

New Business Opens



Papa Murphy's ribbon cutting was put on by the CEP Ocala Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership. Papa Murphy's is located on Silver Springs Blvd by the Walmart Supercenter. The theory is Take 'N' Bake Pizza. They make the pizza fresh and you take it home and bake it yourself. I had the pepperoni signature pizza which has 60 pieces of pepperoni on it and is one of the best pizzas I have tasted in a long time. To order call 352-438-0114.

Super Tuesday .01¢ Sales Tax Passes

Press Release

On "Super Tuesday" (March 15, 2016), Marion County citizens said "YES" to increasing the sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent to help fund local road projects and public safety. This sales tax increase will have a significant impact on our fire rescue department and our local law enforcement, allowing for us to use these new monies for capital expenses. Here are some of the things that the Marion County Sheriff's Office is planning on purchasing with the help of this new sales tax increase:

New Vehicles

New Aircraft for our Aviation Unit

A new Evidence building to house all our important evidence collected in cases New and Improved Bulletproof vests

Possibly investing in a permanent body camera program

Postal Customer

Presorted Standard US Postage Paid Permit #168 These are just some of the items this new sales tax increase will enable us to fund that will benefit your law enforcement in Marion County. The only thing this 1 percent can NOT be used for is salary adjustments. It may seem like only 1 percent, but that 1 percent will go a long way to helping us continue to provide quality services for our citizens.

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone in our community who voted to support public safety here in Marion County. Your vote not only says that you are willing to support our financial needs, but that you support the men and women of the Sheriff's Office who work hard to keep us safe each and every day. Thank you for your support of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and we will continue to serve you with honor and protect you with pride.

Pioneer Days at Rainbow Springs



Pioneer Days used to be called Cracker Days and it a was two day event, for some reason it was renamed and now it is one day. In the back of Rainbow Springs was a pioneer town and was very educational. The tram ride would take you back where demonstrations were held, making butter, leather belts and candles, There is a frontiersman set in this old time camp and even a Cracker Horse. Blacksmiths were working with metal while frontier people were grinding wheat and selling raw honey. There was entertainment by several string bands and frontier people cracking whips. Children were invited to take part in doing it the old way.

It's Not Obama's Fault?

The economy is terrible and after 7 years in office, it's not Obama's fault.

The Middle Class is shrinking and after 7 years in office, it's not Obama's fault.

American's Average Family income has dropped dramatically and after 7 years in office, it's not Obama's fault.

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what they earn with people who don't work and have never worked, after 7 years in office, it's not Obama's fault.

35% of the hispanic youth are unemployed and after 7 years in office, it's not Obama's fault.

After 7 years in office, IT IS OBAMA'S AULT!



God Bless our Troops Support Our Veterans We Endorse The Constitution

Florida House of Representatives _____ DENNIS K. BAXLEY



The Legislature finished the ninth and final week of the 2016 Session and adjourned Sine Die on Friday, March 11. We spent most of our time on the House floor debating bills and voting on their final

passage, including the state budget and this year's tax cut package.

This year's \$82.3 billion budget is fiscally responsible and prioritizes funding in the best interest of all Floridians. In this budget, we continued to invest in our student's

success by providing a historic level of education funding per student. To help protect our precious natural resources, we included a reliable and dedicated funding source for restoring the Everglades that reaches over \$203 million. This budget also focuses on providing critical health care services to our most vulnerable citizens. In addition, we maintain \$3 billion in reserves, because, in my opinion, government must responsibly plan for the future, just like Florida families must do.

Additionally, the Legislature passed over half a billion dollars in tax cuts this Session. This year's tax cut package will help grow Florida's economy and make our state an even more affordable place to live. These tax cuts will benefit many Floridians, including homeowners, veterans, students and parents, and more. Some of the major components of the tax cut package include \$428 million in property tax relief for Florida's homeowners, a three-day Back to School sales tax holiday, the elimination of sales tax on purchasing manufacturing equipment, and the elimination of sales tax on food and drink sold to fellow members at veterans organizations. Floridians deserve to keep more of their hard-earned money and can decide how to spend it better than the government.

This session, the Legislature passed bills to address Florida's water quality and supply challenges in a comprehensive, state-

Prepare Your Air Conditioner For Summer

(NAPSI)-Although the dog days of

wide manner, increase postsecondary education and employment opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities, and create several programs to help individuals with disabilities achieve economic independence. The House also passed bills to continue our tradition of bold educational reforms, reduce costs and increase access to health care, support our veterans, toughen our anti-corruption laws, create dedicated funding for Everglades restoration, reform our death penalty process to ensure we can still use this sentence against our most violent criminals, and much more. In just a few short weeks, we accomplished a great deal for Florida families.



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- Implemented Alert System for Businesses, B-SAFE (Business Sheriff Alert For Emergencies)
- Implemented award-winning crime prevention programs using latest technologies
- Improved recruitment standards and implemented mandatory physical requirements
- Implemented merit-based promotions
- Unprecedented agency transparency through active interaction with community, FaceBook, Citizens Academies, Town Hall meetings and open door policy for citizens and employees
- Rallied funding in excess of \$200,000 for local charitable organizations through community partnerships

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Political advertisement paid for and approved by Chris Blair, Republican for Sheriff of Marion County

summer are months away, it's never too soon to begin preparing for them. This includes taking a few simple steps to make sure your air-conditioning system is ready to properly cool your home.

Begin by clearing the area around your outdoor compressor, removing leaves, twigs and other debris that may have accumulated over the winter. The space around and above the unit should be clear and uncluttered.

Next, check the system's filters, typically located along the return duct. Dirty filters can block airflow and reduce system efficiency, so it's important to clean or replace them regularly, preferably every month when the system is operating.

Holes or separated joints in the ductwork can also impact airflow and efficiency, so turn your system on and make sure air is flowing properly through the vents. If you suspect a leak in the ductwork, hire a professional to make the necessary repairs.

Use this time to caulk and weather-strip around doors and windows. This often overlooked step will help keep cool air inside your home during warm summer months and warm air outside.

It's also a good idea to add insulation around air-conditioning ducts when they are located in unconditioned spaces, such as attics, crawl spaces and garages.

Finally, contact a certified technician to do a preseason check of your system. An annual inspection should include the following:

Clean indoor and outdoor coils

• Check your system's refrigerant charge and adjust it, if necessary, to meet manufacturer specifications

• Clean and adjust blower components to provide proper system airflow

• Lubricate all moving parts

• Inspect the condensate drain for clogs that can cause water damage, affect indoor humidity levels, and breed bacteria and mold

 Check thermostat settings and system controls to ensure proper and safe operation
Tighten all electrical connections

Measure voltage and current on motors

Taking these steps to prepare your air conditioner for summer will also help to extend the life of your system and save you money by detecting small issues before they become major problems.

Survey Finds Health Care Concerns Americans

(NAPSI)—According to a recent Morning Consult survey, one thing American voters are worried sick about is health care.

The availability and affordability of quality health care services are top concerns among U.S. registered voters, according to the study commissioned by University of Phoenix® College of Health Professions.

Survey Findings

One-quarter of respondents are uncertain of their access to quality health care services when needed, with 63 percent of Americans expressing concerns about accessing medical facilities, such as hospitals and pharmacies, and 70 percent citing concern about the ability to see a doctor on short notice. The survey also found out-of-pocket expenses to be a major concern among Americans, with nine in 10 respondents reporting unease about the cost of health care. People are not only uncertain of their access to quality health care services when needed, but more than three-quarters are also concerned about the quality of health care services they receive, with 71 percent expressing concern about medical error.

Reasons and Answers

"The recruitment and training of qualified health professionals has not kept pace with our population's growing demand for care," said Doris Savron, interim executive dean for University of Phoenix College of Health Professions. "Today's health care system is at a tipping point, and addressing current health care workforce shortages is imperative in order to provide access to quality health care.

"The evolving health care industry needs tech-savvy, sophisticated professionals who can adapt to the rapidly changing industry landscape," she added. "To do so, higher education must align with the needs of today's health care system in order to empower a workforce that is equipped with the skills necessary to be successful."

University of Phoenix College of Health Professions offers leading-edge graduate, undergraduate, certificate and nondegree programs aimed at preparing students to improve the quality of health care in their communities and the industry. For more information about these programs, including on-time completion rates, the median debt incurred by students who completed the programs and other important information, please visit HYPERLINK "http://www. phoenix.edu/programs/gainful-employment.html" phoenix.edu/programs/gainfulemployment.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Raising Minimum wage to \$15 per hour? The fast food employees, wage for trainees or unskilled labor are basically what we are talking about. The employer will cut back on the number of minimum

wage employees (jobs lost).

Let's look at it from another angle, a minimum wage employee could make more than our military. Our military people who are getting killed and blown-up defending our country should make less than a person flipping hamburgers? I don't think so! One of the things that is really bothering me about this election process is that after the voters have spoken and there is a clear leader the party can take the win away from the candidate. That's not right and they better not do it this time. If the winner does get to be the candidate the Republican Party will be in ruin!

Met Billy Woods the other day, we talked about some issues but it seemed to me that he was more inline with city law enforcement rather than county. He believes that the citizens deserve a change. I've heard the hope and change thing before. I am sure Billy Woods is a fine person, but we already have a really good sheriff and upper management staff. No change for me!

I was honored to be asked to attend the

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recognition award banquet. At the end the Sheriff sought out my wife and I in the audience and thanked me for being a long time supporter.

Met with Sheriff Chris Blair. I tried to interview him but there were so many people coming up and thanking him it was hard to concentrate. One couple said "We love you," another man came up and thanked Blair for all he has done, and then there were more so we finished our talk later. The one statement he makes "A Proven Sheriff" "You Are Safer Today!" I agree, that's why I endorsed him!

In looking up Socialism on the net I found some info:

Lenin was known for his ideology, which was redefined all too often to support the tactical requirements of the moment. Lenin forced his will and his pronouncements were enshrined by his followers as universal truths.

"Democratic socialism," in which extensive state regulation, with limited state ownership, has been employed by democratically elected governments (as in Sweden and Denmark) in the belief that it produces

Your NDI a fair distribution of income without impairing economic growth.

Marion County Voters approved a \$.01 sales tax, which is supposed to generate approximately \$150 million over a four year period to help funding public safety than infrastructure.

It is my opinion that the Marion County voters are more concerned about public safety than infrastructure. The Marion County Sheriff department is supposed to receive some much needed revenue from this additional tax because the Marion County Commission have been cutting the department's budget in the past years. Even with the \$.01 sales tax there is no guarantee of how much the Sheriff Department will receive. The money taken in is still up to the County Commissioners to spend the way they see fit.

The CEP Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership formed a committee and worked hard to urge the voters to get out and vote yes to help the \$.01 tax pass. My hat is off to the CEP led by Kevin Sheilley for their help in the Community.



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On Thursday, February 25th, members of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and community partners attended the MCSO Awards Banquet held at Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club. Sheriff Chris Blair honored the achievements of our employees and our partnerships with members of our community. Sheriff Blair gave out several awards, including but not limited to: Longevity Awards, Sheriff's Star Awards, Deputy of the Year, Corrections Officer of the Year, Civilian of the Year, Supervisor of the Year Awards and Unsung Hero Awards. Here is a list of the winners:

Donna Sullivan, Civilian of the Year

Danielle Adams, Secretary of the Year Janet Tessaglia, Supervisor of the Year (Admin)

Deputy Michael Mitchell, Deputy of the Year

Deputy Tracy Kugler, Specialty Unit Deputy of the Year

Detective Zachary Hughes, Detective of the Year

Captain Brian Dotten, Supervisor of the Year (Patrol)

CA Mitzie Walker Moore, CA of the Year

CO James Aguiar, CO of the Year Sgt. Annette Pritchett, Supervisor of the Year (Corrections)

Detective Pamela Thomas, Humanitarian of the Year

Alfred Christopher, Volunteer of the Year Lt. Jill Ross, Unsung Hero of the Year (Sworn)

Sharon Bruce, Unsung Hero of the Year (Non-sworn)

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for joining us for such a wonderful evening of celebration!

Keep Track of Open Recalls

(NAPSI)—If you're like most people, car safety and performance are important to you. But you might be surprised to hear that over 47 million vehicles have unfixed safety recalls—vehicles you might be sharing the road with or driving yourself.

Alarmingly, family-oriented vehicles like SUVs and minivans are the least-often fixed. An auto recall usually occurs when the manufacturer or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration finds that a car has a defect or fails to meet federal safety standards.

While repeated attempts are made to reach the owners, the stats suggest that people aren't well-enough informed about recalls, and may not know where to start. To help you stay informed, you can use the free myCarfax.com service to get e-mails or text alerts about current and future recalls on your car.

Fixing recalls helps maintain the safety and value of your car, makes roads safer, and is normally free. Plus, most recall fixes are completed in less than a day.

Remember that only a manufacturer's dealer is authorized to fix recalls. If your car is recalled, call your local dealer immediately.



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TOWN HALL MEETINGS WITH THE SHERIFF By Sheriff Chris Blair

In 2014, my Command Staff and I put our heads together to try to find a way to better stay in touch with our

complish this goal, we decided to hold town hall meetings in 2015. Several meetings were held each month in each of the twelve districts throughout Marion County - 21 town halls in total. These town halls were extremely successful and attended by several thousand citizens. Most importantly, however, these town halls allowed my Command Staff and I to personally meet with our citizens, brief them on current happenings citizens both to hear about their thoughts within the Sheriff's Office and answer any questions and concerns they might have.

formed about their Sheriff's Office. To ac-

These meetings allow for us to further immerse ourselves in our community, increase transparency, and to interact with our citizens to address their needs. In the month of April, we will be visiting the Marion Oaks district and both of these town hall meetings are CLOSED to the public and only open to members of these respective communities. Here are the scheduled dates:

April 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Spruce Creek Preserve Community Center Ballroom 11376 SW 136th Pl, Dunnellon, FL 34432

April 28, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at Summer Glen -Resident Service Office 1468 S.W. 154th Street Road Ocala, FL

We will have MANY public meetings in the future. Please follow us on Facebook (marioncosheriffs), where we will update our town hall meeting schedule and post more town hall dates as they are scheduled. I would encourage you to visit us at our next town hall meeting to come meet us in person and ask any question(s) you may have. We are looking forward to seeing you!Times



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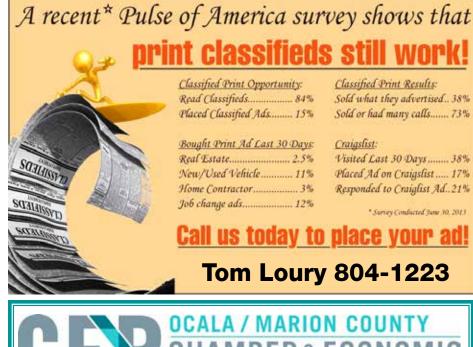
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The forward momentum of this vibrant organization will focus on economic growth while maintaining the beauty and quality of life in Ocala and Marion County.

We invite you to get acquainted at a complimentary, no-obligation "GET GOING! New Partner Orientation"

This 60-minute overview is a casual format for you to learn more about the CEP and how partnership in this progressive organization will provide you with additional resources, connections, and advocacy to help in YOUR business development and growth initiatives.

For more information and the date of the next session, please contact: Felecia Prather at 352-629-8051 or felecia@ocalacc.com

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Pioneer Days













SENIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MOVIES FOR APRIL, 2016

8th AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH & 13TH, 2016 AT 1:30 PM

BARBARA G. WASHINGTON -THURSDAY & FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH & 15TH ,2016 AT 1:00 PM

"WAR ROOM" STARRING: PRISCIL-LA SHIRER, T.C. STALLINGS, KAREN ABERCROMBIE, BETH MOORE AMD OTHERS

Tony and Elizabeth Jordan seemingly have it all – great jobs, a beautiful daughter, their dream home, but appearances can be deceiving. In reality, their marriage has become a war zone and their daughter is collateral damage. But with the help of Miss Clara, an older, wiser woman, Elizabeth's discovers she can start fighting for her family instead of against them. With her newly energized faith, Elizabeth's real enemy doesn't have a prayer. RATED PG

8th AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH & 27TH, 2016 AT 1:30 PM

BARBARA G. WASHINGTON – THURSDAY & FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH & 29TH, 2016 AT 1:00 PM

"MAX" STARRING: THOMAS HADEN CHURCH, JOSH WIGGINS, LUKE KLEINTANK, LAUREN GRA-HAM AND ROBBIE AMELL

Max, a precision-trained military dog,

serves on the frontlines in Afghanistan alongside his handler, U.S. Marine Kyle Wincott. When things go terribly wrong on maneuvers, Kyle is mortally wounded and Max, traumatized by the loss of his best friend, is unable to remain in service. Shipped stateside, the only human he seems willingly to connect with is Kyle's teenage brother, Justin, who has issues of his own and isn't interested in taking care of his brother's troubled dog. But Max may be Justin's onlychance to discover what really happened to his brother that day on the front, and with the help of a tough-talking young teen, Carmen, who has a way with dogs, Justin begins to appreciate his canine companion. Justin's growing trust in Max helps the four-legged veteran revert back to his heroic self, and as the pair race against time to unravel the mystery, they find more excitement-and-danger than they bargained for. But they each might also find an unlikely new best friend in each other. RATED PGReservations must be made at the Center of your choice. Seating is limited to 8 persons per video. Please call the 8th Avenue Center at 629-8545 or Barbara G. Washington Center at 629-8357 to reserve your seat. COMING EVENTS FOR APRIL, 2016

INCOME TAX HELP

When: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays continuing thru April 18th, 2016



CF Ewer's Center 3001 Southwest College Road, Ocola, FL 34474

Saturday, April 30th 10am - 3pm

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM Cost FREE!

Where: 8th Avenue Adult Recreation Center, 830 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

What: AARP Tax Help is available on these days. Please bring all your necessary documents including Social Security Card, W-2 Forms, 1099 Forms, last year's taxes, driver's license and some form of ID.

SENIOR TRIP: TARPON SPRINGS LUNCH CRUISE

When: Thursday, April, 21, 2016

Where: Tarpon Springs, Florida Time: Leave 8th Avenue at 8:00 AM Re-

turn 6:00 PM

Cost: \$63.00 per person (includes transportation, meal & admission)

What: Join us for the ultimate Sightseeing Cruise. Experience Florida's natural beauty while learning about Tarpon Springs rich cultural history. We will travel down the Anclote River and out to the Gulf of Mexico in search of dolphins, manatees and other wildlife. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Grace at 629-8357.



SENIOR FISHING DERBY

When: Monday, April 25, 2016 Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON Where: Tuscawilla Park Cost: FREE

What: The Fishing Fun goes on for our Senior Citizens. Hook up with us for a few hours of fishing at Lake Tuscawilla. Lunch, bait and pole are provided. Preregistration is required. Limited to 125 participants. Please call Grace at 629-8357 for more information and to register.

INDOOR PICKLEBALL

When: Mondays and Fridays, September thru May only

Where: E. D. Croskey Center, 1510 NW 4th Street, Ocala

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Cost: FREE

What: Pickleball is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick,fastpaced, competitive game for experienced players.

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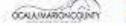
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Marion County Genealogical Society Meeting

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet on Thur April 21 at 2 PM at the Marion County Public Library located at 2720 E Silver Springs Blvd in Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by a round table discussion on Record Keeping Using Computer Storage & Paper Documents.

For further information, contact Judy Wright at (352) 897-0840, MarionGenealo-gy@gmail.com or mariongenealogy.tripod.



Dog Show Trophy



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For the second year in a row Ocala DownTown/Seniors Voice newspaper proudly presents its sponsored trophy to Brianna Fryer and her Rat Terrier Jazzy. Brianna and Jazzy won the trophy at the Southeastern Youth Fair Dog Obedience Show, Advanced Class. The show was held February 20. Brianna is a high school Junior and a member of Town & Country 4-H Club. She has been training and showing her two dogs for six years. Keep up the very excellent work Brianna. We are proud of our Marion County youth.



Get More From Your Life Insurance Policy

(NAPSI)—If you or someone you care about is over 65, you may be able to get your hands on a lot more money than you realize, if you have a life insurance policy with a face amount of \$100,000 or more.

That's because many people can sell their insurance policy and get a cash payment through what is known as a life settlement. The buyer pays all future premiums and receives the death benefit when the policy matures.

This sort of transaction is not for everyone, but it may be an option for you if you meet qualifications such as:

1. The age and health of the insured: Seniors who are age 65 years or older. Younger insureds may qualify, depending on certain medical conditions.

2. The type of policy: While just about every type of insurance policy can be used, including term insurance, the majority of policies sold are universal life insurance policies.

3. The premiums: The amount of the premium payments to keep the policy in force also plays a role in the amount you're offered. 4. The policy's face value: Policies with benefits of more than \$100,000 are most sought after but some smaller policies can still be sold.

What It's Worth

While the ultimate selling price is influenced by what investors are willing to pay at the time, the selling price of a life policy will always be greater than the cash surrender value but less than the death benefit. Why Do It

Selling your policy can help you in many ways. It can preserve your standard of living, relieve you from premium payments, increase your ability to invest and, if necessary, fund long-term care.

Where to Get Help

Fortunately, there are people who can help. The members of the Life Insurance Settlement Association (LISA) educate consumers and advisers about a life settlement while they advance the highest standards of practice and professional development. In fact, all LISA members are subject to a rigorous vetting process and must accept a Code of Ethics.



This picture I had to share, a sunrise in Febrary from the back porch of the Loury Farm. As you can see the colors were outstanding. The reds and oranges are brilliant.

season, sympathize together, and nature rejoices in her virgin loveliness. ~Charles Lanman, "The Dying Year," 1840

April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go. ~Christopher Morley, John Mistletoe

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. ~Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

Everything is blooming most recklessly; if it were voices instead of colors, there

would be an unbelievable shrieking into the heart of the night. ~Rainer Maria Rilke, Letters of Rainer Maria Rilke

It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want — oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so! ~Mark Twain

Hoe while it is spring, and enjoy the best anticipations. It is not much matter if things do not turn out well. ~Charles Dudley Warner

Quotes for Spring

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" ~Robin Williams

Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only

one of the instruments, not the composer. ~Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

In Spring, everything is full of promise.... The child sporting upon the lawn, and the



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