



Nestled back in under some Oak tree in Dunnellon Florida I ran across a true Artist. This is Chuck York standing behind one of his creations. A genuine Hand Made Rocking Horse with real Horse Hair a miniature handmade saddle. I asked Chuck how much time he had in the horse? He said he started it last summer. It

is hard to tell how many hour are in it because you do some work on it then you have to let it set for a couple of days. He estimates over 300 hours, I guess at least 500 hours. The horse has been spoken for. A person that has collected other creations from Chuck. For questions Chuck's number is 352-361-6642



Habitat for Humanity of Marion County raised the walls for James & his daughter Victoria's new home.

[Habitat for Humanity of Marion County](#) added 42 new photos to the album: [Coakley Wall-Raising 6.10.20](#)

— in [Ocala Ridge, Florida.](#)

It was a great day to raise some walls!! With the help of our 2020 Strawberry Festival sponsors and our ReStore staff, we were able to raise the exterior walls on James & Veronica's new home!!

## Purple Passionflower

We have been running pictures of Animals, Birds, Flowers nonprofessional photography. Here is some information from the web about the Purple Passionflower.

**Alternate Names** Wild passion flower, maypop, apricot vine, old field apricot, Holy-Trinity flower, molly-pop, passion vine, pop- apple, granadilla, maycock, maracoc, maracock, white sarsaparilla.

**Uses** One of the uses of the purple passionflower is ornamental in nature. This is because of their showy blooms and their climbing ability over fences, arbors, or up

walls. Native American Indians used the poultice root for boils, cuts, earaches and inflammation. Dried leaves boiled with water also aids in insomnia.

**Wildlife** Purple passionflower attracts butterflies. Young tendrils inch lavender flowers are short-stalked from leaf axils. The petals and sepals subtend a fringe of wavy or crimped, hair-like segments. The pistil and stamens are also showy. Three-lobed, deciduous leaves are dark-green above and whitish below. The plants bloom from June to September. The pulpy fruit or



Photo by TomL

“maypop” develops in two to three months after flowering and may be harvested from July to October. It will be yellowish in color and it is about the size of a large oval hen's egg.

**Establishment** The purple passionflower requires direct sunlight for at least half of the day and prefers fertile, well-drained soil although it will grow in heavier clay soils. Plants may be propagated from seed

Kevin Sheilley  
**OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**



The CEP continues to engage and work to ensure our community keeps moving forward. We are very excited about the two items I am highlighting this month.

**Amazon**

I am sure most have heard the news by now, but the CEP was pleased to join the Ocala City Council and Marion County Board of County Commissioners in welcoming Amazon's announcement that they will establish a distribution facility in the Ocala Metro.

The company has leased the 617,000 sq. ft. spec building being constructed by Red

Rock Developments. This new facility will create approximately 300 jobs, all making at least \$15.00 per hour from day one.

The CEP is pleased to welcome Amazon to our community. What an incredible addition to the Ocala Metro! We look forward to seeing their brand welcoming residents to the area."

The new Amazon facility is located in the Ocala/Marion County Commerce Park along I-75. The company joins existing park tenants Chewy.com, AutoZone, and FedEx Ground which all operate logistic facilities in the park.

A project like this involves many partners and we would like to express our great appreciation to Red Rock Developments for investing in Ocala and the team at Colliers International in Orlando led

by Deborah Mickler, SIOR, for their incredible work.

The company has already begun hiring their leadership team for the facility. They will begin hiring other positions later this summer with a target of a late summer/early fall opening. Please check amazon.jobs for more hiring information.

**Equality of Opportunity**

Recently, the CEP announced it is partnering with the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** on a national initiative to address inequality of opportunity.

The CEP is participating in the U.S. Chamber's national townhall event where business and community leaders from across the nation will discuss concrete actions that can be taken by government and the private sector to address improving equality of opportunity through education, employment, entrepreneurship, and criminal justice reform. As a partner on this important initiative, the CEP will host local and industry dialogues to further the

discussion.

The mission of the CEP is to be the catalyst for a prosperous community. When any member of our great community is unable to access the opportunities here, we are failing in our mission. We must work to ensure everyone can succeed here.

The work of this national initiative will build on the work already undertaken by the CEP to grow and enhance Ocala's entrepreneurial culture through the **Power Plant Business Incubator** and the **IMPACT** initiative. It will also build on the CEP's **NEXTworks** program to expand

**Small Spaces, Big Places**

**Local Artist Diane Cahal Installs "Small Spaces, Big Places" Public Art Project in Downtown Ocala**

OCALA, Fla. (June 15, 2020) – The City of Ocala, through its Cultural Arts and Sciences Division, announces the installation of a new public art project throughout downtown. Ocala based artist, Diane Cahal, the creator of the project, will begin installing on June 17. The latest project commissioned by the Division will serve to bring awareness to ten local not-for-profit organizations that have been featured at the City's Levitt Amp Ocala Music Series. The project was funded in part by a grant from the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission (OMAC) through the State of the Arts license plate fees.

Originally inspired by Atlanta's Tiny Door Project, "Small Spaces, Big Places" is an outdoor miniature art project focusing on Ocala's vibrant arts scene and not-for-profit organizations. The artworks are miniature versions of each of the organizations home-bases and they will be displayed in "secret gardens" throughout the downtown area. The placement of the structures will be permanently anchored into the landscaping and will lead viewers on an interactive journey from location to location. The art projects will be on display for the next eight months.

Cahal said, "After my experience with Horse Fever (I painted two Horse Fever horses 2001 and 2011) and Take Me, I'm Yours! (an abandoned art project funded by a Pop-Up! Grant from the City of Ocala and Fine Arts for Ocala), I've seen first-hand how outdoor, interactive art projects invigorate our community and foster a sense of belonging and pride in our artful city. These miniatures will enhance our arts climate and bring a unique focus to some of the wonderful art spaces we already have."

**About the Artist**

Diane Cahal is originally from Texas where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Photography with a minor in Studio Art from Sam Houston State University. Since moving to Marion County over twenty years ago, she has been a part of the local art scene by participating in numerous group exhibitions, including painting Sunburst and Ocala Luna for MCA's Horse Fever, and serving on several arts organization's board of directors, most currently as Magnolia Art Xchange's Vice President. Diane opened Artistic LunaSea in 2001 and continues to garner international collectors with her Polaroid manipulations, abstract watercolor and acrylic paintings, dioramas and miniatures.

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DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,  
It is great to be a Floridian! It is truly a blessing to live in a state that has not been completely overrun by liberal socialists. It saddens me to see that the average working American in other

parts of this country have to live and raise a family in states that do not value their labor and effort. Instead, in places like Seattle, Washington, weak leaders reward law-breakers, rioters, and looters. They allow them to take over public spaces, threaten law enforcement, and burn or destroy local businesses. This lawlessness is unacceptable, unjust and cannot be allowed to continue in our America. Their rebellion is not about injustice, or they would not act this way. Their rebellion is against the principles that this country was founded on. Does our country have some ugly history? Yes! We know that there have been many instances in world history that mankind has not been kind to each other, but that does not mean that the guiding principles that our country was founded on are evil or unjust. Liberty and justice for all with law and order secured. This is what our country needs now, more than ever.

While those in other parts of the country continue to burn and destroy, Florida remains focused on the current mission. Get people back to work, quickly, safely and efficiently. There is nothing in the world that a little prosperity cannot cure. Floridians are not interested in destroying; they are interested in building a future. Governor DeSantis and your elected leaders in the House and Senate are doing a fantastic job, and Florida is in a good shape to bounce back quickly from the economic damage of COVID-19 and get us back on track.

Elections will be here in just a few short months and the stakes could not be higher. Does it seem like people say that a lot? They do, because it is true! Those people that we elect are going to shape policy that will affect you. It will affect how you do business, what your children learn in school, and who will run your healthcare. If you think you are immune from the reach of government, you are sadly mistaken. Elections do have consequences. Florida does not need more big government socialists trying to run your life, your children's education, or your healthcare. We need to elect leaders that will support faith,



family, freedom, opportunity and life itself. If we can protect those five things, then stand back and watch what the people of this state can do when we get government out of the way.

This Senator is here to work for you. I am not the government. This how the people of Senate District 12 speak in to their government and that is why my door is always open to you. Please call, email, or visit one of the offices so that we can build a team together and fight to keep Florida prosperous for the benefit of all.

Onward & Upward,  
Senator Dennis Baxley

COVID-19 UPDATE



Photo provided by Department of Health in Marion County

Date: June 18, 2020

Florida Department of Health in Marion County Community Health Nurse Gina Rohr speaks to a resident about the testing process before being swabbed for COVID-19 on June 16 at the department's drive-through test site. The department tests individuals for COVID-19 both at its facility and at off-site locations. Staff tested close to 400 individuals today at Stonecrest, a local 55+ community.

So far, 19,488 COVID-19 tests have been given in Marion County. Of those, 19,149 were negative. Individuals who tested positive for the virus have ranged in age from 6 months to 97 years old. Eight Marion County residents have died after becoming ill with COVID-19. Marion's overall positive test rate is 1.7%; Florida's positive test rate is 5.6%. For more detailed information on all Marion cases, view Florida's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard at

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>.

If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19 or if you are experiencing symptoms of the virus (such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing),

DOH-Marion recommends that you get tested for the virus. The department offers free COVID-19 testing; call 352-644-2590 to schedule an appointment at the health department. You do not need to be experiencing symptoms to be tested. Testing is also available at other local medical providers; call before visiting a facility if you would like to be tested for COVID-19.

For more guidance

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Florida, visit

[floridahealthcovid19.gov](http://floridahealthcovid19.gov). For general questions about COVID-19, call the state hotline (866-779-6121), local hotline (352-644-2590), or email [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov). Individuals can also follow the Department of Health in Marion County on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/FLHealthMarion](https://www.twitter.com/FLHealthMarion) for the latest updates on COVID-19 in Marion.

Contact: Christy Jergens, Public Information Officer.

[Christy.Jergens@FLHealth.gov](mailto:Christy.Jergens@FLHealth.gov) - Mobile: 352-266-5597

Lights at Skate Park

City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department Announces Installation of Lights at Skate Park



O C A L A , Fla. (June 10, 2020)–The City of Ocala has completed the installation of lights at the Ocala Skate Park, 517 NE Ninth St.

Effective immediately, the new hours of operation will be sunrise to 10 p.m., daily. The installation of

lights will allow park-goers extended skate time hours and provide safer, well-lit conditions.

The Ocala Skate Park opened in May 2019 and is the first community skate park in Ocala. The 10,000 square foot street course provides recreational space for skateboarders, in-line skating and freestyle bicycling.

For more information about the Ocala Skate Park, visit

[www.ocalafl.org/skatepark](http://www.ocalafl.org/skatepark).

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### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



This month Trump donated his quarterly \$100,000 presidential salary to rebuild our Military Cemeteries. I have not seen this in the news. Maybe they think it is not a big enough salary?

There is nothing that can explain how Donald Trump is still standing after the cruelest and most unrelenting attack that any leader of the free world has ever experienced. Someone much bigger than you and I want him right where he is and at least half of the American people want their country cleaned up. We are tired of filling the pockets of a few law breaking do nothing politicians. By the way the president did not close your business the Governors did!

They are using the Black Lives Matter Campaign to disrupt the Country. Of course Black lives matter and yes we have a few

bad Police Officers, but they have been allowed by the politicians to continue to do more than one illegal incident. They never tell the people protesting that the Republicans freed the Slaves. Many soldiers of color died defending the Confederate Flag! How about the first 23 People of color were Republicans. So we need a program that show the protesters that they are being used for their vote and used to disrupt our political system because the truth is coming out and many of our Democratic leaders is going down. So distract /distract /distract.

The Little White Cross: Wayne and Bonnie Anderson have been told by the Villages Community Development District 8 that they had to remove a little white cross that is on display on the their lawn in the flower garden. It was deemed a lawn ornament. It seems the Community Development District 8 has no choice but to make them move the cross if there is a complaint. There are many of the same crosses on display in the Villages. I'm sure

the Villages is not happy about this unfriendly move in the Friendliest Community in Florida. There are a number of unfriendly things going on about Taxes, Sinkholes and more. The Villages is not one big friendly Village. Is is comprised of Community Development Districts. If a Village or town or a City was as big as it is it, would come under many state regulations. To avoid the State of Florida Regulation they formed Community Development Districts and kept the population count under the magic number so they could not be deemed a Town, city or Village. The couple has a new attorney that will take the case against the Giant.

Tom Homan sends message to Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. "Lead by example and give up your personal security that you want to take away from the tax payers. They have been reports of Pelosi having security during her shopping sprees.

A report from the internet a Senator said, while staying at one of the motels in Raleigh he observed the "protesters" using prepaid visa cards for all of their expenses. Very convenient and untraceable. We are waiting for investigation of who paid for the cards.

In a recent meeting I heard a complaint that Ocala was getting a bum rap. There was a report that the crime in Ocala had gone way up. NOT TRUE again this happened with the COVID-19 reports. Which the Health Department fixed with their zip code dashboard. In Ocala there are many mailing addresses that are outside the City limits, so you are taking in a very large area. That is what they are counting when they do the crime report. I am sure when you look at the real crime rate within the city limits you will see it is very low.

## Mural as Backdrop to Skatepark

### Cosby Hayes Begins Underpass Mural as Backdrop to Skatepark

The City of Ocala, through its Cultural Arts and Sciences Division, announces work on a new mural on the underpass behind the Ocala Skatepark. Tallahassee-based artist, Cosby Hayes will begin painting the new mural on June 8. The latest project commissioned by the Division will serve to enhance the Ocala Skatepark that the city opened in 2019. The mural was approved by City Council in September 2019 as part of the 2020 fiscal year budget with the concept approved by the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission (OMAC).

The concept for the mural features a repeating pattern of multi-colored skateboard trucks. "The mural utilizes the full canvas and explores the relationship between the viewer and the subject matter. By painting the skateboard trucks much larger than life, an interesting visual contrast is created," said Hayes. "In addition, the negative and positive space between the parts of the skateboard create a visually unique composition and, hopefully, a captivating backdrop for skateboarders and photographers alike. The colors invoke a feeling of inclusiveness and the celebration of our differences as people, and how the things that make us different are also the things that make our communities more vibrant and interesting places to live and visit."

#### About the Artist

Prior to earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Florida State University (FSU), Cosby Hayes found his passion for art through graffiti. During his time at FSU, he studied the Old Masters, who became strong influences on his work and after moving to Miami in 2015, Cosby began receiving commissions for public works of art and never looked back. Hayes finds inspiration for his work in the social, economic, and political issues that shape our world. His work focuses on unity and the collective strength we have when we come together for a common cause, solidarity. His work has taken him to Argentina for the Meeting of Styles as well as cities across the southeastern United States where he has been commissioned by city governments, non-profits and businesses to bring color and energy to walls across his hometown. Cosby Hayes now lives in Tallahassee, Florida. As a community organizer and activist, he is constantly creating new works with his girlfriend and collaborator Sarah Painter.

#### Ocala Cultural Arts

The City of Ocala offers many visual and performing art opportunities in city spaces. Public art is complimentary and is intended for everyone to enjoy. Detailed information about current programming and future projects can be found at [www.ocalafl.org/culturalarts](http://www.ocalafl.org/culturalarts).

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## Chinese Influence in our Universities

By TomL

It is said there are many Universities in the United States that receive monetary gifts (money) from China. We are talking about more than a one hundred. Many of the Colleges are required to disclose the donation. This means a Communist Country has influence over the education of some of our finest...There are many colleges that teach a program by the Chinese government to teach American students about the Chinese Culture.

Any College with credentials must disclose gifts or money of more than \$250,000 from a foreign power. About a third teaching the way of China culture (Confucius Institute) report it. Now we are beginning to see where some of this way of thinking that is coming out of the mouth of our college students.

Is this how you want your young to be educated? Socialism and eating animals from a live market that are unsanitary. I can't get that vision out of my head, there was a video sent to me. There were dogs/ cats / bats/ creatures we would try to swat is on that market, for sale to eat, not healthy. What say you? [tloury@att.net](mailto:tloury@att.net)



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# Great Reads



**Four Great Reads: Fictional Pandemic All Too Real; Making America Sacred Again; An Immigration Story; Disappearing Jets**

**“Viral” by Kevin E. Ready**  
 (NAPSI)—A story of hope and the indomitable will of the human spirit. This is a popular fiction saga of a pandemic—written well before the COVID-19 virus was ever heard of—and the actions taken by people around the world to fight it. The story is told from the viewpoint of several key characters in various countries and walks of life. It includes

realistic descriptions of the disease and heartfelt sub-stories of the characters as they deal with the pandemic.

A woman of science must step up and become a leader and, hopefully, a savior. A first responder finds himself fighting for the lives of thousands. Valiant medical workers face near-impossible tasks while risking their very lives. Sounds only too real. Purchase at <https://amzn.to/2AieoiT>.

**“Original Politics: Making America Sacred Again” by Glenn Aparicio Parry**  
 To recreate a whole and sacred America, it is important to piece together the forgotten fragments of history currently keeping the country divided. Just as a traditional Native American potter begins a new pot with shards of old pots, “Original Politics” reconstellates the nation as a whole out of the seemingly disparate shards from its origins.

Perhaps the most significant forgotten piece is the profound effect Native America had on the founding values of this nation. “Original Politics” demonstrates how the best aspects of America’s founding vision were inspired from Native American cultures: natural rights, liberty, and

egalitarian justice. Native America has inspired bringing all the world’s peoples together on one soil in a harmonious cultural mosaic of unity and diversity. Purchase at <https://amzn.to/3bgwsHe>.

**“Stitching a Life: An Immigration Story” by Mary Helen Fein**

It’s 1900, and 16-year-old Helen comes alone across the Atlantic from a village in Lithuania, fleeing terrible anti-Semitism and persecution. She arrives at Ellis Island, and settles on the Lower East Side. She finds a job and devotes herself to bringing the rest of her family to the New World.

A few at a time, Helen’s family members arrive. Each goes to work and contributes to bringing over their remaining beloved ones. Helen meanwhile, falls in love with a man who introduces her to a different New York—of wonder, beauty and possibility. From She Writes Press, purchase at <https://amzn.to/3cs356h>.

**“Final Flight” by Eric C. Anderson**

On a clear, cold night high above East Asia, a China Air passenger jet disappears from radar with all aboard. It’s an anomaly, a fluke. And then a couple of hours later, it happens again.

It’s 2023. Former Air Force maintenance officer Jason Montgomery and Rob “Ski” Kalawski have just landed the gig of their lives. China Air’s aging fleet of Boeing 777s desperately needs navigation hardware and software upgrades. It’s a multimillion-dollar contract, and they’re just the guys to do it. Right? Wrong. Jason’s just the middleman, but he finds himself trapped between yakuza gangsters, a tattooed dragon-lady sales exec and murderous Russian mobsters. Purchase at <https://amzn.to/3ba9Qbc>.

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**Attorney General Moody Asks Floridians to Immediately Report Child Porn Zoombombing to Law Enforcement**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General

Ashley Moody is working with Florida sheriffs, police chiefs and university police to stop child porn Zoombombing. Zoombombing occurs when hackers hijack internet video conferences, like those offered by the fast-growing platform Zoom. These hackers often present inappropriate, offensive material or otherwise disrupt video conferences. Recent reports indicate that hackers are crashing online meetings with child pornography. After learning of this criminal activity, Attorney General Moody began working with local law enforcement to thwart the offensive conduct and ensure local, state and federal law enforcement are coordinated in their efforts.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "It's heartbreaking that anyone would exploit children in this manner, but child pornography is pervasive online. It's disgusting and illegal. When hackers hijack meetings and force participants to view these disturbing images, we must ensure we have an immediate, aggressive and coordinated law enforcement response.

That is why I am working with our great law enforcement agencies to track down Zoombombers and hold them accountable for the victimization of our children."

Anyone experiencing Zoombombing with illegal images, or receiving child pornography by other means, should immediately report the crime to local law enforcement. To report child abuse, Floridians can also call the state child abuse hotline at 1(800)962-2873.

Earlier this year, Attorney General Moody issued [a Consumer Alert to inform Floridians about steps they can take to prevent online meetings being hijacked](#). To increase privacy and guard against Zoombombing:

- Create separate passwords for each virtual meeting;
- Establish a Zoom waiting room for meeting participants;
- Lock down the meeting once everyone invited to attend has joined; and
- Do not publicly post meeting links on social media or any other public forum.

Zoom also offers privacy settings to provide hosts an additional layer of protection. To enable these extra security features, hosts should click on the settings menu, scroll to Screen Sharing, find Who Can Share? then click on Host Only. Finally, the user should save the changes.

After saving the new preferences, subsequent meetings should enable these

enhanced privacy features by default. For more virtual meeting security tips, go to <https://zoom.us/security>.

## Attorney General Moody Warns of Work-from-Home Employment Scams Targeting College Students

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today issued a Consumer Alert warning students at Florida colleges and universities of an emerging work-from-home employment scam. Scammers are targeting students via emails that appear to be sent from a college or university advertising fictitious work-from-home employment opportunities. The scammers obtain personal information from the student while posing as a university representative. Savvy scammers convince students to cash counterfeit checks and send them the money.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "During the COVID-19 crisis and resulting economic downturn, Floridians are looking for work, and it is unconscionable that scammers are exploiting these times of uncertainty to prey on our college students. Students who fall victim to this scam could face serious repercussions to their financial stability and credit record. I am urging all students currently enrolled at Florida colleges and universities to take extra precaution when receiving online job offers."

The emerging scheme involves scammers sending online job advertisements offering college students an administrative position, tricking the student into believing the email is from a college or university representative

by using an email address ending in '.edu'. As part of the scheme, the student receives counterfeit checks in the mail, or via email, and is instructed to deposit the checks into a personal checking account. The scammers then direct the student to withdraw the money and make a payment necessary for the job. Often, after the student sends the money, the checks are confirmed to be fraudulent by the bank.

According to Attorney General Moody's Consumer Protection Division, students falling victim to the scam experience bank accounts being closed due to fraudulent activity and a report filed by the bank with a credit bureau or law enforcement agency. Additionally, the student would be responsible for reimbursing the bank for the total amount of the counterfeit checks, often times resulting in an adverse effect on the student's credit record.

To avoid these types of employment scams:

- Research the company before accepting any job offer. Does the company have a professional website and legitimate contact information? Search for what others are saying about experiences with the company;
- If the solicitor is communicating via email, locate contact information for the sender through the school's website and confirm whether the job offer is real;
- Look for red flags, such as typos and grammatical errors. Offers of employment or pay without an interview are another sign of an employment scam; and

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moody

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Dear Editor:  
Our founding fathers thought they gave us the best kind of government to keep corruption at bay. But since they never expressed that sentiment in just those words, and we did not get the message, guess what? We have been remiss, and we now have the most corrupt government that has possibly existed on the face of the earth. We sit and let it happen.

The goal of humankind is and always been the hindrance of corruption, however we never seem to recognize it until it is too late. The corrupters invent new stealth means to perpetrate an updated form of corruption. They have done one spectacular number on our current government and economic system.

Our congress has no clue what becomes law as others write the laws. Now they want to vote long distance, and avoid having to show up in Washington, and still expect to collect their paycheck. How corrupt is that?

In order to make millions or billions no product is necessary. Google and Facebook are doing it with clicks and data, your clicks and data. If you want to hunt for money for that income equity, look here.

Surveillance Capitalism, a book by Shoshanna Zuboff, lays it all out in detail, and these barons go to extreme lengths to conceal that fact. They are new crop of robber barons, only they steal clicks and data and sell it as their property. Nice setup as long as you can fool the sheep. They are the new Clicks and Data Barons. The problem is: the clicks and data barons scrupulously hide the fact that those clicks and data belong to you and me. The Robber Barons at least had a product to sell.

Not only do they use the clicks and data to make money, but for control as well, hello 1984, or Animal Farm.

The very least we can do is pay attention. Next, look for honest candidates to vote for. Acquire knowledge, it is different from education. Education is for work, knowledge is for life.

If corruption is O.K. with you sail on your merry way. If corruption is a problem for you get up and confront it. Either we confront it or corruption devours us. You have a choice.

The choice is Freedom or slavery, the only 2 choices. Pick one.

D.I.L

Dear Sir, I recently came across one of your publications & was quite impressed! Seems like a factual, to the point paper. Where might I be able to obtain future issues? I reside in the NE Ocala, FL area. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, M Harper

From the Publisher:

Thank you Mr Harper

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If you have any trouble reading it online and you can't find a paper let me know.

Thanks for being a reader!

TomL

Dear Friends,

During a business meeting, I informed the members of a useful website, [popvox.com](http://popvox.com). At this website you can weigh in on any pending or recently passed legislation in Congress. When you first enter the website, to sign up, you must "register" with your name (you can use an alias if you wish) & address. With your address, it knows who your Representative is and your two Senators.

You then can search any legislation such as HR 25, The FAIRtax Act of 2019. You will see who are the cosponsors and what people are saying about the legislation. You can also indicate whether you are for or against the legislation and your comments will be sent to your Representative; you will get a response. You can peruse the site and you'll see you can find a LOT of information on any legislation.

I encourage you to sign into [popvox.com](http://popvox.com) and please indicate your support for HR 25. Then tell others about this site and hopefully they will indicate their support of the FAIRtax also. The people in Congress do look at this site to follow trends on pending legislation so it is important to show support for HR 25. You can also look for other tax bills and indicate why you don't support them.

If you have any questions, please email me [ocalafairtax@icloud.com](mailto:ocalafairtax@icloud.com)

Ron Maiellaro, Florida FAIRTax Educational Association

Passion Flower

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or by cuttings. Seeds should be collected in the fall after the fruit has begun to shrivel. Mature seeds are brown in color with no traces of white. Wash the gelatinous covering from the seeds if they are to be stored for any length of time. It is best to plant the seed directly into an outdoor seedbed. Cuttings should be taken in the early spring. Remove the lower leaves from a 15 to 20 cm cutting before placing it in the rooting medium. Removing the suckers that develop around the established plants provides materials for propagating by division. With a shovel, separate and remove the suckers and roots. Transplant the divisions and water them immediately.

Never send funds in the form of cash, checks, gift cards or wire transfers to secure a job or as part of an assigned duty by a new employer.

Since the pandemic hit Florida, Attorney General Ashley Moody has issued more than a dozen Consumer Alerts to help Floridians avoid COVID-19 related scams.

Anyone who believes they are the victim of hacking or a COVID-19 related scam should contact the Florida Attorney General's Office at 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com).

Attorney General Moody Takes Action to Stop COVID-19 Grant Scam Targeting Seniors

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is issuing a Consumer Alert to warn Floridians about a new scam targeting seniors with offers of fake COVID-19 grants. The Florida Attorney General's Office is receiving reports from seniors offered thousands of dollars in federal grant money to stay isolated at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Scammers are contacting seniors via Facebook Messenger, email and text message to offer these sham grants and request upfront payment as insurance for the expedited delivery of grant money.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This scam appears to involve an international criminal organization utilizing a multifaceted communications plan to deceive seniors. These criminals are hacking Facebook accounts to send messages to targets from a friend's profile—creating the illusion that the grant program is being promoted by an acquaintance. Once contact is made, the criminals request personal information, bank account numbers and insurance payments purportedly to help ensure the safe delivery of thousands of dollars in federal grant money, and of course, the money is never sent.

"Sadly, we have uncovered evidence that some are falling for this scam. Please know that the federal government is not contacting seniors and offering them grant money to stay home and stop the spread of COVID-19. We are actively working with law enforcement to investigate and stop this scam. You can help us by reporting suspicious messages to our office."

The scheme involved a mock website, since shut down, purporting to be hosted by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The site included videos of seniors endorsing the sham grant program. As part of its active and ongoing investigation, Attorney General Moody's Office worked with law enforcement partners to have the sham website removed; yet there are concerns that scammers will simply move the site to a new location online. The recently disabled website address is <https://usafederalgrantclaim.wixsite.c>

[om/grantinfo](http://om/grantinfo). Anyone who provided information and payments after visiting the site should contact the Florida Attorney General's Office.

To avoid this new COVID-19 federal grant scam

- Know that the federal government is not contacting seniors and offering them grants to stay at home and stop the spread of COVID-19;

- Remember, requests for upfront payments of any kind, including through gift cards, money orders, wire transfers, bitcoin or insurance fees in exchange for a grant, loan or government benefit are red flags of a scam;

- Be wary of any COVID-19 related offers received via Facebook, even if the offer appears to come from a familiar account. Hackers can hijack social media accounts and send the account holders' friends or followers deceiving messages;

- Never click on links sent in unsolicited messages. These links could contain malware or connect the target to a website set up to obtain personal or financial information for nefarious purposes; and

- Watch out for websites or messages containing typos, grammatical mistakes or awkward word choices. Many sham websites are created by foreign scam artists struggling with the English language. Typos and grammatical mistakes in messages purporting to be from the government are red flags that a message is from an imposter.

To report grant scams or any other COVID-19 related fraud, contact the Florida Attorney General's Office by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com).

Since the COVID-19 emergency declaration, Attorney General Moody has issued more than a dozen Consumer Alerts with information about emerging scams and tips to avoid fraud. To view the latest alerts and to stay up-to-date on COVID-19 related scams, visit the Attorney General's Consumer Alert webpage.

For all the Attorney General's COVID-19 related releases and additional COVID-19 tips and resources, go to our website.



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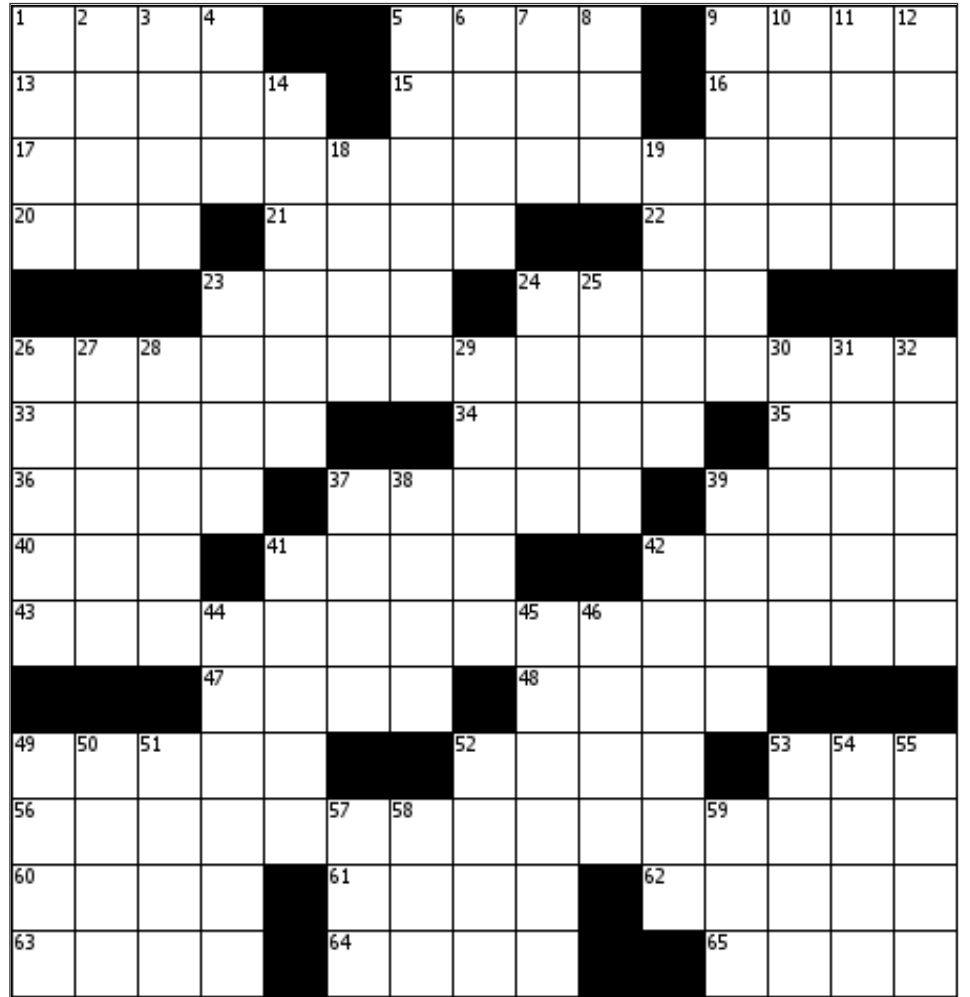
**Across**

- 1. "\_\_\_ Your Enthusiasm" (Larry David sitcom)
- 5. Daily food intake
- 9. Leveling wedge
- 13. Leading in the game
- 15. Not deceived by
- 16. Corrida snorter
- 17. George M. Cohan, e.g.
- 20. However, briefly
- 21. Feeling sluggish
- 22. Gladiator's battlefield
- 23. \_\_\_ gin fizz
- 24. Silly smile
- 26. Drip-dry attire
- 33. Voices above tenors
- 34. Tuscan river
- 35. Major leaguer
- 36. Laundry basketful
- 37. Painter Édouard
- 39. Cowboy's footwear
- 40. Spaniel or setter
- 41. Compassionate
- 42. Islamic devotee
- 43. No-sweat legal matter
- 47. Dilettantish
- 48. Greek god of love
- 49. Great embarrassment

**Down**

- 1. Play group
- 2. "Now we're in trouble!"
- 3. Janet appointed by Clinton
- 4. Carry-on item
- 5. Evaded
- 6. 500-mile race, briefly
- 7. Socratic "H"
- 8. Trucker's weight unit
- 9. Ships' rear ends
- 10. There's no place like it
- 11. Country on the Caspian
- 12. "\_\_\_ Lisa"
- 14. City called "Big D"
- 18. High time
- 19. Egypt's capital
- 23. Not barefoot
- 24. "Pretty Woman" costar Richard
- 25. Carry on, verbally
- 26. Subject of a kids' book

- 52. Caesar's search
- 1104
- 53. Engineer's compartment
- 56. Spy vs. spy, e.g.
- 60. Came down to earth
- 61. Fine steed
- 62. Vegas natural
- 63. Big name in IRAs
- 64. Pocket bread
- 65. Scriptural passage
- 27. Throw for \_\_\_: surprise
- 28. Actors' surface
- 29. Fairy godmothers' gadgets
- 30. "Once \_\_\_ Time in America"
- 31. Shootin' \_\_\_: guns, in oaters
- 32. Comedian Fields
- 37. Money maker
- 38. TV pundit Rooney
- 39. Tampa eleven, briefly
- 41. Grammy winner Carpenter
- 42. Potbelly fixtures
- 44. Broadway Joe of football
- 45. Priam's wife
- 46. "Exodus" author Leon
- 49. Operation memento
- 50. Sign of saintliness
- 51. Busy, busy, busy
- 52. Castle's trench
- 53. Spelunker's venue
- 54. Wall St. acronym
- 55. Flexed
- 57. Skip over water, as stones
- 58. Hosp. scan
- 59. Obtain



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## Restaurant Review



My second visit with friends for dinner at El Mezcal.

A very extensive menu to please everyone's tastebuds. They have two outdoor seating areas, in

front and rear of the restaurant, dog friendly. The interior has two sections and bar for those fabulous Margaritas and mixed drinks. This restaurant is exceptionally maintained, clean environment, beautifully decorated, excellent service, generous portions and flavorful food prepared by their chefs. I've lived in Texas and California, El Mezcal seems to capture a unique hybrid of the Mexican cuisine. A personal favorite is Fajitas, containing shrimp, scallops and chicken breast strips, a special marinate in a pineapple shell presentation. If you want a Five Star Experience at \$\$-\$\$ prices this is the spot. It will become a destination for

exceptional food, service and dining after your first experience!

Frank Turner

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My wife and I visited the Oasis Cafe. It is a mom and pop friendly atmosphere. I had some great soup and a hamburger was excellent. It was moderately priced and well prepared. My wife as well said she enjoyed the meal.

I liked the meal some much went back for lunch the next week. Again I was not disappointed. Good food and they had some home chips that were interesting, you should go try them.

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My review has to be about the Blue Gator. Tuesday night wings 50 cents anyway you want them. Of course there was a waiting line but the wings were worth every minute. I ate the Garlic parmigau. I can only eat eight or nine w/ranch dressing and I'm done.

worrisome diagnosis: late-stage testicular cancer.

His cancer journey lasted only seven hard-fought months. He had an aggressive testicular cancer, choriocarcinoma. He passed away three days after he received the first round of stem cells.

He couldn't have prevented his testicular cancer with self-exams, since he "was born with" one testicle that was healthy.

### Be Aware of the Other Cause

Mallory was born with one undescended testicle, known in medical terms as cryptorchidism and identified as the most common genital problem pediatricians encounter (Medscape). He had exploratory surgery at age one. He and his parents were told he was born with one testicle, that the undescended testicle they were looking for wasn't there. Over the years, no one questioned this situation—though he regularly saw pediatricians.

His cancer did not appear as a lump or tumor on his testicle. The malignant mass rested in his lower abdomen. The acute back pain became the catalyst for action. Unknown to him, his "missing" testicle existed after all and developed into the cancerous tissue. By the time he made it to the E.D., it had already spread to other parts of his body.

### What Can Be Done?

For boys and men with two testicles, self-



exam is key. Some schools, coaches and informed doctors have told these young men how to go about it. There are many sources online for the information; for example, the Mayo Clinic is a good place to check.

For those who have had an undescended testicle, it's important to find out what was done about it. If it was surgically put in place (usually done in infancy), there is still a slightly higher risk of testicular cancer. Your doctor should know about this.

### More Info

The Max Mallory Foundation was founded in 2017 and provides awareness of testicular cancer not identified "with a lump" and self-exam. It also assists young adults with cancer, an underserved group and works in association with other testicular cancer organizations. The Foundation is a 501c(3) organization. Mallory's full story is on the website, <https://maxmalloryfoundation.com>.

## Cancer Prevention

### Every Young Man Should Know About This Type Of Cancer Prevention

(NAPSI)—Young men and those who care about them should consider the story of Max Mallory. At 22 he graduated from college and started his dream job in the video game industry. He landed the job before graduation at the company where he had interned for almost a year. Set up in his own apartment, he started to live his life on his own and navigate the nuances of that first

professional job.

Life was fine until mid-October, when Max experienced what seemed like stomach troubles and minor back pain. After two visits to urgent care centers where doctors prescribed antibiotics, he came home to stay with his dad and visit a urologist. He never made it to that medical appointment. Doubled over with sudden pain the next afternoon, he called 911. Late that evening in the emergency room, he heard the



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**Governor Ron DeSantis Makes Five Judicial Appointments**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** –

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointments of Heather Beato to the Tenth Circuit Court, Brett Waronicki to the

Nineteenth Circuit Court, London Kite to the Duval County Court, and Andrew Bain and Elizabeth Gibson to the Orange County Court.

**Heather Beato**

Beato, of Sebring, has been an Assistant State Attorney for the Tenth Circuit since 2002. She received her bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary and her law degree from the Florida State University College of Law. Beato fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Bruce Smith.

**Brett Waronicki**

Waronicki, of Stuart, has been a Partner and Shareholder for Wiederhold, Kummerlen, and Waronicki, P.A. since 2011. He previously served as an Assistant Public Defender for the Nineteenth Circuit. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from West Virginia University College of Law. Waronicki fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Barbara Bronis.

**London Kite**

Kite, of Jacksonville, has been an Assistant State Attorney for the Fourth Circuit since 2003. She has served for ten years as an Adjunct Professor at the Florida Coastal School of Law. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and her law degree from the University of Florida College of Law. Kite fills the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Anthony Salem.

**Andrew Bain**

Bain, of Orlando, has been an Assistant State Attorney in the Ninth Circuit since 2013. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and his law degree from Florida A&M University College of Law. Bain fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Nancy Clark.

**Elizabeth Gibson**

Gibson, of Orlando, has been a General Counsel for Christian Care Ministry since 2019. She previously served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Fifth Circuit. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and her law degree from the University of Florida College of Law. Gibson fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Maureen Bell.

**First Lady encourages all Floridians, including health care workers and first responders, to take advantage of free mental health support**

Tallahassee, Fla. — Under the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis, mental health awareness has been a central part of the state's ongoing response to COVID-19. Florida's state agencies have coordinated with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and Florida Department of Health during the public health emergency to ensure Floridians have access to free mental health resources and necessary support.

First Lady Casey DeSantis said, "Mental health must always be an important point of emphasis in disaster response and recovery – especially for individuals already suffering from mental health issues, individuals affected by the disaster directly and health care workers and first responders. In Florida, I am proud of the steps being taken by several state agencies during the COVID-19 public health emergency to offer mental health services and support."

Lt. Governor Jeanette Nuñez said, "As our

state continues to wage its battle against this new illness, we must recognize the toll taken on those individuals who fight every day to keep our communities safe. With these important tools and strategies, we are arming these selfless professionals with the resources they need to take care of themselves and their loved ones as they continue their commitment to keeping Florida healthy."

State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees said, "We are committed to eliminating disparities in the availability and accessibility of mental health programs for all Floridians, including those engaged in essential activities. Our teams of public health professionals, health care providers and first responders will have access to these effective mental health resources to stay healthy as they work to keep our state healthy during this unprecedented time."

Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz said, "We know how important mental health is for our recovery as a state. That's why, at the direction of the First Lady, Florida has set an example nationally for mental health response. We will continue to work every day to make sure Floridians have the resources they need to recover, not just physically, but mentally and emotionally as well."

Department of Children and Families Secretary Chad Poppell said, "I commend the Governor and the First Lady for continuing to prioritize mental health throughout this public health emergency. As we begin to transition into a time of recovery and reflection, many Floridians will need counseling or other support – especially health care workers and first responders. With the proactive and thoughtful measures our state leaders have taken, there will be resources and services available to anyone in need, allowing our state to move forward with a clear mind and renewed outlook."

Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran said, "First Lady Casey DeSantis set out to reinvent school-based mental health awareness in Florida, with the goal of

available resources. The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the need for compassion, grace and solid planning, access and infrastructure that can withstand unexpected catastrophes that simultaneously disrupt lives and increase the need for these services. Florida is very fortunate to have First Lady Casey DeSantis' dedication and commitment to ensure every Floridian has the access and support they need as we recover together."

Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Mary Mayhew said, "Access to mental health services is more critical now than ever. At AHCA, our fundamental priority throughout the public health emergency has been to ensure those we serve remain connected to community supports and continue to have access to quality care during these trying times. Our agency has waived service limits and prior authorization requirements as well as expanded coverage of behavioral health services provided via telemedicine. We are here to serve Floridians as we continue working through the unprecedented circumstances of this pandemic."

Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Richard Prudom said, "Mental health is vitally important to the overall well-being and physical health of Florida's 5.5 million older adults, especially during times of crisis. The Florida Department of Elder Affairs has expanded current programs and launched several new initiatives, combined with proactive information sharing, to help reduce social isolation and loneliness among people as they remain safer at home."

Danny Burgess, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, said, "Despite the impacts of COVID-19, there remain many ways for veterans and their families to get connected with mental health services in our state. If you're uncomfortable in appearing in person due to the pandemic, you'll find many service providers provide telehealth counseling services in addition to their normal outreach."

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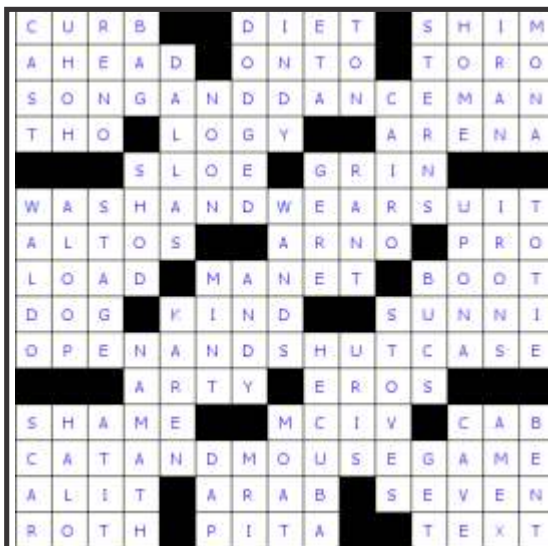
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