



**Find the Egg:** Pictured is Lane hunting Easter Eggs with his Mother, Father, Grandmother and Grandfather. It was a 30 minute hunt and was rewarding for all. This family had plans for a big family reunion Easter dinner and an Easter Egg

hunt with lots of children. Along came Coronavirus killing people, making people sick. I have one thing to say. Let's remember what Easter stands for and I say no more.



Our flag is at half-staff to mourn the loss of our fellow Americans that lost their lives from the Coronavirus. We mourn the loss of our first responders, doctors, nurses and medical team members that died trying to save lives. We pray for the medical team members trying to save

lives. We pray for our president to make the right choices to save the people of this great country. It is very hard to fight an invisible enemy, but we will win and we will find out where it came from and make them pay!

## Florida Job Crash

By Tom Loury

Unemployment access is almost impossible. I interviewed one person that started filing five days before any results in answering the questionnaire to receive unemployment. This person might be eligible time start two week from filing, time starts then two weeks pay, then file employment efforts every two weeks to receive a two week check.

It took every morning many filing effort, every afternoon many filling efforts and some nights when the website was not shut down. You would get 3 pages into the filing and everything would shut down. It took five

days of many hours per day. Look at all the money the state saved!

Now the governor is replacing the man in charge who was a Rick Scott hold over. Was it his fault? It looks good on paper. The department of Management Services secretary Jonathan Satter will be in charge of the broken system. Let's hope Jonathan can give Floridians new hope so they can pay some bills and buy some groceries. It's way over a month into this job crash and people are desperate.

**Late Breaking news:** Governor DeSantis waived the two week review for collecting unemployment.

## How Disingenuous Our Congress Really Is

After reading each bill, remember we are in the middle of a Pandemic and that is why the budget was so important! To pass some relief bills for the sick and dying.

From the Newspaper Association!!!

**This is how disingenuous our Congress really is!**

\$20,000,000,000 (Billion!!!) to the USPS (because, why not?) *Continued page 10*

## China's Bio Weapon, and Pelosi..

By Bill O'Rielley

My wife Angie will tell you that I study history and world events fluently every day. I have studied China for many years. To get answers I need to questions, I call many I know in Washington on Capitol Hill (from my tenure on two Presidential campaigns and Presidential talks) and I ask them for straight up answers to better understand what affects us as a nation.

Well, in 2016 America elected a new Sheriff: Donald J Trump. For decades the Chinese walked all over America but the new President said "not anymore". Trump literally strangled China's economy to the point their economy was in its worst free fall ever. Trump negotiated a new 50 billion trade agreement. He had Xi by the proverbial (You know What's). America's economy was on fire and unstoppable. President Xi Jinping knew he could not beat the USA militarily and he knew any domesticated economic attack would fail as our economy was too strong. He had to act. But how?

Enter the USA democrats led by Pelosi

and Schiff. Impeachment. A hoax. A distraction for our people and President. Xi Jinping and his thugs see this. They aren't stupid.

They have very intelligent intellectual thinkers in their government. Now you must understand , the Chinese regime are truly Barbarians. Notice I did not say ALL CHINESE. The Chinese people are a good people. I enjoy my interactions with them.

The communist regime has millions of its own citizens slaving in gulags simply for speaking against the government or openly practicing Christianity. Knowing they could not attack us openly they needed to be coy, like a deceptive fox. In my opinion, believe the regime released a biological weapon upon the world that doesn't kill everyone, but kills "enough," especially the elderly and in-firmed. Back in WW 2 Hitler thought the same way. He got rid of what he considered the useless and rejects of society.

Trump's task force uses models to figure things. Xi used and uses "models" too. China's president figured that if he killed a few of his own (a few hundred thousand to

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Kevin Sheilley

# OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



The following is a review of just some of the ways the CEP is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic:

### Get. Gather. Go.

Hopefully, you saw our efforts around the marketing blitz to

GET businesses informed on the Paycheck Protection Program, have them GATHER the necessary information, and GO apply. We ran radio, billboards, social media, cable, and print. The social media campaign reached more than 50,000 people. We

created a dedicated website (GetGatherGo.com) in addition to our COVID-19 response page. The goal was to get as many local businesses as possible to apply. We hosted a webinar on filling out the application and filled it to our 100-seat capacity. The webinar was recorded, posted on our website, and was viewed more than 1,000 times. Finally, actively engaged with all of our lending institutions to make sure businesses had the latest tips on applying.

### Local Loan Fund

The City and County have both approved funding for a local loan fund. The Paycheck Protection Program has

moved much faster than anyone anticipated and is much more attractive to borrowers than originally promoted (the loan is forgivable and any portion not forgiven carries a 1% interest rate). This is a much better option for our businesses and we are encouraging those who were interested to pursue this instead. However, the CEP finalized the agreement with both the City and County so that we can activate this program should we need to in the coming days. As a note – the CEP is taking no fees or admin on this program.

### Now Hiring

While this is a difficult time for many, we have a significant number of businesses who are hiring. Our page of businesses who are currently hiring now includes approximately 40 businesses

(<https://ocalacep.com/about-ocala/job-posting/>).

[ocala/job-posting/](https://ocala/job-posting/)).

### Economic Impact Survey

The CEP is partnering with the College of Central Florida and the Ocala/Marion County Tourism Development Council on an economic impact survey. The CEP is collecting the anonymous data and CF will be analyzing it. We hope to release the results in late April and then repeat the survey in six months.

### Targeted Webinars

We have been offering 4-6 webinars each week to provide assistance and resources to businesses on dealing with different aspects of the pandemic. We also created industry specific webinars for the Manufacturing sector and one for the Restaurant sector to provide a roundtable forum to discuss best practices. All of these webinars are free.

### Calls

We are continuing to make calls to as many businesses in Marion County as possible to make them aware of resources. To date we have connected with approximately 2500 local businesses. Our call team is continuing to work through lists and will continue to focus on connecting with as many businesses as possible.

### Virtual Town Hall

Though not specifically related to COVID-19, our response was. The School Board had narrowed its search to two candidates for Superintendent. The CEP offered to host a virtual Town Hall so the community could ask questions and hear directly from the two candidates. I am so incredibly proud of our team! They pulled this fairly complex event off in less than two days. We received 115 community questions which we were able to consolidate into 16 questions which were asked of each candidate. The town hall was streamed on Facebook Live, the school system's YouTube channel, and on the Marion Education Channel. Between Facebook and YouTube, we had more than 4,500 views with approximately 300 watching the event live on these platforms.

We truly live in interesting times but at the CEP we are completely committed to working with our businesses to ensure they can not only survive this period but come out stronger.

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## DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,  
As I write this column, the COVID-19 crisis is still underway but we are seeing some signs that the precautions we have all been taking are beginning to work.

Models and projections that we have seen are continually being readjusted in a positive direction. The number of infections, hospitalizations and deaths are much lower than previously thought. Progress is being made, thanks to strong leadership by our Governor and his emergency management team. His actions have been balanced and reasonable because he recognizes that statewide shutdowns, quarantines and curfews are not effective as a one-size-fits-all approach. Allowing local communities to address their specific circumstances and identifying virus "hot spots" are much more efficient at controlling further outbreak.

Moving forward, test and treat is going to be the best long-term solution we have at fighting this problem. No one can say for sure how long this virus will be around, and whether or not it will come back in another season. This is brand new to all of us and is, in part, what makes it scary for most people. Now is a time for faith, not fear. The media is constantly showing us the numbers of deceased victims, and images from New York hospitals that are struggling, but what they aren't showing is the number of people that have fully recovered. Our healthcare systems are some of the best in the world and the professionals caring for our sick people there are highly trained and competent. For that, we are extremely blessed.

The silver lining in this is that we will emerge stronger and more prepared. Our systems and protocols are being tested to their limits. We are finding out what works and what needs to be addressed. Innovations and new technologies are being discovered and we are seeing what our real capabilities

are when it comes to production and industry. Our healthcare providers are being asked to fast track research and development of new vaccines. The agriculture industry is being asked to handle supply chain fluctuations due to variations in consumer behavior. Retail and grocery stores are figuring out new ways to get products to people that aren't leaving their homes. Even vehicle manufacturers have stepped up and refitted their machinery to help produce ventilators rather than car parts. Everywhere we look, the fabric of society is being strained, and I believe that we are responding with great determination and reliance.

We will need to respond with that same determination in the coming weeks as we begin to make the tough decisions of how and when we get people back to work and drive our economy forward. These decisions will need to be carefully but purposely planned so that we are maintaining reasonable precautions, while moving forward towards a goal that is more sustainable in the long-term.

Onward & Upward,  
Senator Dennis Baxley

## Silver Springs State Park:

Famous spring plus cabins, hiking, history

By [Bonnie Gross](#)

Silver Springs has been famous since the 1870s; it is Florida's best-known spring. And yet, its location in the center of the state in Ocala miles off the expressway means lots of Florida residents and visitors haven't been here.



You might hear Silver Springs and think "tacky tourist attraction." You couldn't be more wrong.

Read full article at:  
<https://www.floridarambler.com/florida-camping/silver-springs-state-park/>

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### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Easter was good. It was just a small part of our family not the 25 we originally planned, but for good reason. We had a one child Easter egg hunt for my grandson. He was happy and we had a nice meal for five of us.

It is our duty to make sure that those around us know what Easter really means.

Our world has become a hostile place with tornados ripping through the country side and killing people, lethal viruses creeping across our country killing people. We can't live in fear. We just go with what happens and pray for the best.

The virus brought out some peoples' good side. I was pumping gas and a guy I have never seen before walked up and handed me some gloves and said will these help. I have extra to share he said. I called on a customer that gave me a face mask to help protect me

from the virus.

A lot of my customers just shut down. One locked his doors but with an open sign on the door. If a customer came to the door they were allowed in to make their purchase. One customer said she could not keep enough product on the shelves, people are buying extra.

My email was blowing up with responses and best wishes. The CEP/Ocala, Marion County Chamber of Commerce called and asked...How are you, is there anything we can help you with??? The current President of the Ocala Business Leaders Patrick Dolder also called to ask how things were. Thank you Patrick. I am assisting the Lady Lake Chamber in helping the restaurants to broadcast that they are offering a drive up or drive through for the Villages Lady Lake area. They are offering to help with whatever they can do.

Being at home more you notice things you don't normally see. Someone forgot to tell the wild animals that they were supposed to

keep their distance. Just the other morning just before the sun came up, it was light outside and we could see. There were two red fox playing on top of the hay rolls, jumping high in the air, landing spinning around and playing with each other. The minute the sun peeked through the tree they were gone, running across the pasture for the woods. It was a wonderful sight of nature at its best. Two Red Fox playing during a Pandemic. I hope the videos come out. We have had a large hawk hanging around the farm. It was seen diving on the small birds and small animals. I told a buddy of mine. He lives on little Wakiva Creek. He has a hawk sitting on his bird feeder. He says the squirrel challenged him and he is not fast enough to catch them. Enough said about wild animals. People might think I'm talking politics!

My industry will never be the same. The newspapers that bring you information have really been hurt. Many customers cancelled which is our source of revenue, but we are expected to continue to bring up-to-date information on the Coronavirus.

One thing I realized early in the Pandemic was that large towns with large mailing addresses have many zip codes and were being generalized with elevated numbers of positive cases of the Virus. I requested the results of testing by zip code and it breaks it out so you can look at your zip code area and see if you have more exposure than other areas. The health departments are doing a heck of a job providing up to date information. The newspaper Industry is trying to keep up with it!

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## COVID-19 Image What It Really Shows

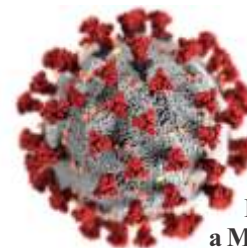


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### What the Coronavirus Image You've Seen a Million Times Really Shows. The illustration visualizes how the virus infects people

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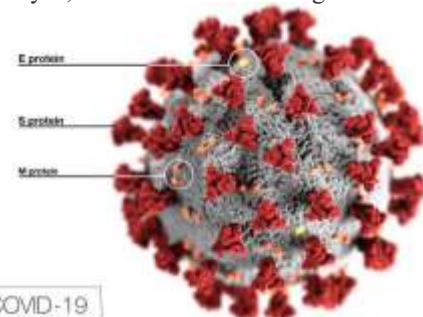
A colorful 3D rendering of a spiky fuzball has spread around the world at least as fast as the coronavirus. The image, used by news media around the world, was created by Alissa Eckert, a medical illustrator at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), along with her colleague Dan Higgins.

It is not a photograph, but rather an illustrated visualization of the microscopic coronavirus.

"The image was originally designed with the public in mind," Eckert tells *Elemental*. "However, it also serves to help researchers differentiate and visualize their information. Creating visual representations of diseases provides a way to take something complex and abstract and make it tangible through visualization."

Viruses like SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 disease, are not technically living things, and they can't reproduce on their own. They invade cells in the bodies of animals, including humans, and take over — making people sick. The hijacked host cells then reproduce the virus. We may feel sick for two reasons: The virus can disrupt the normal function of our cells or destroy them; and our immune system springs into action, causing symptoms such as a fever, intended to kill the virus with heat.

The 3D rendering of the novel coronavirus uses vibrant colors that are not what would appear if you could see the virus with your own eyes, but here's what the image reveals:



COVID-19

Image: CDC/Alissa Eckert

The gray surface is a spherical envelope that surrounds the nucleus of the virus, containing genetic material.

Orange bits are a "membrane proteins," or M proteins, the most abundant structural protein in the virus and one that gives it form, says Eckert. These and other proteins vary from one type of virus to another, and can be used to help understand or identify one virus from another.

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# God Bless our Troops Support Our Veterans We Endorse The Constitution

ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:  
Citizens!

How often do you hear that word today? I am using it for a purpose.

We have forgotten, or abdicated our duties as citizens. We were given the power, but we have neglected to use it. A picture of the French storming the Bastille with shovels and pitchforks leaps to mind. They found a way to exercise power. We now have what the founding fathers predicted: A corrupt government that keeps eroding our freedom daily, giving our sovereignty to the globalists in return for power and money for themselves. We have hundreds of years of Supreme Court cases of red lights to avoid, corruption markers. We have a swamp filled with the worst mankind has to offer, diabolically evil people. As citizens we have responsibilities. The fact that we do nothing makes it that much easier for the globalists. Was this pandemic our warning, our wakeup call? Do something. The human challenge: corruption. How do we bury it?

I see an opportunity to turn the tables, and take back our freedom, at least some of it. That is if freedom has any value to you.

Senator Cotton { one voice of reason } has proposed legislation to bring back the manufacturing of all meds, and other necessary goods to the USA.

Is this our opportunity for a fresh start. HOW? Strike while the door is open.

Citizens form our own corporations. Write a business model that keeps issues so well defined, so clear that there is no need for scrutiny by the Supreme Court, airtight clarity. The first and biggest challenge is

finding those honest people to run these businesses.

Since we know human nature, we must write a meticulous business model.

Put caps on compensation, caps that cannot be changed later, caps on profit, limits on what amount of stock can be bought, nothing says we cannot have citizen directed capitalism. All the corruption demands it. It is as good or better than crony capitalism.

Citizen control is what we have failed to embrace, is now the time to strike. Can something good come from this terrible pandemic? Was this our wakeup call? Are we going to seize the day? Make America Great Again? Make our founding fathers proud of us? Make freedom our legacy to future generations?

Our founding fathers believed citizens should control government. When government controls citizens you have slavery. Call it socialism or any word you choose it is still slavery. Sugar coating does not make it sweet.

D.I.L.

Letter from Publisher

What is the difference when you advertise in a newspaper. We you know that the publisher printed thousands of copies of that newspaper and he or she was willing to spend that money to bring information to the readers, or give (YOU) a chance to give your opinion in print and pay carriers to deliver the papers. On the other hand there are some who don't have anything invested. I was talking to one of my customers the

other day. They said something that most people forget, even I do once in a while. People like to sit and read the paper in the morning with a cup of coffee. That is a private moment that most people don't share. I'm honored they some times share it with us.

A customer that I delivered some papers to said she could not keep product stock up. I was surprised to hear her business increased. Let your ad be seen while the reader is having coffee in the morning.

TomL

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Hillary Clinton before she was elected was worth \$480,000 now worth \$100 million

Another Comparison...Who is a giver and who is a taker???

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Governor Ron DeSantis: More Than 32,000 Laptops Going to Small and Rural School Districts

Tallahassee, Fla. - Today, Governor Ron DeSantis and Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran

announced that 32,614 laptop computers are being distributed to 34 mostly small, rural school districts throughout Florida and the Florida A&M University Developmental Research School. This was made possible through a partnership with the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC), Northeast Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) and Heartland Educational Consortium (HEC), and three additional school districts that are not members of a consortium.

"Today's announcement speaks volumes about how the Department of Education, our school districts and our teachers are coming together to ensure Florida students have the resources they need to continue their education through the COVID-19 crisis," said Governor DeSantis. "Florida is truly raising the bar for distance learning."

"I am grateful our staff at the Department were able to quickly identify funds and work with Florida's educational consortiums, whose membership is made up of smaller rural districts that often need help consolidating resources, and determine the gaps in device accessibility for students,

many of whom are low income and in need of this critical support," said State Board Chair Andy Tuck.

When the COVID-19 crisis indicated the need for distance learning, the Department proactively began calling laptop suppliers throughout Florida and reaching out to Florida's rural county school district consortia to identify both available supply and demand.

"I am grateful for the work that all 67 county school districts did to implement their distance learning plans by March 30, and I'm equally grateful to support these students in districts that lacked the resources to fully equip their students and teachers for success," said Commissioner Corcoran. "Nearly all of these students are low-income students, and Florida making the extra effort to fight for these students is another example of how Florida never relents in the fight to close achievement gaps."

For more information on the Florida Department of Education's response to COVID-19, please visit <http://www.fl DOE.org/em-response/index.stml>.

Governor Ron DeSantis Signs Seven Bills

Tallahassee, Fla. - Today, Governor Ron DeSantis signed the following bills:

- CS/CS/CS/SB 140 - Fireworks
• SB 348 - Florida Kidcare Program
• CS/CS/SB 1060 - Public Records and Meetings
• SB 828 - Florida ABLE Program
• CS/CS/CS/SB 1794 - Constitutional

Amendments

- SB 362 - Florida Tourism Marketing
• CS/HB 7097 - Taxation

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Improvements to State Reemployment Assistance Program

On April 6, 2020, in News Releases, by Staff

Tallahassee, Fla. - Today, during a COVID-19 response roundtable at the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee, Governor Ron DeSantis announced actions the state is taking to improve Florida's reemployment assistance program. The Governor was joined at the roundtable by Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Executive Director Ken Lawson, Department of Management Services (DMS) Secretary Jonathan Satter and Department of Revenue (DOR) Executive Director Dr. Jim Zingale.

"A lot of people are hurting right now through no fault of their own," said Governor DeSantis. "A flawed and bureaucratic reemployment system should be the last thing that prevents them from getting assistance. Last week, I directed DEO to take whatever means necessary to fix the system and since then they have made significant progress. I appreciate the many state employees that have been working around the clock to help their fellow Floridians."

Last week, Governor DeSantis signed Executive Order 20-93, directing DEO and other executive agencies to take necessary actions to improve DEO's Reemployment Assistance Program.

The following agencies have taken the actions outlined below:

- Department of Economic Opportunity
• DEO installed 72 new servers.

The system can now handle up to 120,000 simultaneous connections by individuals filing claims. This allows for far greater capacity than the 20,000 connections the system was having difficulty with one week ago.

DEO published a paper application over the weekend that people can complete and mail in. Before creating the paper application, people could only fill out an application over the phone or online.

The paper application and important information about Reemployment Assistance is available at [www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19](http://www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19).

DEO hired a call center, streamlined the training process, and trained more than 200 people so that they can start answering calls today.

DEO will continue to train more than 700 more individuals throughout the week, so that by next week more than 1,000 individuals will be answering calls for Reemployment Assistance.

"I want to thank Governor DeSantis for taking extraordinary efforts to ensure that our agency can better serve Floridians during this global pandemic," said DEO Executive Director Ken Lawson. "With additional customer call center support and critical technology improvements, DEO can assist more individuals and businesses during this unsettling time."

Department of Management Services

DMS Secretary Jonathan Satter coordinated the Governor's call-to-action for state employees to assist DEO with calls, data entry and citizen services.

More than 2,300 state employees have volunteered to help. DEO will determine the number and extent to which the employees will be utilized.

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FROM THE DESK OF

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



CONSUMER ALERT: Track Stimulus Payment to Prevent Fraud

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today issued a Consumer Alert urging Floridians who

have not already received a stimulus payment from the federal government to take steps to avoid benefits-related scams. According to the Internal Revenue Service, millions of Americans have already received stimulus payments and millions more are still waiting on the emergency benefits. The IRS created a payment tracking tool for those still waiting.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This new tool can help Floridians avoid stimulus-related fraud. By working directly with the IRS to track your payment—the likelihood of being duped by scammers sending fake messages designed to steal payments or personal information is greatly reduced. I want to encourage all Floridians to stay up-to-date on COVID-19 news and government actions associated with the pandemic, so they are better prepared to spot and report scams."

The new payment tracking tool can be accessed at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov). On the website, users

can also access the IRS tool designed to allow beneficiaries to request an earlier stimulus payment. Payments are being made via direct deposit and checks in the mail. While we understand the website experienced some early glitches, it appears to now be operating. If you have issues accessing the site, contact the IRS at 1(800) 829-1040.

Even before the U.S. Congress passed the COVID-19 stimulus package, scammers were already sending fake message designed to exploit the payments to steal people's personal and financial information. By working with the IRS directly, Floridians should be better prepared to ignore scam messages.

Attorney General Moody issued nine Consumer Alerts since the COVID-19 pandemic emerged in Florida. Several of these alerts related to stimulus payments and can be accessed at the links below.

CONSUMER ALERT: COVID-19 Robocall Scams Abound

CONSUMER ALERT: Scammers Know Direct Deposit Stimulus Payments are on the Way

CONSUMER ALERT: Download Tips to Guard Against COVID-19 Scams

CONSUMER ALERT: Scammers Exploit US Census and COVID-19 to Rip Off Floridians

CONSUMER ALERT: Scammers Use COVID-19 Stimulus Package to Target Floridians

To view previous Consumer Alerts about emerging COVID-19 related scams, go to [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com).

Anyone who encounters a coronavirus stimulus package scam or any other types of COVID-19 fraud, should contact the Florida Attorney General's Office at 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com).

CONSUMER ALERT: COVID-19 Robocall Scams Abound

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today issued a Consumer Alert warning Floridians about an increase in COVID-19 related robocalls. Even before the crisis, robocalls were a continuing problem for many Floridians. Now that more Floridians than ever are working remotely and responding to an increasing volume of phone calls, some may find it difficult to ignore unknown numbers.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Times of crisis can bring out the best in people, as we are seeing with our brave medical professionals and first responders who are answering the call of duty in the face of this deadly pandemic. Sadly, they can also bring out the worst in people, like scammers exploiting the fear surrounding these challenging times, to try and steal personal or financial information. Floridians need to be on high alert to guard against scams—especially robocalls claiming to

offer COVID-19 related products or benefits."

There are recent reports of robocalls that offer everything from COVID-19 treatments and cures to work-from-home schemes. To listen to a few examples of recent calls, go to [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com).

Robocalls often claim that pressing a number will direct the recipient of the call to a live operator or even remove the recipient from the caller's robocall list, but don't buy it. Pressing any button on the phone will likely lead to more robocalls.

Other tips to avoid COVID-19 robocall scams include:

- Do not trust Caller ID displays. Spoofing technology allows scammers to change phone displays to impersonate government agencies;
• Ignore robocalls, especially recordings offering vaccinations and home test kits. Scammers are trying to sell products not proven to treat or prevent COVID-19;
• Fact-check information. Scammers, and sometimes well-meaning people, share information that hasn't been verified. Before taking action or passing along any messages, check it out with trusted sources; and
• Consider using a call blocking app or device. Consumers should contact phone providers about available call-blocking options. To learn more, visit [FTC.gov/calls](http://FTC.gov/calls).

Floridians should report robocalls to the FTC online at [FTC.gov/complaint](http://FTC.gov/complaint).

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## COVID-19 Image

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**Yellow bits** are envelope proteins (E proteins), the smallest of the structural proteins. They “play an important role either in regulating virus replication — such as virus entry — assembly and release,” according to other research.

**Red spikes:** These clumps of proteins (called S proteins) are “what the virus uses to gain entry into and attach to the cell,” says Eckert. They also create the effect of a halo, or corona, around the virus.

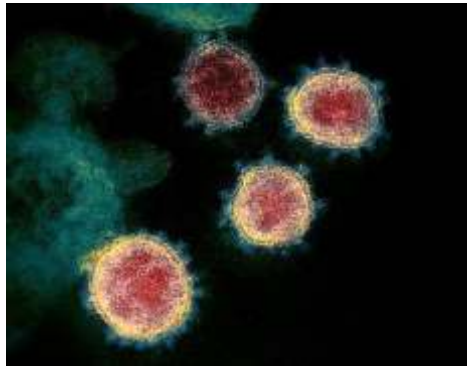
The red spikes latch onto human cells and cause the membrane of the virus to fuse with the membrane of the human cell. The genes from the coronavirus can then enter the host cell and be copied.

The red spikes of the new coronavirus are “10 to 20 times more likely to bind” to human cells than the spike from the 2002 SARS coronavirus, researchers have found. “This may enable SARS-CoV-2 to spread more easily from person to person than the earlier virus, they conclude.

“Working with the virus as a three-dimensional structure allows you the freedom to interact with the structure and manipulate and design it as needed to convey the message,” Eckert says. “One goal is that through this visualization we can help inform and educate the public about the disease, and thus hopefully help improve public health by limiting and halting the spread of disease.”

Scientists are using the 3D rendering and many other different images and troves of genetic data to study the virus.

An electron microscope image shows the



*new coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, isolated from a U.S. person infected with COVID-19. Particles are emerging from the surface of cells cultured in the lab. The spikes on the outer edge of the virus are blue, not red, in this image. NIAID-RML*

Earlier this year, scientists in China publicly released the genome sequence of the new coronavirus. Scientists at the National Institutes of Health and elsewhere are using that information, along with electron-microscope imagery and other data to develop a potential vaccine, which officials say is likely months away.

“We hope these findings will aid in the design of candidate vaccines and the development of treatments for Covid-19,” says Dr. Barney Graham, deputy director of the Vaccine Research Center at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

*The coronavirus outbreak is rapidly evolving. To stay informed, check the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as your local health department for updates. If you're feeling emotionally overwhelmed, reach out to the [Crisis Text Line](#).*

## At-Home Workouts

Get Stronger Every Day With At-Home Workouts

(NAPSI)—These days, people are navigating unprecedented times that have them rethinking how they live and work. While big shifts to normal, daily habits can be unsettling, this also provides an opportunity to start new routines and make positive changes.

Many are spending more time at home, so adding structure is more important than ever—especially when it comes to staying active. Studies have shown that exercise can help boost your mood, productivity and immunity.

According to Tom Holland, exercise physiologist, Bowflex fitness adviser and host of iHeartRadio's Fitness Disrupted podcast, it takes most people a minimum of two months to form a new habit. He recommends making the most of your time at home to establish healthy routines.

To help you get started, Holland offers these simple tips to add at-home fitness into your daily routine:

**Connect with a Coach:** When motivation wanes, there are plenty of subscription services and online resources. For example, there's the Bowflex JRNY app (<https://www.bowflex.com/jrny-app.html>), which features a personal fitness coach who gives spoken instruction and encouragement as you push through your custom workouts—available on the Bowflex Max Total (<https://www.bowflex.com/max-trainer/>) and Bowflex BXT216 treadmill (<https://www.bowflex.com/treadmills/>)



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**Start small:** You don't have to commit to an hour or more; aim for several micro workouts of 5, 10 and 15 minutes throughout the day; those add up and count as much as one long workout.

**Put it on the Calendar:** Keep exercise at the top of your to-do list by scheduling a daily walk or run or streaming a yoga class.

**Multi-task:** Connect to streaming content and sweat through your favorite daytime show, or catch up on the news.

**Home Gym Essentials:** Holland recommends including one piece of cardio and one piece of strength equipment in your home gym.

If space is limited, two good cardio-strength options are the Bowflex Max Total (<https://www.bowflex.com/max-trainer/>) and Bowflex 840 kettlebell (<https://www.bowflex.com/selecttech/>)

Creating healthy habits now can carry you through the current times, and help set you on a path to finish up the year feeling healthy and stronger than ever.

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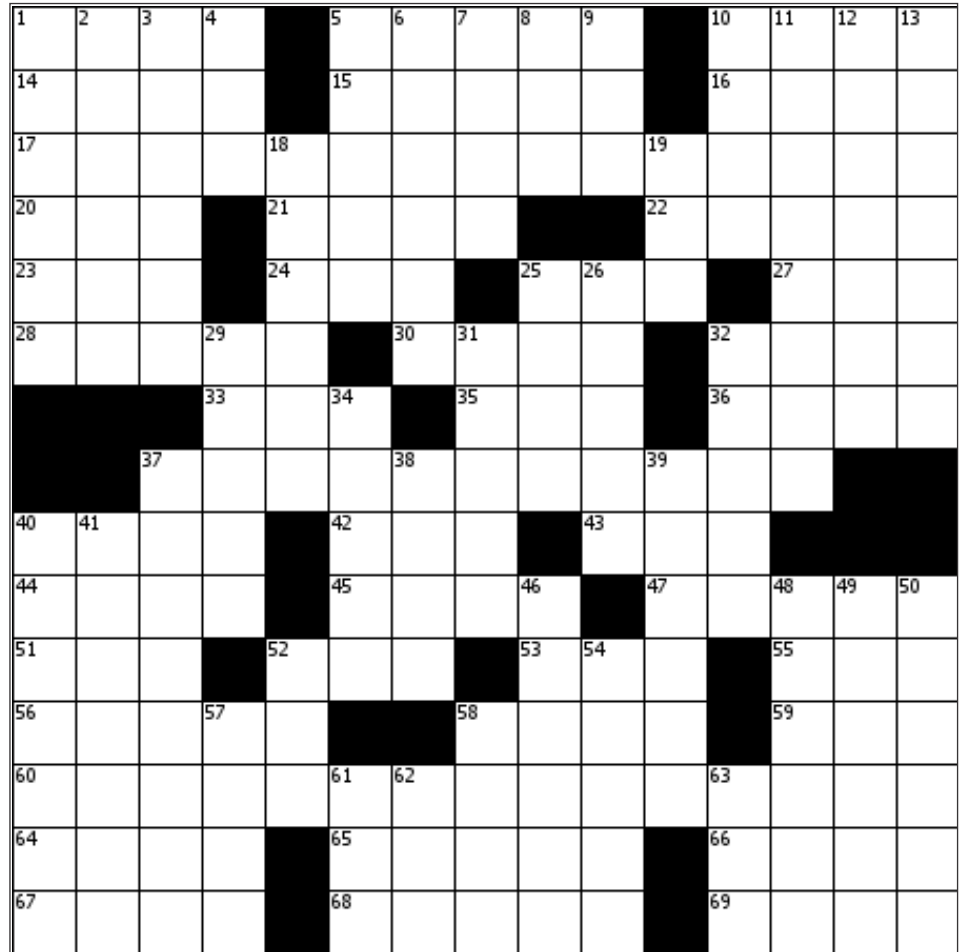
- 1. Summer getaway, perhaps
- 5. Humble
- 10. Inspiration for a prank, maybe
- 14. Change-machine input
- 15. American writer Bret
- 16. Wild mountain goat
- 17. Husband's plaint, part 1
- 20. Miss Piggy's exclamation
- 21. Lowest in rank
- 22. Kind of sole
- 23. Landers of advice
- 24. Praise from Shelley
- 25. Suffers from
- 27. Flock mom
- 28. Musical repeat symbol
- 30. Avoid
- 32. Canned meat product

**Leaguers**

- 42. Female lobster
- 43. San Francisco's --- Hill
- 44. Glassmaker Lalique
- 45. Oater actor Jack
- 47. Memory slippage
- 51. Bacon contemporary?
- 52. Ask overpersonally
- 53. Certain mouse catcher
- 55. Free, as of a pest
- 56. En --- (all together)
- 58. The Andrews Sisters, e.g.
- 59. Inventor Whitney
- 60. End of plaint
- 64. Word on an octagon
- 65. Narrowest part of the torso
- 66. Chrysler Building style
- 67. Sign on a cheap diner

- 33. Spanish gold
- 35. Focus of some exhibits
- 36. Hearty companion?
- 37. Plaint, part 2
- 40. Major

- 68. Strumpet
  - 69. Magi's interest
- Down**
- 1. Some punctuation marks
  - 2. "Who'd like to volunteer?"
  - 3. Emulating a kitten
  - 4. Tire pressure abbr.
  - 5. In the lead
  - 6. Some choir voices
  - 7. "I smell ---"
  - 8. Where swill is served
  - 9. Some alphabet letters
  - 10. Queen of Carthage
  - 11. Better than average
  - 12. Subscriber's option
  - 13. Excessive
  - 18. Overwhelms
  - 19. Proofs of age, for short
  - 25. "The Accidental Tourist" star
  - 26. Author Chekhov
  - 29. Headache intensifier
  - 31. Barbera's partner in cartoons
  - 32. Ancient country with a famous queen
  - 34. Significant ---
  - 37. One against the odds
  - 38. Slithery
  - 39. Empty inside
  - 40. Assumption



- 41. Henley's claim to fame
- 46. Quagmire
- 48. Radio shortcut
- 49. Sand, basically
- 50. One fixing a Time piece?
- 52. Word with pig or fountain

- 54. Quick with the one-liners
- 57. Uses a straw
- 58. That alternative
- 61. Electric meter units
- 62. Greek T
- 63. Some are personal

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# Governor

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· DMS is coordinating technology support and telecommunications capacity to handle a surge in calls and applications for reemployment assistance.

· DMS is now working with DEO to establish virtual desktop support and workflow processes to serve an estimated one million Floridians impacted by COVID-19.

“Governor DeSantis is committed to promptly connecting Floridians with the benefits they need to get through this unprecedented time,” said DMS Secretary Jonathan R. Satter. “The personal commitment from state employees to help their neighbors get the assistance they need is remarkable. We will continue to allocate the technical and personnel resources necessary to provide Floridians the level of service they expect and deserve.”

Department of Revenue

· In response to the Governor's directive, DOR is mobilizing 579 employees to support DEO.

○ These employees have the work experience to assist with the verification of applications.

○ The employer identification process DOR will be assisting with is one of the final steps before payment is sent to the individual who has applied for reemployment assistance.

○ These 579 employees work in the Child Support and General Tax programs within the agency and will still be able to handle their normal responsibilities.

“The Department of Revenue is eager to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity in verifying the applications for reemployment benefits during this statewide health emergency,” said DOR Executive Director Jim Zingale. “DOR has nearly 600 experienced employees who are ready to mobilize for this all-hands-on-deck effort.”

# Atty General

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Additionally, Floridians should be on the lookout for robocalls or any other messages attempting to exploit COVID-19 stimulus payments—as direct deposits are being made now.

Attorney General Moody previously issued a Consumer Alert warning Floridians about scammers using the new coronavirus stimulus package to target Floridians. The \$2 trillion federal stimulus package includes individual payments, expanded unemployment coverage, student loan changes and much more. News of the historic stimulus package is providing ammo for scammers already trying to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic to rip off Floridians.

For more information, including a video about stimulus related scams, go to [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com).

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[MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com).

## Attorney General Moody and Florida Football Legend Emmitt Smith Encourage Floridians to Social Distance and Report Scams

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody and Florida football legend Emmitt Smith—a three-time Super Bowl Champion—are teaming up to encourage Floridians during the statewide stay-at-home order. Attorney General Moody and Smith both graduated from the University of Florida and care deeply about helping Floridians get safely through the COVID-19 pandemic. In the fight to stop the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all on the same team.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Getting through this pandemic will be about teamwork. It will take a statewide team if we are going to beat COVID-19. We can't leave anyone on the sidelines. Everyone needs to join this effort—social distance and listen to our health experts. Floridians should also report price gouging and COVID-19 related scams to my office. I am grateful that UF football legend Emmitt Smith is on our team in this important fight—to help spread the word about deterring scams and stop the spread of the coronavirus.”

The COVID-19 message is being shared on social media with the goal of reaching as many Floridians as possible and encourage social distancing and healthy choices amid the pandemic. For more information about how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention webpage.

For the latest about COVID-19 in Florida, visit the Department of Health's webpage.

Price gouging can be reported by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or by visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com). For tips on reporting price gouging, go to [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com).

For the latest on COVID-19 related scams, visit the Florida Attorney General's ConsumerAlert webpage.



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# Disingenuous Congress

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\$300,000,000 to the Endowment for the Arts (Ah, let's do it! They'll never know)

\$300,000,000 for the Endowment for the Humanities (because, not that many people even knew that was a thing?)

\$15,000,000 for Veterans Employment Training (for when the GI Bill isn't enough)

\$435,000,000 for mental health support (Man, oh man, that's a lot of suicide hotlines)

\$30,000,000,000 (Billion!!!) for the Department of Education stabilization fund (Whoa, that's a big one! Wonder how much goes to the NEA?)

\$200,000,000 to Safe Schools Emergency Response to Violence Program (the virus is kinda violent)

\$300,000,000 to Public Broadcasting (NPR has to be bought & paid for by somebody. That somebody is you.)

\$500,000,000 to Museums and Libraries (Who knows how we are going to use it?)

\$720,000,000 to Social Security Admin (But get this - of this, only \$200,000,000 is to benefit people. The rest is for admin costs)

\$25,000,000 for Cleaning supplies for the Capitol Building (Seriously, it's on page 136)

\$7,500,000 to the Smithsonian for additional salaries (Wait a minute, what about the virus?)

\$35,000,000 to the JFK Center for performing Arts (See above)

\$3,000,000,000 (Billion!!!) upgrade to the IT department at the VA (I guess \$3 billion ought to cover it.)

\$315,000,000 for State Department Diplomatic Programs (What does this mean?)

\$95,000,000 for the Agency of International Development (What's this? Let's keep the money here & clean up the streets of S.F. and L.A.)

\$300,000,000 for International Disaster Assistance (Put this & the next one together & we're starting to look pretty compassionate — globally, anyway)

\$300,000,000 for Migrant and Refugee Assistance - pg 147

\$90,000,000 for the Peace Corp pg 148 (Specifically to fight CoVid-19?)

\$13,000,000 to Howard University pg 121 (Wonder what the university did to deserve this?)

\$9,000,000 Misc Senate Expenses pg 134 (Otherwise known as Petty Cash - maybe it's needed to settle all them, there harassment claims)

\$100,000,000 to Essential Air carriers pg 162 (This is OK because the Airlines are going to need billions in loans to keep them afloat. Besides, \$100 mil is chump change)

\$40,000,000,000 goes to the Take Responsibility to Workers and Families Act. Pg 164 (This sounds like it's direct payments for workers. Let's hope so)

\$1,000,000,000 Airlines Recycle and Save Program pg 163 (A cool \$1B? What's is this program all about?)

\$25,000,000 to the FAA for administrative costs pg 165 (Not even gonna ask)

\$492,000,000 to National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) pg 167 (Big money pit)

\$526,000,000 Grants to Amtrak to remain available, if needed, through 2021 pg 168

(*"If needed? If needed!"* Tell me, what are the odds that it doesn't go unused)

— Hidden on page 174 the Secretary of Transportation has 7 days to allocate the funds & notify Congress

\$25,000,000,000 for Transit Infrastructure pg 169 (Why isn't this in a separate bill? We need it, but what's it doing in a Corona virus bill?)

\$3,000,000 Maritime Administration pg 172 (Who knows? It's a piddling amount anyway)

\$5,000,000 Salaries and Expenses Office of the Inspector General pg 172 (This office has been pretty busy the last couple of years)

**No voter ID to get a ballot**, & anonymous "ballot harvesting" pg 650 (Hmmm. Does the phrase "voter fraud" come to mind? Any price tag? What's ballot harvesting?)

\$2,500,000 Public and Indian Housing pg 175 (CoVid-19 related?)

\$5,000,000 Community Planning and Development pg 175 (See above)

\$2,500,000 Office of Housing (See above)

\$1,500,000,000 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Office of Public and Indian Housing. (See above)

\$1,000,000,000 of which can be used as "additional administrative and other expenses". pg 176 (That's a billion we're talking about here - **billion**, with a "b")

\$720,000,000 to the public housing fund pg 177 (CoVid-19 related?)

\$100,000,000 for Community Block Grants for Native Americans pg 183 (See above)

\$250,000,000 for Housing Block Grants for Tribes pg 182 (See above)

\$130,000,000 for AIDS Housing pg 185 \$20,000,000 of which goes to one time grantees, whatever that means pg 186 (See above)

\$15,000,000,000 for the Community Development Fund pg 188 (That's \$15B!) Only \$10,000,000 of which is set aside for infrastructure for fighting infectious disease pg 191

\$5,000,000,000 in Homeless Assistance pg 193 (Aaahhh, what's another \$5B???)

\$100,000,000,000 for Rental Assistance - pg 198

An additional \$7,000,000 enforce the Fair Housing Act - 203

Paid Family Leave for Sickness is 2 paid work weeks pg 213

Emergency Family Leave  
Now applies to all employers not just companies over 500 employees pg 208

Guarantees paid leave to employees who have an in-law who gets sick pg 209 (In-law? Really?)

Opens up leave for someone you are in a "committed relationships with" pg 212 (What if there's more than one? There could be several)

\$1,000,000,000 for more Obamaphones! (That's right, folks. A cool \$Billion. Do you have any idea how stupid your Congressman thinks you are?)

\$227,000,000 for grants to States for youth activities pg 80

\$261,000,000 for grants to States for dislocated worker employment and training activities, including supportive services and needs-related payments; pg 80

\$10,000,000 for Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker programs (What the hell? Thought this was supposed to be about the virus)

\$100,000,000 for "Job Corps" (See

above)

\$15,000,000 for "Program Administration" (Who would want a program without an administrator or two)

\$6,500,000, to the "Wage and Hour Division" (Who knows?)

\$30,000,000, to OSHA (Guess they can't get by on the fines they impose)

\$10,000,000 for Susan Harwood training grants (You can bet this money will be well spent)

\$1,300,000,000, for "Primary Health Care" (A billion-three? Who gets to spend this?)

\$75,000,000, for "Student Aid Administration" (Enhancing our student debt fiasco)

\$9,500,000,000, for "Higher Education" (Come on now!!! Somebody should be asked to explain this. \$95 Billion??? Really??? Higher Education? Higher than what?)

**Let's put names to these request and vote them out of office!!!**

**What say you??? floury@att.net**

## China's Bio Weapon

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them would be a few out of 1.4 billion people) and spread the virus to other nations (especially to the USA) they would "level the economic playing field" and not have fired a shot.

Losses of his own people were acceptable costs of a new war. When China's own doctors attempted to sound the warning, they were immediately silenced. In fact one died and another has simply disappeared. Trump and the other allied leaders indeed KNOW this is what happened. They have under reported their own deaths. Trump knows he cannot outrightly seek retribution. His news conference today showed me this when he balked publicly about no outright retribution over Xi's handling of this and he immediately brought up the "trade deal". However, Trump wasn't being weak, he too was now being coy. We know this was a biological weapon. The food market story is "BS" Xi knows we know it. Trump also today announced he sent two battle groups of destroyers and other ships to sea several days ago to fight drugs and rogue actors like Iran should they try anything

I say he did this to show Xi he knows what has transpired (we have the greatest intelligence assets) and that they (the Chinese) should rethink further action. Politics is premier. We cannot overtly attack China for what they have done as we would also suffer greatly. We all know this.

But China has temporarily achieved its goal. America was literally consumed by Trumps phony impeachment brought by the ultra left democrats (supported by democrat rank and file and one Republican Mitt Romney) and Xi Jinping saw an opening. He took it. Xi did what Trump usually does...he walked onto the world stage and threw a grenade into the "room" and left. It exploded in the form of this worldwide pandemic. It brought the USA and the rest of the world to its knees and leveled the economic playing field.

Our economy is now near depression. Xi didn't fire one bullet. Trump needed to up his game of chess and putting our Naval ships to sea was his next move. He said he is a "war" President. He is. But now on not one but two fronts. One front is the virus and the other

front is the Chinese. While the Saudi's and Russians are screwing with oil prices they aren't overtly doing what this pandemic is doing. The drug smuggling story for dispatching the Naval

Force is BS and the world knows it. I am of the opinion Trump can indeed bring us back from this catastrophe albeit with a changed playing field.

But Trump is a genius in chess and financial matters. He's become a champ at international politics too. I am sure Trump can once again lead the economy to even stronger strength and greatness that it was. He can do it quickly I'm sure of it.

He has proved it. Xi Jinping needs to be sent a message loud and clear.

NEVER AGAIN. We need to bring all of our critical manufacturing back from China beginning with our medicines they were recently threatening to withhold. We can do it immediately. Again, another reason for Trump putting to sea such a sizable Naval Force. Sending a clear message.

We all must ride out the next few weeks. Then we and the world pick up the pieces and move on. The democrats who have given Xi this opening wrapped in a bow must pay a heavy price in November as they (the democrats) truly have cost and continue to cost America precious lives by the phony scandals. Nancy Pelosi continues to help the Chinese by her daily shameless attacks upon the President and meddling in stimulus packages as she did this last weekend. Yesterday's statements she made were truly appalling and the lowest of low. I didn't think she could go any lower. What a disgrace she is to our nation.

But, Pelosi aside, make no mistake, China must and will be taught a lesson the likes they have never seen before and Trump is the man to pull the trigger.

We the people must teach the democrats the same lesson at the polls. They (the radical wing of the party) are the enemy of a free America. I am certain of it. The entire democrat party of our forefathers is dead. Remember people, Trump indeed tried to warn us all of the Conavirus in his State of the Union Speech. He spoke of it. He said he was on top of it.

After he spoke, Nancy Pelosi ripped up the speech calling Trumps words "a manifesto of lies". She disgraced the country and all of our fellow honored citizens present in the House Chamber. Well she now has American blood on her hands. She is very majorly responsible for these needless deaths as well as the Chinese. Her and Adam Schiff.

The left and democrats laughed as she tore up his speech. Well, as they laughed the disease he just spoke of in that speech came to our shores. Republicans and Democrats alike are now dying. Your family members and mine. Our grandparents and middle aged citizens alike. Bodies are being loaded in trucks with forklifts in Brooklyn outside of hospitals. No one is safe. Our liberty is for the most part suspended. As we bury our dead (without proper funerals) from this calamity let's drive the nails into the coffin of the Democrat party as well in November.

It's time people. Stand up for your rights and your country! Our Liberty and survival is at stake! I am praying for God's blessing on our nation. But, God also gave us the ability to think for ourselves and it's time we placed blame for all this death where it belongs: on the doorsteps of Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff and Xi Jinping directly. Wake Up America.

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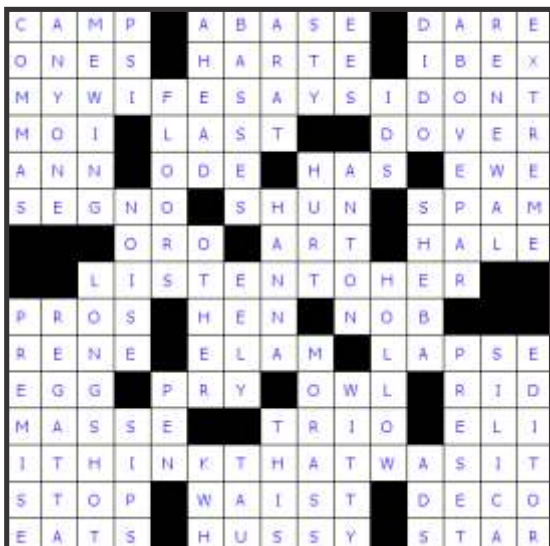
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