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NCSO Boosts Crime-Fighting with Rapid DNA Technology



Alicia Tarancon, NCSO Public Affairs

In a significant leap forward for law enforcement technology, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office has incorporated a state-of-the-art Rapid DNA machine into its booking process at the county jail and detention center. This innovative system, which has been in use since July of 2024, is revolutionizing how quickly deputies can solve cases and identify suspects, giving a substantial boost to their crime-fighting capabilities. The Rapid DNA technology has dramatically reduced the time it takes to process DNA



samples. What once took weeks or even months can now be accomplished in just 90 minutes. This rapid turnaround allows the Sheriff's Office to quickly determine if a person is wanted for serious crimes elsewhere.

Sheriff Bill Leeper emphasized the impact of this technology, stating, "This Rapid DNA machine has been a game changer for our office. We're now able to get DNA matches and enter profiles into the national database in a

fraction of the time it used to take."

The Rapid DNA process is straightforward and efficient. Deputies collect a DNA sample via a cheek swab from individuals arrested for felony offenses or those in the country illegally. The sample is then placed in a cartridge and inserted into the Rapid DNA machine. Within 90 minutes, the machine tests the DNA and enters it into CODIS, the national DNA database. The system then checks if the person is wanted for any serious crimes. "Using this system eliminates the need to have the Florida Department of Law Enforcement test the sample for us," Sheriff Leeper explained. "It's a much more efficient process that allows us to act quickly on the information we receive. Those quick DNA matches will lessen the chance of a jail inmate being released before facing potential charges elsewhere. It's an additional layer of security for our community."

The implementation of Rapid DNA technology in Nassau County is part of a larger state-wide initiative. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) received \$2,750,000 in funding to create a Rapid DNA Technology pilot program, with \$250,000 allocated

West Nassau High School to Celebrate Homecoming Friday



West Nassau High School students have celebrated with homecoming festivities throughout the week ending with the homecoming parade, football game and crowning of the Homecoming King & Queen to be held on Friday. The homecoming parade will begin around 1:30 p.m. with the route starting at West Nassau High School, travel down Mickler Street through the bus loop at Callahan Elementary School, turn right on US 301 to US 1 turn right, go through town on US 1 to 5th Avenue and return to West Nassau.

The West Nassau Hall of Fame inductees will receive their accolades at 6:30 p.m. prior to the

football game on the track in front of the home bleachers. The 2024 Hall of Fame inductees are: the late Mr. Eddie Reynolds; Chris Hicken; and Dawn Stearn West. Kick off for the West Nassau Warriors versus the Halifax Academy Wildcats will follow the ceremony at 7 p.m.

The crowning of the 2024 Homecoming King & Queen will be held at halftime of the football game. Senior Candidates running for the title of King and Queen are: Nash Batrous, Brody Rowell, Brody Singley, Braxton Lee, Aiden Strickland, Tionni Hughes, Molly Miller, Haley Pringle, Sophia Zori and Hannah Border.



to each participating sheriff's office.

As law enforcement agencies continue to adopt advanced technologies, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office stands at the forefront, leveraging Rapid DNA to enhance public safety and streamline the justice

system. Sheriff Leeper concluded, "We're proud to be at the cutting edge of law enforcement technology. This Rapid DNA system is helping us serve our community better and keep Nassau County safer."

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The Simple Truth

Dear Editor,

I. Millions of untraceable taxpayer dollars have been funneled into Climate Change, a cyber-space concoction of Democratic Politicians who are trying to be gods. While our national weather for 2023-24 has been the worst in a millennium. The Simple Truth: Climate Change is a slush fund for Illegals, political patronage and Democratic Retirement Accounts.

II. "Border Compassion" is a catch phrase to cover the reckless policy of opening an uncontrolled southern border to otherwise undesirables. The Simple Truth: For three and a half years the Democrats have raided Climate Change, FEMA, Social Security and Medicare Accounts to Recruit, Resettle and Register Undocumented (Illegal) Immigrants to bolster Democrat voting ranks.

III. A little noticed effect of Inflation and High Interest Rates on the Economic Hardship of American Bread Winners has been the direct negative impact on their self-worth.

The Simple Truth: Observe Kamala's partners, her husband and her current and past running mates. Emasculating men is not fair play. P.S. What happened to Obama? He looks like an extra from a Zombie film.

B. R. McConnell

Port Strike

Dear Editor,

Do you remember Covid? Most people, as well as our school children, were forced to stay home and quarantine in place. There were many folks that didn't have that luxury. The so-called "Essential Workers." Police

Letters to the Editor

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officers, firefighters, medical staff, truckers, railroad workers and longshoremen. These people worked long hours, regardless of the virus, regardless of the weather, regardless of the inherent dangers of their vocations. Do you remember when the Panama Canal was blocked, and how the backlog of container ships caused people to go without necessities for weeks. I remember all of this. I am a second-generation longshoreman (retired). My son is a third-generation longshoreman.

This strike was not of their choosing, but rather, it is due to the corporate greed, of a group of worldwide shipping companies known as the USMX. The USMX has come out in the past week, blaming the I.L.A. for this strike, while nothing could be farther from the truth. The USMX walked out of contract negotiations months ago.

The biased, liberal media has not investigated any of this, instead, they falsely claim it is about wages.

The longshore industry, as it pertains to the I.L.A. workforce, is a part time job. A person is NOT guaranteed 40 hours per week, or ANY hours per week. According to the last contract, a person who worked 700 hours in a contract year became "qualified" which put them above casuals on the hiring list. They also received the lowest tier of health insurance. The USMX tells the media that labor wants a 70 percent pay increase, which makes labor look greedy. What they DON'T say, is that the increase is over a six-year period, which is just shy of 12 percent per year. Which is in line

with most private sector jobs in the U.S. What the USMX fails to inform the media, and the public, is that they want to utilize automation that will reduce the workforce needed by 50 percent over the same six-year period.

They are proud to shout from the rooftops that they are willing to increase the pay by 50 percent, but loath to say they will cut the workforce by the same 50 percent. When I went to school, 50 percent of nothing, was nothing.

Hal Waite
Bryceville

really rough day to end crime. He has to be fact checked because he lies so much. His speeches are just him complaining about America. Everyone is suffering and he is selling a \$100,000 watch. Who is supposed to buy it if our economy is so bad?

So, if you are looking for someone who says and does things you would never allow in your own house, who does not care about average Americans (have you ever seen him with any other than on the campaign), and is openly against all segments of the population except his own, I guess he is your guy. Just be open about who he is.

Bonita Collins

In Response

Dear Editor,

Comments on Donald Trump in the "Letter to the Editor" section illustrate the danger of a misinformed public. Trump uses his rallies to elaborate on his policies because he cannot rely on the "traditional media," "You Tube" or public broadcasting to accurately present his positions and solutions. After attending or listening to his rallies, his policies and intentions become clear.

Right Side Broadcasting (RSBN) broadcast all Trump Rallies for free. The four years that Trump was president, despite his distractors fighting him every day, resulted in higher employment for everyone, affordable home ownership, lower taxes, lower gas prices, and little or no inflation. In addition, the border was under control and no new wars were started.

Looking forward, this time we also have a great new back-up in Senator J.D. Vance. These accomplishments are good enough for me. Vote Trump, vote early or your vote may not matter! The vote needs to be "too big to rig!"

Don Brewer

In Response

Dear Editor,

I knew my letter last week was close to the truth, but seriously? You can keep saying it but it's not happening. Boys are not going to school and coming home girls. They are not sharing bathrooms. Drag queens are not reading to your children. People are not being arrested for caring for their children. God is still available, just not forced on everyone. All of these groups may total 1 percent of our population and definitely are not anywhere around here, but this is your main concern?

These groups of people are not trying to convert you, they just want to have rights to live how they see fit, not how you see fit. But you will support someone who added 7 trillion to our deficit in 4 years. Even if he did not start the riot at the Capitol, he did not stop it. He would not return classified documents. Told us that Covid wasn't real. Did not build a wall. Praises authoritarian leaders. Calls EVERYONE stupid, incompetent, losers except himself. Said the cops just need one

In the Kitchen... Garlic Parmesan Chicken Skewers

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| 1/4 cup butter, melted | 2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts, |
| 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese | cut into 1-inch cubes |
| 2 tablespoons garlic powder | 4 large metal skewers |

Preheat the grill to medium-high heat. Lightly coat the grate with cooking spray. Combine melted butter, Parmesan cheese, and garlic powder in a medium bowl. Coat chicken cubes with mixture. Thread chicken cubes onto each skewer. Grill until chicken is no longer pink at the center and juices run clear, turning skewers every few minutes, 15 to 20 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted near the center should read 165°.

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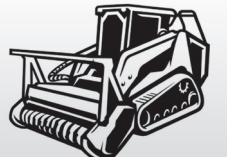
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FSCJ Welcomes New Executive Director of Military Affairs & Veteran Services

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) welcomes its new Executive Director of Military Affairs & Veteran Services, Mishaw Cuyler, Ph.D. Dr. Cuyler brings with him more than 21 years of military leadership experience, including roles in higher education and healthcare administration.



students and their families. We believe the addition of Dr. Cuyler to our team will help align our efforts so we can best serve those who sacrifice so much to keep us all safe and maintain our way of life." FSCJ's Military and Veterans Service Center (MVSC) is the principal advocate for active military, veterans, military spouses and dependents at the College, ensuring their unique needs and challenges are met. Within this area, military and military-affiliated students are connected to critical resources and assistance to support their educational pursuit and a smooth transition to civilian life. "FSCJ's MVSC reflects our commitment to recognizing and appreciating the contributions of veterans, military personnel and their families," said Vice President of Student Development Elliott Strickland. "We are excited to bring Dr. Cuyler on board to elevate our reach, outcomes and level of service so these students can reach their goals and find success in their next phase of life."

To learn more about FSCJ's Military and Veterans Services, visit <https://www.fscj.edu/military-veterans>.

In his new position, Dr. Cuyler will provide vision and direction in helping FSCJ become the most military-friendly College in the nation. He will be responsible for building and stewarding substantive relationships with the United States Armed Forces, Veterans Administration, as well as community, civic, business and industry leaders and partners to promote and facilitate responsiveness to local and regional employment needs, while best serving FSCJ's military and military-affiliated students. "We are thrilled to have Dr. Cuyler join FSCJ, bringing his broad expertise, experience and passion for this dynamic subset of our student population," said College President John Avendano, Ph.D. "As the community's college, we are always looking for ways to enhance our services and offerings for our military

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Here is the weekly word salad from Vice President Harris, "What we see is so hard to see that we lose faith or vision of those things we cannot see but must know." This woman makes no sense when she speaks, how can anyone with just a little bit of intelligence think she can be our president, our Commander in Chief and head the free world?

Straight from social media, this is how I am going to vote: I will vote for the most pro-life candidate, because God hates the shedding of innocent blood. (Proverbs 6:17)

I will vote for the most pro-Israel candidate, because God blesses those who bless Israel and curses those who don't. (Genesis 12:3)

I will vote for the most pro-debt reduction candidate, because the borrower is servant to the lender. (Proverbs 22:7)

I will vote for the most pro-work candidate, because God says if a man won't work let him not eat. (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

I will vote for the most Pro-Marriage candidate because God is for marriage as defined in Genesis 2:24.

I will vote for the candidate who most closely believes government's purpose is to reward good and punish evil. (Romans 13)

I will vote based as close as I can on God's word. (2 Timothy 3:16)

That being said, this is how I shall be voting - Just My Opinion Voter Guide:

Based on information in part gathered from United Christians of America

President and Vice President: Trump/Vance

US Senator: Rick Scott

Representative in Congress: Aaron Bean

State Representative: Dean Black

Justice of the Supreme Court: Yes on both (Francis, Sasso)

District Court of Appeals: Yes on all seven (Boatwright, Eisnagle, Jay, Kilbane, Maclver, Pratt, Soud)

Constitutional Amendments:

Number 1: Yes

Number 2: Yes

Number 3: No

Number 4: No

Number 5: Yes

Number 6: Yes



I plead with you all to encourage your family and friends to make that short trip to their polling location and vote! We need a huge turnout to make it impossible for the democrats to steal another election.

As always...that's just my opinion! Trump 2024

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EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Sons of Confederate Veterans monthly meeting will be held Monday, October 21, at 7 p.m. at the Pig Barbeque restaurant in Callahan. If you're interested in historic events of 1861-1865, you're invited!

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Hilliard Library. PAL provides hope through education and support to parents of addicted loved ones. Visit: www.palgroup.org to learn more.

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It's High Time

Pastor Adam Pierce, Liberty Baptist Church, Callahan



By the time I write my next article there will be a newly elected President, or so we hope. With some states already posturing with released statements making excuses for why they may not have their results by the day after the election, it seems as if we are setting the bar pretty low again and leaving the door open for confusion. Which the Bible is clear...God is not the author of confusion. We can collect millions of votes remotely, within minutes, from across the country and viewing audiences world-wide for shows like "American Idol" without a hitch or question of the results. How is it that states struggle to count votes in elections that only happen every four years and have been for hundreds of years?

Thomas Jefferson is credited for the phrase, "Separation of Church and State." For those who think the subject of politics is inappropriate for a pastor to write about, may I suggest that it is possible you do not understand the meaning behind Jefferson's words. The intent was to support the first amendment with the view that the government should stay out of the church's business. It was never intended for that remark to exclude the church from the state's business.

This misunderstanding is why we are where we are in America today. The church has gone silent on the truths of the Scripture. We have become more concerned about pleasing folks in the pews rather than telling the truth. There is an old adage, "Communities go as the church goes." It's high time we get back to voting on the truth!

As a pastor and military Veteran of our great nation, I never tell anyone how they should vote. However, I would tell people they should vote. It's a great privilege and awesome responsibility as an American that we must take seriously again. If you will not vote for the truth, then you will live in the lies and the consequences those lies bring. Get out and vote! America needs you to tell the truth!

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

GUN RAFFLE!



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Hilliard Falls Short in Shootout

Coach Matthew Yancey

In a game that can only be described as a roller coaster of emotions, the Hilliard football team suffered a narrow defeat against Hamilton County, losing 51-44.

The Flashes were, once again, their own worst enemy in the first half when two critical turnovers allowed Hamilton County to capitalize and take an early 17-0 lead. The Flashes fought back to stay in the game scoring twice in the final three minutes of the first half. The Flashes trailed 24-12 entering the half.

The second half was an offensive explosion on both sides as the Trojans and Flashes traded touchdowns in the final 24 minutes. Hilliard scored to pull within a touchdown in the final two minutes, but a failed onside kick allowed Hamilton County to run out



the clock.

Quarterback Cale Libby had his best game of the season, throwing for over 350 yards and 4 touchdowns, and 32 yards rushing on a quarterback sneak. DJ Alderman scored a rushing and a receiving touchdown going over 100 total yards in the game. Alderman was also key in the return game setting up a late Hilliard touchdown. Ethan Garland scored two receiving touchdowns in the effort. Camauri Bolden scored the Flashes' final touchdown and added over 65 yards of total offense.

This Friday, the Flashes will travel to Putnam County to take on the Interlachen Rams. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. at Thompson-Baker Stadium.

Go Flashes!

Westside Senior Center October Activities

Join us for our afternoon activity program at Nassau County Council on Aging's Westside Senior Life Center, 37002 Ingham Rd, Hilliard. All programs are free of charge. Questions? Contact Missy Snead, Activities Coordinator, 904-675-9833 or msnead@nassaucountycoa.org.

Monday, October 21 - Game Day: Checkers, Connect 4, etc. • 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22 - Crocheting Class with "Hilliard Hookers" • 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23 - YouTube Crafts • 2-3 p.m.

Thursday, October 24 - Line Dancing with Tanya • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Friday, October 25 - Q&A with the VFW • 2-3:30 p.m.

Monday, October 28 - Game Day: Checkers, Connect 4, etc. • 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29 - Crocheting Class with "Hilliard Hookers" • 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30 - YouTube Tai Chi • 2-3 p.m.

Thursday, October 31 - Line Dancing with Tanya • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Emergency Food Bags Available

Barnabas Center has provided emergency food bags at both Callahan and Hilliard Town Halls and at the Westside Journal in Callahan. Residents who are hungry and in need of assistance are encouraged to swing by and pick up a bag of nutritious groceries.



CHURCH NEWS

Bethany Episcopal Church, located across from Hilliard Town Hall, will be selling Barbecue Dinners Friday, October 18 from 5-7 p.m. for \$8 each.

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Baptist Nassau and Barnabas Expand Care to Residents



Barnabas Center Inc. announced a change to its eligibility requirements for health care services effective now. Barnabas Center and Baptist Medical Center Nassau will enhance their service to Nassau County residents by expanding their intake process to include a broader population of residents.

Florida recently passed the important "Live Healthy" (SB 7016) initiative legislation. This bill revised preexisting health care programs, created new programs, revised licensure and regulatory requirements for health care practitioners and facilities, created new provisions within programs relating to health care practitioner education, amended the state Medicaid program, and appropriated both general revenue and trust fund dollars to grow Florida's health care workforce and increase access to health care services.

The bill amends the "Access to Health Care Act" to increase the maximum income at which a patient can be considered low-income from 200 percent to 300 percent of the federal poverty level. Jamie Reynolds, President/CEO of Barnabas Center, looks forward to serving more Nassau County residents. "Health care is so important for the overall well-being of our residents. Barnabas Center's ability to add more patients to the schedule will assist clients, including those classified as ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), who may struggle with paying for food and necessary health care. These are

hardworking individuals and families who are employed but still find it difficult to meet their basic needs. Expanding access to care will provide critical support for their health and stability," said Reynolds.

The long-standing partnership between Baptist Nassau and Barnabas Center amounts to millions of dollars of in-kind services to Barnabas Center patients. Barnabas Center could not offer its exceptional care without the in-kind services offered to Barnabas clients by Baptist Nassau.

Tara Beth Anderson, President of Baptist Nassau, shared her support for the initiative, remarking, "This is the first contract I have signed as president of Baptist Nassau. I am proud to be part of this important collaboration with Barnabas Center. Expanding access to health care services for those in need aligns with our mission to improve the health and well-being of our community. We are grateful to see more residents benefit from this expansion, and I am honored to be part of this effort since stepping into my role as hospital president as of July 22, 2024."

Those seeking assistance can call Barnabas Center at 904-261-7000, and the front desk receptionist will guide applicants through the health care intake process. The \$10 fee for medical appointments is the standard fee for all medical appointments at Barnabas Center. The goal is to allow patients to seek medical care without a financial burden. Access to care is important when striving to live a healthy life! Barnabas Center wants to decrease a person's difficult choice between keeping the lights on and choosing to see a medical professional by offering a variety of health care, dental and supportive social services.

Barnabas Center's mission is to provide help and hope to individuals and families in need throughout Nassau County to improve their stability, health, and well-being.

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Find your Election Day polling location; you can find it on your sample ballot or voter information card, or you can find it on our website at www.votenessafl.gov/where-do-i-vote.

Your voter information card is not considered a form of identification to vote. Please review the list of acceptable forms of identification on our website at www.votenessafl.gov/election-day. Pursuant to F.S.

101.043, your identification must be valid and include your signature and photo.

If you are Voting By Mail, our office must receive all Vote-by-Mail ballots by 7 p.m. on election night. Important Dates for the General Election:

Deadline to Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot: October 24th

Early Voting: Wednesday, October 23rd – Saturday, November 2nd,

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Daily

Election Day: Tuesday,

November 5th,

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

“The General election is just 22 days away, get election ready. For more updates and information, visit our website or call our office, 904-491-7500,” said Janet H. Adkins, Supervisor of Elections.



Callahan Middle School Homecoming



King Jake Terry
Queen Taylor Border

Hanging Quilt Raffle to Benefit Pinky Promise Foundation

OREMC is holding a quilt raffle through the month of October. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Pinky Promise Foundation in Callahan, a cancer resource center for women. Raffle tickets are \$5 each for the *Cozy Cottage* quilted wall hanging. Tickets are available at each of OREMC's offices in Nahunta, Kingsland and Hilliard, as well as the Westside Journal office,



and the Pinky Promise Foundation, housed in Harper Rose Cottage, in Callahan.

The quilt was handmade and donated by Joanne Pooler, a friend of OREMC. Winner will be drawn on November 1. “Joanne has donated several of her quilts and quilted wall hangings to the OREMC Golf Tournament raffles,” notes OREMC Director of Communications & Marketing Michele Hutchins. “When she gifted us what I’m calling the *Cozy Cottage* quilted wall hanging, I knew immediately it was the right piece to raffle off for Pinky Promise.”

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touchdown pass bringing the score to 20-10. The Pirates were able to tack on a late field goal to bring the score to 20-13 at half.

Garrett Rica was able to get the Warriors going in the second half after he forced a fumble that was recovered by Levi Bowler. The Warriors went back to their ground and pound running attack and Freeman finished the drive, which brought the score to 28-13, with Grady Stevens scoring the two-point conversion. The Pirates did not quit and had a good drive going until it was shut down by a Nate Batrous sack. The Warriors took the ball and drove 87 yards which was capped off by a Mo Green touchdown run, to make the score 34-13 Warriors. The Pirates added a late touchdown to make the final score 34-19.

The Warriors were led on the ground by Skyler Freeman who had 18 carries for 114 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns; Mo Green had 10 carries for 59 yards and a touchdown; and Andi Ataiza had 8 carries for 51 yards. Pryce Arnold was 3 of 9 passing for 47 yards and a touchdown; Avery Griffin had 1

reception for 25 yards and a touchdown; and Colby Gay and Skyler Freeman added a reception each.

The Warriors' defense was led by Garrett Rica who had 9 total tackles; Nick Braddock had 8 tackles; Hunter Gentry had 7 tackles with 2 for a loss; and Stetson Brown and Nate Batrous added sacks. Preston Coker



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and Nash Batrous both had interceptions; while Garrett Rica caused a fumble and Levi Bowler and Nick Braddock had fumble recoveries.

This Friday, the Warriors will be back in action for homecoming against Halifax Academy with a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Go Warriors!

Coach Waylon Cox

The Warriors traveled last week to Fernandina Beach for some Monday night rivalry football. Luckily there was no rain in sight that night. The Warriors were able to come away victorious by a score of 34-19. The Pirates started with the ball first but had to punt it away after a 3 and out forced by the Warriors defense. The Warriors put together a methodical drive that was capped off by Skyler Freeman touchdown. The Pirates responded with a touchdown of their own, ending the first quarter with a Pirate lead of 7-6.

The Warriors were resilient and displayed a never quit attitude. They were able to retake the lead after another Skyler Freeman rushing touchdown which brought the score to 14-10. Nash Batrous was able to halt the Pirates drive with an interception. On the next drive, Warrior quarterback Pryce Arnold connected with Avery Griffin for a 25-yard



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St. Marys Haunted History Tour



The 15th Annual St. Marys Haunted History Tour will be held Friday, October 25 from 6 - 9 p.m. This year's lineup of storytellers includes some past favorites and new characters as well. Melding legends of local spirits and authentic historical events, stories will be enacted by fully-costumed actors from St. Marys Little Theatre at nine venues in a 4-block area of downtown St. Marys.

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Tuesday, October 8

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ALMA JEAN BROWN



Alma Jean Brown, 67, of Callahan, passed away Saturday, October 5, 2024 at her home. She was born July 27, 1957 in Macon, Georgia, to the late Robert Dupree and Bertha Truelove Dupree. She worked as a waitress for over 40 years at Tina's Family Restaurant and The Pig Barbeque. She enjoyed working in her yard, playing pool and Bingo. She was a people person and loved spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren. In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Charles Lee Brown, Sr.

She is survived by her son Charles Lee Brown, Jr.; daughters Cassie (Cole) Johns and Jessica (Eric) Battle; five grandchildren Carson Johns, Cameron Johns, Lillith Battle, Enoch Battle and Absalom Battle; two sisters Amanda Bradford and Rebecca Dupree.

A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

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opportunity to travel and embrace life fully.

Ruth's legacy is marked by her vibrant personality and her commitment to her family, leaving a lasting imprint on all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She will be remembered for her unwavering honesty and her zest for life, which remained undiminished throughout her years. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; husband Willis Childress; and siblings Juanita, Vernall, Dolores and Jerome.

Ruth leaves behind her daughters, Connie (Clement) DeLarge and Tammy Long; brother Joseph Christian, Jr.; grandchildren LaQuesa Long, James Preston, Tawana (Nathaniel) Farahkhan and Geimi (Jimmy) Chism; a host of great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, October 16 at Jones Cemetery.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US-1, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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for a trucking firm before she retired. She always made her children her priority. There was never a game, play or any sport, that she wasn't there to cheer us on. She was a little strict, I guess from being a Marine, but it made us stronger children. When her grandson Trevor was born, she never told him no. She called him heart from the day he was born. She was the backbone of our family, a hard worker and had a lot of compassion for others.

Marsha was a very kind, gentle soul with so much love in her heart for others. People would tell us at the nursing home how much they loved her and how sweet she was, despite her ailments. She never complained. It made our family so happy to know they were taking good care of her. She would always thank the nurses each time they came to assist her in any way. She was a true treasure. She was so excited to have a great-granddaughter! We are so happy she got to meet her. We will share all the sweet memories one day with baby Hyatt, of her precious great-grandmother. Mom, you will be missed so much. Until we meet again, we love you. Fly high our angel.

She is survived by her children Torin Perry and John William Fuqua, II; her grandson Trevor (Kelsy) Perry; great-granddaughter Hyatt.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

close friends. Tony's memory will live on in the hearts of those he touched with his warmth and devotion. He was preceded in death by his father George Robert Harris; son Aaron Michael Jerrell; brothers Robert Dean Harris and Robert Patrick Harris.

Tony leaves behind his loving mother and stepfather, Karen and Ronnie Lee; spouse Keela Watkins Gaines; special little buddy Jayce; son Robert Anthony Jerrell, II; brothers Joseph (Danielle) Grimes and Justin Grimes; sister Kathy Harris; aunt Shari Collins; cousins Rebecca (Andre) Dixon and Anita Collins; nephew Damon Wilson; in-laws that were more like bonus parents Al Walker and Linda Ryals.

The family will receive friends Thursday, October 17 from 5-7 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held Friday, October 18 at 1 p.m. at the Lee Family Cemetery, 28984 Davis Road, Hilliard, with Pastor Danny Baggett officiating.

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RUTH LILLIAN CHILDRESS



Ruth Lillian Childress, 91, of Callahan, passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 9, 2024. She was born June 22, 1933 in Newport News, Virginia, to the late Joseph Christian and Annie Trumble Christian. Known for her feisty spirit and candid nature, Ruth made a significant impact through her work with the Parks & Recreation Department, where she dedicated herself to influencing the lives of many young adults. She was a passionate reader who cherished the

MARSHA ELEANOR FUQUA



Marsha Eleanor LeMoine Fuqua, 83, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully October 6, 2024, at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. She was born

January 21, 1941 in Dinsmore to Cecil and Mazie LeMoine. She had four sisters. She married Bill Fuqua, Jr. and spent 30 years of marriage. They lived in Ocala where Torin and John were born and raised. Marsha resided in Jacksonville most of her life. Through her journey in life, she was a hairdresser before she joined the US Marines. She also worked as a dispatcher

MICHAEL SHAUN MAHAN



Michael Shaun Mahan, 59, of Callahan, beloved husband and friend, passed away October 10, 2024, following a long and courageous battle with brain cancer. Though he has left us here on earth, we rejoice in the knowledge that Mike is now in the presence of Jesus, in perfect health, free from pain, and once again able to play the piano with the brilliance that so many knew and loved.

He was born March 30, 1965, in Columbia, Missouri, to Joe and Wanda Mahan. Mike grew up in Missouri and attended Rock Bridge High School. After college, he eventually relocated to Florida, where his life took a turn for the better when he met and married the love of his life, Christi Conner. Together, they shared nearly 18 beautiful years of marriage.

A gifted pianist, Mike began playing at the age of five. His passion for the instrument grew over the years, leading him to become an extraordinary pianist whose talent touched many hearts. For over two decades, Mike served as the pianist at Callahan First Baptist. Whether playing a beloved hymn or an intricate arrangement, Mike's fingers danced over the keys with

ROBERT ANTHONY JERRELL



Robert "Tony" Anthony Jerrell, 46, of Hilliard, passed away Monday, October 7, 2024, at his residence. Tony was born July 21, 1978 in Jacksonville to George Robert Harris and Karen Sapp Lee. Tony developed a passion for mechanics from a young age, building his first go-cart as a teenager. This interest blossomed into a lifelong love for tinkering with cars and bow hunting. Beyond his hobbies, Tony was a dedicated family man who lived for moments spent with his mother and his son, cherishing the bond they shared. It is clear that Tony's life was filled with the joy of talented creativity and deep personal relationships. His absence will be profoundly felt by all who knew him, especially by his beloved family and

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a natural grace, filling the sanctuary with beautiful melodies. His ability to play was truly a gift from God that he shared generously. He deeply loved and cherished the relationships with his church family.

Outside of music, Mike was known for his love of Starbucks coffee; his unwavering devotion to the Jacksonville Jaguars; and his quirky insistence for always wearing socks. He carried these passions with a joyful spirit, making those around him smile.

Mike's faith was an anchor throughout his life and he drew comfort and strength from his favorite Bible verses: Isaiah 40:8 and Isaiah 41:10, which spoke to his enduring belief in God's presence and promises.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; and his uncle Major Doug Mahan.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Christi; loving in-laws Carlile and Faye Conner; brother Stuart (Janna) Mahan; sister Stephanie Mahan; brother-in-law Lyle (Anine) Conner; sister-in-law Mary Beth (Terry) Williams; and nieces and nephews Austin, Kayla and Jameson (Angel) Mahan; Dalton (Lexi), Peyton and Colton Conner; and Tristen and Bella Williams.

The family received friends Tuesday, October 15 at Callahan First Baptist Church. The funeral service was held Wednesday, October 16, also at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to Community Hospice of NE FL or Callahan First Baptist in Mike's memory.

Condolences may be expressed at www.srfhcallahan.com.

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He is survived by his son Josh Nelson; and a host of cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 12 at the Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel at 11 a.m. with Pastor Larry Osborne officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in Little Phoebe Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardrobersonfh.com.

Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, 526 Oakwood Street, Folkston, is honored to serve the Nelson family.

WANDA MCDANIEL SECRIST



Wanda Louise McDaniel Secrist, 73, of Hilliard, was welcomed home to Heaven Friday, October 11, 2024. She was born in Roanoke, Virginia,

to E.C. and Anna Louise McDaniel. Wanda embodied a spirit of love, warmth, and spunk that touched the lives of everyone she encountered. As a preacher's daughter, Wanda dedicated much of her life to her faith and the church, striving to exemplify God's grace and love in all her interactions. She had an extraordinary gift for making everyone feel welcome, earning her the affectionate title of "Mimi" to many. Her passion for life extended to her love for travel, art, music, and her unwavering support for the Georgia Bulldogs.

Wanda was fiercely devoted to her family and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Wanda's legacy of kindness, compassion, and unwavering faith will continue to inspire those she leaves behind. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 43 years, Dennis Ray Secrist; father Rev. E.C. McDaniel; and grandparents Boyd and Cassie Murphy and J.C. and Texanna McDaniel.

Wanda leaves behind a loving family including her mother, Anna Louise Carpenter; daughters Michelle Denise (David) Hamilton and Stephanie Louise (David) Browning; grandchildren Paige Louise (Shawn) Pejsa, Tyler David Browning, Dylan Ray (Logan) Browning,

Christopher Dale Chasse, Jr. and Joseph Boyd Chasse; and great-grandchildren Coty Adam Anderson, Lyla Rae Louise Anderson, Lucy Jade Pejsa and Liv Paris Chasse; brothers Everette Martin and Timothy (Nikki) McDaniel; nieces Lindsey Diane (Bishop) Hinson, Jolie Marie McDaniel and Candace Leigh (Ryan) Heft; great-nieces Anna Reese Hinson and Olivia Frances Hinson; and special family by love Rebecca Jacobs (Kenny) Francis and Cara Leigh (Bryan) Sternett, along with their children Emma, Matthew, Ferin and Jeremiah; and lifelong friend of over 65 years, Elaine Owens.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, October 18 at Hilliard First Assembly of God at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity that reflects Wanda's commitment to helping others: Dreams Come True, visit: dreamscometrue.org/donate; Alzheimer's Research, visit: give.mayoclinic.org/give/616130.

Rest in peace, Wanda. You will always be in our hearts.

CHRISTOPHER MCCOY SEXTON



Christopher "Chris" McCoy Sexton, 36, of Callahan, passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at his residence. Chris was born November 19, 1987

in Jacksonville, to Mary Hassie Ivie Sexton and the late James Thomas Sexton. Chris was raised in Callahan and graduated from West Nassau High School in 2006. Following graduation, Chris worked in various locations until finding his true calling at the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as a Forestry Duty Officer Supervisor. Chris enjoyed being outdoors and loved nature. His passion was certainly fulfilled while helping coordinate and lead wildland fire responses and keep our nature safe. When not working, Chris loved reading and watching the Lord of Rings series along with playing video games. He had an amazing sense of humor; he loved to laugh and was known to bring a smile to your face.

Chris married his best friend, Niki Bozeman, on December 15, 2015, and they have enjoyed the past 9 years together. Chris

was a great husband, son and friend who will be deeply missed. He cherished time with his family and also enjoyed spending time with his friends. Chris's memory will live on and he will be forever loved all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his father James Thomas Sexton.

Chris is survived by his loving wife, Niki Bozeman of Callahan; mother, Mary Hassie Ivie Sexton of Callahan; maternal grandmother Joan Sanders of Callahan; uncle Randy Williams; aunt Jeanine Cribbs; along with several extended family members and friends.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US-1, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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SHERRY H. THOMPSON



Sherry Higginbotham Thompson, 89, of Callahan, passed away Tuesday, October 8, 2024 in Jacksonville, with her loving family by her side.

She was born January 30, 1935 in Hilliard, to the late Connie and Dellie Hodges Higginbotham. Sherry was a member of Buford Grove Baptist Church. She loved going to church to serve her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She also served by playing the organ for many years. Sherry was very well known for her cooking but everyone loved her cakes. She also enjoyed working at the polls when it was Election time.

In addition to her parents; she is preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Henry Edward Thompson; and great-granddaughter Jettie Ray Adams.

Sherry is survived by her children Darlene (Terry) Landreth, Kimberly (Bob) Hinson and Sean Thompson; as well as 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; sister Maxine Homer; and many loving extended family members and friends.

The family received friends Monday, October 14 at Buford Grove Baptist Church in Hilliard. The funeral service was held Tuesday, October 15 also at the church, with Bro. Mike Pruitte and Bro. Christian Hoyle officiating. Burial followed at Mill Creek Cemetery in Hilliard.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.srfhcallahan.com.

Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home-Callahan Chapel, 617365 Brandies Avenue, was honored to serve the Thompson family.

RICHARD "RANDY" NELSON



Richard Arthur "Randy" Nelson, Jr., 64, of Fernandina Beach, passed away Sunday, October 6, 2024 in Jacksonville.

He was born October 23, 1959, in Folkston, Georgia to the late Richard Arthur Nelson, Sr. and Ruby Joyce Bryant Nelson. He retired from the State of Florida Agriculture Division as an Agriculture Inspection Officer, following many years of dedicated service. He was a member of River of Praise Worship Center. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his wife Julie Charlene Hardin Nelson.

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Soud of the Fifth District Court of Appeal be retained in office? ¿Debe permanecer en el cargo el juez Adrian G. Soud de la Cámara de Apelaciones del Quinto Distrito?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes / Si <input type="radio"/> No / No</p>	<p>No. 1 Constitutional Amendment N.º 1 Enmienda Constitucional Artículo IX, Sección 4 y Artículo XII Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards</p> <p>Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election. However, the 2026 general election may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.</p> <p>Elección Partidista de Miembros de Juntas Escolares de Distrito</p> <p>Se propone enmiendas a la Constitución estatal para requerir que los miembros de una junta escolar distrital sean elegidos mediante una elección partidista en vez de que la enmienda solo se aplica a las elecciones celebradas a partir de las elecciones generales de noviembre de 2026. Sin embargo, las elecciones primarias partidistas pueden suceder antes de las elecciones generales de 2026 con el fin de nominar a los candidatos de partidos políticos para ese oficio para su inclusión en la boleta de las elecciones generales de 2026.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes / Si <input type="radio"/> No / No</p>	<p>No. 2 Constitutional Amendment N.º 2 Enmienda Constitucional Artículo I, Sección 28 Right to Fish and Hunt</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.</p> <p>Derecho a Pescar y Cazar</p> <p>Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución estatal para preservar consistentemente la pesca y la caza, incluso por medio de métodos tradicionales, como derecho público y medio preferido para gestionar y controlar responsablemente los peces y la vida silvestre. Especifica que la enmienda no limita la autoridad adjudicada a la Comisión de Conservación de Pesca y Vida Silvestre en virtud de la Sección 9 del Artículo IV de la Constitución estatal.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes / Si <input type="radio"/> No / No</p>	<p>No. 3 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 29 N.º 3 Enmienda Constitucional Artículo X, Sección 29 Adult Personal Use of Marijuana</p> <p>Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law, does not change, or immunize violations of federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date.</p> <p>Permite a los adultos de 21 años de edad mayores poseer, comprar y utilizar productos de marihuana y accesorios de marihuana para consumo personal que no sea medicinal mediante el tabaquismo, por ingestión o de otra manera. Centros de tratamiento de marihuana medicinal y otras entidades con licencia estatal, para adquirir, cultivar, procesar, fabricar, vender y distribuir dichos productos y accesorios. Se aplica a la ley de Florida; no cambia, tampoco protege contra las violaciones de leyes federales. Define los límites de posesión para uso personal. Da consistencia legislativa. Define los términos. Define la fecha de vigencia. El impacto financiero de la enmienda proviene en primer lugar de la recaudación futura sobre las ventas. Si hoy es legal, las ventas de marihuana con fines no medicinales estarían sujetas al impuesto sobre las ventas y seguirían siendo así, lo que impacta sobre esta enmienda. Según las experiencias de otros estados, las ventas minoristas futuras de marihuana medicinal generarían al menos \$195.6 millones anuales en ingresos por impuestos estatales sobre las ventas una vez que el mercado minorista esté en pleno funcionamiento, aunque no está claro el momento en que esto ocurrirá. Según la ley vigente, el marco legal existente para la marihuana medicinal queda derogado con efecto seis meses después de la fecha de esta enmienda, lo que afecta la forma en que se implementará esta enmienda. Se necesitará una nueva estructura regulatoria para el uso medicinal y no medicinal de la marihuana. No se puede conocer su diseño en su totalidad hasta que actúe la Legislatura. Sin embargo, los costos regulatorios probablemente serán compensados por las tarifas regulatorias. No se pueden predecir otros costos y ahorros potenciales. SE ESPERA QUE ESTA PROPUESTA DE ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL TENGA UN IMPACTO NETO POSITIVO EN EL PRESUPUESTO ESTADAL. ESTE IMPACTO PUEDE RESULTAR EN LA GENERACIÓN DE INGRESOS ADICIONALES O UN INCREMENTO EN LOS SERVICIOS GUBERNAMENTALES.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes / Si <input type="radio"/> No / No</p>	<p>No. 4 Constitutional Amendment Article I, New Section N.º 4 Enmienda Constitucional Artículo I, Nueva Sección Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion</p> <p>No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's health-care provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion. The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigation to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate.</p> <p>THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO AMBIGUITIES AND UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE AMENDMENT'S IMPACT.</p> <p>Enmienda Para Limitar La Interferencia Gubernamental en El Aborto</p> <p>Ninguna ley prohibirá, penalizará, retrasará o restringirá el aborto antes de su viabilidad o cuando sea necesario para proteger la salud de la paciente, según lo determine el proveedor de servicios de salud de la paciente. Esta enmienda no cambia la autoridad constitucional de la Legislatura para exigir notificación a uno de los padres o tutor del menor antes de que una menor tenga un aborto.</p> <p>La enmienda, propuesta daría como resultado un número significativamente mayor de abortos y un número menor de niños nacidos vivos anualmente en Florida. El aumento de los abortos podría ser aún mayor si la enmienda invalida las leyes que requieren el consentimiento parental antes de que las menores se sometan a abortos y aquellas leyes que garantizan que únicamente los médicos autorizados practiquen abortos. También existe incertidumbre sobre la cuestión que suscitará la enmienda sobre el requerimiento del estado de subsidiar los abortos con fondos públicos. Los litigios para resolver esas y otras incertidumbres generarán costos adicionales para el gobierno y los tribunales estatales que impactarán negativamente el presupuesto estatal. Un aumento de los abortos puede afectar negativamente, a largo del tiempo, el crecimiento de los ingresos estatales y locales. Debido a que no se puede estimar, precisamente el impacto fiscal del aumento de los abortos en los ingresos y costos estatales y locales, el impacto total de la enmienda propuesta es impreciso.</p> <p>EL IMPACTO FINANCIERO DE ESTA ENMIENDA NO PUEDE DETERMINARSE DEBIDO A LAS AMBIGUIDADES E INCERTIDUMBRES QUE RODEAN EL IMPACTO DE LA ENMIENDA.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes / Si <input type="radio"/> No / No</p>	<p>No. 5 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 6 and Article XII N.º 5 Enmienda Constitucional Artículo VII, Sección 6 y Artículo XII Annual Adjustments to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies and for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2025.</p> <p>Ajustes Anuales al Valor de Determinadas Exenciones Impositivas Para Viviendas Familiares</p> <p>Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado para exigir un ajuste anual por inflación al valor de las exenciones de propiedad actuales o futuras que se aplican únicamente a gravámenes distintos de los impuestos del distrito escolar y para los cuales toda persona que tenga un título legal o equitativo sobre bienes inmuebles y los mantenga es elegible la residencia permanente del propietario, o de otra persona que dependa legal o naturalmente del propietario. Esta enmienda entra en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2025.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes / Si <input type="radio"/> No / No</p>	<p>No. 6 Constitutional Amendment Article VI, Section 7 N.º 6 Enmienda Constitucional Artículo VI, Sección 7 Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement</p> <p>Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.</p> <p>Derogación del Requerimiento de Financiamiento de Campañas Públicas</p> <p>Se propone el rechazo de la disposición de la Constitución del Estado que requiere el financiamiento público de las campañas de los candidatos que busquen oficios estatales electivos y que se adhieran a los límites de gastos de campaña.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes / Si <input type="radio"/> No / No</p>				
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