an American Industry which brings those dollars back.

'til next time. Email Us At:-
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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Cop - Constable on Patrol

by TomL

I never liked the slang word Cop. In my early youth till 14 years old I lived in a bad neighborhood. Crime was rampant, including next door, across the street, and for a six block radius. The people around our family used the word cop with much hatred. So I did not like the slang word cop and for that was not well liked by most of the neighbor kids my age. Where the word cop begin? The slang word 'cop' derives from the phrase 'constable on patrol.'

Information from the internet:

A police force is a constituted body of persons empowered by a state to enforce the law, to protect people and property, and to prevent crime and civil disorder. Their powers include the power of arrest and the legitimized use of force. The term is most commonly associated with police services

of a sovereign state that are authorized to exercise the police power of that state within a defined legal or territorial area of responsibility. Police forces are often defined as being separate from military or other organizations involved in the defense of the state against foreign aggressors; however, gendarmerie are military units charged with civil policing. The police force is usually a public sector service, funded through taxes.

Law enforcement is only part of policing activity. Policing has included an array of activities in different situations, but the predominant ones are concerned with the preservation of order. In some societies, in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, these developed within the context of maintaining the class system and the protection of private property. Police forces have become ubiquitous and indispensable in modern societies, though some are involved to varying degrees in corruption, police brutality and the enforcement of

authoritarian rule.

Alternative names for a police force include constabulary, gendarmerie, police department, police service, crime prevention, protective services, law enforcement agency, civil guard or civic guard. Members may be referred to as police officers, troopers, sheriffs, constables, rangers, peace officers or civic/civil guards. The word police is most universal and can be seen in many non-English speaking countries.

As police are often interacting with individuals, slang terms are numerous. Many slang terms for police officers are decades or centuries old with lost etymology. One of the oldest, "cop", has largely lost its slang connotations and become a common colloquial term used both by the public and police officers to refer to their profession.

Publishers Note:

In my mind the word Cop is showing disrespect to Law Enforcement Officers. It's a slang word. The Police Officers are here to protect you from criminals. The Police Officers are here to stop and catch the bad guys then hand them over to the courts to pass judgement. Over the years their job has many more rules of engagement. That is where the great controversy starts.

So I say do what the Police Officer says and if you have a complaint, don't settle it on the street. Take it to the court systems who interpret the law.

Show them respect, make your case and listen to the courts. You may not agree but the Law is the Law that we have to live by.

Speeding

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you have to idle down the street and brake some of the way to keep from going to fast that's just too dang slow...call me crazy. I'm NOT trying to drive like a bat out of hell going 90 miles an hour here people....Just a reasonable speed limit for the MAIN roads!!! If you saw what I drive - you would think I'm a speedster - But I'm NOT...I just like to get where I'm going - safely and reasonably! Sorry that's too much to ask for some of you. ...Geez -- sorry for coming off strong...but I get sick and tired of people getting on this forum and saying things that don't go with the conversation or aren't applicable or reasonable to the point made or are condescending, etc. AUGHHH So NOT worth having a conversation over!!! You certainly have the right not to agree with me - absolutely -- but keep to the conversation without spewing the "rules" or should or

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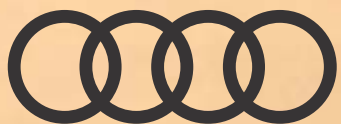


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Florida State Senate

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Summertime is upon us and that means that there are only a few short months left before the mid-term elections. During this time, many candidates will present their philosophies and ideas to the people about

how they will serve them and improve the efficiency of their government. For those of us seeking re-election, one of the most common questions we get is, "what have you done so far?" It is a fair and direct question that can be answered in different ways. Today, I have chosen to highlight some of our biggest victories and the recognition that **your Senate seat** (I just sit in it for you) has received from advocacy groups and organizations from across the State of Florida.

In 2017, your Senator was recognized as the Legislator of the Year from the Florida Coalition for Children (FCC) in recognition of the service and dedication to the children of Florida. The Florida Coalition for Children's mission is to advocate on behalf of Florida's abused, abandoned, neglected, and at-risk children, and to support the agencies and individuals who work on their behalf. Each year, this organization helps over 50,000 children and families in crisis. I am proud to work alongside this great organization.

The Florida Police Chief's Association (FPCA) recognized your Senator as the

Legislator of the Year in 2017. During that Session, I sponsored and passed a bill (SB 684) that requires a sexual predator and sexual offender to report each Internet identifier's corresponding website homepage or application software name. It also defined "internet identifiers" as any designation, moniker, screen name, username, or other name used for self-identification to send or receive social Internet communication. As a father and grandfather, nothing is more important to me than protecting the lives of vulnerable young children from possible predators and perverts. The FPCA's support was critical and it was a pleasure working with them to pass this legislation.

Your Senator was named the legislative champion by the Florida Association of Property Appraiser's, in appreciation of our support and dedication during the 2017 Legislative Session. The Florida Association of Property Appraisers (FAPA) is a statewide professional organization comprised of locally elected, constitutionally authorized property appraisers whose mission is to promote fair and equitable assessments of property within and between counties in the state of Florida.

Also, that year the Florida Coalition of School Board Members awarded your Senator the Fighting for Kids Award. This award is given to those policy makers who

introduce or support legislation that promotes their core values of fiscal responsibility, parent and student choice, and local control. During the 2017 Session I sponsored a bill that revises eligibility requirements for specified students to receive part-time instruction at the Florida Virtual School and authorized all students, including home education and private school students, to participate in specified virtual instruction options.

It is such a privilege to serve you in the Florida Senate, and as we will see, there are many opportunities to protect the freedoms that each of us enjoy every day. Next month, I will share more of what we have done, together, for the people of Senate District 12, and the State of Florida.

Onward & Upward,
Dennis Baxley

Speeding

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should not be kind of thing. We are not children and we should all use common sense and obey the law. If we don't that is our own consequence - whether we LIKE the rules or not. Doesn't even fit into the conversation here. And as a Native Floridian - I deal all day every day all my life with the wacko drivers here going 2 miles an hour in the left lane blocking you in - driving in their own world. Clarice, I wonder how many of them are NATIVES??

Sixth persons opinion

Ok I read all the comments..I find that many times when there are no others on the street (45) mph CREEPS up in no time as it seems to FEEL natural..on the other hand, dangerous and even scary if suddenly a cart

pulls out or someone suddenly appears with their pet. Being a Native of Florida and have worked for the DHSMV, administered many driving tests, YES I can tell YOU I go crazy as well by all these persons driving like a turtle in the left lane sometimes for EVER because they know SOMEWHERE up the road they Need to turn LEFT!! Most of our local traffic IS made up from Out Of State residents who may have permanently relocated here. ALL of our vehicles (it was 3) have been hit by someone backing out of a spot, sideswiped because talking not paying attention as they veared into the next lane or just plain DON'T KNOW HOW THEY EVER GOT A LICENCE.. GOOD GRIEF! That being said, YES most roads have a safe standard speed usually set by engineers or someone who knows better than me (although are subject to change with survey, accident numbers, etc) and secondly, YES it Is Crawling sometimes, no, I'm not a Crazy, retired but busy most the time. And Yes, it is a "privilege" to get and hold a FL license-not so pleasant to have your privilege taken from you as i had to do to some people when it was necessary..just being more AWARE Is more important as our minds take over about today's chores, what to make for dinner..and suddenly the Car Knows the Way..so I am also guilty of THAT. I DO like seeing radar measuring devices that show your speed as you are approaching, as i know it ALWAYS gets my attention and has me checking my speed. The tips for cruise control are good too. I guess we really got to try to be more careful and kind to each other. I remember telling some youths just getting their license about that 2000lb vehicle they were so anxious to drive as ALSO being a killing machine the MOMENT they take it for

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT IS HURRICANE SEASON AGAIN. THE LADY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS READY. ARE YOU?

"Those who have not learned from history are doomed to repeat it." That is especially true with hurricanes. Even though forecasting methods and tools are improving year after year, people are still at great risk if they are not prepared.

Experience has taught us that the best thing to do before a hurricane is prepare, so you can be confident during a storm that you've done everything you can to keep your family safe. As your Chief of Police, I want you to know that during a hurricane, you can depend on the resilience and resourcefulness of the men and women of the Lady Lake Police Department.

As a local law enforcement agency, we work year-round with our local, county, state and federal partners to improve our response, cooperation and communication during hurricanes. Just as we at the police department plan for unexpected weather emergencies, there is plenty you can do to make yourselves, your families and your homes ready for hurricane season. Don't wait for a storm to threaten.

First, create a disaster supply kit that will last your family three to seven days. Ask yourself what you would need if you couldn't get to a grocery store, pharmacy, bank or gas station for several days. Your kit should include a gallon per person per day of water, non-perishable food, a can opener, blankets and pillows, rain gear and sturdy shoes, first aid items, prescription drugs, toiletries, a flashlight and batteries, a battery-operated radio, a fully-charged cell phone as well as a non-cordless phone. Pack any special food, medicines or supplies you might need for an infant, an elderly person or a pet. Make sure you have credit cards and cash on hand and gas in your vehicle. Put all of your important documents such as insurance and medical records, bank account numbers and your social security card in a waterproof container or waterproof plastic bag.

Talk to your family about which place in your home would be the safest during a storm and at what point you would move to a shelter. Plan what to do with your pets if you have to evacuate and designate an out-of-state relative or friend to be a point of contact for each family member after a storm. Make sure children know when and how to call 911. But always remember that if a storm gets severe enough there may be limited or no emergency responders to assist until after the storm passes.

The Lady Lake Police Department is

prepared to help you and your family in any emergency, but I encourage you to create a disaster supply kit and talk to your family about an emergency plan. On behalf of the men and women at the Lady Lake Police Department, I wish you and your family the safest possible hurricane season.

Speeding

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granite and take their mind off of WHAT they doing..

Publishers Note:

OK it is my opinion reckless driving should be reported to the law and then back off. The Law Enforcement in the area have to deal with traffic as a secondary problem. They are also busy dealing with killers and thugs, so if you are frustrated just put yourself in their shoes, while they are fighting with drug dealer. Complaints sometimes come because a person does not have enough to do in their life but complain. But to the people that are speeding be careful because in between dealing with bad guys the officers are trying to slow down speeders to save a life, which means it's TICKET TIME!

Please slow down.

IRMA CLEANUP

Removal, Omits Context and Facts

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – CBS-Miami ran a story yesterday that is critical of the state's effort to clear debris and reopen US 1 in the Florida Keys following Hurricane Irma. This story got it wrong on debris

removal, and omitted facts.

Governor Rick Scott said, "Let's not forget, the Florida Keys, a chain of islands with only one way in and one way out, took a direct hit by a Category 4 hurricane. It's easy for these vendors to look back and say they would have shown up and completed the work for cheaper, but in the days following the storm, they were clearly over leveraged and did not have the people or equipment to fulfill their commitments. I will never let special interests get in the way of storm recovery. We sent additional resources to get the job done for a community that needed help and given a choice, I would do the same thing again."

"We took swift and appropriate action to get debris removed quickly so the more than 80 percent of Keys residents who evacuated could return home. We had multiple vendors, lobbyists and legislators advocating for the state to let the federal government manage debris removal. The federal government would have contracted with the same companies, but it would have been more expensive for taxpayers. By holding the line and utilizing FDOT contractors, National Guardsman and internal FDOT crews, we made vendors trying to profit from this disaster angry. As Governor it is my job to help communities when they need it, and that is exactly what we did here."

While special interests continue to produce falsehoods in an effort to discredit the state's work to clear debris following Hurricane Irma.

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B2B TO BUSINESS EXPO

Business To Business Expo was held at Water Oak Club House and was sponsored by the Lady Lake Chamber. The Business to Business started a few years back. It is not open to the public, just participating businesses. There were eight rows of vendors. The first four rows would go spend a set amount of time at the other four rows. Each time the timer went off you would advance to the next vendor. The vendor would talk to the business people in front of them until the timer went off again and they would advance to the next vendor. It can get kind of complex but it was well organized by Sue Kelley and the Chamber volunteers. The pictures here are just a few of the businesses.



LADY LAKE CHAMBER NOTHING BUT NETWORKING

Pictured here are business people at the "Nothing But Networking Luncheon" sponsored by the Lady Lake Chamber held at Eaton's Beach. The businesses come once a month and get to know something about the other business people attending and tell them about their business. The luncheon was well attended. The food was great. Eaton's Beach is right on a lake. If you have not tried their food look them up.



Social Security Trust Fund



Social Security Combined Trust Fund Reserves Depletion Year Remains 2034 Says Board of Trustees
Disability Fund Improves by Four Years

The Social Security Board of Trustees today released its annual report on the long-term financial status of the Social Security Trust Funds. The combined asset reserves of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Funds are projected to become depleted in 2034, the same as projected last year, with 79 percent of benefits payable at that time.

The OASI Trust Fund is projected to become depleted in late 2034, as compared to last year's estimate of early 2035, with 77 percent of benefits payable at that time. The DI Trust Fund will become depleted in 2032, extended from last year's estimate of 2028, with 96 percent of benefits still payable.

In the 2018 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees announced:

The asset reserves of the combined OASDI Trust Funds increased by \$44 billion in 2017 to a total of \$2.89 trillion.

The total annual cost of the program is projected to exceed total annual income in 2018 for the first time since 1982, and remain higher throughout the 75-year projection period. As a result, asset reserves are expected to decline during 2018. Social Security's cost has exceeded its non-interest income since 2010.

The year when the combined trust fund reserves are projected to become depleted, if Congress does not act before then, is 2034 – the same as projected last year. At that time, there will be sufficient income coming in to pay 79 percent of scheduled benefits.

“The Trustees' projected depletion date of the combined Social Security Trust Funds has not changed, and slightly more than three-fourths of benefits would still be payable after depletion,” said Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. “But the fact remains that Congress can keep Social Security strong by taking action to ensure the future of the program.”

Other highlights of the Trustees Report include:

Total income, including interest, to the combined OASDI Trust Funds amounted to \$997 billion in 2017. (\$874 billion from net payroll tax contributions, \$38 billion from taxation of benefits, and \$85 billion in interest)

Total expenditures from the combined OASDI Trust Funds amounted to more than \$952 billion in 2017.

Social Security paid benefits of more than \$941 billion in calendar year 2017. There were about 62 million beneficiaries at the end of the calendar year.

The projected actuarial deficit over the 75-year long-range period is 2.84 percent of taxable payroll – slightly larger than the 2.83 percent projected in last year's report.

During 2017, an estimated 174 million people had earnings covered by Social Security and paid payroll taxes.

The cost of \$6.5 billion to administer the Social Security program in 2017 was a very low 0.7 percent of total expenditures.

The combined Trust Fund asset reserves earned interest at an effective annual rate of 3.0 percent in 2017.

The Board of Trustees usually comprises six members. Four serve by virtue of their positions with the federal government: Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury and Managing Trustee; Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security; Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and R. Alexander Acosta, Secretary of Labor. The two public trustee positions are currently vacant.

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Backyard Tips For Summer



(NAPSI)—Summer is here and it's time for backyard barbecues! Before your guests arrive, check these four backyard maintenance tasks off your to-do list to ensure your yard is looking good.

Clean Your Barbecue

To prevent food from sticking to your barbecue grills, rub cooking oil on the grates before you start. After you're done barbecuing, use warm, soapy water to clean the grates with a wire brush.

Give Outdoor Furniture a Pick-Me-Up

With all furniture, check for wear and tear that may have occurred during winter. Clean plastic furniture and chair or couch cushions simply with a cloth or soft scrub brush dipped in a mix of water and dish detergent. Some outdoor cushions can be thrown in the washer so check the tags.

Check Power Equipment

Since power equipment most likely hasn't been used in months, turn it on to make sure it's working properly. Some equipment may need to be lubricated to run smoothly again. Easily lubricate the moving parts of a lawn mower with WD-40 EZ-REACH™. It has an 8-inch, flexible straw that bends and keeps its shape to get WD-40® Multi-Use Product into hard-to-reach places, like in and around the blade.

Tidy Up Your Lawn

Trim large plants, hedges and bushes that had a growth spurt during the spring, and remove dead limbs from trees. Remove leaves and other debris from the gutters around your home, and remove weeds from the lawn and garden. You may need to reseed some areas of your lawn as well.

With the completion of these four tasks, guests will be enjoying your backyard barbecues all summer long.

Sweet Treats

(NAPSI)—It's that time of year again! Warmer weather calls for summer road trips, long days at the beach, and poolside gatherings with family and friends. Make your next summer adventure extra special, and very sweet, by bringing along the ultimate snack, HI-CHEW™.

Made with real fruit juices and purees, HI-CHEW's immensely chewy texture and intensely fruity flavor make it the ideal candy to add to your summer escapades. Not only is the candy fruity and chewy, but it is also 100 percent free of gluten, cholesterol and artificial colors, making it a balanced treat for everyone to enjoy.

Road trips are never complete without the perfect snack selection. Stock up on HI-CHEW™ sticks and mixed bags, two convenient formats for any journey ahead. The classic sticks include 10 individually wrapped chews, making your favorite flavor a packing essential. It's available in seven delicious, real-fruit flavors that bring satisfying juiciness in each and every chew: Strawberry, Green Apple, Mango, Grape, Banana, Kiwi and Açai. The sticks can easily fit in a pocket or bag, allowing your favorite candy to be enjoyed anywhere on the go.

Long days at the beach can be relaxing, but sometimes you need to bring along the fun in the sun. Add a burst of vibrant flavor to your sunset experience with a variety of fruit flavors, available in mixed bags. Pick up a HI-CHEW™ Original Mix, Tropical Mix or Sours Mix for your beautiful beach day and your friends and family will appreciate the assortment. To fill your beach totes with the most popular flavors, the Original Mix

includes classic favorites such as Strawberry, Green Apple, Mango and Grape in a large 14.1-oz. bag, perfect for groups. Alternatively, transport your taste buds to paradise with the Tropical Mix, which includes an exotic twist with a mix of Kiwi, Mango and Pineapple flavors in a 3.53-oz. bag. Lastly, for a sour citrus tang, Sours Mix comes in a 3.17-oz. bag with three flavors including Grapefruit, Lemon and Lime. Each piece is individually wrapped and delivers a bright and flavorful taste, making it great for sharing with friends.

If you're feeling creative while hanging poolside, try infusing the candy into a refreshing cocktail. Delicious to sip and simple to make, all you need to do is dissolve a HI-CHEW™ piece in a liquor of choice and mix in your favorite cocktail ingredients. The infusion ratio is one piece of chewy candy per ounce of liquor; just soak the candy until it dissolves. For starters, try this margarita-inspired cocktail with a mango candy twist:

Mango Chile-rita

1 ½ ounces Mango HI-CHEW™ Infused Reposado Tequila

1 ounce fresh orange juice

¾ ounce fresh lime juice

½ ounce simple syrup

1 dash Bittermens Hellfire Habanero

Shrub (optional)

Kosher salt and cayenne pepper for garnish

Run a lime wedge along the lip of one half of a rocks glass, then roll that side of the glass in an equal-parts mix of kosher salt and cayenne pepper. Measure all the ingredients into a cocktail shaker. Fill

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is "reform"? According to the dictionary: "to make changes in something (typically a social, political, or economic institution or practice) in order to improve it". Does HR1 (the Tax Reform and Jobs Act of 2017) go far enough to be called true tax reform? Let's examine this new policy?

Is it still based on our productivity - our income? Yes. Does it eliminate or curtail the overreach of the I.R.S.? No. Does it eliminate the need to spend countless hours and money on tax compliance that could be applied elsewhere? No. Does it do anything to address the nearly \$700 Billion per year in evasion? No. Does it stop businesses from moving overseas or bring back the trillions of American dollars held in offshore accounts? Only slightly. Does it reduce the ability of politicians to

manipulate the tax code to reward friend, punish enemies and buy votes? No.

To change the answers to these questions, one needs to embrace a different form of tax policy - the FAIRtax. The FAIRtax is based on consumption rather than income. It is administered at the local and state level and thus eliminates the need for the I.R.S. to enforce it. The FAIRtax replaces all federal taxes based on income - personal & corporate taxes, death tax, capital gains tax, alternative minimum tax, self-employment tax, etc.

Under the current system, our highest priority is the federal government, not you, me or our families. The FAIRtax eliminates the federal taxes known as "withholding". Under the FAIRtax, what you earn is your money. You only pay taxes when you spend

it using pre-taxed dollars. You determine by your spending habits the amount of taxes you pay.

There are many other aspects of the FAIRtax that make it fair, transparent, and simple that you need to research. I suggest going to fairtax.org to educate yourself on this wonderful program. You can even read the bill (HR25) since it is only 132 pages long.

What was passed in December will help but, unfortunately, only for a very short time. Since the 115th Congress went into effect 18 months ago, there have been over 1300 proposed changes to the income tax code - many proposed after HR1 was passed. Let's eliminate this unsustainable 76,000 page behemoth known as the Income Tax and have true tax reform - the FAIRtax.

Dear Editor:

Does anyone else care who runs this country, judges or citizens? Anyone care

about what laws citizens shall be governed by?? Right now it is the judges who rule, congress is useless. Congress has conceded its duties to the judges. Three judges in the 5th circuit ruled on this issue, 2-1. So, one person ruled for every citizen in the US. This is representative government? As you read see if the rule represented your choice.

The AARP Bulletin may have caught your attention: the 5th Circuit court ruled against "fiduciary rule" { Financial advisors should put customers goals ahead of advisors {their own} goals.} Government, By the People, should have ruled in favor of citizens. The founding fathers foresaw this kind of behavior, and gave us escape mechanisms. We need knowledgeable leaders to help us fight corrupt government. How to use those escape routes.

When we fail to monitor the government, corruption rules. The White House Council of Economic Advisors {a lot of good they are} report investors lose at \$17 billion per year. Is this worth raising a ruckus over?

Should we form a watchdog group to track the business of these court decisions? They are costly. Financial advisors are paid handsomely, do you see the need for this ruling? Probably more advisors are eating caviar than bread and water. What are you eating? Will you need to work beyond retirement age?

How many people have their hand in your pocket? How many are by your choice?

Sincerely,
D.I.L.

Trump Pardons Jack Johnson

Jack Johnson's legend the first black heavyweight boxing champion was more than 100 years ago, criminal conviction from 1913 for transporting a white woman across state lines, most would find abhorrent today, haunted Johnson well after his death in 1946 and motivated politicians and celebrities for years to advocate for a pardon to clear his name.

The Oval Office, Johnson posthumously found an unexpected champion: President Trump. Although his own record on civil rights has come under question, often harshly, Mr. Trump, flanked by boxing champions and Sylvester Stallone, the actor who brought the case to his attention, signed an order pardoning Johnson.

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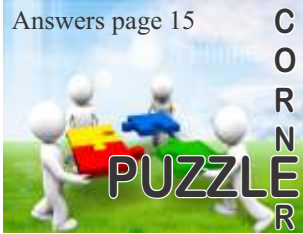
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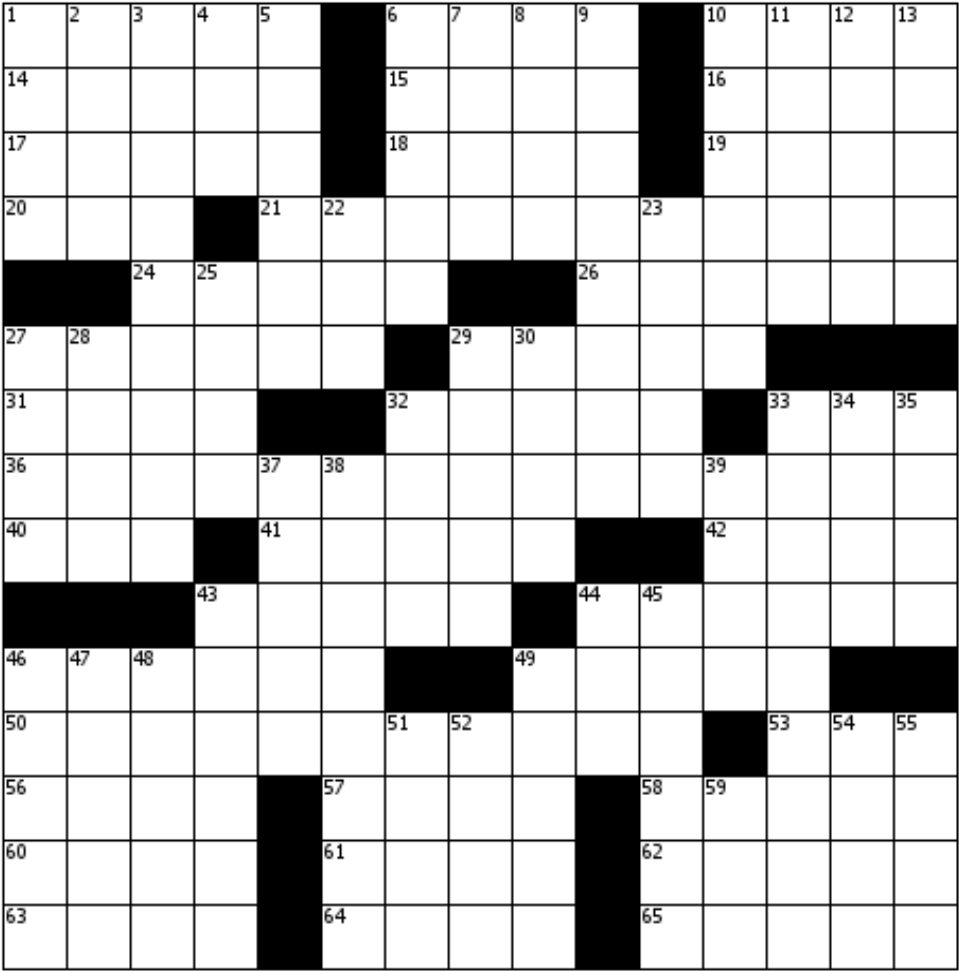


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 - Trough filler
 - A Smurf
 - ___ Gay (historic name)
 - Enemy of the Moor
 - First fratricide victim
 - Lemon skins
 - Hermit or horseshoe, e.g.
 - Portable lodging
 - Greek letter
 - Finishing blow
 - Halyard supporters
 - Type of tenant
 - It's deadly for Bardot
 - Street urchin
 - Certain field workers
 - Macho one
 - Board partner
 - Unwelcome one
 - Adjective for Br'er Fox
 - Bendable things?
 - Zagros Mountains locale
 - "American Buffalo" playwright
 - Legendary Yankees

- slugger
- Soft drink since 1961
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 - Lepidopterist's accessory
 - Cajole
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 - Gainsay
 - Christian Science founder
 - Akron exports

- Down**
- Roll call?
 - School credit
 - Holy Island sight
 - On in years
 - Scoundrel
 - Popular houseplant
 - Wild West lawman
 - Yipes!
 - Animal of German origin
 - Regular customer
 - At right angles to the length of a ship
 - Hearth money, to Peter
 - Change
 - Piece of mine?
 - Auctioneer's final

- word, almost
- Gives two thumbs down to
 - Beau Brummells
 - Skating leap
 - French writer of "The Balcony"
 - Israeli novelist Oz
 - Clearly in good health
 - One who mixes with Jim, Jack and Johnny?
 - Etc. relative
 - Hamlet or Laertes, e.g.
 - Get on a soapbox
 - Count
 - Bilbo Baggins' find
 - King novel
 - Blemish
 - Turkish massif
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Red Snapper Season



Gov. Scott: 40-Day Red Snapper Season Starts

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – With Florida's red snapper season beginning this Monday, June 11, Governor Rick Scott encourages Floridians and visitors to take full advantage. Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World and recreational saltwater fishing contributes \$8 billion annually to Florida's economy. Fishing is just one of Florida's incredible natural treasures. Florida's fishing, like the state's world-renowned beaches, attract millions of visitors to the Sunshine State every year and led to Governor Scott announcing this week that Florida experienced the highest quarter ever for tourism with more than 33 million visiting the state in the first quarter of 2018. Also, last week, Governor Scott announced that this Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10, are license-free freshwater fishing days in Florida.

Governor Scott said, "Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World and now is the perfect time to get outdoors and go fishing. I am proud that Florida's world-class fishing continues to attract visitors from around the world, fueling our incredible tourism industry which supports more than 1.4 million jobs across our state. I encourage all Florida families and visitors to spend time with their loved ones this weekend enjoying Florida's beautiful outdoors and head out for red snapper next week."

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Chairman Bo Rivard said, "We are proud to lead Florida's conservation efforts so that residents and visitors can access and enjoy all our state has to offer, like red snapper fishing, bass fishing, boating and more."

For red snapper season, this year and next year are unique compared to previous years in that Florida's Gulf recreational red snapper season will be the same in both state and federal waters.

Anglers fishing from private recreational boats will need to have their recreational saltwater fishing license (unless exempt) and will need to have Gulf Reef Fish Angler on their license (includes those that are exempt) to target red snapper or other certain reef fish in Gulf state and federal waters (excluding Monroe County). You can get this printed on a license at no cost at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com or by visiting any location you can purchase a license.

To learn more about the 40-day recreational red snapper season in Gulf state and federal waters, including season size and bag limits, visit

MyFWC.com/Snappers.

To learn more about license-free fishing, visit <http://myfwc.com/License>.

Small Business Scams



Source: Florida Attorney General's Office

Small businesses have increasingly become the target of scam artists who use their knowledge of small business practices to fraudulently induce these businesses to pay for services never performed or for products never delivered. These scam artists use a number of different techniques which include: sending phony invoices for items never ordered; using prizes as an inducement to sell overpriced office equipment and supplies; sending phony invoices or correspondence appearing to be from the Florida Division of Corporations or another government entity; and sending phony yellow page advertisement renewal forms which are actually contracts for advertisement in other directories. Consider the following to avoid small business scams:

Verify invoices.

Employ procedures to verify any and all incoming invoices prior to payment. Compile a listing of all suppliers with whom you normally do business by name, address and phone number and make the list available to anyone responsible for the payment of your invoices.

Educate your employees.

Make your workers aware of the most common types of scams against small

businesses. Obtain pamphlets and literature concerning small business fraud from your local police agency or consumer affairs bureau. Post this information at your business.

Don't buy over the phone.

Unless you have a previously established relationship with a supplier of business or office supplies, never make orders or purchases over the phone. Scammers sometimes obtain the names of business employees and assert that these persons have placed orders on behalf of the business. Instruct your employees to verify the order with the person who placed it.

Ask for verification of offers in writing.

If a caller makes an offer regarding the provision of goods or services that interests you, request that the offer be made in writing and forwarded to you for review. Be wary if the caller refuses to forward this information to you or to otherwise provide references.

Beware of prize or "free trial" offers.

Small business scam artists often offer prizes or "free" gifts as an inducement for the business to purchase their products. Be aware that these "prizes" are usually overpriced or are of inferior quality. In addition, by agreeing to a "free trial" offer you may be unwittingly enrolling in negative option plan, in which you will be charged monthly until the enrollment is canceled.

Beware of solicitations that appear to be bills or official mailings from federal, state, city or county governments.

Before sending payment or providing personal or confidential information, confirm with the government entity that the mailing is legitimate and any document being purchased is required to conduct

business. Pay special attention to fine print and look for disclaimers which may indicate that the mailing is a solicitation or that the document offered is unnecessary. Also, be wary of any company whose staff uses high-pressure sales tactics to convince you that your business is in need of a particular document in order to continue doing business.

Do not be influenced by a money-back guarantee.

While a money-back guarantee is nice to have, these guarantees are only as good as the companies offering them.

File a complaint.

If you suspect you or your business has fallen victim to a small business scam, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office online at www.myfloridalegal.com or by phone toll-free at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM. Additionally, you may wish to file a complaint against the company with the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov/complaint and with the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org.

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