



Rob Moffitt explains how Anytime Fitness is a totally different experience! Anytime Fitness has three locations in Marion County. Rob is located at ANYTIME FITNESS 3290 SE 58th Ave Ocala Florida 352-624-7393



Stacy Cruz ARNP was speaker at Ocala Business Leaders one of last months Business Breakfast. During her talk she announced that she would become the soul owner of Magnolia Urgent Care LLC in 2021. She also discussed COVID-19 and

the operation of her Urgent Care. It will soon become a COVID test sites (out doors) . Many of the people at then breakfast got up and gave testimony of the great care they received.

Real Motives...

Dear Editor:

How can you tell the real motives of anarchists-socialists?

Income inequality or power?

Where inequality resides is so blatantly visible, but you never hear a word about the obscene collectors of money. In fact the socialists are best buds with the robber kings {barons is too gentle a term for these greed bags}. Google, Face book, Twitter, etc.and socialists are allies.

Fixing the inequality problem is a piece of cake. We do not need or want a power shift. We need representatives to regulate the robber kings of today. The United States is the best thing that ever happened to this planet. Everything looks good on paper, but can be corrupted by power luster's.They are out to destroy our Constitution.

Has anyone done a personality type study? We need one. What is wrong with people, who think killing millions without the blink of an eye, is O.K. They cannot possibly be sane. Why have they never been called to account? Stalin, Mao, PolPot, Castro, Hong Kong, Venezuela ,Marx, Lenin come to mind.

The world is hurtling toward

Communism, despite the gross examples available to witness. Why? Read: The Devil and Karl Marx by Paul Kengor. No human who has ever lived on the planet has had a messier life than Karl Marx. Reading about his life is extremely difficult. I suggest you have a container ready to receive anything you might throw up.

His motive for his ideas was looking for FREE STUFF. Marx never had a job in his life. He was an entitled beggar. Mooching was his full time occupation. When there was no free stuff, his family suffered, mightily. The one person he ever showed any care about, his son, died because of Marx's neglect. Two of his daughters committed suicide. He himself lived for 20 years with body puss snot and boils all over his body. Nice guy. Wouldn't you want him for your best bud?

The gargantuan detrimental effect he has unloosed on this planet is unfathomable. No one has been more destructive. Another wave is about to be unleashed, and you are abetting it with a vote for socialism. If you have never read any account of the way in which humans torture when they have

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Keep Your Hands Off My Healthcare

By TomL

Where do I start well I did hear one person say his daughter got healthcare when she could not afford what they offered before Obama Care, she had a preexisting condition. I guess you could call it the perfect storm. You force everyone to pay for the insurance including the people who don't want it that way the people who are not sick pay for the people who are sick.

Where it gets sticky is who pays for the elderly who have paid in all their lives and the politicians have spent the money giving it to other country that don't like us! I guess you could call it a "Like us fee". Another sticky place is when half the people refused to pay for the healthcare it got really expensive. So not to have it fail the government subsidized people who could not afford Obama Care. Guess where that

came from, yep the tax payers.

Gosh we came up with a shortage of nurses, the federal government subsidized that. I met a whole family that was being subsidized for going to nursing school. One of the four actually did some nursing but no RN's. Guess where that came from, yep the tax payers.

They tell me that if you show up at the hospital for emergency care you will not be denied, so why is it so urgent to have a government run healthcare? Is it so we the Taxpayer will pay for the people who entered this country illegally? Is it because they are trying to dilute the vote of the American people?

Keep your hands out of my pocket... There is nothing there! So I say keep your hands off my Healthcare!



Kevin Sheilley
OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



Welcome New Employers!

The Ocala Chamber & Economic Partnership is pleased to welcome two new primary employers the local business community: ZT Polygel and Big Daddy

Unlimited.

ZT Polygel

ZT Polygel LLC has signed a lease on a 55,000 sq. ft. facility in Ocala to allow the company to manufacture its industry leading algae-based organic polymers used in hand sanitizers and surface sprays which are the only polymers third party certified

and FDA lab proven to sequester and kill COVID-19.

The Ocala facility located at 500 NW 27th Ave, will eventually employ 90 people and will begin limited operations before the end of the year. This is ZT Polymer's second location in Florida and when fully operational will have the capacity to manufacture enough polymer to produce over 50 mm gallons per month of personal sanitizer products. ZT Polygel is used in its sister company's line of sanitizer products under the VARIGARD™ name.

When ZT Polygel is used in any hand sanitizer formula, the patented polymers create a three-layer barrier of protection that lasts for more than two hours. Pathogens are sequestered in the middle layer, which does

not allow the transfer of the germ to another individual or surface. ZT Polygel has been lab-proven at one of the country's top COVID-19 testing labs.

To learn more about the unique attributes of ZT Polygel and its sister company VARIGARD™, visit them at www.varigard.com

Big Daddy Unlimited

Big Daddy Unlimited, the number one online destination, brand, and seller of firearms, accessories and gear, is opening a 40,000 square foot distribution center, investing \$500,000 and will initially create 10-20 jobs.

Big Daddy Unlimited is partnering with another company, We Got Ammo, to assemble ammunition in a portion of the distribution center which will result in a significant additional investment and another dozen jobs. We Got Ammo is a third-party manufacturer.

As the company continues to revolutionize the online firearm industry,

they are excited to be entering the Ocala market with expanding their fulfillment. The Ocala Metro is an ideal location for BDU's new distribution center due to its geographical location and available workforce. In addition, the company is excited to open their first retail location in Ocala under their Big Daddy Guns brand which will have a wide selection of firearms, ammunition, gear and accessories. The storefront location can be found at 3558 SW College Rd., Ste. 400.

Big Daddy Unlimited is the number one online destination, brand, and seller of firearms, gear, and accessories with superior selection and high-touch customer service. They are the largest and fastest growing subscription-based online membership shopping platform with more than 20 years of industry knowledge.

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Medicare Food Assistance



Certain Medicare Plans Could Offer Members Food Assistance Benefits

(NewsUSA) – The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a long list of unprecedented challenges, including the way it has caused food insecurity to rise. Food insecurity is defined as the lack of access to enough nutritionally adequate foods to live an active and healthy life. Fortunately, there are some benefits that can help qualifying members of Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP) address this issue.

In fact, a benefit including a monthly food card allowance can assist people in purchasing food and beverages at a variety of well-known, national stores. During this Medicare Annual Election Period, which runs from October 15 through December 7, individuals who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid, also known as dual-eligible individuals, should consider enrolling in a D-SNP. If you are eligible for Medicare — meaning you're age 65 or older or are living with a disability — and meet the requirements to have Medicaid, be sure to look into a D-SNP as some plans may include:*

Convenience of a debit card: Qualifying members of D-SNPs with a food benefit may receive a food-card like a credit card. Once the card is activated, you can purchase qualifying items, such as milk, eggs, bread, juices, waters, yogurts, fruits, vegetables and more, utilizing the available balance on your card. However, it's important to keep in mind that certain items, such as pet food, may not qualify and would need to be purchased with another form of payment.*

Monthly allowances: Some D-SNPs have a monthly stipend, for example \$25 – \$75, that would be loaded to your card on the first day of each month. Members should aim to use their allotment before the end of each

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Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,
Happy New Year!
We hope that each of you enjoyed a blessed and safe holiday season with your loved ones. 2020 was quite the ride and many things have not turned out the way we

every little baby deserves a chance to live. We are continuing to work on legislation to expand our safe haven law and promote these safety devices so that every community in Florida has this option. Every life matters and we can make a difference!



would like, but God is still good and we know that he is in control.

The second week of January brings our first week of committee meetings in the Florida Senate and we are excited to be back in Tallahassee on your behalf to advocate for the principles that we hold dear. Faith, Family, Freedom, Opportunity, and Life. These principles are worth fighting for and we will not quit.

We are very excited that we have won a big fight on behalf of Life in Florida. Just a few weeks ago, Ocala, Florida become the first city in the state to receive a Safe Haven Baby Box. This "box" or "bassinette" as we call it is located on the outside wall of a building such as a fire station or hospital, with one outside facing door for someone to place the infant in, and an inside door for staff or personnel to accept surrendered children under Florida's Safe Haven Law. The device has a dual alarm system that activates once an infant is placed inside, and staff is required to periodically check the device and ensure that the alarm system is operable at all times. This will save lives and is one more tool to be used to help someone in distress who feels that they have no other option. The message that we can send with this is that we do care about every life, and

In December, President Simpson released committee assignments for each Senator and we are very pleased to announce that your Senator will once again be serving as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics and Elections. We will continue to work on Florida's elections system to ensure that it remains easy to vote and hard to cheat. We will not have a broken system like they do in states like Pennsylvania, Georgia or Nevada. With the help of our excellent Supervisor of Elections around the state, we will have a fair system that Florida's citizens can trust and be proud of. In addition, your Senator was asked to serve on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice, Community Affairs, Criminal Justice, Health Policy, Judiciary, Rules and will also Chair the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee.

We will have more next month on those committees and policies we will be tasked with addressing. It's an honor and privilege to serve you, do not hesitate to contact me if we can help you in anyway.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley

Food Assistance

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month, as the balance may not be able to be carried over.*

In-store purchases only: These food cards often can only be used for in-store purchases and may not be able to be used for online or curbside orders. It's important to take the proper precautions provided by the CDC when going out to stores, including wearing a mask or face covering, maintaining proper social distancing by staying 6 feet or more away from others, and washing your hands for at least 20 seconds after you remove the mask. It's important to note that a food card benefit is a Value Based Insurance Design (VBID) benefit that is only available on

certain Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP) in certain areas.

Additionally, not all members of a plan may be eligible for VBID benefits. Eligibility will be determined by your health plan provider, after enrollment, based on relevant criteria such as clinical diagnoses or participation in a disease-state management program. For Humana's Healthy Foods Card, all members of a D-SNP that includes the benefit would be eligible. If you qualify, Humana's D-SNP plan and Healthy Foods Card benefit may be available in your area. Please visit www.Medicare.gov; call 1-800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; or go to www.Humana.com/Medicare to learn more

about Humana plans. Licensed Humana sales agents are available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. local time, seven days a week at 1-800-213-5286 (TTY: 711). With these resources, you'll be able to confidently select a 2021 Medicare Advantage plan that suits your specific healthcare needs. Y0040_GHHKY6REN_M

health and your bank account will thank you.

2. Save, save, save. It's never too early to start financially planning for retirement care. Recent data from the Center for a Secure Retirement and Bankers Life shows that more than half (54%) of working adults say their retirement planning has taken a hit amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Protect yourself from further unforeseen impact by taking advantage of tools and resources that can help you better prepare for the high costs of long-term care.

3. Talk to your children and family members. Although it can be difficult, it's important to have conversations about how you want to be cared for as you age. You may want to stay in your home and receive care in-place, or you may expect loved ones to provide this care. It's helpful to include a financial planner in these conversations to provide an unbiased answer to your family's questions. Sharing preferences and developing a plan can help make the transition easier and give you and your loved ones peace of mind.

It's never too late—or too early—to seek help and to better understand your financial plan and current healthcare coverage to try to prepare for unforeseen situations in the future.

Learn More

For further facts and tips on planning for retirement, visit www.bankerslife.com.

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Long-Term Care



Why Long-Term Care Should Be A Retiree's Top Concern

(NAPSI)—For many Boomers, retirement may involve taking vacations, taking up a new hobby, and spending more time with family, friends and the grandchildren.

In anticipation of these activities, Boomers work diligently to build up their next egg. But as Boomers age, and as healthcare costs rise, one item they must account for is care in retirement. Unfortunately, too many are failing to prepare.

According to the Center for Secure Retirement and Bankers Life, 79% of middle-income Boomers have no money set aside specifically for their retirement care needs.

With this in mind, they should take the following steps to help protect their nest eggs:

1. Keep moving. Good physical health can lead to a more active life, improved mental and emotional health, and reduced medical expenses. By keeping yourself healthy and fit, you may be able to lower your premiums and potential future costs. Set time aside each day to stay active—your

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Brief things from the net...& a little humor

2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We had a good laughed.

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the best place to be is in GOD'S hands.

Poor Children of every color picked

cotton. Open a book and read about the cotton plantations. Children worked in the cotton fields all day barefooted and they were of all colors white, black, all minority's. Everyone worked to get the job done!

There is 5,615 projected coal powered plants in just 8 countries, USA currently has 15 - building 0 in future... Total 15. Who said we can save the world by closing our Coal Plants? How much did the Taxpayers pay to do the studies and come to this conclusions?

If you remember I printed the China threat, all about the college students and the infiltration into science projects and our political system. Why did I know about it over a year ago and some of our top people did not??? Or did they ignore it?

COVID-19 & the Healthcare Department...I think our local Healthcare

Department has done a great job informing the public on the daily challenges of our local COVID problems. I get a daily press release and I try to share it on our websites and in our newspapers.

The newspaper business has become very challenging. The government is shutting down businesses and that is where we get our revenue and distribute our papers along with our home delivery. The mail has become impossible to afford for small papers. Many of my friends with small papers have closed their print operation side and have gone straight website. Some of the large circulation papers can go down very fast if they don't have back up revenue. I know of two papers that were mailing 1,000,000 papers a week. I don't they are doing that many any more.

The newspapers that serve a Community can survive if the community supports them.

Support your local newspaper it is there for you and it is not easy to bring it to you.

Last but not least...I eat out frequently and have been cutting back of course, but I have noticed the deterioration of a few in quality. Please don't cheapen your product, hold your standards up, demand perfection from your chefs and waitresses, they are your front line. I have had shrimp screwers with the shrimp half the size that they were and cost more, I have been served dried up hamburgers and believe me I complain, I even had a waitress ask if my meal was tolerable. Please look every day at the quality of your product.

Read our restaurant reviews!

Texts: Good, Cliches: Bad



(NAPSI)—When it comes to succeeding in business, it's important to know what not to say and how not to say it. Fortunately, a recent survey can help you and your firm avoid these pitfalls.

What Not To Say

For example, people have a low tolerance for work jargon. When asked what work phrases they hate the most, respondents replied:

1. Per my last e-mail: 32%
2. We're all in this together: 32%
3. Blue sky thinking: 29%
4. Did you get that thing I sent you?: 28%
5. Let's touch base: 27%
6. Let's circle back: 23%
7. Can you get this to me EOD?: 23%
8. Let's table that: 21%
9. Let's get this offline: 12%

Essentially, the key to getting people to read and respond to a message is to keep it simple, keep it short and avoid clichés. The clearest communicators write the way they talk.

How Not To Say It

According to the research, respondents estimated they get 44 e-mails a day and 32 of them aren't worth paying attention to. That comes to over 16,000 e-mails a year with 11,680 of them deemed a waste of time.

The survey from SizzleDeck, a software application that makes it easy for businesses to build, share and track phone-friendly landing pages, found more than half of Americans polled have difficulty clearing their work e-mail inbox.

Sending a text, however, is still an effective way to get attention. On average people check their phones 18 times during a day and are more than three times more likely to prefer to read text messages than open e-mails. In fact, three-quarters admit checking their phones first thing in the morning and last thing at night.

Learn More

For further facts and tips, visit www.sizzledeck.com.

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Bringing our community together... Ocala Downtown • Seniors Voice of Ocala Locations to pick up papers

- Elks Club (OBL meeting)
- Library Silver Springs Blvd
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- Barbra Washington Adult Activity Center
- Tax Collectors building
- Health Department

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The Discovery Center proudly offers science classes for ages 2 and up on a weekly basis in two, 10-week sessions. Fall programming runs from September through November, and Spring Programming runs from January through April. During the months of June and July, we offer summer camp for ages 8 and up.

Discovery Center offers a variety of classes depending on your student's age, interest and when you would like to participate. In an effort to adapt to the changing circumstances of COVID-19, we have reduced some class sizes, opened additional sessions, and we are even offering online classes! Click the descriptions below for more information on Discovery Center science classes and registration. Go to

<https://www.mydiscoverycenter.org/classes/> for more information and to register.

Pop UP preschool Science ages 1+

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Discovery Center! This program features a fun book, experiment or craft designed for our youngest scientists. PopUP Science is offered as a \$3.00 add-on to general admission. There is no need to pre-register. General admission to Discovery Center is \$8.00 per person for adults and children over the age of two. General admission is always free for Discovery Center members.

Class Meets: Thursdays from 10:30am-11:am

Price: \$3.00 plus admission

Create Scientists - ages 2 to 4

Parents/guardians attend this fun hands-on class alongside their child. Enjoy experiments, crafts, games, animals, and more as we "create scientists"!

Spring Session: January 19, 2021 to April 2, 2021

Pricing: \$140.00 members/\$160.00 non-members (includes all 10 weeks)

Tuesdays 11:30am-12:15pm

<https://www.mydiscoverycenter.org/classes/>

Junior Robotics ages 7 to 9

Learn the basics of programming, robotics and simple machines in this fun, hands-on class. Students will build using Cublets and Legos. Space is limited. This class fills quickly!

Spring Session: January 19, 2021 to April 2, 2021

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Do you have a budding veterinarian or zoologist? This class is all about animals! Get up close and personal with some of our reptile residents at Discovery Center as you become a Jr. Zookeeper!

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March 17, 2021 - WILD Florida!
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power, you must read The Devil and Karl Marx. It is a crucial bit of knowledge you must have. It will color your perspective. Those like Marx have their excuse to carry on. What has gotten better because he was on this planet? Bernie Sanders is a Marx clone, waiting to carry on the misery. Sanders never had a job either.

When does the madness stop? It doesn't, as long as someone lusts for power. Do you actually believe these yappers want income equality? Are you that gullible? POWER, it is always power, along with the control that brings. They always know what is best for you. That is the sad part. Sheeple never learn.

Give them their crumbs and they can be placated. Stalin told you how easy it is.

Karl Marx the most useless, worthless, slob, I have ever encountered. Yet, the most influential as well. WHY??????

His followers are still busy pushing his ideas, even though there is no chance they will ever be implemented. His ideas just will not work, and no one is serious about trying to implement them. Cuba, China, Venezuela, N. Korea, Hong Kong are living lessons. His ideas are used solely as a path to power. Keep promising the same thing over and over, and the sheeple buy it over and over.

What will it take to get through to sheeple? They are still being sheared, to the detriment

of all.

Socialism is the Trojan Horse being used to smuggle in their long sought Communism, and Biden and Harris are their messengers of change. Are you prepared to become a global citizen, with all that entails?

Help! I need an answer to this question, if The Devil and Karl Marx doesn't cure you of your sheepleness nothing will.

D.I.L.

Dear Editor:

The info is piling up like a mountain. 500 words will not cut it. Will have to slice and dice for several 500 pieces. Reading the history of philosophy.

Today have chosen to focus on slavery and racism.

1. America is not racist! There may be a pocket tucked away somewhere in the deep, deep south. But that is not America. Larry Elder just said it, so I am going with that.

2. Logic: If inner city people comprise 12.5 % of the population, but comprise 90% of some sports, a goodly portion of entertainment, TV programs, and commercials, inner city mayors and councils, many millionaires, how can we be racist?

3. I see white racism much more pronounced ..Reparations is the new mantra. Get a slogan, shout it to the

rooftops, and think it is legit. Not so fast! Haven't we had free stuff for many many years? What was that? I thought it was reparations. We want double jeopardy? Are we clear on that topic Reparations: Paid in full.

4. Next slavery. The inner city residents were freed a number of years ago, but what has happened? And perhaps a bit of philosophy can help us. The inner city residents were intellectually kidnapped shortly after they were freed: by the democratic party, and subsequently by inner city mayors and councils, then power lusters like Rangel, Sharpton, and Jackson, who used then to gain power for themselves, The ACLU, and recently more power lusters like BLM, and Antifa.

5. The philosophers call it intellectual slavery, When someone steals your access to knowledge. Trading one form of slavery for another is not progress.

6. Leo Strauss a most recent philosopher puts it this way: Truths discovered by the philosophic elite are not fit for public consumption. Philosophy is dangerous and must conceal its chief findings. Philosophers must cultivate a mode of concealing the hard truth from the masses. Only philosophers can handle the truth. The elite must lie to the masses. The elite must manipulate them, arguably for their own good. The philosophers need to tell noble lies not only to the people at large, but to powerful politicians. These lies are necessary to keep the ignorant masses in line. Strauss was a cynical teacher who encouraged his followers to believe their intellectual superiority entitles them to rule

over the bulk of humanity by means of duplicity.

Thirty years ago I found black intellectuals I have followed since. They have helped me form my opinions. Stephen Douglas, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Thomas Sowell, Shelby Steele, Bob Woodson, Smoke breathing Leo Terrell, and my all time favorite Walter Williams, who recently passed away. A great personal lose. If you do nothing but look up Mr. Williams columns for the past 2 years, and you will be greatly enlightened. He had the touch to gently chide.

DDT

Dear Editor:

Who wins? There are two sides in this game of politics. Which side are you on?

There is an evil side and a good side. An immoral side and a moral side. A side that allows you to choose, and a side that makes the choice for you. Do as you are told, or suffer.

A side that rioting, looting, burning, and stealing are justified means to accomplish your goal. Anything goes to get your way. The other side, wants to be left alone, and



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Moderna COVID Vaccine



Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Distribution Plan for Allocation of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

On December 16, 2020, in News Releases, by Staff

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the State of Florida's initial distribution plan for Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine.

Florida is preparing to receive 367,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine next week, pending Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Doses of the Moderna vaccine will be distributed to 173 hospital locations that did not receive doses in the first allocation of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. These hospital locations span 43 counties. Find the full list at www.flgov.com.

The state is able to distribute this vaccine to a large number of hospitals as the Moderna vaccine does not require ultra-

cold storage.

Governor DeSantis has issued regular video updates on vaccine distribution in Florida, which can be found at www.youtube.com/c/GovernorRonDeSantis/videos

Floridians are also encouraged to opt-in to receive updates about the COVID-19 vaccine via text. Floridians can receive these text updates by texting FLCOVID19 to 888777.

Scrumptious Side Dish



Peanut Butter Sweet Potato Casserole with Peanut Streusel Topping (NAPSI)—Imagine this: consuming a few small bites a day can help you manage your weight and reduce your risk of diabetes,

gallstones, heart disease and cancer. It's not some new miracle drug, it's that long-time favorite of kids and adults alike—the peanut.

Large population studies show that small amounts of peanuts and peanut butter in your daily diet can help reduce the chances of developing a chronic disease. Peanuts are a superfood because just a small handful delivers 19 vitamins and minerals that contribute to your overall good health.

Here's more good news. Peanuts are both tasty and versatile and you can enjoy them in a variety of delicious dishes that are easy enough to make any day but special enough for the holidays, such as this one:

Prep time: 25
Cook time: 1 hour 30 mins
Total: 1 hour 55 minutes
Servings: 10

For the sweet potatoes:

- 3 pounds sweet potatoes
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- ¾ cup low fat milk
- ¼ cup creamy peanut butter
- ¼ cup peanut flour or powder

For the topping:

- 2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- ½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- ½ cup finely chopped roasted, salted peanuts

Preheat the oven to 425°F and wash the sweet potatoes. Lightly prick the skin of each potato with a fork and place it on a baking sheet. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until the sweet potatoes are tender and cooked through. Allow to cool then peel.

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The HSMC is here for you and the animals who depend on us. We wanted to share that we will continue to be here to help unwanted pets during this pandemic while following all Marion County and Florida state guidelines.

As this situation is constantly changing, we ask that you continue to visit our Shelter using the safety guidelines in place.

How can you help?

Pet Food Bank: Help stock our Pet Food Bank with pet food and supplies for people who cannot afford them due to job loss or other reasons. You can also bring donations to our Shelter daily from 10-6. Masks required please! If you need help keeping your pet with you during this time, our Happy Paws food program is here for you.

Volunteer: A small number of volunteers have returned to help in various departments. We are accepting volunteer applications but do not yet know when we will schedule orientations for new volunteers. Please contact us for more information about volunteering. We are currently working on a digital orientation.

Opt to adopt: According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, there is no evidence that companion animals such as cats and dogs can spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

Donate: We know there is a lot of uncertainty right now but homeless and unwanted animals still need us. Donate to help the Humane Society of Marion County so we continue our lifesaving work and make them feel safe and loved.

Bilbie
Bilbie is a 14 weeks old male brought to the HSMC with her brother Wombat! We believe they could be Xolintzuinli, or Xolo, which is Mexican hairless dog breed.

Fuchsia
Fuchsia is a 15 week old paralyzed kitten full of love.

Ninja
Ninja is paralyzed in his hind legs but enjoys runs with his wheels.

Your donations make it possible to provide medical care, food and shelter to animals in need. On behalf of all the animals, thank you for caring.

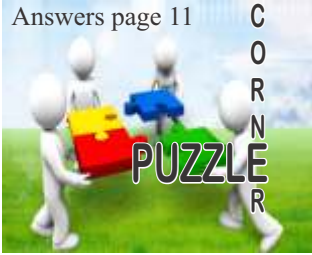
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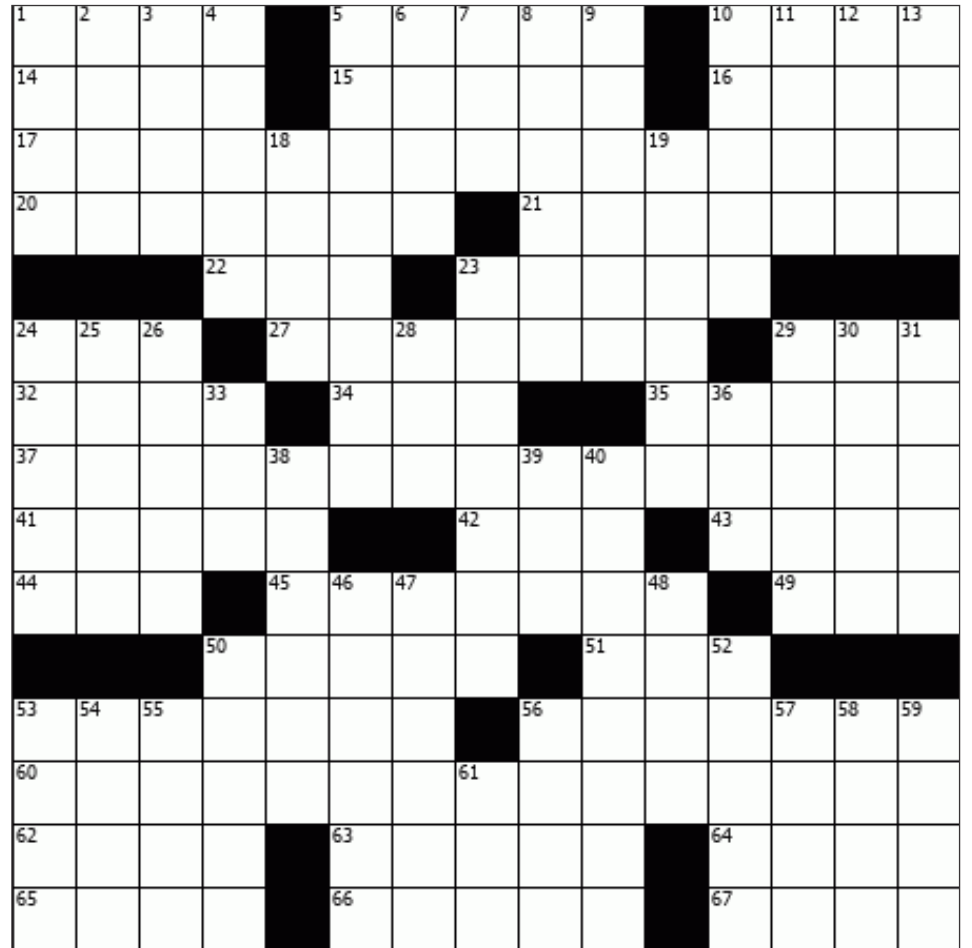
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- 5. News briefs
- 10. Factory fallout
- 14. Football Hall-of-Famer Page
- 15. Make more lean
- 16. Volcano top
- 17. Bisected Rodgers and Hart hit?
- 20. California mountains
- 21. Grunted
- 22. Mikhail of chess
- 23. Condemn openly
- 24. Jazz form
- 27. Employs wrongly
- 29. Actress Lupino
- 32. Small particle
- 34. Pouch
- 35. Artist's stand
- 37. Bisected Beatles hit?
- 41. Edsel, to many
- 42. Tarzan portrayer
- 43. Verve
- 44. Alums to be

- 45. Disheveled
- 49. Unit of energy
- 50. Dawns
- 51. ____, Daman and Diu
- 53. Check marks?
- 56. Tied up
- 60. Bisected 17th century conflict?
- 62. Landed
- 63. Strides
- 64. Merit
- 65. Goes to seed
- 66. "____ of God" (1985)
- 67. WWII battle site

Down

- 1. Buffoons
- 2. 1052, to Cato
- 3. Church section
- 4. Not active
- 5. Utopian's vision
- 6. Counting method
- 7. Newt wannabe
- 8. Propaganda target
- 9. Posture
- 10. Menacing
- 11. Blanc, e.g.
- 12. "Going ____, going ..."
- 13. Commanded right
- 18. Overstuff
- 19. Hardy novel setting
- 23. Wife of a duke

- 24. Cries lustily
- 25. Besides what's here
- 26. Frost output
- 28. Did nothing
- 29. Basketry material
- 30. Kind of flask
- 31. On the way
- 33. Dialer's 6
- 36. Parliamentary position
- 38. Cantillate
- 39. Type of wind
- 40. Darnel
- 46. Nicaraguan revolutionary
- 47. Get out the knots
- 48. Hardly upbeat
- 50. Mongrels
- 52. They may carry burdens
- 53. At a distance
- 54. "Venus de ____"
- 55. Think nothing ____
- 56. A head of France
- 57. Flatten a fly
- 58. British nobleman
- 59. 007 nemesis
- 61. Yang's partner



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For 100 years communists have been infiltrating American organizations, principally churches, the Catholic was at the top of the list. God, religion, and morality are on their no no list. Antifa and BLM are their front guard weapons today. Rioting, looting, burning are their methods of intimidation. Their fear tools.

Where do you stand on this spectrum?
The role models on the good side are God

and morality. On the evil side Herbert Marcuse and Karl Marx are champions of immorality and the Devil.

You have witnessed the tactics of the aggressive side, did they appeal to you? Are you ready to embrace communism, or does morality appeal to you? The book by Paul Kengor titled The Devil And Karl Marx, might help you decide.

Can we have a survey?

We have our answer. Americans have chosen, immorality, the Devil, corruption, and slavery. When sheeple lack knowledge,

this is the result. When you prefer a corrupt president over a president who talks funny, but has given you the moon, what do you call that? Wisdom?

Not only have you lost your freedom, every buck you have will be confiscated, and given to illegal aliens, who won't earn an honest buck. Who expect a free ride, for health, housing, education. I have worked so hard, and sacrificed so hard for 90plus years, only to have it confiscated like this. Excuse me if I am a little miffed. No, make that a lot.

Concerned Citizen

To editor
"The danger to America is not Joseph

Biden, but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the Presidency. It will be far easier to limit and undo the follies of a Biden presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president. The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Biden, who is a mere symptom of what ails America. Blaming the prince of fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince. The Republic can survive a Biden, who is, after all, merely a fool. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools, such as those who made him their president."

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After walking through the little shops, my wife and I stopped for lunch. We ordered drinks and their specialty, Chicken Salad Sandwich served with a bag of chips. We sat outside on the porch, where they had an acoustic guitar musician as live entertainment.

It's a good place to rest after hours of standing and shopping. If you use the facilities, there's a voluntary septic fee request. There's only two food establishments in town.

M. Frank Turner

Grammy's Diner

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Found the restaurant driving home from Gainesville. Located just outside of Ocala, this Diner understands the fundamentals of clean restaurant, great service, good food, reasonable price and friendly servers. If you like Darrell's, you'll LOVE Grammy's!

Our party of four everything from pancakes, corned beef hash, biscuits and gravy and Grammy's Special. All our orders were cooked as we ordered and tasty.

They have a complete menu, serving

lunch, dinner and breakfast all day. Highly recommend this locally owned and operated restaurant!

M. Frank Turner

Southern Palate

Dunnellon

This unlike any restaurant I have ever been in. Tuck away almost out of site is a little Restaurant called Southern Palate. I think there is four tables mostly take outfits. I had heard about it from a couple of people and had to drop in for lunch. At the lunch counter behind a glass was a lady stand waiting to take your order. There were four kinds of meats. Oxtail, Meat Loaf, chicken and pork Chops. I ask what is Oxtail? the lady promptly gave me a sample, it was very tasty and very tender it was like Beef Rib meat with a small amount of fat. I'm going back for that one day, The meat loaf is what I had my eye on...It was delish served with side that were very good. The Restaurant is right down town Dunnellon Fl. across the street from the police department. Not open on Mondays and Tuesdays. Are open for breakfast and lunch only. try it you will like it.

The Yearling Restaurant & Cabins

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Plan a day or overnight trip to Micanopy, FL visiting the small antique shops and one of several nearby film locations of "The

Yearling" and "Doc Hollywood" movies.

The restaurant was named after Author Margret Kinnar Rawling's book and movie "The Yearling". The cabins located onsite, beside the restaurant and boarders "Cross Creek" also the title to one of Rawling's many books she wrote at her home, just minutes from the restaurant.

The first step out of your car, the aromatic wood burning grill fills the air. Once you enter the rustic restaurant, bar and museum, you're greeted with the friendliest staff, knowledgeable of the rich history of the area. Another surprise is the variety of local native taxidermed animals, including a 15 foot alligator.

Celebrating our friend Joe's 87th Birthday. We ordered beverages, Fried Green Tomatoes, Fried Pickles and Conch Fritters appetizers.

The entrees ordered at our table was Chicken Breast, Grilled Grouper, Grilled Shrimp, Catfish Fillets, Shrimp and Grits. The waitress recommend the Pork Loin, grilled on an open flame as most of the entrees. The marination, seasoned rubbed loin was served hot, juicy, tender with a light smoked aroma. The pork loin is the best I've had anywhere!

We had choice of baked potatoes, okra & tomatoes, collard greens, side salad and cheese grits sides. The dinner was topped with a slice of sour orange pie, similar to Key Lime but a sour orange flavor.

Highly recommend the scenic drive, fabulous dinner experience, friendly service and history, The Yearling offers.

M. Frank Turner

Scrumptious

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Preheat the oven to 350°F and lightly spray a 2-quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Place the peeled sweet potatoes in a large bowl and mash well. Add the sugar, vanilla, eggs, milk, peanut butter, and peanut flour/powder and mix until smooth. Spread evenly into the prepared baking dish.

To make the streusel, combine the melted peanut butter, brown sugar, and all-purpose flour in a small bowl. Press the mixture together using the back of a spoon. Keep pressing and mixing until the mixture is combined and crumbly. Add the peanuts and mix well. Sprinkle the topping over the sweet potato filling and bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until the center is mostly set. Serve hot.

Per Serving: 363 calories, 10.7 g fat, 2.1 g saturated fat, 38 mg cholesterol, 141 mg sodium, 60 g carbohydrate, 7.7 g fiber, 18.1 g sugar, 10.6 g protein, 65% vitamin D, 5% calcium, 12% iron, 27% potassium.

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CONSUMER ALERT: Avoid COVID-19 Vaccine and Distribution Scams

This month, I issued a Consumer Alert warning Floridians about COVID-19 vaccine product and distribution scams. With news that thousands of doses of coronavirus vaccines will be heading to Florida soon and consumers anxious to achieve immunity, scammers may exploit the situation to rip-off Floridians.

Once doses arrive, the swift and orderly distribution of the vaccine will be key to getting our state and country back on track.

With that said, I am asking all Floridians to be on the lookout for vaccine-related scams and report fraud. Scammers may try to exploit the sense of urgency surrounding the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to swindle those trying to protect their health.

The following tips can help Floridians avoid COVID-19 vaccine-related scams:

Seek vaccine-related information from trusted health care professionals and government officials;

Do not respond to solicitations about vaccines;

Never send money or financial information to anyone offering a COVID-19 vaccine or claiming the ability to expedite the process; and

Report suspicious solicitations or COVID-19 vaccine-related advertisements to my office by calling 1(866)9NO-SCAM or visiting MyFloridaLegal.com.

To view the latest alerts and to stay up-to-date on COVID-19 related scams, visit our Consumer Alert webpage by clicking <http://www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases>

By keeping a watchful eye out for scammers and following the advice of trusted health care professionals, we will get through this pandemic and build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

Attorney General Moody Secures Millions from Pharmaceutical Companies Shortchanging Florida Medicaid Program

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is taking action to claw back money owed to Florida's Medicaid Program. Following a multistate investigation into Royal Pharmaceuticals LLC and Seton Pharmaceuticals LLC, Attorney General Moody and a bipartisan group of attorneys general from across the country secured more than \$10 million for the states' Medicaid programs. The nationwide investigation found that the two jointly-held pharmaceutical companies underpaid Medicaid drug rebates to all 50 states from 2013 to 2017.

Florida's Medicaid program will receive more than \$4 million through efforts by

Attorney General Moody and other state attorneys general.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "For years these pharmaceutical companies shortchanged Florida's Medicaid program—hurting the integrity of the taxpayer benefit and shortchanging Floridians. I am proud of the work of my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the team of attorneys general who worked together to stop it and secure millions for our states' Medicaid programs."

In July 2018, Royal and Seton self-reported an error in the companies' Medicaid Drug Rebate Program data to the North Carolina Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. As part of the MDRP, drug manufacturers are required to pay rebates to state Medicaid programs for each of the company's drugs that are covered by Medicaid. From September 2013 to January 2017, Royal and Seton inadvertently, yet inaccurately, reported the market date data element that is part of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' calculation of each drug's rebate amount.

The drugs at issue were two low-potency topical steroid products: Derma-Smoother, made by Royal, and its generic equivalent, fluocinolone, made by Seton. This error caused CMS's rebate calculation to result in a lower calculated rebate amount, and consequently, Royal and Seton's rebate underpayments to several state Medicaid programs.

A team of states working under the auspices of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units worked the case. In addition to Florida, the team consisted of representatives from the Offices of the Attorneys General for the states of California, North Carolina, Texas and the Illinois State Police, Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau.

Attorney General Moody Secures 20-Year Prison Sentence for Child Sex Predator

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution today secured a 20-year prison sentence for a child sexual predator. Ryan Harding pleaded guilty to attempted sexual battery on a child under the age of 12 and several counts of possession of child pornography, among other charges stemming from his Aug. 28, 2018 arrest. Harding's lengthy prison sentence will be followed by five years of sex offender probation. Harding will also have to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "The abuse and exploitation of a child is an act of pure evil. It is incredibly disturbing and heartbreaking to learn of victims going through years of this form of physical and psychological torture. I am proud of my Statewide Prosecutors for securing a lengthy prison sentence in this case. I hope this will bring some peace of mind to the victim as the

healing process continues."

According to a June 2017 report filed with the St. John's County Sheriff's Office, between 2013 and 2017, Harding sexually molested a child who was between the ages of 11 and 14 during the time period of abuse. The sexual battery reportedly occurred in multiple counties, namely Citrus, Lake, Marion and Miami-Dade. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigated the case due to the multiple jurisdictions.

Harding pleaded guilty to one count of attempted sexual battery on a child under 12 years of age, 13 counts of possession of child pornography, one count of promoting a sexual performance by a child, one count of transmission of materials harmful to minors and one count of use of a two-way communications device to facilitate the commission of a felony. Julie Sercus with the Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution prosecuted the case.

Attorney General Moody Participates in National Crackdown on Deceptive Income Schemes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office today announced *Operation Income Illusion*, a nationwide crackdown on scams that target consumers with false promises of income and financial independence. The impact of these scams has intensified this year as scammers take advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic and financial crisis to exploit jobseekers. Attorney General Moody is joined by the Federal Trade Commission and other federal, state and local law enforcement partners in *Operation Income Illusion*.

Highlighted in the nationwide crackdown is Attorney General Moody's action against FirstUSA Business Development Inc.—filed last month in Pinellas County. The complaint filed against FirstUSA alleges that the company induced consumers through telemarketing calls to purchase business coaching products and services, supposedly designed to help consumers start or improve a home-based internet business, but resulted in some consumers losing thousands of dollars without earning the profits promised or, in some instances, not even receiving the products or services. The defendants marketed these services to consumers in Florida and across the country.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Income scams prey on people who find themselves in financially vulnerable situations, such as a sudden loss of employment or imminent retirement with inadequate funding. With high unemployment and the ongoing financial impact brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, more and more people are looking for innovative ways to make ends meet, making them more susceptible to income scams. Sadly, these scams produce the opposite results for income seekers—instead of gaining a paycheck, they lose money. I am proud to work with our federal and state partners to actively identify, investigate and stop these schemes in Florida and nationwide."

Operation Income Illusion encompasses more than 50 law enforcement actions against the operators of work-from-home and employment scams, pyramid schemes, investment scams, bogus coaching courses and other schemes that can result in consumers losing thousands of dollars. According to a new analysis of FTC complaint data, income scams have a massive effect on consumers. Consumer complaints filed with the FTC show that consumers lost more than \$610 million to these scams since 2016, with reported losses of more than \$150 million in the first nine months of 2020.

The Attorney General's action against FirstUSA Business Development alleges that the corporation and owner, Todd Myers, violated the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act by inducing consumers to pay thousands of dollars for services and products with false promises that they would increase the profitability and success of consumers' home-based businesses. Consumers reportedly lost hundreds of thousands of dollars as a result of the defendants' practices.

Attorney General Moody is seeking a permanent injunction banning the defendants from making false or misleading statements to consumers to solicit purchases or to retain business, along with refunds for victimized consumers.

To view the complaint, go to <http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/>

Steps consumers can take now to guard against income and job scams include:

- Take your time. Avoid high-pressure sales pitches that require you to get involved now or risk losing out;
- Be skeptical about success stories and testimonials. Glowing stories could be fake and online reviews may have come from made-up profiles;
- Do not bank on a "cleared" check. If you're told to send some money or buy gift cards, it's probably fraud even if you see the money in your account;
- Be cautious of any employer offering employment without an interview;
- Do not provide your Social Security number, credit card number, or any other sensitive information to an employer unless you are confident that the employer is legitimate;
- Avoid vague offers. If the employer is not willing to specifically describe the position they are offering, you should exercise caution; and
- Research the company to ensure it is legitimate.

To learn more about income scams, go to <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/when-business-offer-or-coaching-program-scam>

Stay up to date on how you can protect yourself and your family from common and emerging scams. Visit Attorney General Moody's Scams at a Glance page.

Anyone encountering an income scam should immediately report it to the Florida Attorney General's Office by filing a complaint online at

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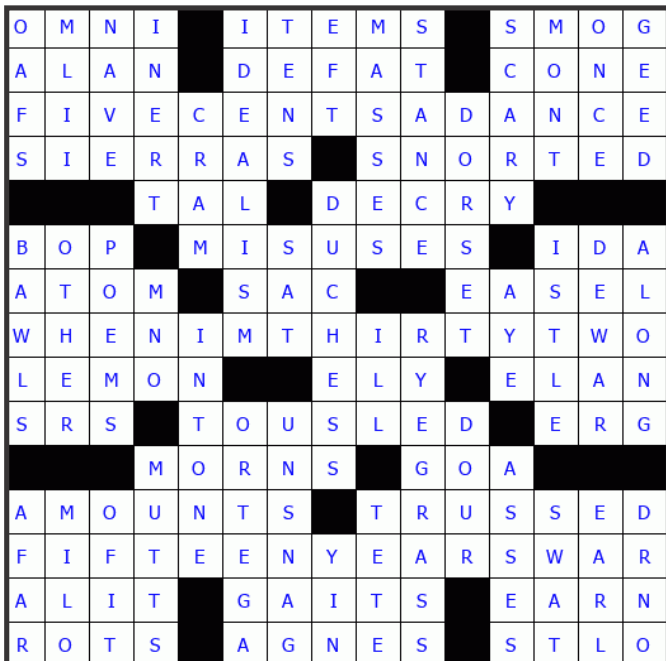
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