# **Pictures From** the Internet



Is this really Clinton in his early days. This was sent to me. It certainly looks like Clinton! What do you think?



President Trumps results of latest medical exam were released. Dr. Sean Conley, his physician, says Trump gained four pounds in the past year but proclaimed that he is in good health.



son of George Soros, having drinks. Chuck really in charge!

Chuck Schumer and Alex Soros, yes is probably being reminded of who is

# **Speed**

The Villages / Lady Lake Florida. Approximately 9:30 AM Sunday Feb. 10th Paramedics were called to assess a man who was acting strangely and saying "people are eating brains out". The Lady Lake Police Department was called to assist. A Villages security guard pulled up and left his vehicle running. The accused just got into the security Community Watch vehicle and drove off, leaving the paramedics and LLPD. The chase began!

speed chase through the a highly populated residential area, then chasing him onto a Golf Course, endangering many lives. One witness said the vehicles actually came flying over the hill, landing then fishtailing out of control. The high speed pursuit caused two accidents, injuring one driver. Luckily it was a minor injury. The lady said her hip was hurting.

After chasing the perp through the streets past many houses they finally wound up on the Golf Course where golfers had to run for Two Lady Lake police cars went on a high cover. One lady said they actually ran over Continued page 4



Roaring twenty's theme was well not get raided! Pictured left is the new represented at the 2019 Ocala Business incoming President of OBL Connie Leaders Installation Banquet. It was held at a Secret Speak Easy last month and was well attended. The food was good, the Ladies are very active with OBL. See more games were fun, the door prizes were on page 7. plenty, what more could you ask and no it

Pendleton and right, April Savarese, Vice President of Membership with OBL. Both

# om the White House



BORDER SECURITY: Securing the Southern and Northern border of the United needed personnel. States takes a combination of physical infrastructure, technology, personnel, resources, authorities, and the ability to close legal loopholes that are exploited by smugglers, traffickers, cartels, criminals and terrorists.

The Department of Homeland Security must have the tools to deter illegal immigration; the ability to remove individuals who illegally enter the United States; and the vital authorities necessary to protect national security.

These measures below are the minimum tools necessary to mitigate the rapidly growing surge of illegal immigration.

\$25 billion trust fund for the border wall system, ports of entry/exit, and northern border improvements and enhancements.

Close crippling personnel deficiencies by

appropriating additional funds to hire new DHS personnel, ICE attorneys, immigration judges, prosecutors and other law enforcement professionals.

Hiring and pay reforms to ensure the recruitment and retention of critically-

Deter illegal entry by ending dangerous statutorily-imposed catch-and-release and by closing legal loopholes that have eroded our ability to secure the immigration system and protect public safety.

Ensure the detention and removal of criminal aliens, gang members, violent offenders, and aggravated felons.

Ensure the prompt removal of illegal border-crossers regardless of country of origin.

Deter visa overstays with efficient removal.

Ensure synthetic drugs (fentanyl) are prevented from entering the country.

Institute immigration court reforms to improve efficiency and prevent fraud and

#### **Kevin Sheilley**

## OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & **ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**



**Opportunity** 

It's hard to believe another CEP Annual Luncheon has come and gone. We put a tremendous amount of time and energy into this event to provide our partners with an incredibly experience

that leaves them excited about our community, the CEP, and how their business is investing in "Doorways to Opportunity." Thanks to everyone who attended this year and a special thanks to our sponsors: CareerSource CLM, Chase Bank, Duke Energy, On Top of the World Communities, and Zone Health & Fitness.

Once again, we sold out our 600 seats in just 10 days. We added a second presentation to provide an additional opportunity for more partners to attend and participate. Encore presented by CenterState Bank was a cocktail reception and presentation held on the following evening at the Marion Theater. I am so glad we were able to add this second presentation and hope that we can grow this event in the future.

With a theme of Building for the Future, we shared with our partners many of the successes of the past year, objectives

Doorways to reached through the first two-years of our 5year Moving Forward-Phase II action plan, and related new initiatives we would be starting in 2019. The following are two of highlights from this year's presentation:

#### Millennials

I have previously shared in this space that the Ocala Metro (Marion County) is growing on net by 120 residents a week. When new updates are released later this spring, I fully expect this number to increase. Many have commented to me that while they are excited about the growth, they assume most of those new residents are retirees. While we gladly welcome our retirees and the impact they have on the local economy, we need to see our workforce continue to grow and expand. Recent Census data sheds a different light on these numbers.

From 2012-2017, the Ocala Metro ranks in the Top 15 of all Metros with 500,000 or fewer residents (2/3 of all metros) in the percentage growth of Millennials (25-34). The Ocala growth rate for this important demographic is more than double the national average during this time (15.8% vs

#### Goals

The Moving Forward-Phase II plan has goals for every area of the CEP but also includes three big goals: to impact the announced creation of 4500 new jobs; that

those jobs will pay 15% above the County • average wage; and result in a capital investment of our community of \$400 million. We are through the first two-years of this five-year effort and can report that we have announced 2837 new jobs (63% of goal); they pay on average 17% above the County average wage; and will result in a capital investment in our community of more than \$318.6 million (80% of goal)! This is great progress on this important effort and we are excited about the opportunities we are already working on for

# Genealogical Society Meeting

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday March 21, 2019 at 2 PM at the Marion County Public Library located at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. Free to the public. A brief business meeting will be followed by the March program politicians" TBA (see www.mcgsocala.org). For further information, contact Joel Swanson at (352) 897-0840 or

president@mcgsocala.org.

# 70 Years Ago

A Little More Than 70 Years Ago

All born the same year the UFO crash landed on a Sheep Ranch near Roswell New Mexico.

n Down Lawn ...

- Barrack H. Obama
- Albert A. Gore, Jr.

- Hillary Rodham
- William J. Clinton
- John F. Kerry
- Howard Dean
- Nancy Pelosi
- Dianne Feinstein
- Charles E. Schumer
- Barbara Boxer
- Joe Biden

Hmmmmmm! From the net could this true?

## **IRS Joke**

The IRS returned a tax return to a man in New Jersey after he apparently answered one of the questions incorrectly. In response to question 23: "Do you have anyone dependent on you?", the man wrote: "2.1 million illegal immigrants, 1.1 million crack-heads, 4.4 million unemployable scroungers, 80,000 criminals in over 85 prisons, plus 650 idiots in Washington, and the entire group that call themselves

On the returned form, someone at the IRS had attached a Post-it Note beside the question with an arrow and the words: "Your response to question 23 is unacceptable."

The man sent it back to the IRS with his response on the bottom of the Post It Note: "Who did I leave out?"





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## DENNIS K. BAXLEY



opening day of site to provide armed Legislative Session on March 5th, many bills are in drafting and over 1,600 filed by members. Of the many bills being heard in committees, I will focus on two. The

Senate Education Policy Committee has passed an update to school safety expanding access to The Guardian Plan which permits more educators to volunteer for service, additional training, and background clearance to provide an added defense team demonstrates a heartbeat. Over 60 million

As we approach of leaders already on response in the first three minutes in a crisis to prevent an incident from becoming a massacre like we saw last year . Time is of the essence. Seconds count. No educator is required to participate but can be considered. Thankfully over 2.8 million students safely attend school. There are full safety and prevention steps in the updated school safety plan. Another bill filed that is stirring debate is the Heartbeat Bill which will protect the unborn child who

young lives have been extinguished since PURSUIT of abortion rights were expanded by court ruling in 1973, more than all soldiers killed in all the wars of American history. It is time to reconsider this sensitive policy that erodes our future and our respect for human

We look forward to a meaningful debate for the many issues before us. Be a part of this discussion. It is your government.

Sincerely, Dennis Baxley



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# **Happiness**

I agree with Reagan that our system must be taught!

"Individual liberty necessarily entails private endeavor, with the possibility of success as well as failure. There are both risks and rewards. We are guaranteed life,

liberty, and the **pursuit** of happiness. We are guaranteed equal opportunity not equal results. We have the opportunity, with sacrifice and hard work, to control our destiny. Obtaining some measure of financial security, or even wealth, is a possibility. It is not a right."

"We live in the greatest nation on earth. As the Declaration of Independence reminds us, we 'are endowed, by our Creator, with certain unalienable Rights.' But as the late-President Ronald Reagan reminded us, we are never more than one generation away from losing this great experiment in democracy and the American dream. Our form of government and our way of life are not passed from generation to generation genetically. It must be taught, exemplified and defended. We are not perfect. But we are unique. And we must never be a socialist country.'

Helping Heroes





(NAPSI)—The Department of Defense reports that 1.3 million Americans serve in

If you or someone you care about is ever among them and sent overseas, you may be glad to learn about an organization that's been assisting members of the U.S. armed forces, veterans and their families since the early 1900s: the American Red Cross. It provides emergency communication services, resiliency programs and morale activities.

"We are committed to delivering critical services with a caring touch wherever and whenever they're needed—24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year-for military members and their families at home and around the world," said Koby Langley, senior vice president for Service to the Armed Forces at the Red Cross.

Now, the organization is expanding support for U.S. military personnel in Eastern Europe with a new office in Romania.

In addition to aiding military members and their families, the American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to disaster victims; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; and provides humanitarian Continued page 5

 $^{-}$  Tom Loury Long time member of CEP/Ocala Chamber of Commerce,  $\;\; =$ Past President of the Ocala Business Leaders, Co-Founder and President of Select Business Associates, Past President of the Lady Lake Chamber.

#### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



friend, Vince Cribbs, the Vice President of Operations of the Printing Plant. We met him many years ago when he first started printing our papers.

He has personally overseen our printing. He was working in his workshop at home when there was an explosion. Several people attempted to pull Vince to safety but it was too late. He will be missed!

You need to enjoy every moment you have for we never know what is just around the corner.

Clinton passed a bill in 1996 that separates Children from their parents when they enter our country illegally. Obama enforced that Law and now they demonize Trump for enforcing the same Laws! They even used pictures of children in cages being

We had some sad news blame Trump for doing it. When you're this month. We lost a good elected to Congress are you are not supposed to represent Illegal aliens and forget the American Citizens. Officials are elected to protect American citizens from foreign countries and the bad guys in our

> All the immigrants have to do is get a pregnant woman across the border to have a baby on this side and they get access to tax funded services immediately and it starts a chain reaction that brings many family members and relatives into our country. When Veterans come back from a war their medical treatment is disgraceful. We have seniors in this country needing services worse than someone crossing our border illegally.

> It is reported that 25% of our federal prisons are illegal Immigrants costing us millions per years.

Another astounding thing that happened: a school principal in Richmond Virginia detained during the Obama era and used it to expelled two children for wearing a crucifix

around their neck, stating there is no place Answer: Up until now it was policy to leave for religion in schools.

In the last fifty years our government has built three thousand miles of walls to protect homeowners from traffic sounds. Hmmmm!

Isn't it weird that in America our flag and our culture offend so many people, but our benefits don't?

A gun is like a parachute. If you need one and don't have one, you'll probably never

Half the population is subsidized and they think they are victims but their representatives run the Country. The poor have things in this country that no other country has. They have TV's, cars, cell phones, computers, houses, healthcare, food stamps, ETC.

The Border: We must secure the Border by any means necessary. Maintenance from within is also necessary. Make it a crime to give someone a job without a work permit. Everyone should have a work permit. Those who are caught employing people without a permit pay a fine!

Lady Lake Florida. I continue to receive emails about the Chief of Police leaving. I say this to you. Write a letter to your local Councilman or Councilwoman expressing your wishes. People expressing their wishes at a council meeting did not seem to matter. No, don't blame it on the Town Charters! Fix the Town Charter!

Heard we had a police chase in the Villages which ended up on the Golf Course. Police Chase in the Villages is not a safe thing to do. If the person is not fleeing maybe he or she won't run over someone. This is why we need a Chief with a cool head, trained in these types of take downs.

Valentine's Day: Art says his wife wanted something that goes over a hundred and is nice and shiny. So he bought her a bathroom scale. I would not want to be around when he

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# High Speed Chase

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her golf towel. The chase went out onto 441 and then headed back toward another Villages residential but crashed the car and ran. He was chased on foot by the two officer and was caught!

A lot of comments followed by eye witnesses. One was a representative from the Golf Course, who said there was at least \$7,000 damage.

Publishers Notes: I have questions?

Question: Is it normal procedure to give chase? What are the criteria?

Answer: The Lady Lake pursuit policy is for a forcible felony only. A stolen car is not one of those accepted criteria!

Question: Why was the Community Watch car left running so the perp could steal it?

the vehicles running because the flashing lights on the roof would kill the battery. Community Watch people should not leave them unattended while they are running. Community Watch people are only for reporting into the command center.

Question: How did the News Media get the LLPD Chase videos so fast? Who released them during an investigation? The accused did have pending warrants out of Georgia, but no one knew that until after the chase. Answer: We will wait for that answer!

Right now and for several months there has been a big controversy over the Town Manager overseeing the Lady Lake Police department. Three of the Town Council will not review the Town Charter that dictates the Town Manager hires and fires the Chief of Police. The Town Manager is a smart and dedicated person but she can't replace the experience of an officer of thirty years. The Chief that just left had more experience than that! As you can see by this incident he will be missed! It is my opinion he would have called the chase off and maybe followed the person quietly from a distance and taken him without a chase. The Town of Lady Lake is liable for these actions! The people/residents/voters attended meetings and asked the Town Council to fix this problem. They would not! Belleview and Wildwood Police Departments do not report to the Town Manager.

What is your opinion? tloury@att.net

#### Ocala Events See Ocalafl.org for more details

AFTER DARK IN THE PARK

Popcorn, hot dogs and drinks available for a small fee. Remember to bring your lawn chairs and blankets! \*Movie titles subject to change.

**MOVIE SERIES** 

JUSTICE LEAGUE (2017) [PG-13] Tuscawilla Park | 800 NE Sanchez Ave. Friday | March 8 | 7 p.m.

**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER VACATION [PG]** Jervey Gantt Recreation Complex | 2200 SE 36 Ave. Friday | April 12 | 8:15 p.m.

**UNITED WAY'S ST PADDY'S DAY 5K** March 16th Citizens' Circle 110 SE Watula Ave 352.732.9696

> YOUTH BIKE RODEO March 20th 0am - 11am **Lillian Bryant Park** 220 NW 17th Place 352.368.5517



Attorney General Moody



Tax season is here, and this week, our office issued a Consumer Alert to warn Floridians of a new phishing tactic that could wreak havoc on people preparing their taxes.

The tactic, called conversation hijacking, involves scammers accessing an ongoing email conversation and sending a new message containing a malicious link or attachment—giving the appearance that the message is from a trusted source. Victims clicking on the link or opening the attachment are then prompted to provide personal information that could be used to submit fraudulent tax returns.

Floridians should remain cautious. Avoid clicking on links or opening attachments that seem suspicious. Never share passwords or login information with anybody. Change passwords frequently—using numbers and special

For more tips to guard against conversation hijacking scams, click here.

As technology evolves, so do the methods scammers use to bypass security and trick users into compromising sensitive information. Conversation hijacking attacks are just the latest trick being used to steal people's identities and access their financial information.

As Attorney General, I will work with our Consumer Protection Division to stay ahead of the trends and technologies scammers use to commit identity theft and steal from Floridians.

Please take steps to protect your personal and financial information. If you encounter a scam, please report it to my office by visiting MyFloridaLegal.com or calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM.

# Did You Know?



(NAPS)—New cholesterol guidelines from the American Heart Association emphasize a personalized approach to preventing and treating high cholesterol and cardiovascular disease.

#### www.heart.org/cholesterol.

Millions of students, teachers, parents and community leaders celebrate School Choice Week from January 20 to 26. Learn more from the experts at

#### www.schoolchoiceweek.com.

One in five Americans suffers from bunions. Foot and ankle surgeons have made several advancements to surgical techniques and fixation methods that allow patients to return to activities sooner than with the traditional method. Learn more from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons at

#### www.FootHealthFacts.org.

Your car is always there for you. An oil change, tune-up and basic service can be a nonprofit Car Care Council. For a free "Car Care Guide" and more information,

visit www.carcare.org.

Your mobile phone and the Walgreens app can help you set a daily reminder to be sure you take your medicine. Learn more at www.walgreens.com/pharmacy.

You don't have to live with clutter and chaos. A Professional Organizer or Productivity Consultant from the National Association of Productivity & Organizing Professionals (NAPO) can help. You can find one at www.napo.net.

"Ninety percent of Raynaud's sufferers don't seek treatment and too many physicians pay short shrift to those who do,' says Lynn Wunderman, founder and chair of the Raynaud's Association. Learn more, including how you can help, at www.raynauds.org.

During National School Choice Week, millions of students, parents, teachers, schools, organizations and community groups host events and activities to connect with parents communities—celebrations such as school fairs, open houses, information sessions and student showcases.

The world's leading voluntary organization focused on heart and brain health, American Heart Association, and The Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group, a division of the Allen Institute, launched a \$43 million research project to bridge the science of vascular and brain health through great way to return the favor, advises the revolutionary, out-of-the-box thinking.

# Helping Heroes

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aid. A not-for-profit organization, it depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public.

#### Learn More

The free Hero Care App helps members of the military and veteran communities access emergency and other Red Cross services anywhere in the world.

Go to your app store or text GETHEROCARE to 90999 to download the app. For further facts, visit www.redcross.org.









#### **ONE PERSON'S OPINION**

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We have been hearing a lot about 5G technology. My wife was driving me to Gainesville last week and I was able to see all of the the 5G cubes being installed. Here is some of my thoughts about the 5 G

Imagine yourself behind the wheel of your new car. You're stopped at an intersection and the light turns green. You step on the gas, then, by instinct, you screech to a halt. "Whoa, that car came out of nowhere."

Maybe you've said this after a near miss or a crash. But that car DID come from somewhere. You just couldn't see it in time. So, what if that car let you know it was coming?

Enter what I'm calling "5-G-BLOCK-CHAIN" technology, It will eliminate any hacking, and permit cars talk to each other. It will also connect things like street lights, signals, and roadside cameras. Even parking spaces! It will also connect you to pedestrians and cyclists. So that pedestrian accidents become exceedingly rare. Drivers will barely have to lift a finger. Warnings about nearby pedestrians, storms, and accidents—will simply pop up on your windshield (look-up-windshields already are standard equipment in many cars, or on your older car dashboard. It will be like beacons, it will keep telling everybody, 'Hey, I'm here, here's my speed, i'm going in this direction' at least 10 times per second.'

By 2023, there's a very good possibility your new car must have this type of revolutionary technology - by law. According to Forbes, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published a recent rule. One that would mandate all automakers to install a form of this technology beginning in 2020.

By 2023, it will be practically everywhere. This could become mandatory – just like seat belts and driver side airbags are today. All this and more will become a reality in the very near future:

- · Your car senses a traffic light is about to turn red as you approach an intersection. Your car slows down without you touching the brakes. Today, (2019) you already have an automatic slow-down feature on your cars' cruise control today.
- You will get to "peek" ahead of that giant 18-wheel rig in front of you using the truck driver's camera.
- You'll know when a vehicle ahead of you intends to brake or change lanes. Even if it's so far ahead, you can't see it.

Perhaps you've heard of 5G and thought it was just a new "cell phone" network. Well, you're only getting half of the story. As I see it, it is an emerging technology, not only a phone feature, it will permit our cars to drive themselves. Making our roads by far safer than ever before. Five years from now, almost everything you touch will rely on 5G technology in some way or the other. It will be 'built-in' to "smart" refrigerators, laptops, wearable headsets, even your toothbrush! I estimated 29 billion devices will be connected by 2021. Your cell phone with its' 5G capability will be mission control for making it all happen.



## Governor Issues **Executive Order 19-45**



Photo Credit: Governor Ron DeSantis Press Office

Ensuring the Safety of Our Children in Our Schools

**Titusville, Fla.** – Today, nearly one year after the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida where fourteen students and three staff members were murdered, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-45, which is focused on improving the safety of Florida schools.

"Although protecting our students is a perpetual process, there are steps we can take immediately to improve safety in our schools" said Governor DeSantis. "While we cannot bring back the innocents lost, we can honor their memory by learning from the mistakes that were made and resolving to swiftly correct all of those within our control.'

#### Specifically, Executive Order 19-45 does the following:

- · Directs the Department of Education (DOE) to audit all 67 county school districts to ascertain any and all types of school-based discipline diversion programs in place, such as the "PROMISE" program in the Broward County School District.
- Specifies that the audit should determine the requirements for eligibility and operation of these programs, the costs of these programs, their stated impact on

- school and public safety, and whether there is evidence to support their continuation, closure or regulation in law.
- Directs DOE to direct all county school districts to expeditiously provide the information requested.
- Directs DOE and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to work in partnership to review and analyze these programs and states that the assessment must, at a minimum, determine whether there is adequate information or evidence available to draw an informed conclusion about the efficacy of these programs and their impact on school and public safety.
- Directs DOE and DJJ to further work together to develop best-practices and consistent criteria for school-based discipline diversion programs and directs DJJ to complete and submit a report to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature by July 1, 2019.
- Directs the Commissioner of Education to reopen and extend the application period for participation in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian program to April 1, 2019, allowing sheriffs who wish to participate in the program the opportunity to apply.
  - ○To date, over \$50 million of the funds appropriated for the current fiscal year remain unallocated.

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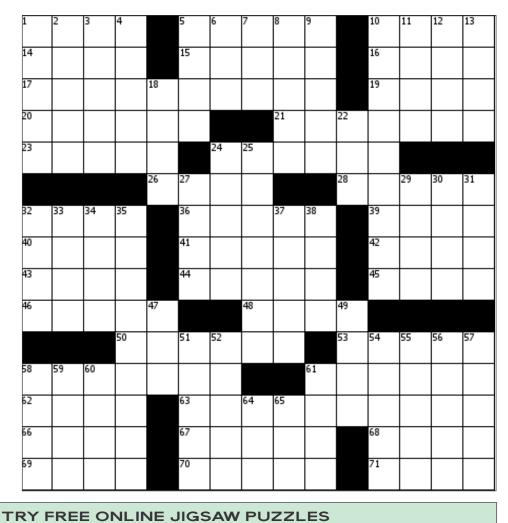
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- 24. Force
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- 40. Roman garb
- 41. Barbecue site
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- 45. "Star Wars" character
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- 48. Cat sound
- 50. Halted

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- 58. Paving material
- 61. Guiding person
- 62. Suitor
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- 66. Endure
- 67. Terre , Indiana
- 68. In this manner
- 69. Different
- 70. Church feature
- 71. Bunny's jumps

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- 3. Tiny landmass
- 4. Library no-no
- 5. Whole bunch
- 6. Corn piece
- 7. \_\_\_\_ glance (2 wds.)
- 8. Owner's proof
- 9. Look of contempt
- 10. Soon
- 11. Seep
- 12. Shredded
- 13. Amtrak depots (abbr.)
- 18. Field cover

- 22. Physics, e.g. (abbr.)
- 24. Diamond weight
- 25. Former (hyph.)
- 27. Track circuits
- 29. Group of three 30. Enjoy a book
- 31. Gumbo veggie
- 32. Flower support
- 33. Bossa
- 34. Ripened
- 35. Skydiver's need
- 37. Ventilated
- 38. Middling (hyph.)
- 47. "Oh, give
- home..." (2 wds.)
- 49. Sharpen
- 51. Greek vowel
- 52. Burglarize
- 54. Our planet
- 55. Potato state
- 56. Framed (2 wds.)
- 57. Ringlet
- 58. Talented
- 59. Make waterproof
- 60. Go by
- 61. Malicious look
- 64. Boring routine
- 65. "Harper Valley















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# Building A Medicaid Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Bipartisan Bridge

(NAPSI)—With the nation increasingly politically divided, two United States senators are reaching across the aisle to work on a growing problem facing Medicaid: truth in rebates.

The bipartisan duo, Senators Chuck Grassley (R, Iowa) and Ron Wyden (D, Oregon), have reintroduced the Right Rebate Act of 2018, which would close a loophole in Medicaid that has allowed pharmaceutical manufacturers to misclassify their drugs and overcharge taxpayers by billions of dollars. The bill also affords the Department of Health and Human Services additional authority to ensure drugs are properly classified. The legislation would give the greater authority and tools to monitor drug manufacturers that participate in the Medicaid Drug Rebate

Program (MDRP) and would allow the Secretary to impose civil monetary penalties when drugs are expressly misclassified.

The Senators' argument: Pharmaceutical manufacturers are gaming the system by intentionally misclassifying drugs to reduce rebate obligations and starving states of millions of dollars owed. The bipartisan legislation fixes that problem and sends a clear signal to PhRMA companies that neither Republicans nor Democrats will tolerate the callous disregard of honesty and transparency in government.

The senators should be applauded for their courage to work collaboratively to solve a pressing health care issue, putting the needs

of the nation ahead of politics.

They follow a trail blazed by Senators Patrick Moynihan (D, NY) and John Heinz (R, PA), who argued more than 29 years ago that the federal government was using the Social Security Trust Fund to mask the size of the deficit. Moynihan referred to it as thievery; Heinz called it embezzlement.

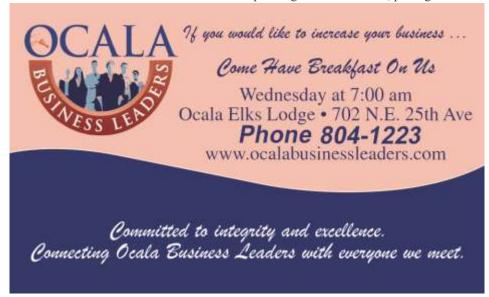
In an era in which bipartisanship has become a rarity, the work of Senators Grassley and Wyden should not be ignored. Their courage to collaborate and their willingness to continue to tackle tough, often boring health care issues shines like a beacon in the dark tunnel of congressional fingerpointing.

For many years, Senator Grassley has doggedly pursued the truth in government spending, much as former Senator Bill Proxmire, a Democrat, did before him. Grassley's commitment to honesty in government is well known in Washington,

D.C. Senator Wyden, who built his political career on creating health care solutions for seniors, also stands as a national icon for transparency in health care spending and is a hero to those without a voice.

While neither senator could be considered a household name outside his home state, in the world of health care, both men represent something special: integrity. Their zeal to solve this specific Medicaid problem should be appreciated by every governor in the nation, as it has the potential to free up funds to operate health care programs in their states. But most importantly, the senators' bipartisan collaboration sets a tone long missing in politics that others would do well to follow.

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## What To Do About The Flu



(NAPSI)—It's the peak of flu season, and while fortunately we are not experiencing the epidemic of last year, millions are still suffering from the flu this year. Although common, the flu can be serious and even lead to hospitalization or death. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that in the last seven years the flu has been responsible for more than 700,000

hospitalizations and more than 55,000 deaths across the United States.

Early identification of systems and subsequent treatment is key to making sure you limit the flu's severity. For those with pre-existing conditions like asthma, and especially for young children and the elderly, knowing the difference between a cold and the flu is very important.

Even if you've had the flu vaccination this year, it's still possible to catch the flu and pass it on to others.

#### Doctor's Advice

"Every year we find that patients have a tendency to underestimate the flu and forget what a serious health risk it presents, particularly for the very young and for seniors, but really for anyone when it is left unaddressed," explained Jason Tibbels, M.D., board-certified family physician and vice president of Health Services at Teladoc, the leader in virtual care. "Without proper care, the flu can be life threatening, so it's vital to seek care as soon as you're

experiencing any symptoms."

The risk of flu varies state by state, but is currently widespread across most of the U.S., even in states that tend to have warmer climates, such as Texas, California and Florida, for example.

#### What To Watch For

So how do you know if you have the flu? Flu symptoms are often very similar to those of a cold and include nasal congestion, cough, aches and fatigue. Dr. Tibbels says the top four signs you may have the flu are:

- 1. Quick onset. The flu often comes on suddenly, whereas cold symptoms can slowly worsen over a few days and are generally milder.
- **2. Fever.** A moderate to high fever (at or above 101° F) and chills are associated with the flu and are not typical of the common cold.
- **3. Aches and headaches.** Severe muscle or body aches are a telltale flu symptom.
- **4. Known exposure.** Close contact with individuals known to have influenza can

increase the chance of contracting the virus.

#### What To Do If You Have The Flu

If you're experiencing flu symptoms, don't wait to seek care. Fortunately in today's era of virtual care, many have access to board-certified doctors from any location, using a phone, mobile app or the Web. This keeps you out of places such as the ER, which can be breeding grounds for illness, and enables children and adults to stay in the comfort of their home when sick. Because it's symptomatic, the flu is one of the best conditions to diagnose via virtual care, yet many people don't even realize they can access a telehealth solution through their health benefits.

"If you are feeling sick, the last place you want to be is sitting in a crowded waiting room, potentially being exposed to other illnesses," said Dr. Tibbels. "Visiting a Teladoc doctor is an effective way to get quality care, while also containing symptoms and stopping the spread of flu."

## **Executive Order**

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- Directs the Commissioner of Education to immediately communicate to all school district superintendents how to implement compliance with Florida Statutes regarding safe-school officers (school resource officers) and guardians.
- Directs DOE to immediately take all necessary steps to provide a centralized, integrated data repository and data analytics resources to improve access to timely school safety information, by August 1, 2019 prior to the 2019-2020 school year, with the full support of the Departments of Children and Families, Law Enforcement and Juvenile Justice, and the courts pursuant to requirements of Section 1001.212(6)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes.
  - o Section 1001.212(6)-(9), Florida Statutes, laid out that DOE was supposed to coordinate with FDLE to provide a centralized, integrated data repository and data analytics resources by December 1, 2018. The deadline passed without the requirements being met, which Executive Order 19-45 calls "unacceptable".





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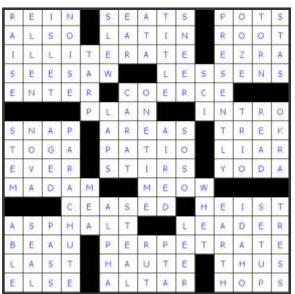
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