



**Ocala City Mayoral race is on!**

Pictured are the two candidates. Mayor Quinn on left and Manual Fakhoury right. They both spoke at the Ocala Business Leaders Family breakfast meeting August 11th. They both stood on their past records.

Incumbent Mayor Kent Quinn spoke standing on his record. He as he called it, when speaking he wings it! But as he was winging it a lot of good information came out. One of the big things is voting against a Pavilion for the Homeless. Quinn said the Homeless are in two category. Those who want to be homeless. A lot of crime comes from this group. Also their is a group that don't want to be there. They want to get a job and work their way out of the homeless situation. Quinn also share some long range

plans. He reported that he and Chief Balken had discuss the policing needs of the city and they propose it to City Council, it is up to them to vote for the finance needs. Quinn is also on the State Board of Directors for the past 19 years of the CHS which is the Children's Home Society, it's over a hundred years old and is the largest private not for profit child welfare agency in the state of Florida.

Challenger Manual Fakhoury wants to be Mayor. She says she is deeply invested in Ocala. She also very good at fund raising for American Heart Association as chair for Walk Across America. Candidate Manual said "In order to keep the city of Ocala safe, we must make sure we are giving officers a raise and invest in our community.



Fakhoury, belongs to the Rotary Club and Toastmasters International and serves on the YMCA executive board.

"Some of my uniqueness has to do with my ability to connect with people. Fakhoury, who holds Doctor of Pharmacy and MBA degrees, was the clinical coordinator at Ocala Health for 28 years.

She and her husband, Dr. Riadh Fakhoury, owner of Fakhoury Medical and Chiropractic, moved to Ocala 34 years ago and raised five children here. "I bring a new perspective. Fakhoury believe in transferring people from one department to an other when needed is a great idea. Photos taken by Tammy Portrait Artist Inc.

**In My Opinion This Is Wrong...**

Information from the net and sharing by TomL

The Biden Administration is sanctioning a safe house's for ILLEGAL's in the USA, probably many! ILLEGAL SAFE HOUSE is in the former Homewood Suites in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The Hotel is on lock down and is guarded by LES Officers, LES is Law Enforcement Services hired for the job along with some ICE agent's. It has a cloak of mystery over and around it. No one is permitted to answer question but several good reporters got a few answers. It is interesting that they would pick a entire hotel and hire a food service to come in to feed them. Guess whom is paying for it. Some say it is a strategy to increase the population in curtain states and curtain voting districts to increase the amount of representative that are aloud. Shifting people and moving boundary's on voting blocks have been going on for years. In fact it has been done here locally.

The way this was found out was by a tip that was given to a reporter, the right reporter who followed up and printed the truth. I thought it worth sharing because of the seriousness of the matter. THE VOTING BLOCKS!

The former Hotel is part of a SanAntonio nonprofit tied to President Biden administration. It's called Family Endeavor, they received millions of dollars for a no bid contract and received a second contract totaling the cost over \$600 million.

I wonder if they just took over the hotel? I am sure they are paying a lot of money for the nightly stays. The other question is who is paying? Either way it's us are the Taxpayer. They are using our Tax payer money. WE ARE PAYING THE BILL! I am mad as hell!

We have people killing each other over gang territory, meanwhile we are cutting the only agency that can keep the peice! We are letting lord knows who across our border without finding out who they are and or if they have a medical problem. All the enoculations to keep our school kids safe will suffer. These children and grownups that we are letting come across the border most don't have any inoculations. So we can have people suffering deceases from the past.

I have an idea we should tax or cut federal money to those countries that these people are fleeing from!!! What say you?

**CEP's Dean Blinkhorn Receives Statewide Award**

**Ocala, Florida (August 3rd, 2021)** –The Florida Association for Career and Technical Education awarded Dean Blinkhorn, Vice President of Operations and former Director of Talent Development at the Ocala Metro Chamber of Economic Partnership, the Walter Clausen Award. Blinkhorn accepted the award at the Association for Career and Technical Education Conference in Orlando on Tuesday morning.

"Dean's work has been integral in connecting our local business and industry with CTE students," states Kathy Otte, Career and Technical Education Program Specialist at Marion County Public Schools. "He started several initiatives to benefit our students, such as NEXTworking and Hire a Graduate that have helped our students determine a career path. His support has enabled a multitude of opportunities for our CTE students."

"I humbly accept this award as a recognition of the extraordinary work the Ocala Metro CEP has been able to achieve in CTE education through the continued efforts of many hard-working classroom teachers, district CTE staff, and industry partners in the community," Blinkhorn says.



"I'm looking forward to being part of the local CTE conversation for many more years to come."

The award is to "recognize a person in business or industry for the highest meritorious contribution to the

Kevin Sheilley

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While summer is often a slower time for many businesses with people taking vacations and kids out of school, that is not the case at the CEP. If anything, this year the already crazy speed has gotten even faster. I would like to update you on a few recent awards and recognitions.

## US News & World Reports Best Places List

The venerable US News & World Reports Annual "Best Places to Live" list was just released, and the Ocala Metro again placed very well. The list ranks the 150 largest metros in the nation on a series of data points and then provides ranking in several categories. For 2022, the Ocala Metro ranked:

- #4 Safest Metro
- #6 Fastest Growing Metro
- #6 Best Place to Retire
- #16 Best Small Metro
- #58 Overall

These great rankings reinforce what so many of us already know – the Ocala Metro is an exceptional place to live, work, and play.

## National Association of Workforce Boards Award

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion and the

CEP have been recognized by the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) for significant partnership to advance the region's workforce and economic development.

The 2021 Laurie Moran Partnership Award, given jointly to a workforce development board and chamber of commerce, will be presented next month at NAWB's annual Forum in Washington, D.C. It is one of NAWB's three most prestigious awards, along with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Trailblazer and W.O. Lawton awards.

The CEP has collaborated with CareerSource CLM on numerous initiatives to establish a talented and trained workforce, including its annual involvement with the Marion County Youth Career Expos.

## CEP Team Members Recognized

I strongly believe that the CEP team is the best in the country. Recently, two of our members have received significant recognition which I think are worth sharing.

Dean Blinkhorn, Vice President of Operations, received the Walter Clausen Award from the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education recognizing his "contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education" in Florida. This award recognized Dean's

outstanding work leading the CEP's NextWorks initiative focused on school-business engagement.

The CEP's Director of the IMPACT Initiative, Cherrietta Prince, was selected as one of 21 chamber leaders from across the country to participate in the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives' Inclusive Economic Growth Fellowship. The Fellowship is designed "to help chambers refine their inclusive economic recovery goals" and assist chambers "build replicable programs and processes."

Congratulations to Dean and Cherrietta for these much-deserved recognitions.

## Date Night



Discover a new way to do Date Night! Date Night at Discovery Center is a fun unique experience for adults. Guests enjoy light appetizers, drinks, kid free playtime in our current exhibit, planetarium show, and hands on activities like animal encounters and science experiments. Spaces are currently limited due to COVID-19. Face coverings and social distancing are encouraged for indoors.

September 10th, 2021 Ready, Set, Go! Explore how people and goods move across

the world and beyond. Be a kid for the night at this socially distanced date night event! Adults enjoy light refreshments starting at 6:30pm. Explore our exhibit hall, participate in guided hands on science experiments, and more. Tickets are \$30.00 per couple. Masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged. This event is sponsored by Ocala Electric Utility.

**DOORS OPEN 6:30PM**

**7:00PM** Hands on science!

**8:00PM** Telescope star gazing (weather permitting) and or StarLab Planetarium Show

Tickets may be purchased [www.eventbrite.com/e/discovery-date-night-tickets-156168713827](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/discovery-date-night-tickets-156168713827)

## Blinghorn

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improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education in the state of Florida." The award symbolizes the qualities and leadership of Walter Clausen, a business leader whose outstanding service on the State Advisory Council for Career and Technical Education promoted quality career and technical education in Florida.

"Dean is so incredibly deserving of this recognition," said CEP President & CEO Kevin T. Sheilley. "His tireless efforts to engage businesses with our education partners to ensure that every student has the chance to find their best opportunity is benefiting students, families, and businesses across this community."

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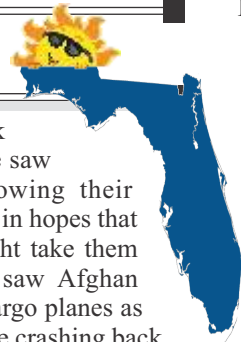
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**DENNIS K. BAXLEY**



Dear Friends,  
Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this country undertaker's column and for shouldering the responsibility of being an informed citizen that cares about what happens in this state and country.

Many different feelings strike me as we look around at what is happening in the world today, but the strongest feeling that keeps rising to the top...is gratefulness. Grateful that we still live in a country where we have an incredible amount of freedom. A few weeks ago, the world watched the situation unfold in Afghanistan (thanks to

Joe Biden's complete lack of competency) where we saw images of mothers throwing their children over barbed wire in hopes that some friendly troops might take them out of the country. We saw Afghan youths clinging to U.S. cargo planes as they took off, only to come crashing back to the earth when they found they could hold on no longer. Such disturbing images remind us that freedom is that dear and most days we have no idea how fortunate and blessed we are to live in America. Let us keep the people of Afghanistan in our prayers that they may one day enjoy the freedoms that we do in this country and let our spirit of gratefulness glorify our heavenly father.

Our battle with COVID continues in

Florida and the recent surge is very concerning. At this point, there isn't anyone that hasn't been touched in some way by this illness and we grieve with those that have lost loved ones. We are extremely optimistic that a big part of this fight can be won through the use of the monoclonal antibody treatment and we encourage anyone who has tested positive to consider this option. In August, our Governor approved twenty different pop-up sites around the state that will administer this treatment, free of charge to Florida residents. As of this writing, there are at least six that are already open in Duval, Orange, Brevard, Broward, Pinellas, and Palm Beach counties. For more information, visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/treatment/>. This is a lifesaving treatment but you have to act early and before your symptoms become too severe.

For months now, we have focused on prevention and that is fine, but those issues

have become very political. Some of them, for good reason. Mask mandates and vaccine passports have no business in a free society and our Governor has done a great job in balancing the issue of public safety and individual freedoms. There shouldn't be anything political about offering a treatment, yet Florida democrats are attacking Governor DeSantis for making this treatment available. Not because they don't think it works, but because they think the Governor should be mandating vaccines. Let people make their own medical decisions and let the Governor do his job. It's that simple.

We return to Tallahassee this month for our first week of committee meetings and in my next column, we should have a good report on what we see on the horizon for the 2022 Legislative Session. Thank you for letting me serve you in the Florida Senate.

Onward & Upward,

**Cultural Arts**

Ocala's cultural community is robust. It is comprised of organizations big and small, independent artists, arts education providers, and regionally known facilities and festivals, all of which provide the city and county with programs that range from the performing and visual arts to culinary arts and historic preservation. The City of Ocala is a strong proponent of arts and culture in the community. This includes partnerships with local art organizations and the development of visual, performing arts and educational science programming.

The City of Ocala Cultural Arts & Sciences Division presents many events and programs including public art, [First Friday Art Walk](#), the biennial [Ocala Outdoor Sculpture Competition](#), [Art in City Spaces](#) exhibitions, [Tusawilla Art Park Series](#), the [Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series](#), and partnerships with community events around the city. The [Discovery Center](#) features quarterly science exhibits, permanent animal exhibits, educational classes, exhibit dates nights and summer camp.

In addition to these programs we utilize our public spaces, both interior and exterior, to provide exhibit and performance space to local, regional and national artists and cultural arts organizations.

**Creative Placemaking Through Performing Arts**

The Cultural Arts Division, as part of the Ocala Recreation and Parks Department, manages the City's cultural arts programs and provides leadership for the economic development of our creative economy. Through creative placemaking, the city cultivates performing arts programs and events which support the community's unique cultural identity and vitality while activating community public spaces.

**Performing Arts Events and Programs**

The Cultural arts division creates the following programs and events throughout the year.



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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



A GREAT GOVERNOR!

I Like Gov DeSantis!

Here we go. A long comes Monoclonal Antibody

This Governor has not stop surprising me. He wants to come up with solutions and give credit where credit was due. He noted that Trump bought all that the Monoclonal Antibody that the manufacturer had before he left office. It will be free to the public. That shows you how far ahead Trump is compared to Biden. He knew it would be important in the process of curing people with low Immune systems. The doctors treated Trump with Monoclonal Antibody's when he contracted COVID-19. The hospitals in Marion County are using it. Hope it comes to be available to the public in Marion County Soon.

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Shortage of GOOD, QUALIFIED HELP.

I recently went to one of our well known auto part stores. Ask for a replacement battery that fit my year and make of vehicle, the person waiting on me had to ask the his supervisor working in the store how to find it and he put it in. I noticed him struggling to get the right size wrench and how to take the battery out. Finally the battery was in but not bolted down. Not a big problem, it was starting to rain, I said just give the bracket that holds it in and I'll put it on later. The next day I lifted the hood and the battery that was in there was about 2 inches shorter and it had side and top post which can be handy. So this guy did not put in the same replacement battery that it called for because it was his first day on the job he was from a foreign country and had no skills. He had a job and I give him the D+ for effort but he was "UNQUALIFIED!" Consumer Beware.

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I'm Mad as Hell!

We need to tell the taliban that we are staying until every person we want out is brought to us at the airport. Every week past

the deadline we will increase our presents by 10,000 top notch troops. If necessary we will fight them ourselves and all the puffed up ego's will be gone!

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United States affairs and world affairs are a terrible mess. The only thing I can think of is if Biden's son being investigated has compromised Biden and his office. Someone is telling him what to do! Who ever it is don't like Trump. Maybe Chucky, Nancy, Clinton,China, Russia, etc? You know the people have had their hand in our pockets!

What do you think? tloury@att.net

Southeastern Livestock Pavilion

Testing Schedule Change

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion will not host drive-through testing on Monday, Sept. 20, 2021. Drive-through testing will be available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates:

- Sept. 1
• Sept. 6
• Sept. 8
• Sept. 13
• Sept. 15
• Sept. 22
• Sept. 27
• Sept. 29

We would appreciate it if you would make any needed corrections, and we apologize for the inconvenience.

Craig Ackerman
Operations Director
Florida Department of Health in Marion County

Stay Active; Become Healthier



Tips To Help You Stay Active And Become A Healthier You

(NAPSI)—Following a challenging year, it may be difficult to get back into a healthy routine. Summer is a great time to think

about what you can do to improve your health. Wherever you are on your journey to active and healthy living, there are things you can do to help you get or stay on track.

Try these tips to help manage your weight and stay active.

Try to be active every day. Make physical activity a part of your daily routine rather than something you do occasionally. Invite a friend or family member to make it more fun and to help you stick with your goals.

Think small. Small changes can add up to big results if you stay consistent. You don't have to run a marathon or go on a strict eating plan to lose weight. Taking just a 10-minute walk every day or replacing your bowl of ice cream with a piece of fruit are great choices that can improve your health over time.

Look for creative ways to be healthier. There are many ways to form healthy habits. Walk around a school track or a local park, take the stairs instead of the elevator, or try a hobby that keeps you moving, like gardening or dancing. Look for snacks low in added sugar and salt, like frozen or fresh fruit, hummus, and crunchy veggies.

Reduce your "screen time." We may not realize how much time we spend sitting still watching television, playing online games, or being on social media. Try turning off devices and take a walk, try a new sport with your loved ones, or create a playlist of

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

No one knows my health issues but me. Not even my doctor knows what issues I had 60 years ago. FAUCI DOES NOT KNOW. THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT KNOW. CUOMO DID NOT KNOW WHEN HE KILLED THOUSANDS OF ELDERLY VICTIMS

HOW CAN ANYONE MAKE LIFE AND DEATH DECISIONS FOR ANOTHER HUMAN?

AN AUTOPSY WAS DONE ON A COVID PATIENT AND THE SPIKES WERE FOUND IN EVERY ORGAN OF THEIR BODY.

THESE PEOPLE ARE PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH OTHER PEOPLES LIVES.

WHY ARE WE ALLOWING THIS. THEY ARE PUBLIC SERVANTS, WE TELL THEM. THIS GAME IS BEING PLAYED IN REVERSE, WE NEED TO FLIP IT,

MY BODY, MY LIFE, MY CALL. PERIOD.

THAT VACCINE IS A BUMMER.

I WAS TALKED INTO TAKING A FLU SHOT 60 YEARS AGO, AND ALMOST DIED. HAVE NOT HAD A SHOT SINCE. HAVE BEEN A GOOD STEWARD OF MY

HEALTH SINCE . HAVE NOT HAD A COLD IN 60 YEARS. I AM CAPABLE OF MAKING A DECISION ABOUT MY HEALTH.

YOU ARE THE ONE PLAYING. RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH YOUR HEALTH

IF YOU LIKE BEING BULLIED , BE MY GUEST. I DO NOT CARE. WHY SHOULD YOU TO CARE WHAT I DO. IT IS MY HEALTH, MY LIFE, NOT YOURS, BUTT OUT.

D.I.L.

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Dear editor:

I am throwing down the gauntlet. I challenge you to prove where communism is a success?

This is my case where it is not. North Korea, Cuba, Hong Kong, Venezuela, China.

Where people are not living a good happy fair life.

Stalin killed 30 million, and was treated like a celebrity, likewise Mao who killed 40 million. and Pol Pot his millions.

My observation makes my definition as follows: Communism is a Exterminating theory, and those that remain are enslaved politically, socially, economically, and morally.

So BLM is selling its constituency into a new form of slavery. Why is that preferably to freedom under a botched Capitalism. Capitalism can be fixed. We need level fair minded people working on the problem.

One glaring problem with Capitalism is no product involved. Selling data, that once was free. Selling and retaining control. The customers owns what they buy not the seller.

Control of products is the domain of the buyer not the seller.

Production cost and selling price must be reasonable. A hearing aid that costs at most \$200 to make cannot be sold for \$15,000, and be called fair. How can value be assigned to things that do not exist like hedge funds and derivatives[ pieces of paper or entries in a computer be considered a product]? WE need more oversight.

Another problem that needs attention: Public servants have gotten too big for their britches, they need to be reeled in, Put back in their proper place. Speak up: Just say no to them, if they will not listen fire them, Most are not necessary in the first place.

Smaller government is better government, We the people need to assert our rights. Stop the tyranny. This is our country. Will we fight to keep it?

A bunch of ruthless power lusters are trying to steal it, it must be worth something,

Stand up and be heard, or submit to extermination, or slavery. A clear choice.

D.I.L.

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favorite songs and have a dance contest.

**Be mindful of your eating habits.** Keeping a food and beverage diary will make you more aware of what you eat and drink, which can help you make healthier choices. Many apps and online tools are available to help you track your meals.

Health is a lifelong pursuit and is more achievable when you turn healthy behaviors into habits. To do that, remember to:

**Be patient.** Most people at some point in their lives try to become more active or lose weight. It's not easy, but it is doable! If you stick to your plan, you can reach your goals.

**Be prepared for setbacks.** It's normal to have slip-ups on your health journey. Don't feel bad or punish yourself. Instead, remember that creating new habits takes time.

**Celebrate successes.** Losing weight and becoming more physically active are big achievements. Be proud of yourself for wanting to become healthier and for doing what you can each day to make that happen.

If you are not sure where to start, visit the NIDDK's Body Weight Planner tool at [www.niddk.nih.gov/bwp](http://www.niddk.nih.gov/bwp) to set some calorie and activity goals. Also talk with your health care professional about appropriate goals based on your unique health and lifestyle.



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## RESTAURANT REVIEWS

From the Publisher: My wife and I visited the Barbecue restaurant while making deliveries in Lady Lake so we went to the **Oak Wood Barbecue** just south end of Lady Lake. I had the ribs which were the special. They were falling off the bones. I did not use my knife at all, a side of Cole Slaw it was excellent. My wife had potato soup and a salad. She is a conisour of potato soup, she said it was excellent! We can both can recommend eating there.

Ocala Florida Hwy 200. I have been hearing about the **Golden Spoon** from a business associate. He loves the fried catfish and the fact that they have an all you can eat special every day is great. The service was good, the catfish was excellent. I had Steamed baroquely and Onion Rings. All were very good. I would suggest go there for lunch and go early. At 12:30 the restaurant was full. Coming from DownTown they are in Heathbrook Plaza and it is the first or second business in the Plaza on your left.

## The Story of Sharon Day



had to happen, with hints of blaming God. After the last call, saddened beyond words, I knelt and prayed, "God, give me a tool to help humanity."

Instantly, a vision filled the room. (A woman answers her door to find her son crying, having just come from school. He says, "Mommy, I can't take this anymore." The Mother leads her son to a dimly lit room and says, "Just relax and sit in the chair." The child reclined in a chair that appeared to have colored bubbles on the surface. He was left alone in the chair for 18 minutes, in which time, he went from distress to tranquility, from breathing erratically, to long deep breaths. His mind was calm and focused. His mother entered and said, "Are you feeling better?" "Mom, I'm ready to do my homework now." The two left the room.)

I didn't have an understanding of what just happened, so I asked to see the vision again. It was clear to me that something was going on. For the next 4 months, I studied the vision again and again. It took 2 years to turn this vision into reality. I have been determined that this "tool for humanity" would be manufactured in the U.S.A.

I am excited to present to you the ONE-**DER SYSTEM** (See more on the back page of this magazine). May it have a profound effect upon **YOUR** life, as it has with my life.

God Bless

## Pitcher Plant



Native to Florida woodlands, this is a carnivorous plant, it trap insects in their erect, trumpet-shaped leaves.

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I would like to introduce myself. I am Sharon Day. For almost 30 years, I was in a fast paced career in a major New York Company. Although it was lucrative, it was not fulfilling. I got to a point where I needed to follow my inner guidance and make the leap into entrepreneurship. For the past 20+ years, I've been an energy therapist, an ordained Minister, Founder of Healing Hearts Animal Sanctuary (2005), and President of 4 Your Health LLC. I would like to share a story, which may have a profound effect upon your life.

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**Governor Ron DeSantis Announces New Monoclonal Antibody Site in Orlando**

On August 16, 2021, in News Releases, by

Staff

**ORLANDO, Fla.** – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the State of Florida is setting up a new monoclonal antibody therapy treatment site in Orlando at Camping World Stadium. This location has the capacity to serve more than 300 patients per day and will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

“Early monoclonal antibody treatment keeps people out of the hospital and saves lives,” said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. “We look forward to continuing to open these sites throughout the state and hope awareness about the treatment continues to spread.”

To find locations to receive monoclonal antibody treatments around the entire state, please visit [floridahealthcovid19.gov](http://floridahealthcovid19.gov).

“The monoclonal antibody treatment can be a game changer if you get it early,” said **Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration Simone Marstiller**. “I have seen firsthand how effective this therapy can be at keeping people out of the hospital and speeding their recovery. Once

again, Governor DeSantis has prioritized Florida's seniors and has created a delivery system for the monoclonal antibody treatment that will allow Florida's most vulnerable citizens to receive the treatment without leaving their long-term care facility and keeping them at home and out of hospitals.”

“The Division is committed to increasing access to monoclonal antibody therapy statewide, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health,” said **Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Director Kevin Guthrie**. “We will continue to work with County Emergency Management offices to identify additional locations for this lifesaving treatment and ensure that Floridians have access to all potential treatments that can help them recover from COVID-19.”

“This is a lifesaving treatment that needs more attention,” said **FDEM Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kenneth Scheppke**. “Thank you to Governor DeSantis for his dedication to protecting Floridians through innovative solutions. By increasing access to monoclonal antibody therapy through mobile and stationary sites, we will continue the fight against COVID-19 in Florida and bring this treatment to the individuals who need it most. Monoclonal antibodies have been used in medicine for decades and have the ability to protect the human body from viruses.”

Monoclonal antibody treatments can be

prescribed by health care providers to individuals 12 years of age and older who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are at high risk for severe illness and hospitalization. However, to support Governor DeSantis' initiative, there is currently a standing order in Florida signed by the State Surgeon General that allows patients to receive this treatment without a prescription or referral if administered by an eligible health care provider. Such referrals are not required at any of the State of Florida monoclonal antibody treatment sites and treatments are available at no cost to patients.

The antibodies help the immune system recognize and respond effectively to the virus. According to [the treatment guidelines](#), they should be administered as soon as possible after diagnosis. By providing access to these treatments at these new sites, Governor DeSantis is alleviating demand on hospital resources and further making sure that Floridians have access to all potential treatments that can help them recover from COVID-19.

Governor DeSantis and the Florida Department of Health continue to encourage Floridians to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

## A Safe Way to Return to Play



(NAPSI)—As life returns to normal following an impossibly difficult year, one aspect of the pandemic likely to remain is the understanding that clean, germ-free environments are important—especially when it comes to children.

It's well documented that playtime is vital to kids' social and emotional health; unstructured play helps them learn key developmental skills, such as patience, sharing, role play, risk taking and imagination. Other benefits of outdoor play for kids include an increase of vitamin D and a boosted immune system, guaranteed exercise, and fostering an appreciation of the world around them.

After a year of being cooped up with very little opportunity to socialize or be active outdoors, a return to play is top of mind for many families and caregivers. But questions remain about how to do it safely.

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## Clean Your Clothes And The Planet



(NAPSI)—For many families, the cooling weather means a return to routines: work, school, sports practice, meal prep and household chores.

Busy parents have a lot on their plate getting families organized and in sync for the school year. Topping it off, this year demands extra precautions, which may mean more cleaning and more laundry. That can lead to switching to eco-laundry sheets that make it easy for the whole family to do laundry.

### New Habits Take New Thinking

Here are a four creative ways you can approach the task that will not only make it more fun for everyone but appeal to their mission of becoming better guardians of the environment:

**1. Make It Personal:** While you're shopping for school supplies, invite the kids to choose a favorite laundry basket that they keep in their room. There are so many fun shapes, colors and styles that shopping for the one that suits your bedroom and personality can add an element of fun to the task.

**2. Make It Hassle-Free:** Subscribe for your laundry detergent online where everyone can participate in buying his or her favorite scent. There's no need to fret about storing all those bulky containers. You can now get laundry sheets that let you replace big plastic containers with space-saving, sleek envelopes that slip into a drawer or hide on a shelf. Along with saving space, you lower the environmental impact of transporting heavy jugs.

**3. Make It A Movement:** Being planet-conscious is important, so choosing eco-laundry detergent with no harmful chemicals can be considered a winner. The whole family may feel empowered knowing they're getting a detergent that's plastic-free, plant-based and has no harsh chemicals that could irritate sensitive skin or harm pets or other

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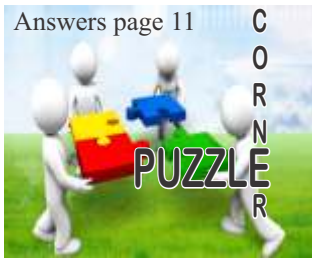
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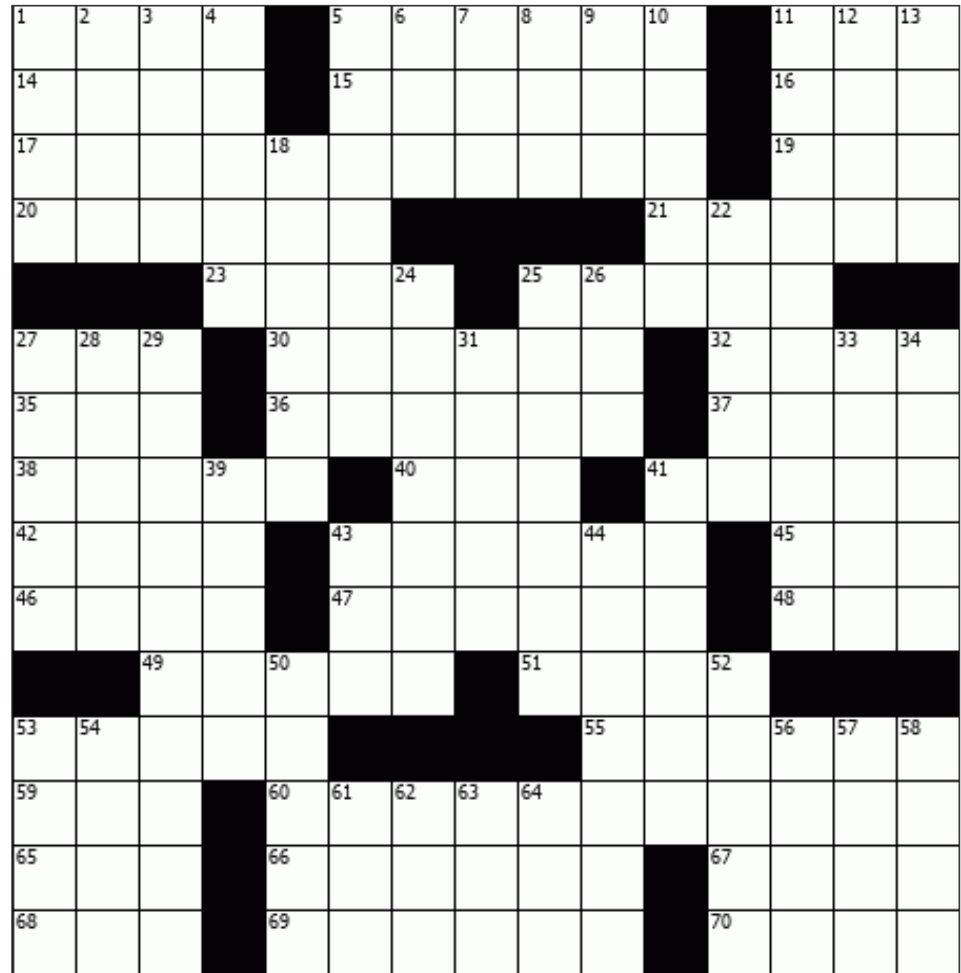
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  - Pedro Martinez stat
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  - Bloodsucker
  - Florida baseball team
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  - "The Blues Brothers" cast member
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  - Final degree
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## They Saved A Baby's Life

(NAPSI)—If your family is like most, you've spent months preparing for the joys and challenges that arise with the arrival of a new baby—and if your family is like many, you've discovered not everything can be planned.

**One Family's Story**  
Consider the case of the McKennas: In July 2020, at six months pregnant with her second child, Erica McKenna and her husband Dan, received devastating news about their unborn daughter. Their baby

was experiencing a condition called maternal alloimmunization. This condition can occur when a pregnant woman's blood contains certain antibodies that attack the red blood cells of the fetus. This can cause the baby to become dangerously anemic. Doctors told Erica if this condition was not treated, her baby would die. To stabilize and save her child's life, Erica's baby received five blood transfusions in utero starting at 24 weeks.

to the NICU where another three blood transfusions were needed. Nearly a year later, Erica and Dan's daughter, Annie, is a thriving baby with a smile for everyone. "You would never know she went through all of that," said Erica. "We're extremely lucky. We're grateful for the people who donate blood and the amazing doctors who took care of us both."

**Arms Out For Annie**  
To give back, Erica and her family started Arms Out for Annie, a special blood donation campaign with a goal to recruit 100 donors to give blood in Annie's name before her first birthday on September 26. "Annie's life was saved eight times," said Erica, referring to the eight transfusions her daughter received before and after birth. "She wouldn't be here without them. And I can't imagine our lives without her."

Doctors told Erica if this condition was not treated, her baby would die. To stabilize and save her child's life, Erica's baby received five blood transfusions in utero starting at 24 weeks. Just two months later, at eight months pregnant, Erica experienced worrying symptoms requiring immediate action. Within hours, she was in the hospital where she underwent an emergency C-section. Following delivery, her infant daughter was rushed

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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.*

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**Bilbie**

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



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# ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



## Attorney General Moody Activates Price Gouging Hotline in Preparation for Tropical Depression Fred

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today

activated Florida's Price Gouging Hotline as Tropical Depression Fred approaches the state. The activation follows Governor Ron DeSantis's [state of emergency declaration](#) covering Bay, Calhoun, Citrus, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Manatee, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington counties.

Floridians can now report instances of extreme price increases on essential commodities needed to prepare for the storm. Florida's price gouging law only applies to commodities and services essential to preparing for, or recovering from, a storm within the areas of a declared state of emergency.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "With Tropical Depression Fred approaching our shores, I'm urging all Floridians to be prepared. I've activated the state's price gouging hotline to accept reports of extreme price increases of essential goods in areas covered by the declared state of emergency. Help us

protect consumers—if you suspect price gouging, report it to my office using the free No Scam reporting app, or calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM."

During a storm-related declared state of emergency, state law prohibits excessive increases in the price of essential commodities, such as food, water, hotel rooms, ice, gasoline, lumber and equipment, needed as a direct result of the event.

Anyone who suspects price gouging can report it to the Florida Attorney General's Office by using the No Scam app, visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](#) or calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM. The Attorney General's No Scam app can be downloaded for free on Apple and Android devices through the app store by searching No Scam.

For tips on reporting price gouging, go to [MyFloridaLegal.com](#)

For more information on price gouging, go to [MyFloridaLegal.com](#).

To download Attorney General Moody's *Scams at a Glance: Price Gouging* brochure in English, go to [MyFloridaLegal.com](#). To download *Scams at a Glance: Price Gouging* in Spanish go to [MyFloridaLegal.com](#)

Violators of the price gouging statute are subject to civil penalties of \$1,000 per violation and up to a total of \$25,000 for multiple violations committed in a single 24-hour period. In addition to the civil penalties for price gouging, state law criminalizes the sale of goods and services

to the public without possession of a business tax receipt.

For tips on what to do before and after a storm strikes, download the 2021 Hurricane Preparedness Guide at

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## Three Arrested for Abuse and Neglect Resulting in Third-Degree Burns

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance of the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Groveland Police Department, today announced the arrests of three Metro Orlando registered nurses for aggravated abuse and neglect of a disabled adult. Christina Hison, Linda Moore and Christopher Rodriguez Lozada are accused of causing third-degree burns to a disabled adult.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This trio was trusted to provide care to a patient suffering from a serious health condition. Instead of acting in the best interest of the patient, they disobeyed hospital policy and established medical procedure. Because of their actions, the patient suffered a new set of medical issues requiring multiple surgeries. Thanks to the work of my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and local law enforcement, these caregivers will be held accountable for their neglect and abuse. We will not tolerate abuse of our seniors in Florida."

According to the investigation, Hison,

Moore and Rodriguez Lozada worked as registered nurses for Select Specialty Hospital Orlando North, a long-term care hospital in Orlando. In September 2019, the three provided care to a disabled adult suffering from hypothermia. Against hospital policy and established medical procedure, Hison, Moore and Rodriguez Lozada applied ice bags filled with hot water—allegedly from a coffee maker with a hot water dispenser—to the disabled adult's body in an attempt to counter the patient's hypothermia. The disabled adult was then left alone for at least two hours before another employee discovered that the victim sustained several third-degree burns. As a result, the patient required transportation to Orlando Regional Medical Center to undergo several skin-graft surgeries.

Hison, Moore, and Rodriguez Lozada each face one count of aggravated abuse of a disabled adult, a first-degree felony; and neglect of a disabled adult, a second-degree felony. If convicted, each face up to 45 years in prison and up to \$20,000 in fines. The Office of the State Attorney for the Ninth Circuit will prosecute the case.

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The Florida Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes providers that intentionally defraud the state's Medicaid program through fraudulent billing practices. Medicaid fraud essentially steals from Florida's taxpayers. From January 2019 to the present, Attorney General Moody's MFCU has obtained more than \$74 million in settlements and judgments.

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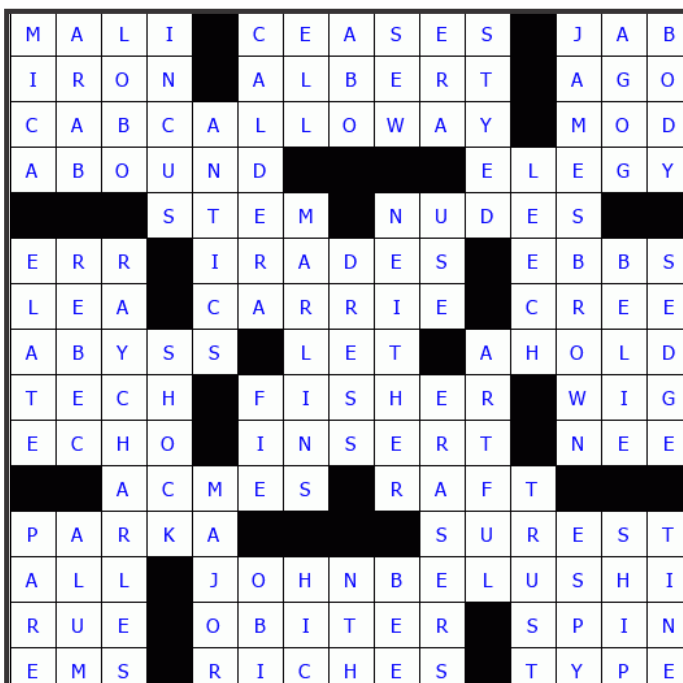
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