

Electric Cars

Let's Go Green At What Cost?

TomL

Electric Vehicles are way to expensive and unreliable. We would also have to rely on materials mined from China. Are you starting to get the picture??

In the UK they have had to shut down charging stations because they could not produce enough electricity to charge the cars and supply the homes all night. Now remember our government talking about rolling outages here already.

There is no way a charging station can charge 2,000 electric vehicles in one night. It would take 600 50 watt chargers at a cost of over 20 million dollars, it would take 30 megawatts of power from the grid. Look at it this way that is what 20,000 homes use.

OK let's look at selling a used electric vehicle. The seller would have to replace the batteries before they sell it and that would put the price of the used cars way above what a used car cost today. A twelve year old electric vehicle would be on it's third set of batteries. A Tesla battery cost about \$10,000.

Do this, follow the money, CATL is China own's a lithium battery company. The lithium is mined in Afghanistan, the plot thickens. Hunter Biden owns 10% of CATL. Hidden by Bohai Harvest RST Equity Investment Fund Management Co. that invested in CATL.

Is the picture getting any clearer. The CATL stands for Contemporary Amperex

Technology Co. The stock has soared recently.

Are you following all these activity? Are they a criminal act?

Follow the money!

Special Note.....

Remember all the fuss about no drilling in ANWR (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge) because it would hurt wildlife and destroy the beauty of the park. Actually it would save the lives of wildlife because the animals love the heated pipeline. The ANWR drilling area on the far tip near the Canadian border is 2,000 acres, the refuge is 19 million acres. Some time back Al Gore said he would like to see the Government artificially raise the gas prices to \$5 per gallon so people would be open to the green new deal. Is that what they did?

The Greens are showing you lush landscape of trees and rivers not in ANWR. In fact it is a barren flat land in what they call the ANWR coastal plain. The Greens say a pipeline of that magnitude would ruin the land bringing it into the middle of our country. NOT TRUE! 160 miles away from the Slope of Prudhoe Bay pipeline is where it would connect. The pipeline is already close. The Greens are telling us lies because it serves the GO GREEN agenda. Did they intentionally do this to us?

What is your opinion? Be nice now. tloury@att.net



By TomL

A friend of mine was telling me about his recent travels. He was in Orange County California at a city park with his Grandchildren. The park was a high end neighborhood, children with their Nannies or parents or Grand Parents.

He said right in the middle of this nicely groomed public park was a Ballot Box. No buildings around it, people on picnic table enjoying the day and right there in the middle of their picnic was this Ballot Box. Suddenly he said wait a minute I think I have a picture. He showed me several

pictures his grand children and sure enough there it was. How could there be any security around this ballot box. In daylight or after dark hmmm??? Well some much for fair elections! The Ballot box #031 had instructions in several languages. I wonder how many of these boxes are out there. People living in the woods could vote before or after breakfast, lunch, and Dinner.

We have to get a handle on our election laws! Now I hear they are trying to make all of the people that came over the border US Citizens. Clean up the swamp!



First Lady Casey DeSantis Makes Major Announcements to Support the Hope Florida – A Pathway to Prosperity Initiative

On July 15, 2022, in News Releases, by

Staff

TAMPA, Fla. — Today, First Lady Casey DeSantis held a roundtable discussion to highlight how the State of Florida is working to support and empower Florida's foster and adoptive families through the *Hope Florida – A Pathway to Prosperity* initiative. The *Hope Florida – A Pathway to Prosperity* initiative, spearheaded by First Lady

DeSantis and implemented by the Florida Department of Children and Families, utilizes 'Care Navigators' to guide Floridians on an individualized path to prosperity by focusing on community collaboration between the private sector, faith-based community, nonprofits, and government entities to break down traditional community silos in an effort to maximize resources and uncover opportunities. The goal is to help individuals realize economic self-sufficiency and prosperity.

The event included major announcements that further enhance the comprehensive network of support that the state is cultivating with community partners to help those in need. Those announcements and highlights include:

1. An expansion of the *Hope Florida – A Pathway to Prosperity* program to include foster and adoptive families so that they have a comprehensive one-stop-shop to call and connect with dedicated Care Navigators who can offer support and guidance for immediate and future family needs.

2. A portion of the nearly \$70 million secured by Governor DeSantis in the Freedom First Budget for fatherhood initiatives will go toward mentorship

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On June 25th, Les Singleton left this earthly world to be with his Lord and was surrounded and comforted by his loved ones and hospice at the time of his passing. Our condolences are with Les's family.

A service will be held at Church of the Mediator in Micanopy, with details to follow.

Your Life is not measured by your possessions. It is measured by the number of Hearts you have touch, the smiles you have created and the love you have shared. Les has touch a lot of hearts

Kevin Sheilley

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Over the next several months, you are going to be frequently seeing and hearing Vote Yes! from the CEP. Our Board has formally endorsed the renewal of the 1 Mil School Referendum. This renewal is incredibly

significant to the continued growth of our community. It is important to me that our community understands why you should Vote Yes!

First, this is neither a new tax or a tax increase. It simply maintains the status quo. The revenue collected from the 1 Mil are dedicated to several key areas: classroom size reduction, art, music, PE, library, and Career/Technical Education. Additionally, the renewal will allow the School System to continue to fund vital safety measures such as school resource officers. All expenditures are carefully reviewed by an Independent Oversight Committee. All of these are important initiatives but I want to highlight Career/Technical Education and Safety.

As the parent of two recent Forest High School graduates, I especially appreciate the impact of our school resource officers. Keeping our children safe is not only state-mandated but it is the right thing to do. But this deployment is not inexpensive. Systems across the state are struggling with how they will fund these costs. Thankfully, we have a mechanism which accomplishes this without moving resources away from teaching.

Over the last several years, the CEP and the business community have been partnering closely with the Schools to reimagine and reinvigorate Career/Technical Education. I hear every day from our businesses on the challenges of finding skilled workers. These are viable, living wage careers that have been overlooked for too long. I think we are realizing that the emphasis on everyone attending University not only robbed our community of desperately needed skills but robbed students of the opportunity to truly pursue their passions. We are changing that thanks to the 1 Mil.

Today, we have more than doubled the number of students in Career/Technical programs. Our efforts were recently lauded as a national model of innovation. The new Career Choice Academies are setting kids up for success by teaching in-demand skills and providing pathways for both work and continuing education. Recently, a major employer approached us to begin discussions on an internship program for Logistics Academy students when they are seniors. However, it doesn't stop there. They not only want interns but want to create a pipeline for these students to graduate high school and be ready to move into 2nd level supervisor positions! These are truly CAREER academies.

In fact, none of these initiatives is inexpensive. Without the 1 Mil, most of these

programs will be scaled back if not eliminated. The mandated efforts (such as safety) will continue but now must pull resources away from teaching and classrooms. As a result, not only would we be going backwards with larger classes, fewer arts/music/PE classes, and limited Career/Technical education programs but these and other programs would be further reduced to fund safety.

A Vote Yes on November 8 is not only a vote for our schools but it is a vote for our students, for our businesses, and for our future.

Saving Money On Dental Care

A Reason To Smile: Saving Money On Dental Care

(NAPSI)—According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, you may be able to take a bite out of all sorts of health risks—if you take care of your oral health.

The Problem

Oral disease—particularly cavities, severe gum disease, tooth loss and oral cancer—can cause pain and infections that may lead to problems with eating, speaking and learning. It can also affect social interaction and even employment potential. Yet a quarter of adults aged 20 to 64 currently has cavities and, the University of Illinois College of Dentistry reports, about 74 million Americans have no dental

insurance.

An Answer

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Dear friends,
August 23rd is the date for party preference primaries and we want to make the customary plea of asking that you show up to the polls and help us elect strong, constitutional

candidates that will carry us forward in to the general election. Be sure to look out for the new districts that were redrawn this year, you may not be voting in the same district number that you were previously. There are many maps floating around out there and various "find your elected officials" links online, but many of them either are not accurate or are not up to date. Always consult with your Supervisor of Elections if you are unsure.

We are thankful not to have drawn a primary challenger this cycle. It is a testament to the trust that you have placed in us, the strong team that we have built together, and our shared love for faith, family, freedom, opportunity and life. We have drawn a democrat challenger in the newly drawn Senate District 13. This district includes now all of Lake County and part of western Orange County. We look forward to the opportunity to contrast our principles of personal accountability,

freedom and prosperity, versus the left's vision of no accountability, big-government tyranny, and deprivation.

With the election season upon us, we are reminded of this sacred responsibility that we have to vote and our duty to safeguard our election system. Confidence in the integrity of our elections is essential to maintaining our form of government and it is critical that we safeguard against abuse and continue to maintain the integrity of our free and fair elections. As Chair of the Ethics and Elections Committee in the Florida Senate these last two years, we are proud of the work that we have done through SB 90 (2021) and SB 524 (2022). We have highlighted each of these bills in previous columns, but if you would like more information about either of these, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Through SB 524, one of the best things that we did was put in place some authority to help investigate elections abuses. The bill creates an Office of Election Crimes and Security within the Department of State (DOS) to aid the Secretary of State in completion of existing duties relating to election fraud. The Office will, review reports of alleged election law violations or election irregularities; initiate independent inquiries and conduct preliminary investigations; oversee the voter fraud hotline; and employ nonsworn investigators

to conduct any investigations. Investigations can be forwarded to law enforcement agencies or prosecutors when/if necessary.

As always, it is an honor to be your Senator and we look forward to continuing to serve you for the next two years in the Florida Senate.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley

Dental Care

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membership card and pay a reduced fee. While dental insurance has annual

maximums, waiting periods, deductibles, forms to file, health restrictions and annual limits, dental savings plans do not. Dental savings plans are typically priced at about half of what dental insurance policies cost.

According to a blog post on DentalPlans.com, personal finance expert Suze Orman said: "Dental savings plans are not only far more affordable to purchase than dental insurance—they can also save you more money in the long run especially if you need extensive dental work or braces." Learn More: Call DentalPlans.com at 844-779-1021 or visit www.DentalPlans.com.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



If you recently moved here from out of state you should check with Christine Calvert, Page two in this newspaper. You may be eligible for Florida Healthcare Insurance now. Give her a call I

trust her, 352-572- 8510 she won't steer you wrong.

I have had several people say 2000 was a clean election, well it was not! I already printed the story about 2,000 mules now this one. They just convicted a women in Texas of 26 counts of voter fraud. She was in charge of voter harvesting operation who's job was to change the results of the election. Gov. Greg Abbott recently signed a new election integrity law in the state.

I heard that Dr Fauci said the COVID shot was not a vaccine. So I did a search and could find Dr.Fauci name anywhere near the word COVID. Interesting!

The differences in Presidents when meeting the Oil Sheik

Obama bowed to the Oil Sheik.

Trump made the Sheik Bow to him.

Biden gave him a fist bump then begged for oil!

His handlers/trainers should not let him do that.

Everything flows, nothing abides, everything gives way and nothing stays fixed.

LOOKING BACK

Remembering our writers from the past

Robert Balfour retired military.

Avid golfer, ex-military seen in many picture with President Eisenhower. Balfour was a writer for the Star and Stripes during Eisenhower's time. His civilian job after military was to promoted EZ-GO Golf carts. Lived in the Villages and wrote articles for the Lady Lake Magazine / Village Spectator. When I say avid golfer I mean that he lived

for the game. My story begins with me meeting him over the phone. I knew about him by some of his articles in the Sun, so it was easy to talk to him. We struck a deal for him to write for my papers. Things were great for many years then one day he called me and explained he had cancer. There was an 50/50 chance operation that might give him a year or two more but came with a long recovery with no golfing. The Doctor told him he might have a year without the operation. He choose the later. He said I love to write my column / story's. I would like to send you two or three columns a month. You store them and use what you want but keep my column alive as long as you have fresh unused columns. I was

saddened by his news but agreed to do as he wished. I had several years of columns when he passed. I ran them in his memory for several years, he was a great writer. I am blessed to have such a writer, writing about history. I thanked him for his services every chance I got!

Writers from the past

Ken Tipper,

Ken was in the Royal Navy and wrote for the Seniors Voice and Ocala DownTown newspapers. He wrote for his own satisfaction and was well accepted by our readers especially Veterans. He was always

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Rep. Cammack Issues Statement On Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswoman Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) issued the following statement following

the Supreme Court's release of its decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson* case.

"The monumental news in *Dobbs v. Jackson* is historic. Since the founding of our nation, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness have been key tenets in the United States, and this news has solidified our most basic right—the right to life. For the most vulnerable among us, this decision affirms the undeniable value of life and the protection and respect for all unborn children. This is a historic day. Life wins!"

Rep. Cammack Joins Rep. Gimenez As Co-Sponsor On Migrant Protection Protocols Act Of 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswoman Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) joined Congressman Gimenez (R-FL-26)

as an original co-sponsor of the Migrant Protection Protocols Act, which seeks to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to codify President Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy.

The Migrant Protection Protocols Act of 2019, otherwise known as the "Remain in Mexico" policy, ensured that migrants were returned to Mexico for the duration of their immigration proceedings and were given a notice to appear in an immigration court rather than being let loose in the United States. This policy was highly effective in securing our southern border as it enabled the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a safe and orderly immigration process. Under MPP, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) were able to regulate the inflow of migrants, process those who followed the law and properly applied for asylum, and curb the ability of smugglers and traffickers to prey on vulnerable populations.

Now, however, the weak and gutless decision by the Biden administration to reverse the Remain in Mexico Policy incentivizes Mexico to pass its border security responsibilities to the United States

rather than dealing with the influx of migrants from Central and South America at the Mexican border.

"The Supreme Court's decision to end the Migration Protection Protocols was a devastating blow to our border and national security," said Rep. Cammack. "One of the only remaining tools at our agents' disposal,

the border crisis will only worsen without the necessary steps taken to safeguard MPP and its demonstrated success. I'm glad to join Rep. Gimenez and my colleagues in enshrining MPP into law and returning law and order to the southern border with this important change."

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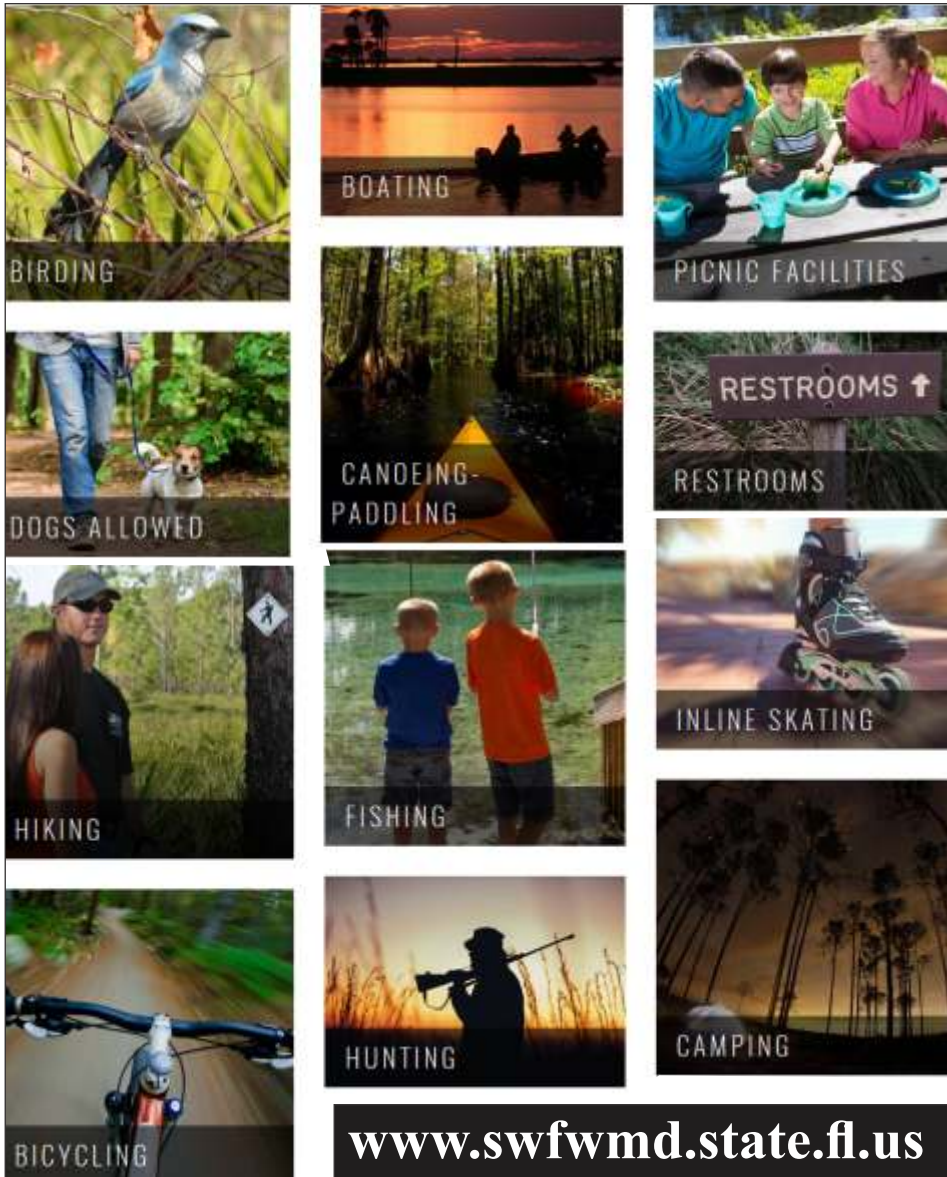


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President Adam Brandon after endorsing the legislation. "Unfortunately, President Biden has attempted to terminate it since his first day in office. Congressman Gimenez's Migrant Protection Protocols Act of 2022 requires MPP to remain in effect, and represents a commonsense solution in response to the Biden Administration's outright refusal to enforce immigration law." Original co-sponsors include Reps. Kat Cammack (FL), Chris Smith (NJ), John Rutherford (FL), and Tedd Budd (NC).

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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.

Simple Whole Wheat Bread

Make sure the egg and oil are at room temperature and be sure to aerate your flour before measuring. No mixer? Just mix it in a bowl by hand but knead longer, about 150 turns. (This recipe also works with all white flour)

- **Ingredients:**
- 2 cups whole wheat flour (Sift Flour Before Measuring)
- 1/2 cup bread flour or all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons (1 packet) instant yeast (or active dry yeast)
- 2 Tablespoons sugar (or honey but add honey after the milk)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk (reduced fat or whole milk), heated to 120-130° F for instant yeast (or 110-120°F for active dry)
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil (or any vegetable oil)
- 1 egg
- about 1/4 cup additional bread flour

Instructions:

1. Place flours, yeast, sugar & salt in a large mixing bowl.
2. Stir in milk, followed by oil and egg.
3. Beat on high for 2 minutes.
4. On low speed add about 1/4 cup bread flour until dough forms a mass.
5. Place dough on floured surface and knead 50 turns.
6. Cover and let rest 10 minutes.
7. Shape dough into a loaf and place in a greased 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 3/4-inch loaf pan.
8. Cover with a towel and let rise in a warm spot until it's one inch taller than the pan, about 35 minutes.
9. Meantime, preheat oven to 375° F.
10. Bake for 30 minutes. After the first 15 minutes, cover the top of the loaf with a foil tent to prevent over-browning.
11. Remove immediately from pan onto a cooling rack. Let it cool at least 10 minutes before slicing.

Kat Cammack

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"...Right now, the vast majority of migrants seeking asylum from their home countries are not actually from Mexico, but rather, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and even countries such as Cuba, Haiti, and beyond," said Rep. Gimenez. "If the true intent of these migrants is to seek refuge from brutal regimes and harsh living

conditions in their home countries, then it would make sense for them to apply for asylum in Mexico rather than engage in the dangerous and treacherous journey to the United States."

The Migration Protection Protocols Act of 2022 has been endorsed by FreedomWorks.

"President Trump's Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) represented one of the most successful immigration policies in recent memory," said FreedomWorks

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Pictured is Kathy Gray with her mother Betty Gray. Kathy won gold in Trail and Equitation and a bronze in Dressage. In all three medals. Her mother Betty Gray has a club called Stirrups and Strides. What a great event they had in Orlando. I am sure her and her mother is very proud. **Kathy your a winner!**

First Lady Casey DeSantis

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opportunities for Florida's children, including foster children, through *Hope Florida - A Pathway to Prosperity*.

3. \$35.5 million in Governor DeSantis' budget will support nearly 59,000 Florida families with a one-time payment of \$450 per child, which includes foster families.

4. Launch of the First Lady's "Hope Florida Fund" that harnesses the charity of the private sector to give funds to deserving local entities. Today, First Lady DeSantis presented two checks of \$5,000 each to two Tampa non-profits: Sleep in Heavenly Peace and A Life New Warehouse.

"We are doubling down on bringing together public and private groups to collaborate and communicate with and on behalf of Floridians," said **First Lady Casey DeSantis**. "We are going beyond government by bringing community partners to the table to meet the needs of foster and adoptive families under the umbrella of my *Hope Florida - A Pathway*



Crisis Averted After Trailer Filled with Potato Chips caught Fire

(OCALA, FL.) July, 2022 – On Thursday, July 7, at approximately 1:48 p.m., Ocala Fire Rescue responded to reports of a vehicle fire at Outlaw Snax, 3031 W Silver Springs Blvd. Engines 3 and 4, Rescue 3, Tower 1, and Battalion 11, were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, units found a detached trailer filled with approximately 40,000 pounds of potato

chips burning. The trailer was neither connected to a truck nor threatening any structures. Crews from Engine 4 and Rescue 3 attacked the flames using a pre-connected hose line, while firefighters from Engine 3 and Tower 1 prepared to deploy Engine 4's deck gun - a high-capacity jet stream used to knock down fires with a clear line of sight. Using the jet stream along with an extinguishing agent, crews extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported.

to *Prosperity* initiative. I am on a mission to make sure that no child in Florida goes without hope, happiness, and a home. That means doing everything we can to support those who have stepped up and welcomed these children into their homes, as well as local partners that are already lending families a helping hand."

"Through the First Lady's *Hope Florida - A Pathway to Prosperity* initiative and the Care Portal app, we will have the ability to connect some of the state's most vulnerable Floridians to resources offered by our state's faith and community organizations in real time," said **Erik Dellenback, Governor's Liaison for Faith and Community**. "Our faith and community organizations have always done incredible work on the front lines of their communities, and it is my hope that they will all take advantage of this new opportunity to provide real-time needs through Care Portal."

"Our department is always looking for

ways to build strong and resilient families, and these announcements will be an immense boost to our caregivers who are preparing to send children back to school this fall," said **DCF Secretary Shevaun Harris**. "We are so grateful for the First Lady's work to give Floridians the tools and community connections needed to raise happy, healthy children."

To receive support from *Hope Florida - A Pathway to Prosperity*, Floridians can call the Hope Line at 850-300-HOPE. Additional information can be found at HopeFlorida.com.

Prospective foster parents can call 1-83 Foster FL to connect with current or former foster parents.

Through the newly launched *Hope Florida Fund*, the First Lady will continue to recognize local organizations across the state that are instilling hope and meeting needs in their communities.

Andrew Gillum Indicted

Former Dem Candidate Andrew Gillum Indicted

Gillum, once mayor of Tallahassee, is accused of acting in concert with associate Sharon Janet Lettman-Hicks to solicit funds using false representations and promises.

"The indictment further alleges the defendants used third parties to divert a portion of those funds to a company owned by Lettman-Hicks, who then fraudulently provided the funds, disguised as payroll payments, to Gillum for his personal use," a Justice Department press release said.

Gillum is also charged with making a false statement to the FBI. He denied wrongdoing and said the case was political.

Gillum ran for governor of Florida with the Democratic nomination in 2018, nearly defeating Ron Desantis.

Since then, he has been no stranger to trouble.

In 2019, state officials brought an ethics complaint against Gillum after finding probable cause that he committed ethics violations involving gifts from lobbyists in 2016.

In 2020, Gillum entered rehab; police found him unresponsive in a Miami Beach hotel room with two other men, where officers found what they believed to be crystal methamphetamine.

Gillum denied using drugs but did admit to struggling with alcohol.

Lowering Monthly Phone/internet

Lifeline Program for Low-Income Consumers is lowering the monthly cost of phone or internet service

Since 1985, the Lifeline program has provided a discount on phone service for qualifying low-income consumers to ensure that all Americans have the opportunities and security that phone service brings, including being able to connect to jobs, family and emergency services. Lifeline is part of the Universal Service Fund. The Lifeline program is available to eligible

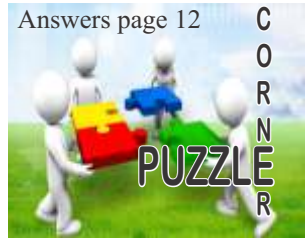
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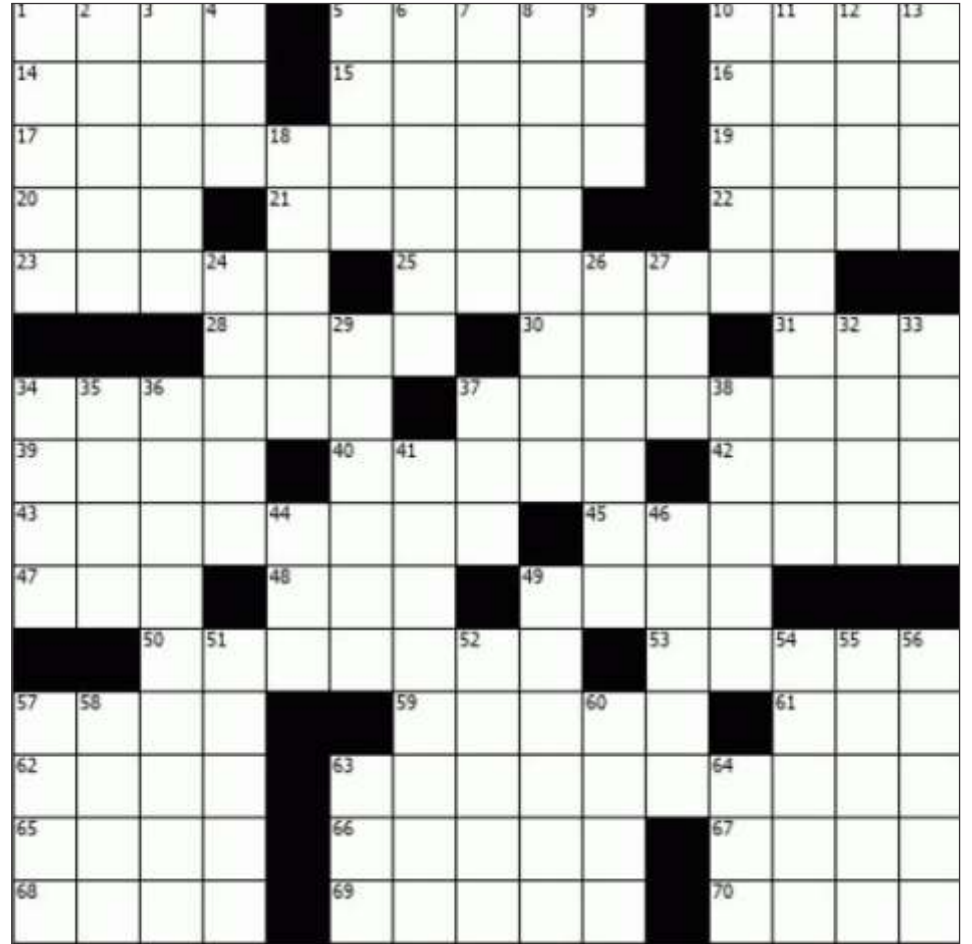
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- 14. Opera solo
- 15. Pastiches
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- 17. William Henry Harrison's nickname
- 19. Having knowledge of
- 20. Event where the twist was done
- 21. Everyday
- 22. Retain
- 23. Haughty ones
- 25. More soiled
- 28. Peggy and Pinky
- 30. Opposite of 'neath
- 31. Restorative resort
- 34. Sum part
- 37. Handyman's milieu
- 39. Big-ticket items
- 40. Subterranean dwarf
- 42. Do a personnel job
- 43. Man in a cast, e.g.

- 45. Oozed out
- 47. Words with mode or francaise
- 48. Tasseled headgear
- 49. Luxuriant head of hair
- 50. Decorative knotting
- 53. Cause to overturn
- 57. Deride
- 59. Whirlybird part
- 61. Samuel's judge
- 62. Some insoles prevent this
- 63. Movie tough guy
- 65. Jai ____
- 66. Photographer Adams
- 67. Seed sheath
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- 69. Gaggle members
- 70. Feudal serf

Down

- 1. Ancient Roman gathering place
- 2. Taurus neighbor
- 3. "Fantasia" dancer
- 4. One of hip-hop's sounds
- 5. ____ Raton, Fla.
- 6. Spiral-horned beasts
- 7. Middle East peninsula
- 8. Carpenter's storage area, perhaps
- 9. Compass point
- 10. Feed the fire
- 11. Legal title

- 12. Dental occlusion
- 13. "Freeze!"
- 18. Jed Clampett portrayer
- 24. Word with "you" or "this food"
- 26. Mother ____ (Nobel Peace Prize winner)
- 27. Perturb
- 29. Less at ease
- 32. A sweater may use it
- 33. Did an impression
- 34. ____ Sanctorum
- 35. Willy Wonka's creator
- 36. Hunk
- 37. Triumphed
- 38. Fold members
- 41. Jesus, for one
- 44. Certain enlisted man's rank, briefly
- 46. Acclimatize (Var.)
- 49. Scotland's yards
- 51. Osprey's abode
- 52. Midge's boyfriend
- 54. Cauterizes
- 55. Fairylike
- 56. Prince, for instance
- 57. Fall guy
- 58. Not in operation
- 60. Size up visually
- 63. One-liner
- 64. "The Facts of Life" actress Charlotte



Lifeline

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low-income consumers in every state, territory, commonwealth, and on Tribal lands.

The Lifeline program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). USAC is responsible for data collection and maintenance, support calculation, and disbursement for the low-income program. USAC's [website](#) provides information regarding administrative aspects of the low-income

program, as well as program requirements.

On March 31, 2016, the Commission adopted a [comprehensive reform and modernization of the Lifeline program](#). In the 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order, the Commission included broadband as a support service in the Lifeline program. The Commission also set out minimum service standards for Lifeline-supported services to ensure maximum value for the universal service dollar, and established a National Eligibility Verifier to make independent subscriber

eligibility determinations.

More Lifeline Information:

- [Universal Service Administrative Company \(USAC\)](#)
- [FCC Consumer Guide: Lifeline Support for Affordable Communications](#)
- [Lifeline Across America Consumer Outreach](#)
- [Lifeline Broadband Provider Petitions](#)
- [Oklahoma Enhanced Lifeline Support Maps](#)
- [Lifeline Provider Compliance](#)

[Plans and ETC Petitions](#)

- [Low-Income Broadband Pilot Program](#)

Lifeline Fraud Tip Line: **1-855-4LL-TIPS (or 1-855-455-8477)** or Lifelinetips@fcc.gov. Please provide as much detail as possible, including your name and contact information and the company you are using to receive Lifeline-supported phone service.

The FCC is currently developing the [Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#) that Congress created in the recent COVID relief legislation. Program specifics will be available in the coming weeks. Consumers should contact [broadband providers that serve their area](#) to learn more about current low cost offerings.

Find out more at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/lifeline-program-low-income-consumers>

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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 Xolaitzcuinli, or Xolo, which is Mexican hairless dog breed.



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



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

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ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



SUMMER SCAMS SERIES: Look Out for Online Shopping Scams Promoting 'Summer Deals'

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Continuing the Summer Scams Series, Attorney General

Ashley Moody is issuing a Consumer Alert to warn Floridians about potential online shopping scams. Many online retailers host huge summer sales. Scammers may mimic these legitimate events to target consumers with malware, phishing texts and other messages designed to steal personal or financial information.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Summer sales are a popular way for online retailers to attract customers and promote seasonal items. Scammers know this and may exploit these shopping events by posing as representatives of major retailers to steal money or personal information from unsuspecting consumers. As we continue our Summer Scam Series, I am asking consumers to take a few proactive steps to avoid fake emails, text messages and websites designed to impersonate legitimate companies."

Attorney General Moody warns Floridians about four tactics used by scammers to target online shoppers:

- Copypcat websites that look dangerously similar to, or even exactly like, the legitimate store's website. Pay close attention to the website URL.
- Fake security alert emails claiming a

target's online account is compromised—often asking for users to verify billing names, addresses and telephone numbers. These messages can be linked to malware or may be used to steal information. Verify the message's legitimacy by calling the company and asking about the email.

• Falsified order confirmations and package delivery updates use the same fake email concept of the security-alert scam, except they target different steps in the ordering process—making the entire scam seem more realistic.

• Spoofed phone calls can be made to look like they originate from a legitimate company's number. These phone calls may offer raffles, warn about security issues, ask the receiver to take a survey or use other tactics. Most companies will not call and attempt to convince a customer to pay for anything over the phone, ask for a customer's personal information or offer an unexpected refund. Hang up immediately if this is the case.

Ahead of the popular online shopping day, Cyber Monday, Attorney General Moody released tips to help online shoppers avoid retail-related scams.

To view other recent Consumer Alerts, visit Attorney General Moody's Consumer Alert webpage at MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert.

Attorney General Moody Recognizes National Military Consumer Protection

Month by Highlighting Resources for Service Members

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—To recognize Military Consumer Protection Month, Attorney General Ashley Moody is highlighting the plethora of resources available for service members through the Florida Attorney General's Office. More than 1.5 million veterans, 100,000 service members and their families call Florida home. Unfortunately, there are scammers who focus on members of this community. To assist Florida military members and veterans, Attorney General Moody's office published the Military Consumer Protection Resource Guide, with information about common scams targeting military members, veterans and their families, and guidance on existing laws and agencies that provide protections for service members. Another resource provided by Attorney General Moody is *Scams at a Glance: Protect our Patriots*. This quick-reference tool provides tips for avoiding fraudulent schemes. Attorney General Moody also staffs a Military and Veterans Assistance Program within the Consumer Protection Division that aids service members dealing with fraud and related issues.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This Military Consumer Protection Month, we are highlighting some of our resources designed to help protect those brave Americans who sacrifice so much in service to our nation. Sadly, some scammers attempt to exploit the military through scams designed to prey on service members, veterans and their families. Anyone who encounters one of these scams should contact my office immediately."

Attorney General Moody is encouraging all service members and veterans to consider the following tips to avoid falling

victim to military-related scams:

- Beware of scammers using misleading photos or language to imply association with a branch of the military;
- Know that phishing schemes use manipulated messages that appear to be from a military branch or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in an effort to target service members, veterans or family members;
- Research charities soliciting funds by checking the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance at Give.org, or Charity Navigator at CharityNavigator.org, to determine if the organization has complaints against it; and
- Place an active-duty alert on credit reports at no cost. An active-duty alert requires businesses to take additional steps before granting credit in the name of active-duty personnel serving overseas.

For more tips and information on available state resources, access Attorney General Moody's Military Consumer Protection Resource Guide.

Another resource available to help service members and their families is *Scams at a Glance: Protect our Patriots*. This easy-to-share tool provides additional information about common schemes targeting Florida's military community.

Attorney General Moody's office aids Florida's service members and veterans through the Military and Veterans Assistance Program. MVAP is designed to inform military members and veterans about the types of scams that affect their communities. Additionally, members of the MVAP team work directly with those who have been targeted to help resolve consumer protection related issues or find other outside assistance, if necessary.

FROM THE DESK OF
GOVERNOR DESANTIS



Governor Ron DeSantis Recognizes Florida's Teacher of the Year Finalists
ORLANDO, Fla. –

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis attended Florida's annual Teacher of the Year Conference in Orlando to recognize the best educators in the state. At the event, Governor DeSantis highlighted five teachers of the year finalists and awarded each one with a \$15,000 bonus. Governor DeSantis also highlighted Florida's continuing education achievements over the past year, including Florida's ranking as third in the nation for K-12 achievement according to the latest Quality Counts report.

"Florida is the education state not just because we have good policies, but because we have great teachers who go above and beyond for their students," said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. "It was great to join some amazing teachers today and to show our appreciation for their hard work and sacrifice. We will continue to invest in our schools and educators, while putting policies in place that improve outcomes for students."

"It was great to honor our 74 teachers of the year who dedicate their lives to student achievement," said **Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr.** "Thank you to Governor DeSantis for recognizing their success and for his leadership to make Florida the Education State."

The five teachers who are finalists for Teacher of the Year and were awarded

\$15,000 bonuses by Governor DeSantis are:

- Melissa Matz, a seventh-grade math teacher at Lakeside Junior High School in Clay County.
- Trinity Whittington, a fourth-grade English language arts and social studies teacher at Bell Elementary School in Gilchrist County.
- Jennifer Jaso, a social studies teacher at Sarasota Middle School who is highly regarded by her students.
- Deelah Jackson, a fourth-grade teacher at Samoset Elementary School in Manatee County.
- Seema Naik, a fourth-grade teacher at Eagle Ridge Elementary School in Broward County.

The five finalists were chosen for 2023 Teacher of the Year from nearly 185,000 public school teachers throughout the state. After each school district selects its teacher of the year, a selection committee representing teachers, principals, parents, and the business community reviews each district application on the basis of outstanding ability to teach and communicate knowledge of the subject taught, professional development, philosophy of teaching, and outstanding school and community service. The winner will serve for one year as the Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education.

In partnership with the Florida Education Foundation, the Florida Teacher of the Year program is made possible by these generous sponsors: Florida Prepaid College Savings Plans, State Farm Insurance, Florida State University College of Education, Helios Education Foundation, Florida Blue

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In Case You Missed It: From the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council

New Seaports Report Shows Florida's Ports Well-Positioned to Take Advantage of Realignment in Global Trade Routes

Florida's "Open for Business" Strategy Answering Supply Chain Demands

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (July 13, 2022) – Strong investments in Florida's 15 seaports have well-positioned Florida to answer supply chain demands, and take advantage of a realignment in global trade routes, a new report shows. The Seaport Mission Plan, Florida Ports: Open for Business, released by the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council (FSTED), provides an analysis on the health and capabilities of Florida ports, as well as trends on the horizon.

The report comes as 29 West Coast ports are working without a negotiated labor contract, and many shippers have already changed lanes to reroute to East Coast ports in fears that 2022 labor negotiations could lead to similar strikes, lockouts and slowdowns that occurred in 2002, 2008, 2012 and 2014.

"Florida's continued investment in our seaports have made it a destination for companies from around the world frustrated with the logjams at Pacific coast ports," said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. "We will continue to make the investments necessary to bolster our supply chain and improve our infrastructure to bring more business to Florida's seaports."

"Florida's seaports are flexing their

muscles, and seizing the opportunity to become a global hub by capturing an even larger share of international trade and related commercial activities," said **Michael Rubin**, FSTED Program Administrator.

Indeed, since the unprecedented economic and supply chain upheaval caused by the pandemic, it's clear that Florida ports can support current demand and grow into the future, the report says.

Further, Florida's strong performance has resulted in global shipping lines changing trade lanes to specifically call on Florida ports – this includes new direct Asia services. Chief among the new lines of business recently secured are:

- The first vessel in global ocean carrier Sea Lead Shipping Pte Ltd's new Asia East Coast container service making its inaugural call to **JAXPORT** in June.

- A new direct Asia service is now calling on **Port Tampa Bay**, and new service connections with Mexico and Central America have been secured.

- MSC has launched its new Zephyr service from northern China and South Korea to the U.S. Gulf Coast, and it includes a direct call to **Port Everglades**...

Port investments have been essential to seaports seizing the opportunity to connect more commerce and strengthen Florida's economy. Of the \$4.5 billion in seaport capital improvements identified over the next five years, 75.1 percent is being made in Atlantic coast seaports, with the remaining 24.9 percent being made by Gulf coast seaports. The largest planned investments are for:

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- Cargo Terminals – 21.8%
- Berth Rehabilitation and Repairs – 19.8%
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volunteering at Veteran Park Ocala. He recalled one time, when I could get him to talk about his service, he said the ship he was on was blown up and hundreds of men were in the water at night praying for a rescue ship. He recalled the Sharks were taking men around him. It was very scary for a time but he and many others were rescued by an American ship. After several years Ken left TomL Publishing to write his own blog, I recalled after his wife passed away he said he did not like to deadline write any more even on a monthly. We thanked him very much for his service and for writing his column.

One more story with me as an eye witness. I was invited to the Rotary Club Breakfast in the Villages some years back by a some veteran's from the Villages. I think he was a retired Marine officer himself. He was bringing a special speaker who had a special story and they wanted me to hear it! Sorry I can't recall the name, as he started his story he said he was the last man alive that put up the flag at Iwo Jima . That day the battle was raging, bullets were flying all around them they climb this mountain their job was to take position of the island and claim it as American victory against the Japanese, once that was done they would go help with the clean up of the enemy forces on the island. There were several ships watching the battle from the sea, a cargo ships Admiral looking through his Binocular saw the men raising the flag and was so inspired that he thought

that a picture of that would make a good inspiration for the American people to see back home and the troops fighting on the Island. So he ordered a photographer to find a Big Flag and off load to the mountain where the smaller flag was raised recreate the event with the original troops. When the photographer got there the men who actually raised the flag were off fighting on a different part of the island. With the original men gone the photographer was ordered to get some men to reenact the event which he did. Actually three of the men that raised the first flag died in combat soon after that. So the picture you see is a reenactment. When ask why did you come forward to tell your story now he said I'm the last one left alive and I want people to know the truth in honor of the marines who really raised the flag.

The iconic photo that went viral was taken by Joe Rosenthal. The photograph won the Pulitzer prize in 1945.

When I look at the history of this event there were several accounts. I tend to agree with this man account he seemed very siencere. The Retired military man who brought him said he was the real deal!

Restaurant Reviews

TEXAS ROADHOUSE Lady Lake Florida

My wife and I went to visit some old friends, they were having a anniversary in a few days. We met at Texas Roadhouse Lady Lake Florida. They came from Orlando area and we came from Dunnellon area. We had a no show couple that lives in the Villages. We drove an hour plus.

My wife is stuck on a good hamburger.

She order it medium rare with all the goodies on it, steak fries and water with lots of lemon with little ice. Everything was just what she order and she enjoy her meal.

Sandy my buddies wife Sandy ordered a large salad with steak on top. It came in a big bowl and was perfect she said. She had unsweet ice tea.

My buddy Dave had a Sirloin steak and a baked potato. The steak was easy to cut and he said it was pretty tasty it was prepared the way he ask for it and fresh vegetables. Unsweet tea.

I ordered shrimp, they were great, with them I had apple sauce, seasoned green beans, and fresh vegetables and ice tea. I was lucky to have won a Texas Roadhouse coupon at a LL Chamber referral lunch

Carrabba's continues to be the SBA's meeting place. We had seven people meeting and everyone so far has been satisfied. I change up each week and every meal is as good a the next. We were visiting Carrabba's for a meeting place and have not left yet. My favorite so far has been the endless soup and salad and usually one helping is enough. One of the things I like is when you are seated the waitress takes your drink order and bring you hot bread with dipping oil and seasoning. Yummy!

Had company and we

Went out to dinner. We went to the **Blue Gator in Dunnellon**. They have a deal on you peel shrimp, three of us indulged. I have been there many times but this time the shrimp was great! But we were invaded by flies. The conditions had to be just right. because I've never seen this before. I will order my shrimp to go next time. I think the shrimp drew them, because it right on the water. I'll go back for the food, it's really good there.

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