



County Commissioner Michelle Stone was the Guest speaker at the Ocala Business Leaders. She listed the things they were proposing, things they have done and things they were working on

right now. It was an informational hour with lots of good information that most of us did not know. Thank You Michelle Stone for informing us!

# What is Happening to America?



By TomL

Politics happened to America!

Many years ago before we had so many governmental rules by political parties, there were laws; we were the most prosperous country in the world. We had no debt, we did not have a large cumbersome payroll for Congress, Senate and all of the government employees and their retirement programs.

If you add what we are or were paying

other countries for lord knows whatever and the tariffs we were paying other countries losing on every deal - billions.

We start borrowing money we don't have to prop up the government, their extravagant ways and to keep paying other countries that hate us! Every year we budget more money than the last year. Obviously we expanded government at a greater speed and there really was no record of where some of the money went, I'm talking billions. There have been unconfirmed reports of shady deals of moving money in or out of campaign funds, paying countries for things the tax payers did not know about. Selling uranium? Paying Iran with pallets of cash, just to mention a few. Here recently some of government overseers are looking at where the money went.

When I was in my twenty (hundred years ago) joke! When working different jobs in the newspaper world, I would hear other employees refer to the government as "the



Tony Clayton of Ocala Electric was ask to give a talk about Ocala Electric on how everything works, telling us a little bit about power outages and how the power grid resets itself three times before it actually goes off. Tony says be prepared for Hurricane Season. They are forecasting 14 named storms and another 6 becoming hurricanes.

Outages will happen with storms and hurricanes. Their goal is to keep the power on.

During a storm or hurricane when the winds get up to 30 miles per hour they pull their guys in. Once the winds are safe

again they start assessing the damage, and do the repair work in priority, like hospital first, homes keeping the elderly and so on and so on!

Power starts from power plant. They generate electricity, it comes into Ocala on a main transmission line and goes to 20 substations, boosting the electricity for use in Ocala area. I thought Tony's talk was very informative and I understand where the power comes from and how the system works. Thank you, Tony. Ocala Electric donated a great door prize.

The weekly drawing was for a hurricane preparation back pack from Ocala Electric.

# White House Briefing Defining the Rule of Charge

At a recent White House briefing Acting USCIS Director Ken Cuccinelli announced the definition of the Rule of Charge to mean, people coming to this country may

not get food stamps and use public housing. They must depend on their own resources sponsors or family but not from the United States Government.

man", meaning big bosses! They were saying they have been misusing our tax money for years. If it went on, that was small deal compared to what goes on today. The country is addicted to spending. Look what they are doing to the minimum wage. They are pricing the human race out of jobs. Just recently they tested a driverless truck from point A to point B, NO DRIVER. Yes they are inventing driverless vehicles in self-defense.

They have robots flipping hamburgers, WHY? Because the wages will no longer allow them to pass wage expense to the consumer without pricing a burger out for \$10. First time jobs are perfect for the fast food industry but not at \$15 per hours.

In the last 100 years we have added at least 50 federal taxes. 100 years ago Moms stayed home and raised the children while Dad worked. In the 50's and 60's Moms

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Kevin Sheilley

## OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



Over the last year, you have probably heard and read a lot from the Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP) on the topic of workforce and talent development or NEXT works as we call it. When the CEP Board adopted our new 5-year strategic plan, Moving

Forward-Phase II, in late 2016 it highlighted Talent Development as one of the two signature new project areas for the CEP. This new emphasis has really come into focus over the last couple of years. I want to discuss why this is such an important emphasis for the CEP and then explain what we are doing.

As communities across the country have been rebounding and growing post-Great Recession, one of the areas that it became apparent had suffered was talent development. As companies, communities, and schools struggled to just remain viable, the importance of investing in workforce often went to the side. When this is coupled with the pending retirement of millions of Baby Boomers, a talent deficit becomes a clear reality. It is our belief that talent development is incredibly significant to the continued growth of our community. In fact, we believe the communities which figure out talent, will be the communities that win the next half century.

I hear every day from our businesses on the challenges of finding skilled workers. These are viable, living wage careers that

have been overlooked for too long. I think we are realizing that the emphasis on everyone attending University not only robbed our community of desperately needed skills but robbed students of the opportunity to truly pursue their passions. We are changing that thanks to these partnerships.

Over the last three years, the CEP and the business community have been partnering closely with the school system to reimagine and reinvigorate Career/Technical Education. Instead of the traditional model of schools trying to reach out to businesses, we have flipped that conversation to businesses engaging with the schools. Our goal is not to tell teachers how to teach but to provide them with the resources and opportunities to help make learning relevant for their students.

Today, we have more than doubled the number of students in Career/Technical programs. Our efforts were recently lauded as a national model of innovation. The new

Career Choice Academies are setting kids up for success by teaching in-demand skills and providing pathways for both work and continuing education. We are partnering with both the College of Central Florida and Marion Technical College to ensure we have a seamless pathway to post-secondary learning in all of these areas.

We are engaging with our schools and teachers daily. Dean Blinkhorn serves as our Director of Talent Development. As a former teacher and business owner, he brings credibility to our efforts. Recently, Dean was named an Education and Talent Fellow by the Association for Chamber of Commerce Executives, our national association. This fellowship is very competitive and we are thrilled and honored that Dean was one of 10 selected from around the nation to complete this program.

The mission of the CEP is to be the catalyst for a prosperous community and this focus on Talent Development is key to that prosperity. By partnering together, we can keep this community Moving Forward!



### AFTER DARK IN THE PARK MOVIE SERIES

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

### THE GREATEST SHOWMAN [PG]

Ocala Skate Park | 517 NE Ninth St.  
Friday, Sept. 13 | 8 p.m.

### COCO [PG]

Citizens' Circle | 160 E. Fort King St.  
Friday, Oct. 4 | 7:30 p.m.

### HOCUS POCUS [PG]

Fort King National Historic Landmark |  
3925 E. Fort King St.  
Saturday, Oct. 26 | 8 p.m.

### FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Downtown Ocala  
First Friday of each month | Sept. 6-Dec. 6 | 6-9 p.m.  
Located within Ocala's historic district, First Friday Art Walk includes monthly artist displays, live entertainment, street performers, free art activities and extended business hours.

### STARLAB PLANETARIUM SHOWS

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## DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,  
My words today will be shorter than usual, but no less meaningful than in previous months. Firstly, thank you for your continued engagement and devotion to our great

nation and the principles on which it was founded. Faith, family, freedom, opportunity and life itself are under attack each day from socialist radicals who want to see individual liberty and responsibility exterminated. We must continue to fight for our God-given rights for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

Recently, news out of El Paso and Dayton have confirmed again that the

violence in our culture is very real, and heartbreaking. Evil men, committing evil acts is nothing new to any culture, but in our time, the ease of accessing information seems to put it directly in front of us each day. The mainstream media seems intent on amplifying these acts to as many people as they can. This violence is tragic and despicable, but using these events to gain some sort of political advantage or to influence long debated policy ideas (or, in most cases, constitutional law) is also destructive.

The call to you today is that thoughts and prayers are not useless. Coming together as

Americans to condemn violence against any person, no matter their race or sex, born or unborn, can and will make a difference. Let us grieve together the violence of our culture. Our hearts will move us to action but our heads should guide us to reason in policy and law. Onward and upward!

Senator Dennis Baxley



## Genealogical Society Meeting

Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 2pm - 4pm at the Marion County Public Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL. Lisa Louise Cooke will present "Google Earth for Genealogy" via a webinar. There is no charge and everyone is invited. For more information visit [www.mcgsocala.org](http://www.mcgsocala.org) or call (352) 897-0840.

## America

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started working part time while the kids were in school. Now they have no choice, they must work!

**ALONG COMES DONALD J. TRUMP!**

In just a few years he has lifted the country up to a standard of living that has never been seen. He has lifted our reputation in the World to something that once use to be, IT HAS NOW HAPPEN! The past president said and I quote "what is Donald Trump going to do? Wave his magic wand and fix things?" The answer is yes his magic wand has a name. It's called "Common Sense & Political Transparency". He has more backbone than anyone I have ever seen. He is not perfect but he is not a corrupted politician. Yes he is a counter puncher, but his rival whether it be a world leader or a politician, knows when they jab him they will get jabbed back even harder. He thinks outside of the normal political box and from a business perspective. Who would think you could leverage tariffs for billions of dollars in a deal. Who would think he could tell world leaders to pay their share for military help! Who would think we could apply pressure on Mexico to stop the immigrants from traveling across their country?

I would venture to say, when it is all over Trump will go down as the greatest President ever! Trump's opponents are making him look great because he has done this without any Democratic cooperation of any kind, just Republicans and not all of them. Remember who was helpful at election time. Actually the Democrats are ruining their reputation by not excepting an elected President. Imagine what Trump could have done with cooperation from the Democrats and they would have gotten some credit and we could have preserved the rule of laws in our country. Other countries are laughing at us because of what the Democrats are doing, but we will see who is smiling at the end. How we feel about our country is the most important thing! But just as important is how our country is viewed by the world. They love to see conflict in our country.

**Publishers Note:** I think America is great and always has been. But we have had some corrupt people in our governing body, like leeches sucking on money, politics and promoting corruption and when the Trump administration and the media tells the story, the truth gets out and a person will think twice about doing something shady when working in our Government. We have always been great and now we have a new greatness to celebrate! It can only get better.

What say you? [tloury@att.net](mailto:tloury@att.net) Use subject line trump or newspaper.



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— 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



### What Rights Are You Born With?

Our forefathers and mothers designed laws to help hold this great nation together. When you are born in America you are entitled to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness! Our men and women fought and some died to ensure yours and my liberty. When you break our laws then you are punished, but you are innocent until proven guilty. Actually when you are born anywhere else of this world you should have Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness but some countries have different beliefs or laws. Remember nothing is free, you must earn what you get! NO free tuition, NO free healthcare, NO free abortions, NO free housing, etc. The Socialists are wrong! Because of our fast pace mobile world, millionaires can move anywhere in the world and there many places that will not tax them for most of their money to feed, house, abort, pay doctors with the money they have earned.

Remember with Socialism the wealthy pay but the politicians don't! The wealthy move and taxing goes on until there is nothing left except Government control. Anyone that preaches Socialism knows that!

### Assaulting People / Police Officers

Our country has laws that we have to abide by. Without law and order we have chaos. People are not safe when there is chaos. Some people are of the nature of taking things too far, like throwing water on police officers. Next thing you know it won't be just water. Throwing water at or on anyone against their will is civil assault. Throwing anything at a police officer should be a federal offense with a mandatory sentence, and if there is video proof, it should be immediate! No overnight bail or anything that would delay the sentence. Hard jail time NOW. That would make these lawless acts stop.

### Fear of Military Action

In our world we have conflict and we have peace. The world is like a neighborhood where you get along with some of your neighbors and some you don't. Again, in our

fast pace mobile world you can move fairly easy. But mostly we get along. In a neighborhood you have to forgive and forget, just like in family life, kind of go with the flow. The Villages is an interesting place to put that to the test. You have people from every geographic area of the country and even some from other countries, each trying to have fun doing mature activities. It's when they act immature where the trouble begins. The trouble comes in many forms: who tees off first; the people ahead are golfing too slow; the golf cart cut me off on the road; someone is displaying our flag wrong; etc. etc. etc.

### Learn To Be Patient

My problem is I don't wait well. When you go into a doctor's office for an appointment and the doctor is in, you should not have to wait more than 15 minutes. If the doctor had an emergency, reschedule. Some people will sit for hours. That happened to me 5 years ago. I waited two hours for the doctor to see me. Then I told him off. "First what makes you think that your time is more important than mine?" "I have missed a scheduled meeting because I was sitting in your office waiting for you!" I said "what do you have to say for yourself?" You're here now. The doctor was mad, his hands were shaking, no one talks to him like that. He wanted to give me a shot. I said I'm done with you! Got up and walked out. No need for people sitting and waiting. It is a waste of their time.

### Civil War

I suggest you read Dr. Jack Devere Minzey. He was the Department Head of Education at Eastern Michigan University and author. He has since past away. I will attempt to pull a few paragraphs out of his last article to show that he thought we were headed for a Civil War. (Paragraph from Dr. Minzey's article)

"How do Civil Wars happen?

Two or more sides disagree on who runs the country. And they can't settle the question through elections because they don't even agree that elections are how you decide who's in charge. That's the basic issue here. Who decides who runs the country? When you hate each other but accept the election results, you have a country. When you stop accepting election results, you have a countdown to a civil war.

**Past President** (Paragraph from Dr. Minzey's article)

If the Democrats are in the White House, then the president can do anything. And I mean anything. He can have his own amnesty for illegal aliens. He can fine you for not having health insurance. He can use the IRS as his own police force and imprison citizens who speak against him. He can provide guns and money (Fast and Furious) (Iran nuclear deal) to other countries to support his own agenda, and watch while one of America's Ambassador's is dragged through the streets and murdered doing nothing to aid our citizens. His power is unlimited. He's a dictator. But when Republicans get into the White House, suddenly the President can't do anything. He isn't even allowed to undo the illegal alien amnesty that his predecessor illegally invented. A Democrat in the White House

has 'discretion' to completely decide every aspect of immigration policy. A Republican doesn't even have the 'discretion' to reverse him. That's how the game is played. That's how our country is run. Sad but true, although the left hasn't yet won that particular fight.

**Publishers Note** about Civil War.

We are on the brink of a Civil War. All indicators are visible. Our country has made more progress in the last three years than in the history of this country. This country survives because we have the rule of law. Socialism is on the rise in our country. IT DOES NOT WORK! It's a trick to take control of the country. Don't fall for it! Get out and vote. Get out and support your candidate. Be visible and show who you stand for. Do not be violent! If someone comes to you in a violent manor, press charges without hate. They broke the law and must be punished! **Matter of fact!**

I will stand with the elected President of the United States. Guess what? In year 2020 I will stand with the elected President. If I don't like him I will vote accordingly. We must follow our constitution; it is the letter of the law! I personally believe that Trump is the only person that can clean up the corruption in our country. His job is not done, re-elect him!

### Note from Bud in the Villages

Last month I had a Lady in the Villages send me a letter complaining about pedestrians in multi-path right of way used by Golf Carts. Here is what one reader says...

"Hi Tom,

Hey, Hey, get outta my way !!! We got 'em in the Villages.

Glad to see you pointed out that pedestrians have the right of way on multi paths.

~ Bud P."

### Ocala Florida

For a number of years I have been asked why I don't have newspapers in the lobby of the Tax Collector's office. Everybody else does but you. So two months ago I asked permission and put a wire rack in. This month I went to put August papers in it and it has disappeared. If anyone knows what happen to it call 804-1223. That is called restraint of trade. Actually while I'm at it, these big giant online businesses that are taking down people's posting is RESTRAINT OF TRADE if it pertains to their business! The FCC needs to get more involved.

**TomL said that!**

## WE MOURN THE PASSING OF RICHARD ALLEN LOURY.

Born September 27, 1945, he passed away August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 after a long illness. RICHARD leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Mary Loury, son James Loury, daughters, Sheri Loury Gamboa (Paul) and Krysti Loury, granddaughter Alexia Gamboa, sister Carol Jurascheck, and brother Tom Loury.

Richard was a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed fishing and reading.

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# Help Prevent Veteran Suicide



## Five Ways To Help Prevent Veteran Suicide

(NAPS)—It's a tragedy: Every day, 22 U.S. veterans

take their own lives—a needless loss of 8,000 service members a year.

### The Problem

Returning veterans may experience divorce, joblessness, homelessness and hopelessness.

The often-devastating effects of mild to moderate traumatic brain injury (mTBI) and post-traumatic stress (PTS), plus the loss of their military community support, can cause a downward spiral.

Symptoms of mTBI include headaches and problems with balance, sleep, vision and memory. Emotional signs include depression and anxiety. But today's treatment approaches and therapeutic technologies offer hope for veterans feeling overwhelming physical and emotional pain from these invisible wounds of war.

### What You Can Do

**1. Be observant about behavior changes.** For many veterans, the physical symptoms of mTBI are not obvious. Be on the lookout for loss of interest in meaningful activities, personality changes, social isolation and substance abuse.

**2. Reach out and spend time together.** Let a veteran know he or she is not alone. Meet for coffee or go for a walk. Listen and

encourage them to seek help.

**3. Tell veterans and their families about helpful programs.** Encourage caregivers, spouses and friends to seek help on behalf of a veteran.

One outstanding option that's transformed the lives of more than 550 veterans and their families is the SHARE Military Initiative at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Ga. This innovative program provides up to 12 weeks of intensive rehabilitation, at no cost to the veteran, to treat mild to moderate brain injury and psychological concerns of those who served in the U.S. military since September 11, 2001. Treatment plans are personalized to each veteran's needs. The program is open to all post-9/11 veterans, including those with other than honorable discharges.

Because of intensive and comprehensive therapy, rehabilitation and life coaching, SHARE has become a model for centers nationwide. Experts in working with veterans provide medical consultation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and cognitive therapy, recreation therapy, case management, neuropsychology, chaplaincy and counseling.

**4. Volunteer or donate** to organizations battling the epidemic of veteran suicide.

**5. Support fundraisers and events,** such as the Shepherd's Men Run. Annually, a team of committed volunteers runs seven days of half marathons in multiple states wearing 22-pound flak jackets—to increase awareness of treatment options and suicide

prevention for veterans. Shepherd's Men have raised millions for this heartfelt mission.

### Learn More

Veterans and those who want to help can call 404-603-4314 or visit [www.shepherd.org/share](http://www.shepherd.org/share) and [www.shepherdsmen.com](http://www.shepherdsmen.com).

## Privacy Choices A Click Away

### More Privacy Choices Are Just A Click Away

(NAPS)—If you're like most people, changing the settings on your computer or smartphone can be a frustrating experience, full of technological jargon, confusing menus and complicated controls.

That's why the digital advertising industry decided to create a simple and intuitive way for people to get information and make choices about certain types of online ads they get. It's as easy as clicking a blue triangle.

In the corner of many online and mobile ads today, there's a little blue triangle, sometimes labeled "AdChoices" or "Your AdChoices." That triangle is known as the YourAdChoices icon, and it can be your gateway to trustworthy information and control over digital ads.

When you see the blue triangle, it means the ad might be using information collected from other websites about your interests to help personalize advertising for you. The icon gives you information about how that process works, along with choices to "opt out" if you don't want to see that type of advertising, which is known as "interest-based advertising." It makes predictions about the types of ads groups of people might want to see based on data about the websites or apps they enjoy, such as sports, movies, hobbies or travel.

To protect privacy, most advertising systems are designed to not connect that data to actual names or identities. Instead, those systems use a non-identifiable string of text—such as jsf284vn732ebu19dp—for

each computer or mobile device, which lets them deliver ads to that device.

Most people find that type of advertising more relevant and helpful than generic ads. If you're shopping for a new camera, it can show you ads for discounts or camera accessories you might need. If your team won the playoffs, it can make it easy to buy the team's new championship gear. If you love to travel, it can help you find bargains and little-known destinations.

Perhaps equally important, those ads help fund the free websites, services, and apps you use every day, including e-mail, news, videos, social media, photos, maps and search.

If you want to learn more about an ad or control your choices, clicking on the icon gives you information about the companies that brought you the ad and a way to turn off the collection and use of data for interest-based advertising from those companies in the future.

In addition, to learn more or control your preferences for hundreds of companies at once, you can go to YourAdChoices.com, which serves as a control panel for companies engaged in interest-based advertising.

When you visit that site, you get access to a tool that performs a quick system check and shows you which companies are currently customizing ads for your browser. With a few clicks, you can opt out of receiving those types of ads from any of those companies or all of them at once.

The site also offers information and tools in the mobile world via the YourAdChoices.com mobile website and the "AppChoices" app, available for download from all major app stores.

Run by the Digital Advertising Alliance, a non-profit self-regulatory program created and supported by the advertising industry, the Your Ad Choices program—including Web Choices and AppChoices—gives millions of people the tools to control their online advertising experiences. The icon is now served more than a trillion times a month worldwide, making it easy to find and use on all of your devices.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We need to ask ourselves, "Was the Tax Cut's and Jobs Act of 2017 real tax reform? We were told at the time it was the first real tax reform in a generation. So let's examine this claim.

Did it change the tax rates? Yes, a number of key tax rates were reduced.

Did it eliminate the income tax? No, we still have an income tax.

Did it eliminate the payroll tax? No, we still have the payroll tax.

Did it eliminate the IRS? No, we still have the IRS.

So just what did it reform? Apparently, nothing! In fact, according to accountingtoday.com, the TCJA of 2017 introduced almost 500 tax law changes. Changing the tax rates and leaving the rest of the system in place, is not tax reform. Tax relief, maybe, but not tax reform.

So what would real tax reform look like? Well, if we got rid of the income tax completely and replaced it with a sales tax, THAT would be reform. And without an income tax, there would be no need for the IRS.

Without an income tax, our lives would be much simpler. And if you run a business, it will be much simpler too. And this would lead to more jobs.

If you want real tax reform, you need to get behind the FairTax Act of 2019, HR 25. The FAIRtax will eliminate the income tax and the IRS and replace them with a simple sales tax collected at the retail level. Here in Florida, this sounds familiar since we don't have a state income tax; our government is funded primarily by the state sales tax collected at the retail level.

Hmmm, if it works for Florida (and eight other states) it just may work for the federal government too. You can find out more by going to fairtax.org and by watching our weekly FAIRtax Power Radio/TV show at

fairtaxguys.com. The FAIRtax - When you understand it, you'll demand it.

Publishers Note: All letters are the opinion of the writer only and not necessarily the Opinion of this newspaper! Yes I believe in God!

Do you believe in God?

Then you believe that God created man, Adam and Eve, 2 genders.

Is God here again incognito, creating new genders? If not, then who is creating new genders, and by what authority, or is there some new kind of wisdom? What are we missing?

Years ago these supposed new genders appeared in stories in the press as defective beings. People those genes were defective. Now they are celebrated, and elevated, and lavished with aid. What is the purpose of all the adulation? Is this part of the power luster's dumbing down program?

These less than perfect beings are being presented as being the more acceptable of

our species, those normal of the species are being demeaned. The normal are the defectives, the flip is in place. Do we need to do the flop?

Can you imagine telling your 3 year old they can choose their gender? What is a gender, they would ask? Who is smarter the parent or the child?

Are you aware of anything farther fetched than this gender ploy? No matter how you cut it there are 2 genders, why don't we speak out. There are defective gender genes. Some are correctable with surgery, but this is hidden from these defectives. Defectives have lived satisfactory lives, until these Looney Toons came along. The human brain is terrifying. Why? Why would anyone justify such an off the wall concept? The reason is baffling?

What purpose does all this chaos provide? Unhappiness for all?

Why can't we find the happy road???? Wouldn't that be some accomplishment? Do we want to be happy? God help us find the answer.

D.I.L.

Publishers Note: All letters are the opinion of the writer only and not necessarily the

Opinion of this newspaper!

To the Editor

America is my home. How dare anyone barge in and tell me what to do in my home. Who does our congress represent?

What right does anyone have to give my sweat equity built up over 4 generations, to a bunch of gate crashers? They push in and demand it all right now.

When we were in poverty we never even got a block of cheese. You had to have \$5 dollars if you needed to see a doctor, or no care. If you graduated first in your class with an I.Q. of 150 there was no scholarship, or any kind of free tuition, or help for your education.

You sacrificed all to pay every penny of tuition for your children, and deny yourself any pleasures {world travel} enjoyed by everyone you knew. I have paid for my comfort, my children are struggling to make ends meet, even with a college education, so are others children. Americans are getting the short end of the stick, in favor of greedy gate crashers expecting to take my well being, just because they push their way in. Who asked them?

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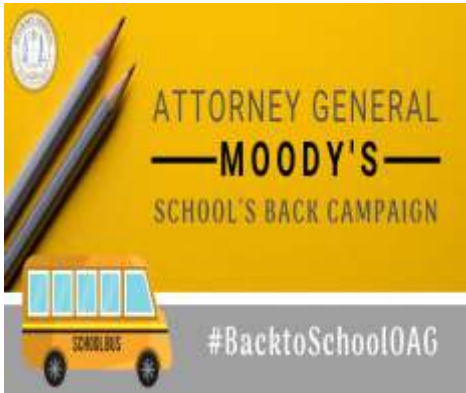
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## FROM THE DESK OF ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



### Back to School

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—As millions of Florida children begin a new school year, Attorney General Ashley Moody is reaching out directly to students and parents with tips and resources. The weeklong #BackToSchoolOAG campaign will provide information about internet safety, the dangers of drug use, risks associated with vaping and more.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “This week, millions of children and teens in Florida will head back to school, and with a new academic year comes new risks and challenges that parents may not be thinking about. Online games and apps can create a venue for human traffickers to stalk children, drugs pose a major health threat, and the alarming increase in teen vaping cannot be ignored.

“Through #BackToSchoolOAG, I hope we can reach parents and students as the

academic year begins to encourage a continuous, open dialogue about some of the extremely important challenges facing Florida students today.”

Earlier this summer, Attorney General Moody launched a fact-gathering mission to learn more about the dramatic increase in teen vaping. The Florida Department of Health released a report in April, noting a 58 percent increase in the use of e-cigarettes among Florida high school students from 2017 to 2018. According to the report, nearly one in four Florida high school students now admits to vaping.

As Chair of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, Attorney General Moody is also working to raise awareness about human trafficking. Recent criminal cases handled by the Attorney General's Office involve teens lured online by human traffickers. Attorney General Moody is asking parents and guardians to talk to their children about cybersafety.

For more information about cybersafety, check out the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Booklet from the Stop.Think.Connect.

Drug use among minors continues. Chatting with Kids about Being Online, to be a problem exacerbated by the opioid crisis. Using opioids just one time can lead to an overdose or even death. The problem is exacerbated by the increase of fentanyl use in Florida.

Attorney General Moody is asking parents and guardians to talk to their children about drug use.



### Statewide Council on Human Trafficking

The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking was created to support human trafficking victims by enhancing available care options. The 15-member Council, chaired by Attorney General Moody, builds on existing state and local partnerships working to combat human trafficking.

Members include law enforcement officers, prosecutors, legislators, as well as experts in the fields of health, education and social services. The Council was created through legislation passed and signed into law in 2014.

#### About Human Trafficking

The International Labor Organization estimates that there are 20.9 million victims of trafficking around the world. Domestically, Florida continues to rank third in the nation in the number of calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

Victims of human trafficking include children, women and men who are subjected to sexual exploitation or forced labor through force, fraud or coercion.

According to a study of U.S. Department of Justice human trafficking task force cases, 83 percent of sex trafficking victims

identified in the United States were U.S. citizens. The average age that a trafficked victim is first used for commercial sex is 12-14.

#### Council Duties

The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking was created to support human trafficking victims by enhancing care options available.

Council duties include:

- Develop recommendations for comprehensive programs and services including recommendations for certification of safe houses & safe foster homes.
- Make recommendations for apprehending and prosecuting traffickers and enhancing coordination of responses.
- Hold an annual statewide policy summit with an institution of higher learning.
- Work with the Department of Children and Families to create and maintain an inventory of human trafficking programs and services in our state.
- Develop overall policy recommendations.







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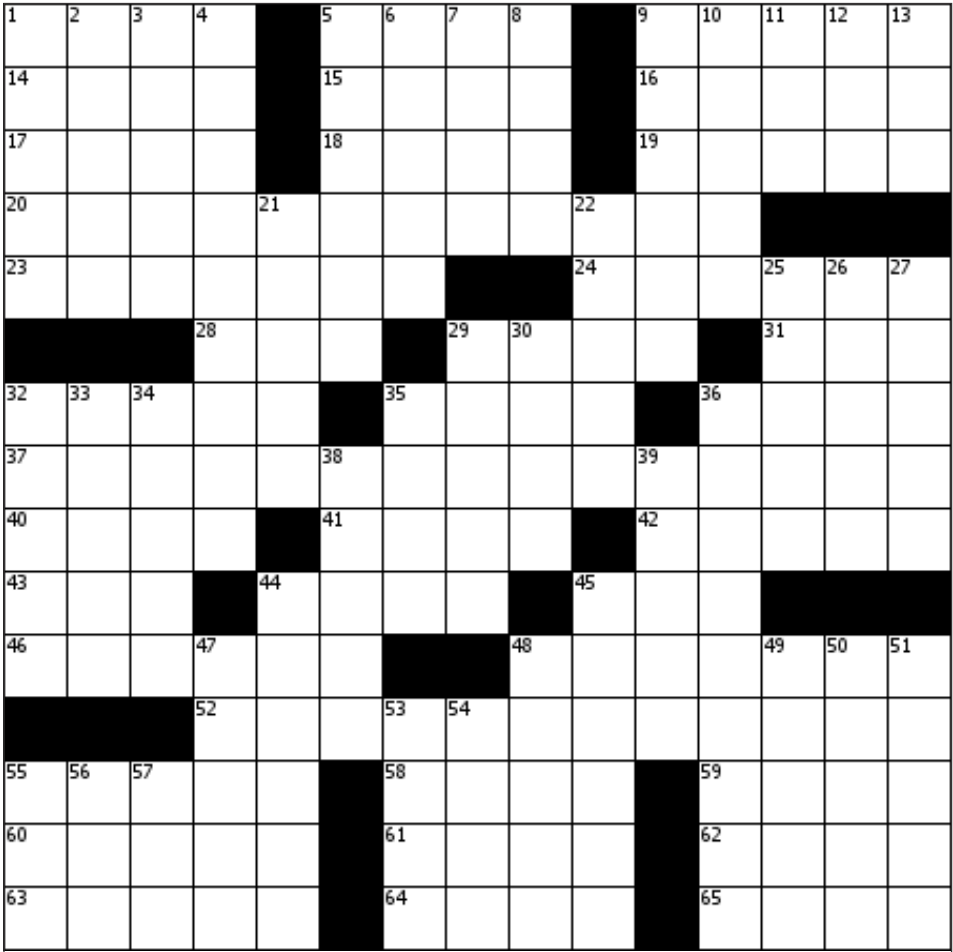
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- Electronic component
- Wander about
- Nick and Nora's pooch
- "Gay Purr-ee" composer Harold
- Really digging
- Four, six or seven attachment
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- Trueheart of the comics
- Makes a boo-boo Down
- Oscar winner Russell
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- Was not original
- Concoct

- It may be rolled or sprayed on
- It's flipped when you flip
- Take advantage of
- Sun. message
- Playground retort
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- Display of temper
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- Office plaque
- Big name in mobile phones
- Purple shade
- Warning signals
- Los \_\_\_\_, New Mexico
- Interjected
- Checked items
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## FROM THE DESK OF

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### Governor Ron DeSantis Appoints Three to the Florida Board of Medicine

**Tallahassee, Fla.** — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointments of Dr. Zachariah Zachariah, Dr. Scott Ackerman and Dr. David Diamond to the Florida Board of Medicine.

#### Dr. Zachariah Zachariah

Zachariah, of Fort Lauderdale, is a cardiologist and internal medicine doctor. He is the Medical Director at UHealth Cardiology, Fort Lauderdale and a member of the clinical faculty at the University of Miami. He received his medical degree from the Armed Forces Medical College in India and completed his residency at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. He served as Chairman of the Florida Board of Medicine from 1990-1992, 2000-2001 and 2013-2014. Zachariah is appointed to a four-year term.

#### Dr. Scott Ackerman

Ackerman, of Jacksonville, is a radiation oncologist and Medical Director at Ackerman Cancer Center. He received his medical degree from Ross University in Miramar, Florida and completed his residency with Columbia University

Medical Center in New York. Ackerman has made significant contributions to Florida's fight against cancer and is a strong believer in patient advocacy, community outreach and individualized patient care. He also oversees the First Coast Cancer Foundation and is a board member of WeCare Jacksonville. Ackerman is appointed to a four-year term.

#### Dr. David Diamond

Diamond, of Winter Park, is a radiation oncologist at Florida Radiation Oncology (Winter Park). Diamond earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and his medical degree from the University of Florida. He completed his residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital and his radiation oncology training at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Washington University School of Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology, where is served on the Board of Chancellors for 6 years. Diamond is appointed to a four-year term.

These appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

## Watch TV Without Having To Pay

### There's Plenty To Watch On TV Without Having To Pay For Streaming, Cable Or Satellite

(NAPS)—When it comes to home entertainment, one of the latest innovations in TV viewing is really one of the oldest: the antenna—and budget-conscious consumers are thrilled.

#### How It Works

These days, with a new smart TV or inexpensive antenna, you can “cut the cord” and discover a vast array of shows and specials, new and nostalgic, via what's called a diginet or digital subchannel. In 2009, the government changed the way that local stations broadcast their signals, moving them from old-fashioned “analog”

signals to newer, more efficient “digital” signals.

That allowed every local broadcast channel to divide up its spectrum into multiple feeds—in the room that it used to take it to air just one channel, it can now air three or four additional digital channels (not just, say, Channel 4, but Channel 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and so on), while still maintaining high picture quality.

With all this new space available, many new “digital subchannels” or “diginets” formed—and have partnered with local broadcast stations to air across the country in local markets. As a result, shows and movies from across the history of TV are now available regularly.

The fun and economy they provide is increasingly popular. In fact, the number of U.S. households that get their TV signals via over-the-air antenna is now more than 24

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Some Immigrant's with an I.Q. of 50 expect free tuition, and they get it, but they are not educated. They loaf or play or drug themselves through school. Waste our hard earned money. Is that fair? Smart?

They have a country, why not make their country livable, why destroy ours? Are we that dumb?

Americans do not deserve to enjoy the fruits of their labor? If you want to give your fruits, feel free, leave me to make my own decision.

75 years ago, while I was in dour poverty, I was shamed into trying to donate money to the poor kids in Africa. It was devastatingly humiliating, when I took in my dime card nearly empty. They are still begging for the poor kids in Africa. When does it end? How much does it take? 75 years and nothing has changed. There has been and still is more guilt sold than any other commodity on earth. If someone works hard and enjoys anything, the guilt merchants rush in. Yet guilt merchants take tremendous salaries. What is fair??

I used to feel guilty for living a comfortable happy life, no more. I earned it, I deserve it. I am not a hedge fund, or derivative, or charity thief. Guilt no longer works on me. For the past 20 years I volunteered at something. When is enough, enough? I have reached the "Falling apart stage", and they still want me to give, give, give. Never enjoy.

Is America the only country with enough smarts, or ambition to build a

country? Why can't any of these gate crashers build a country? They leave socialist countries, then try to bring their socialism to our country. What kind of sense does that make?

Wake up Citizens: fight for your sweat equity in America. It is a commodity you have earned that gate crashers have NO stake. You owe them nothing.

## Watch TV

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million homes.

**Why It's Popular**

The skyrocketing costs of cable and satellite TV, the extra fees charged for channels you don't want, streaming and over-the-top (OTT) platforms in this new golden age of content, have left consumers searching for the best choice and value. Today's antennae hold the key to hundreds of channels waiting to be discovered and, unlike the old "rabbit ears," the new compact indoor kind are really easy to set up and use. As one user put it: "It's been awesome. It doesn't log out and it doesn't skip."

The antennae cost only around \$20 or less and are available at most major electronics or big-box stores and on Amazon—and you get to skip the monthly fee. Indoor antennae are small, powerful and discreet. They're great for people living in apartments or crowded cities. Outdoor antennae are traditionally mounted on the roof and can get more than 150 TV signals. They're a great option for those who live far from broadcast towers.

## What To Watch

Even though most of what's shown on diginets are classic movies and episodes of TV series from 1950–1990s, there's something for everyone, from sitcoms to Westerns to crime dramas to variety shows. One of the most popular diginets, getTV, anchored by Sony Pictures Entertainment's vast library, airs such programs as "The Unit," "Married...With Children," "Good Times," "Amen," "The Steve Harvey Show," "Walker, Texas Ranger," "The Johnny Cash Show," "Hot in Cleveland" and "All in the Family." Other major diginets include MeTV, Comet, Antenna TV, Cozi TV, Escape, Grit and Laff. No cable, satellite or Internet connection is necessary.

## Where To Learn More

To see a full programming schedule, go to [www.get.tv](http://www.get.tv).

## Good Ideas On Aging Well

(NAPS)—May is Older Americans Month! Staying connected to the community is a key ingredient to healthy and successful aging. But for many older adults, staying connected can be difficult. Fortunately, older adults and their caregivers can contact the Eldercare Locator to learn about local programs and resources that can help them stay engaged and active in their communities.

Programs funded through the Older Americans Act provide older adults with many ways to stay active and involved in the



community. For example, exercise classes, educational programs, volunteer opportunities and other health and wellness activities are available to older adults in communities around the country.

Need more help than that? The Eldercare Locator can also connect you to local resources designed to help older adults maintain their independence at home, such as transportation, in-home assistance with daily needs, home modifications and assistance with healthy meals.

The Eldercare Locator is a free service of the U.S. Administration for Community Living that is administered through the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

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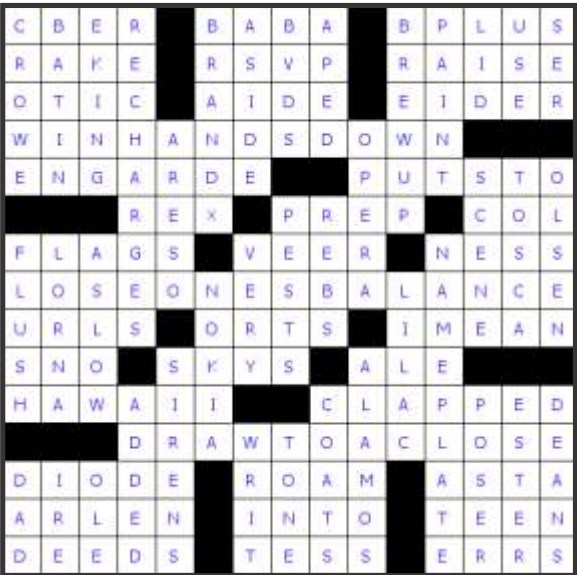
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