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President's Message

Ken Gerecke

Happy New Year !! Finally this awful year 2020 is over. I hope 2021 is a better one! Although 2020 was a bad year for us all it wasn't all bad and ended on a very good note for our chapter. We held our annual party on December 13th and I would like to thank everyone who attended. It was a huge success, the turnout was tremendous and a good time was had by all.

As far as membership goes we had at least 10 new members sign up in December. we sure need them and we appreciate them.

I have been approached by some younger people who would like to sign up for abate membership but they say that our way of using paper applications, stamps, and envelopes is outdated. We need a way to sign up online using PayPal or something like it. So I inquired and to my surprise Abate Of Florida is already working on upgrading the state website so in the near future you will be able to join the chapter of your choice online!

Our next state meeting will be in February in Vero Beach, This meeting for us is a close one for us less than 2 hours away. So plan on riding up with us I will have more info on the state meeting in Vero in our next edition of our newsletter.

For those of you who purchased gun raffle tickets - hold on to your tickets the drawing will be held in January at the state board meeting, you will be notified if you win.

Our vulnerable road users bill has been filed once again you can look it up SB 278 traffic offenses lets hope it passes this time.

Again Happy New Year everyone! Ride Safe Ride Smart !!

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UPCOMING Event Schedule All events subject to change

Sat. nights Fly n Wheels Open House

Tuesday and Saturday Lone Legion Happy hours

Tuesday Palm Beach Bike Night L.O.F. Motorsports Stadium Grill 1203 Town Center Dr. Jupiter 7-10 pm

Wednesdays Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Qs 6:30 to 10

Wednesdays One Fist MC WPB Bike Night 1065 Silver Beach Rd 6pm to

Wednesdays Ebarclub13 Bike Night 215 SW 2nd St. Ft Lauderdale

Sunday January 3 States MC Blessing of the Bikes Pompano Beach Clubhouse

Sunday Jan 7 the Rose Bike Night hosted by Palm Beach's Most Wanted

Friday Jan. 8 AOA WPB Open House & Black Piston's Open House

Sunday Jan. 10 Wings of Gold MC Annual 5050 SW 90th Ave Cooper City 12-5pm

3rd Sunday January 17 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. NOON
Our meeting will be in the dining room of Lakeside Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd, Lantana West of I95 Hypoluxo exit, north on Eastview Dr to right on Floral Road

January 21 to 24 Gibtown Bike Fest

3rd Friday 15 Outcast MC Hang Out 656 MLK Jr Blvd Riviera Bch 8PM

Friday Jan. 22 Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House

Waiting on bar opening Thurs. December 31 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

3rd Sunday February 21 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. NOON
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WEEKLY ROUNDUP: LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021

December 31, 2020 Dara Kam

Analysis of what to watch in 2021 in state government and politics

TALLAHASSEE --- As the new year dawns, hundreds of thousands of Floridians are lining up for vaccinations that could put an end to coronavirus-caused elbow bumps, isolation and fear.

Most of all, Floridians hope the vaccinations will stop the illnesses and deaths that swept the state, country and world in 2020.

Months could go by before everyone who desires inoculations will be able to roll up their sleeves and get shots in the arm.

Meanwhile, the shadow of COVID-19 will linger and continue to change life in 2021. Lawmakers returning to Tallahassee in January for committee meetings will be wearing masks, social distancing and limiting interactions with the public, as coronavirus cases in the state continue to climb and the pandemic death toll rises.

The crippling hit to the state's economy, sparked by widespread business shutdowns and layoffs this year, will take center stage during the 60-day legislative session, which begins on March 2.

At the same time, the rollout of vaccines and their effects will dominate the news during the early portion of the year, with critics of Gov. Ron DeSantis already slinging barbs at his approach to managing the once-in-a-century pandemic.

And, as the seemingly endless 2020 election cycle fades from the rearview window, the stage is being set for 2022 political contests. COVID-19 may not be on the ballot, but the elections could prove to be a referendum on how the Republican governor and his political ally, outgoing President Donald Trump, handled the deadly disease.

READY TO RUMBLE ALREADY?

After what felt like an infinite number of political flyers stuffed mailboxes throughout the state, the seemingly endless --- and brutally bitter --- 2020 election cycle finally ended Nov. 3.

But even before the ball dropped to start 2021, capital insiders were pondering who'll be on deck in 2022.

Florida Democrats --- already outnumbered in both legislative chambers, the congressional delegation and the state Cabinet --- were jolted after suffering major losses up and down the ballot in November, losing two congressional seats in Miami-Dade County, a state Senate seat and five House spots.

So who'll step up to the plate to try to oust DeSantis, a former congressman whose Trump endorsement helped boost him to victory in 2018? The answers will become more clear in 2021, as candidates will have to line up their campaigns and raise money.

The most obvious candidate to challenge DeSantis is Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, an attorney and former marijuana lobbyist who, after narrowly edging out her GOP opponent two years ago, is Florida's lone statewide elected Democrat.

But Fried isn't the sole subject of speculation about potential Democratic gubernatorial candidates.

Rumors also are rippling about U.S. Rep. Val Demings, a former Orlando police chief who drew national attention during Trump impeachment hearings in 2020. Demings, who is Black, was also on the long list of President-elect Joe Biden's possible running mates.

Other contenders could include a handful of Democratic mayors who've blasted DeSantis for, among other things, his reluctance to rein in activity early in the COVID-19 pandemic and for his continued refusal to issue a statewide face-mask mandate. The list could include Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber, Tampa Mayor Jane Castor and St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman, who's engaged in some serious Twitter warfare with DeSantis.

"Our numbers are not getting better in the state of Florida. They're getting worse. To not address it, to not speak out publicly and answer questions really does show a lack of concern, a lack of leadership. It's incredibly disappointing," Kriseman told reporters in November, a week after DeSantis remained silent in response to mayors' questions about the state's COVID-19 response.

It's uncertain how much weight the coronavirus will carry by the time the 2022 election rolls around, and a separate unknown could feature significantly in DeSantis' fate --- Trump's post-election actions.

With DeSantis' political success linked so closely to the president, Trump's decision about whether to make another run for the White House in 2024, play kingmaker in GOP politics or entertain who-knows-what other options could have a significant impact on the governor's re-election bid.

And the governor's office isn't the only statewide spot up for grabs in 2022. All three Cabinet posts will be on the ballot, as will U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, a Republican who ran for president against Trump in 2016. Trump and his supporters could back a primary challenger against Rubio, a move once considered anathema in GOP politics.

Republican Party of Florida Chairman Joe Gruters recently brushed off speculation that Trump's daughter Ivanka could run against Rubio.

An Ivanka-Marco match-up is "just noise," Gruters, a Sarasota Republican who is also a state senator, told reporters.

COVID, COVID, COVID

The new year kicks off as COVID-19 vaccinations have started throughout Florida.

DeSantis is prioritizing Floridians age 65 and older and health-care workers for the shots.

The governor's decision to focus on older adults --- who make up a critical portion of Florida's electorate --- runs contrary to federal guidelines, which call for putting "essential" workers, such as teachers, first responders and grocery-store employees, at the front of the line. DeSantis' plan has created a surge of demand, according to media reports from across the state, including the sight of older residents waiting overnight in Southwest Florida to be among the first to get vaccinated. There also have been reports of jammed phone lines and overwhelmed websites as people try to get appointments for shots.

"The COVID vaccine supply is limited," DeSantis said Wednesday during an appearance at a Palm Beach County senior complex where 300 residents were being inoculated. "We don't have enough vaccine on hand for all 4 million-plus senior citizens. We will get there." A large part of the job to vaccinate seniors has fallen to hospitals and some county health

departments. Hospital systems are taking different approaches to vaccinations, adding to the confusion.

A handful of health departments began dispensing shots this week, with the rest expected to get allotments by the end of the week.

The clunky rollout prompted Fried to fire a shot at the governor, calling on DeSantis to mobilize the National Guard to coordinate distribution of the vaccines throughout the state.

“The lack of preparation and progress on administering these critical, life-saving vaccines is inexcusable,” Fried wrote Wednesday.

But in a possible precursor to a 2022 DeSantis-Fried election brawl, the Republican Party of Florida fired back in a news release, accusing Fried of sending an “ill-informed, irresponsible letter on social media that prioritizes politics over helping Floridians who are interested in the vaccine. Frankly, she should be embarrassed to have signed this letter.”

‘TIMES OF LEAN’

Cuts, cuts and more cuts are in store when lawmakers tackle the state’s spending plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Financial fallout from the pandemic will dominate the 2021 legislative session, Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, and his counterpart, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, cautioned during a one-day organization session in November.

Austerity measures --- including potentially the first public university tuition increases in a decade --- are on the horizon, Simpson warned.

Simpson floated the possibility of slashing funding for the state’s K-12 system, pointing to increases in public-school spending over the past dozen years.

“Clearly, that is a place where we spent a lot of resources when we had times of plenty. And now that we’re in times of lean, that’s something we’re going to have to look at,” he said. Cutting education spending could trigger a clash with DeSantis, who made salary increases for teachers one of his chief priorities during the 2020 session.

Simpson could also cross swords with the governor on another big-ticket item: funding for a controversial reservoir that’s part of a mammoth Everglades restoration project.

Simpson recently called the \$1.6 billion project, which was approved by the Legislature in 2017, a “mistake,” while DeSantis called it “a top environmental priority for my administration.”

The Legislature’s budget trimming, however, won’t have to be as gruesome as initially anticipated.

While Florida’s vitally important tourism industry continues to wobble, other businesses have begun to rebound amid the pandemic, state economists reported on Dec. 21.

The economists, meeting as the state Revenue Estimating Conference, added back \$1.5 billion to a general revenue projection for the current fiscal year and \$623 million for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

General revenue, which includes such money as sales taxes and corporate income taxes, plays a vital role in funding schools, health care and prisons.

The latest projections paint a rosier picture of Florida’s economic rebound than a report released in August, when economists reduced overall estimates of general revenue for this fiscal

year by \$3.42 billion and for next year by nearly \$2 billion.

Still, Simpson warned that the revised December numbers shouldn't be viewed too positively.

The "significant gains" in the revised estimate "do not negate the many difficult challenges we will face as we craft a budget for the upcoming fiscal year, or that families and businesses across our state are facing as we all continue to battle COVID-19," Simpson said in a prepared statement.

"We know all too well that these estimates can change in a heartbeat; therefore, the Senate will continue to proceed with caution," he said.

STORY TO WATCH IN 2021: As Floridians jostle for vaccinations, COVID-19 and its impacts will continue to loom large, touching families, health care, politics and the state budget.

QUOTE TO KEEP IN MIND FOR 2021: "We will tighten our belts. We have less revenue, therefore we will have less government." --- Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

December 31, 2020 NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- After celebrating victories in the Nov. 3 elections, five Florida Republicans are poised to join the U.S. House.

The 117th Congress will convene Sunday, with newcomers from across the country getting sworn into office.

Florida's new House members are Gainesville Republican Kat Cammack, Lakeland Republican Scott Franklin, Naples Republican Byron Donalds, Miami Republican Carlos Gimenez and Miami Republican Maria Elvira Salazar.

Gimenez and Salazar knocked off Democratic incumbents Debbie Mucarsel-Powell and Donna Shalala, respectively, in two major election-night wins for Republicans. Franklin, meanwhile, toppled Republican Congressman Ross Spano in an August primary.

Cammack is replacing Republican Ted Yoho, who decided against seeking another term. Similarly, Donalds is replacing Republican Francis Rooney, who didn't run again. Cammack and Donalds had to win large GOP primaries in August before cruising to wins in November in their conservative districts.

While Sunday will formally start the two-year terms of House members, Salazar will not be able to attend the festivities because she tested positive last week for COVID-19. Salazar said in a statement Thursday that she is "in quarantine at home and getting better each day. I look forward to hitting the ground running for my community once it is medically permissible."

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB NOR A GANG. We fund our work through events, toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. We are Pro-choice NOT anti-helmet, it is up to you to decide.

OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out the vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come.

What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free Newsletter Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company.

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TOP 10 motorcycle and scooter designs of 2020

a year of social-distancing didn't stop collaborations, customizes and concepts when it came to motorcycle and scooter designs. following the trend of highly sculptural shapes in 2019, our TOP 10 motorcycle and scooter designs of 2020 were ever more dramatic in form, although perhaps a bit more uni-bodied. these ranged from an intricate art deco-covered bike, monoliths with two wheels, and even one that inflates from a backpack. brand new launches – as seen from the likes of BMW – debuted electric mobility innovations whereas makers retuned past classics and their gas-guzzling engines for the modern road.

1 – kingston custom fashions an art deco, museum-worthy motorcycle our TOP 10 motorcycle and scooter designs of 2020 start with one that looks so good it belongs in a museum. the kingston custom good ghost was at first a request and now an item in the hass moto museum and sculpture gallery in dallas, texas. it fits the exhibition perfectly: its handcrafted form is shaped in an exquisite art deco style, and completes a trilogy of 'phantom' bikes by the german creator. [read more](#)



2 – this is BMW's scooter of the future, the motorrad definition CE 04 back in 2017, BMW debuted a zero-emission mobility concept called [concept link](#). three years later, the german automotive giant presents the evolution of this concept titled the *BMW motorrad definition CE 04*, which will go into production from the last quarter of 2020. aiming to create a link between the analog and digital worlds we now inhabit, this electric scooter is not only a means of transport but also a means of communication for the urban commuter. [read more](#)

3 – new electric vespa 98 scooter reinterpreted as a modern incarnation of the iconic vehicle mightyseed designs has introduced the '[vespa 98 electric](#)', a bold reinterpretation of the original vespa, produced by enrico piaggio. the concept is much more like a modern incarnation of the iconic vehicle, which now showcases sleek styling cues with streamlining features, but still has a retro feel. although with a wider front, the front mudguard houses the LED headlight like the original. [read more](#)



4 – katalis debuts EV.1000 the arsenale special edition electric motorcycle with an intriguing darken and geometric form, the katalis EV.1000 the arsenale special edition is exactly that – special. the electric motorcycle was designed and produced by young designers based in jakarta, indonesia in collaboration with the french automotive gallery the arsenale. it follows the success of its WWII fighter aircraft-inspired predecessor, the katalis EV.500. [read more](#)



5 – fuller moto builds futuristic 2029 electric motorcycle with 3D-printed titanium parts

fuller moto has built the 2029, a futuristic electric motorcycle with a fully enclosed sculptured aluminum body, hub-centric steering, clear polycarbonate wheels and 3D-printed titanium parts. commissioned by the haas moto museum and sculpture gallery, whose expansive collection includes over 190 unique and one-of-a-kind motorcycles from 1901 to present day, the bike is designed in the style of the french 1929 majestic. in keeping with the aesthetic and character of the original majestic design, the fuller moto team set out 100 years later to create another

revolutionary kind of motorcycle with their 2029. [read more](#)



6 – pimo, an inflatable electric scooter that fits inside your backpack

as our list of TOP 10 motorcycle and scooter designs of 2020 blows up, take a look at the pimo — portable and inflatable mobility — which is a soft and transportable personal electric scooter that can be inflated with air. created in collaboration by kawahara lab / niiyama lab of the university of tokyo and mercari R4D of mercari, inc, pimo aims to redefine electric personal mobility by combining it with soft robotics. with a total weight of 5.5kg, it is so compact that it can be folded into an average-sized backpack. [read more](#)

7 – italjet dragster scooter returns with limited edition black and gold

first conceptualized at EICMA in milan in november 2019, it marked the return of the iconic italjet dragster scooter. the much loved two-wheeler from the late 1990s was given a new re-design that continued its quirky yet performance-driven styling. launched in september 2020, the dragster is available in three bold colorways: anthracite, red and white; anthracite and yellow; and black and gray. the first 499 customers were offered a special black and



8 – eastern spirit garage customs yamaha XS650 into black and gold bobber

polish custom shop eastern spirit garage has transformed a 1980s yamaha XS650 motorcycle into an openwork bobber. the original was a special edition bike which appeared more like a chopper than the workshop's traditional base models – café racers. the longer wheel base provided a new challenge, with the result unifying an impression of elegance to its inherent muscularity. it was then finished in a black base coating complemented by a double gold pin stripe.

[read more](#)

9 – monolithic urbet ego electric moped is designed for urban mobility

bridged between two distinct wheels, the urbet ego is an electric moped with a unique monolithic design only akin to a bicycle. the spanish brand, first founded in 2016, already has a name for doing things differently. their electric model continues this trend, complimenting its special shape with handling and efficiency performance that is ideal for city life. a 3000 W motor powers it to a top speed of 56 mph and – together with a 72 V lithium battery – for a range of up to 75 miles per charge. [read more](#)



10 – this custom-made BMW R9T by zillers garage is a mad max dream to close our TOP 10 motorcycle and scooter designs of 2020, moscow-based zillers garage unveiled a steampunk, mad max-like custom-made BMW R9T motorrad. the one-off motorcycle takes BMW's new R18 cruiser and redesigns the outer body without touching the internal build. this redesign features a shell made entirely from fabricated aluminum parts. from the headlight to the tail-light, everything flows through the metal-finished mass that results in a somewhat post-apocalyptic aesthetic. [read more](#)

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Kawasaki shows off hybrid, AI tech for motorcycles

Viknesh Vijayenthiran VIKNESH VIJAYENTHIRAN NOVEMBER 30, 2020 COMMENT NOW!

Kawasaki last week demonstrated two new technologies that we're likely to see introduced to the company's motorcycles in the not too distant future.

One of these was a gasoline-electric hybrid powertrain that will enable a Kawasaki motorcycle to travel in zero-emission mode for short distances. Another technology was an artificial intelligence system that will enable a rider to gather information from the motorcycle via natural speech.

A number of companies have started selling battery-electric motorcycles, including iconic brand Harley-Davidson. However, the range on these tend to be low, especially if there's a lot of highway driving or canyon carving involved. We're talking well under 150 miles.

Kawasaki's hybrid powertrain has an electric motor to deliver a zero-emission mode that cities are likely to require in the future, while also offering internal-combustion power to eliminate any range anxiety. Furthermore, the two power sources can also work together to deliver a serious performance kick.

Unfortunately, Kawasaki hasn't provided any details on the powertrain. The company said development is still at a very early stage, and that its main focus now is on launching its electric motorcycle, the EV Endeavor. The electric motorcycle was shown as a prototype in 2019 and Kawasaki is yet to say when sales will start.

As for the company's AI system, it's being developed as a voice activation-style interface that will enable a rider to communicate with his or her motorcycle using a smartphone as an intermediary. For example, the rider would be able to ask for useful info like how much range is left or when the next service should be. The system would also be connected to a cloud network which could provide info on road, traffic and weather conditions.

Kawasaki said it is already testing motorcycles equipped with the AI system on public roads, and that the technology will be compatible with a number of Kawasaki motorcycles already on sale

https://www.motorauthority.com/news/1130456_kawasaki-shows-off-hybrid-ai-tech-for-motorcycles

American Chopper's Paul Teutul Sr. signs on with Pinellas Park motorcycle restaurant

OCC Roadhouse is slated to open in May next door to a custom bike shop and Bert's Barracuda Harley-Davidson. By Sara DiNatale Published Dec. 29

Once it's time for the post-work cocktails to go on sale, the new Orange County Chopper Roadhouse & Museum will roll out a flame-throwing motorcycle to dazzle diners.

What else would you expect from a new restaurant concept created by Overton, the former president of St. Pete Beach's TradeWinds resort, and motorcycle customization genius turned reality TV star Paul Teutul Sr.?

The restaurant's premier location will open at the border of St. Petersburg and Pinellas Park this spring on property next to an existing Harley-Davidson retailer.

"I kept every piece of memorabilia over the last 20 years, the original sign when we first opened a motorcycle business, everything you could possibly think of," Teutul said.

The concept is a little bit Ford's Garage and a little bit Hard Rock Cafe. But instead of cars or music mementos, the restaurant will feature custom choppers and memorabilia from Teutul's Discovery TV show, American Chopper.

Teutul became a part-time Florida resident about a year ago. He has been splitting his time between New York and a farm in Brooksville, but plans to eventually live in Florida full-time. That will be easier once his new custom bike shop opens up next to OCC Roadhouse. The whole property will become a motorcycle destination for bikers and onlookers. The adjacent 9-acre property is already anchored by Bert's Barracuda Harley-Davidson and bike school.

Bert King, the Harley store's owner, always envisioned the complex becoming like a country club and entertainment atmosphere for bikers.

"I had a restaurant concept I was going to put in," King said, "but this was a bigger and better fit."

In addition to the ongoing construction, the property already has large pavilion that can hold concerts for big crowds or shelter bikes from the hot sun or rain. The shop alone already draws thousands.

"If you look at Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough, there's over 54,000 motorcycles registered," Overton said. "We're one of the top five motorcycle regions in the country."

It will cost more than \$6.5 million to build out the team's full vision: 11,000 square feet of indoor space that can seat 325 guests, outdoor dining, a menu featuring classic American fare, a pool hall, floor games like Kan-Jam and regular concerts. Several as-seen-on-TV bikes will be on display, as will a commemorative wall of thousands of patches Teutul has been gifted by members of the military and first responders over the last three decades. Service members who visit also will be able to add their own patches.

"I want our customers to experience a sociability that is very unique, and Paul fits into that," King said. "He has such a huge following and is so genuine with his fans."

Overton wants to license out the concept and could see upwards of 10 more locations in the next four years. He has already been out scouting locations that could work well: anywhere warm year-around usually attracts motorcycle heads.

Teutul said he's still in contact with Discovery TV, so fans may be able to expect another American Chopper special sometime soon. For now, he's doing his best to learn about the restaurant business, excited to see how Overton brings the vision to life.

"He knows what he's doing," Teutul said, "and another reason he will be successful, is because I'll never be in the kitchen."

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/business/2020/12/29/american-choppers-paul-teutul-sr-signs-on-with-pinellas-park-motorcycle-restaurant/>

WEEKLY EVENTS

Subject to change and updates due to COVID and Govt mandates

Tues 6-11 Lone Legion Brotherhood Happy Hour
2nd Tues Jupiter Moose Bike Night

Wed Bike Night with Gorilla Motors Johnny Q's 6:30- 10 3801 19th Ave N Palm Springs FL

Wed Pirates Well Bike Night 9477 Alt. A1A Lake Park TBA
Last Wed ???Gatti's Garage Bike Night 130 South H St Lake Worth

1st Thurs PBH Abacoa Bike Night
1st Thurs. Howley's Bike Night 4700 S Dixie WPB
Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter When bars open

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party
2nd Fri AOA WPB and Black Pistons WPB Open House
3rd Fri Outcast MC Hang Out 656 MLK Jr Blvd Riviera Bch 8PM
4th Fri Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House

SAT HOG Morning Palm Beach Harley and often other events and bikini bike washes Grill Days
SAT Lone Legion Happy Hour
SAT night Fly n Wheels Open House

SUNDAY 2 PM Crazy Uncle Mike's BBB 6450 N. Federal Hwy Boca



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- 3rd Sunday May 16
- 3rd Sunday June 20
- 3rd Sunday July 18
- 3rd Sunday Aug. 22
- 3rd Sunday Sept. 19
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February 2021

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DELEGATE REPORT

Scribe, State VP, did an excellent podcast summary of the December State meeting. Watch it at <https://youtu.be/YAbvrzq3Bqo>

Slo Motion
Dan Henderson

COVID-19 caused Polk chapter to cancel the hosting of the February meeting. There was discussion to cancel it, Steve of Treasure Coast offered his chapter to host it in Vero Beach. Waiting for the details but will post on our site and Facebook as soon as get them. February meeting will be important for final decision of Tallassee meeting and ride to Capital in April. Right now the Capital is closed and waiting to see when things will get going up there. So far the House hasn't any committees, but the Senate has named theirs. There are new leaders and again the Senate is more open to us. Our road traffic bills are in drafting in House and the Senate one is done. So we are ready for committee hearings. So the next State meeting we will decide if going to Tallahassee or maybe be back at Ft. McCoy as possible choice.

VP Darrin is having a contest to name the podcast. He hopes everyone is liking and sharing it along with our Facebook. State website is going through a total remodel, for now you can get the State newsletter and minutes on the Facebook page. We were asked to try to get two sponsors for State newsletter (ours too).

There wasn't a complete collection of the gun tickets so the drawing will be done in January so HOLD ON TO YOUR TICKETS. PR failed to get a AAA grant.

Membership—Gulf Coast swept Highest % for Sept., Oct., July, and August. They also had most new members for Oct. and July, while Daytona won for Sept and Polk took August.

After 30 years in the ABATE State office Boots is going to retire. Brandi will be taking over it all. The Deland PO box will close in 6 months. We were given a folder with new forms for the news mailbox. Check with Slo Motion for forms.



STATE MEETINGS Host Chapter & Location

2021 State Meetings

Feb.13 Vero Beach
Treasure Coast
April 11 Tallahassee
April 12 Ride to Capital
June 12 Vintage St. Aug
August 14 Lake
October 9 Gulf Coast
Dec. 11 Peace River

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Kid Rock to perform at Buffalo Chip for 2021 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

Journal staff Nov 27, 2020



PHOTO:Kid Rock performs at the Buffalo Chip in 2018 during the 78th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Rock will return to the Buffalo Chip's Wolfman Jack Stage Aug. 8, 2021, for the 81st annual Rally and the 40th anniversary of the campground.

As part of its 40th annual celebration, Kid Rock will perform Aug. 8, 2021, at the Buffalo Chip during the Sturgis Motorcycle

Rally, the campground announced Friday.

To celebrate the anniversary, the Buffalo Chip will give away a \$30,000 grand prize package to one winner and three of their friends in partnership with Black Hills Harley-Davidson and Liv Hospitality.

The "King of Sturgis" prize package registration is open and includes four Black Hills Harley-Davidson gift cards valued at \$2,500 each, a four week-long hotel stay at a Liv Hospitality property, \$500 in free gaming play per winner, four Top Shelf VIP upgrades with four front row reserved concert viewing seats, reserved spaces on each motorcycle ride throughout the rally and more.

In addition, there will also be a monthly give away with prizes like a three-night stay at Cadillac Jack's Gaming Resort and \$200 Cadillac Cash, along with \$300 for in-store shopping at Black Hills Harley-Davidson or an online shopping spree; a three-night stay at WaTiki Indoor Waterpark Resort and two Buffalo Chip Rally passes, and more.

Pre-sale admission for the rally at the Buffalo Chip is available.

https://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/kid-rock-to-perform-at-buffalo-chip-for-2021-sturgis-motorcycle-rally/article_a56b481d-9c8a-58ad-b956-e5345de26669.html

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D82 John Snyder (R)
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772-545-3481 Hove Sound

D85 Rich Roth (R)
850-717-5085 Tallahassee
561-625-5176 Palm Bch Garden

D86 Matt Willhite (D)
850-717-5086 Tallahassee
561-791-4071(2) WPB

D87 David Silvers (D)
850-717-5085 Tallahassee
561-352-4824 West Palm Beach

D88 Omari Hardy (D)
850-717-5088 Tallahassee
561-650-6846 West Palm Bch

D89 Mike Caruso (R)
850-717-5089 Tallahassee
561-750-2396 Boca Raton

D90 Joseph A. Casello (D)
850-717-5090 Tallahassee
561-374-7850 Boynton Bch

D91 Emily Slosberg (D)
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SENATE PRESIDENT POSITIVE

FOR COVID-19 December 14, Dara Kam

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida Senate President Wilton Simpson, one of the state's three most-powerful political leaders, has tested positive for COVID-19, Simpson said Monday morning.

Simpson, 54, underwent testing for the virus on Sunday, in advance of a Monday afternoon meeting of Florida electors. The electors were slated to gather in the Senate chamber to cast ballots for President Donald Trump, who defeated President-elect Joe Biden in Florida by more than three percentage points in last month's election.

In a letter to Gov. Ron DeSantis, Simpson said he regretted not being able to attend the meeting because he tested positive for COVID-19.

Simpson, who has advocated for the use of face masks, is experiencing "mild symptoms," similar to having a mild head cold or allergies, spokeswoman Katie Betta said.

Senate staff members who had contact with Simpson last week were tested Monday morning "out of an abundance of caution," Betta said in an email.

"Everyone was negative," she said.

While some other Republican

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D30 Bobby Powell (D)
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leaders have taken more-cavalier approaches to COVID-19, Simpson has adopted more-stringent protocols for senators and staff to try to reduce the spread of the highly contagious virus, which has resulted in the deaths of more than 20,000 people in Florida since the onset of the pandemic.

The Trilby Republican initiated precautions even before taking over as the Senate's leader following the November elections.

Simpson, a farmer and contractor who also made part of his fortune in the asbestos remediation industry, signed a two-year contract in October with a team from Tampa General Hospital to make recommendations about social distancing, air filtration and other COVID-19-related precautions in advance of the 2021 legislative session.

Committee meetings for the annual 60-day session, which kicks off March 2, begin next month. State lawmakers were offered COVID-19 tests at a testing site set up outside the Capitol prior to a legislative organization session on Nov. 17. Nine lawmakers, including those who were asymptomatic, were excused from attendance because they tested positive for the virus or were exposed to COVID-19 in the days leading up to the largely ceremonial session.

Simpson announced this month that no more than three Senate committees will meet at the same time when lawmakers return to Tallahassee next year.

The block scheduling "will allow us to utilize the committee rooms with the largest seating area for senators," Simpson wrote in a Dec. 3 memo.

But Simpson and House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, have not released plans about public attendance inside the Capitol --- which has been closed to the public for months because of the pandemic --- during the committee weeks and the legislative session.

Simpson's positive test result also nixed an annual holiday breakfast with reporters, scheduled for Tuesday. In previous years, the gathering was held in the Senate president's office. Due to the coronavirus, this year's event was slated to take place in the Senate chamber.

State health officials on Sunday reported more than 1.125 million COVID-19 cases since March. The state has recorded thousands of new cases each day for weeks.

More than 19,800 Florida residents have died of complications related to COVID-19, and 267 non-residents have died, according to Sunday's report.

Many of the deaths in Florida --- more than 7,700--- involve residents and staff of long-term care facilities.

The federal government is sending 179,400 doses of Pfizer Inc.'s recently approved vaccine to Florida, with the first doses arriving Monday. DeSantis said that 81,900 doses of the vaccine will be distributed to long-term care facilities. The remainder will go to five hospitals throughout the state.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020 Dec. 18, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida is about ready to enter what typically are two of the slowest weeks of the year in state government.

But as state leaders and tens of thousands of employees prepare for long Christmas and New Year's weekends, one big piece of business remained unresolved Friday.

A panel of state economists will reconvene Monday morning to try to agree on updated projections of state general revenue. The panel, known as the Revenue Estimating Conference, met throughout the day Friday but didn't finish its work.

Sounds like dry stuff, right? It can be.

But the tax-revenue numbers that pop out of Monday's meeting will play an important

role as lawmakers get ready to draw up a fiscal 2021-2022 budget during the upcoming legislative session. General revenue, which includes such things as sales-tax money, is pivotal in funding schools, health-care programs and prisons.

The economists meet periodically during each year to sift through mounds of data and update the projections. But the work has become even more tricky this year because the COVID-19 pandemic has pummeled businesses and caused belt-tightening among many consumers.

Legislative leaders have already warned that they expect to make budget cuts because of reduced amounts of revenue. But first, they need to know how much money they have at their disposal.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: SLEEVES UP, ARMS OUT December 18, Dara Kam

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida had a “magical moment” this week, as the first health-care workers and long-term care residents received vaccinations considered the cornerstone of a promised return to normalcy amid the coronavirus pandemic siege.

With their sleeves rolled up and their arms held out, nurses, doctors and seniors were captured on camera as they received shots of Pfizer Inc.’s vaccine, the first COVID-19 pharmaceutical protection released throughout the nation on Monday.

But the rollout of the Pfizer vaccine in Florida wasn’t without hiccups.

Gov. Ron DeSantis said last week that all of the state’s long-term care facility residents could be inoculated by the end of the year.

But that now seems unlikely.

Despite what was originally expected, the state won’t get another round of the Pfizer vaccine next week, prompting finger-pointing between the Republican governor and the pharmaceutical manufacturer.

On Wednesday, DeSantis blamed the delay on Pfizer production issues.

But the following day, Pfizer released a statement saying that wasn’t the case.

“Pfizer is not having any production issues with our COVID-19 vaccine, and no shipments containing the vaccine are on hold or delayed. This week, we successfully shipped all 2.9 million doses that we were asked to ship by the U.S. government to the locations specified by them,” the company’s statement said. “We have millions more doses sitting in our warehouse but, as of now, we have not received any shipment instructions for additional doses.”

Florida, however, is in line next week for a batch of vaccine doses from the drug company Moderna.

The doses will be distributed to 173 hospitals in 43 counties, DeSantis’ office announced Thursday.

The vaccinations began on the same day the state surpassed another sober marker, with health officials on Monday reporting more than 20,000 coronavirus-related deaths of Florida residents. The state has logged more than 1.1 million cases of COVID-19 since March.

DeSantis has staunchly defended his decisions to reopen businesses, bars and restaurants, moves that drew withering criticism from Democrats. He also has rejected requests to order a statewide face mask mandate and has banned local government officials from imposing penalties on people who don’t wear masks.

As the virus continues to spread and COVID-19 hospitalizations climb, DeSantis doubled down this week on urging Floridians and visitors to dine out.

The governor bristled when a reporter said local officials were accusing DeSantis of hamstringing their ability to curb the spread of the highly contagious virus. DeSantis insisted that further restrictions would harm business owners and their employees.

“If a local leader wants to put them out of work, you’re damn right I’m hobbling them from doing that,” DeSantis said during a press conference Tuesday at the Okeechobee Steakhouse in West Palm Beach, where he was flanked by restaurant workers. “If they want to shut down businesses, I’m going to stand in the way.”

HOPE IS ON THE WAY Florida received 179,400 doses of the Pfizer vaccine this week. About 100,000 were sent to five Florida hospitals, and tens of thousands of doses went to CVS and Walgreens, which signed agreements with the federal government to vaccinate residents and staff members at long-term care facilities.

DeSantis also directed 21,450 doses be sent to the Florida Department of Health to help at long-term care facilities.

Long-term care residents and staff members at facilities in Broward and Pinellas counties began receiving COVID-19 vaccinations Wednesday after DeSantis directed “strike” teams to use the state’s supply of the coveted Pfizer vaccine at the facilities.

“Our residents of long-term care facilities are more susceptible to negative outcomes than people who are very young, and we also knew that protecting them was important. It’s been a big mission for my administration since day one,” DeSantis said.

In addition to vaccinating people at facilities in Broward and Pinellas, DeSantis said the state also would provide the Pfizer vaccine to six nursing homes in Miami-Dade County. Those Miami-Dade facilities have the ability to vaccinate their own staff and residents.

DeSantis’s office said Thursday the state expects next week to receive 367,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine, which was poised for federal Food and Drug Administration approval Friday.

WADING INTO WETLANDS In a relatively rare move, the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection on Thursday announced approval of a plan to hand over federal permitting authority to Florida for projects that affect wetlands.

Supporters praised the move as helping reduce duplicative state and federal permitting and giving Florida more control over such decisions. Florida is only the third state, joining Michigan and New Jersey, which have received the authority, according to the EPA.

“Our waters and wetlands are critical to our economy and way of life in Florida. As such, it is important for the state to be in charge and take the lead in their protection,” state Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Noah Valenstein said in a statement released by the EPA. “We are pleased that with the assumption, Florida scientists and permittees will now be accountable for state and federal wetlands permits.”

But Florida Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, the only statewide elected Democrat, and some environmental groups criticized the decision, saying it will reduce protections for wetlands. They also pointed to the announcement’s timing as Republican President Donald Trump is slated to leave office next month.

“This is a parting gift to developers from the outgoing administration in Washington in coordination with the sitting administration in Florida,” Tania Galloni, managing attorney for Florida for the environmental law group Earthjustice. “The fact is that Florida’s proposed program to take over wetlands permitting doesn’t comply with federal environmental laws. It’s about destroying wetlands faster and cheaper at a time when we need more protection, not

less. We're considering our options."

STORY OF THE WEEK: Florida began inoculating health-care workers and residents of long-term care facilities, after receiving nearly 180,000 doses of the first COVID-19 vaccinations.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "From a health care perspective, this is our magical Neal Armstrong moment." --- Charles Lockwood, dean of the University of South Florida College of Medicine, as COVID-19 inoculations began with a Pfizer, Inc. vaccine.

SPROWLS FILLS OUT HOUSE PANELS December 18, 2020 NSF Staff

Preparing for the start of pre-session meetings in January, House Speaker Chris Sprowls on Friday released committee and subcommittee assignments for House members and named the leaders of subcommittees. Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, announced committee chairs and other House leaders last month. Among the appointments announced Friday were the leaders of subcommittees that will help craft a state budget.

They are:

Rep. Josie Tomkow, R-Polk City, as chairwoman of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee;

Rep. Bryan Avila, R-Miami Springs, as chairman of the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee;

Rep. Rene Plasencia, R-Orlando, as chairman of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;

Rep. Jayer Williamson, R-Pace, as chairman of the Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee;

Rep. Scott Plakon, R-Longwood, as chairman of the Justice Appropriations Subcommittee;

Rep. Randy Fine, R-Palm Bay, as chairman of the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; and

Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, R-Saint Johns, as chairwoman of the State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee.

Lawmakers will start holding committee and subcommittee meetings the week of Jan. 11 in advance of the March 2 start of the 2021 legislative session.

SB 278 Traffic Offenses 12-17-20

The Senate version of our Vulnerable Road Users bill has been filed. It is SB 278 by Sen. Baxley. As of this date it has not been assigned to any committees.

The House has just today announced their committee members.

I have attached the SB 278 originally filed bill in a pdf. document.

SB 278 Traffic Offenses General Bill by Baxley

Traffic Offenses: Creating the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person who commits the moving violation pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period, etc. Last Event: 12/16/20 S Filed on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 12:05 PM

HOUSE, SENATE LEADERS SET COVID-19 RULES December 18, 2020 Dara Kam

TALLAHASSEE --- State legislative leaders Friday released contrasting COVID-19 protocols for upcoming committee meetings, with the Senate setting up an off-site area where the public can view and participate in meetings amid the pandemic.

Under Senate President Wilton Simpson's plan, members of the public will have to watch remotely and testify from a civic center a few blocks from the Florida Capitol --- unless they are invited to the meetings by committee chairs --- when the meetings begin next month.

"As determined by the committee chair, in advance of each meeting, committee staff will contact those with subject matter expertise (for example, agency staff), who would typically attend a meeting within their jurisdiction, to determine whether, based on the specific agenda, they should attend the meeting in person in order to answer questions that may arise," Simpson, R-Trilby, wrote in a memo to senators on Friday. Members of the press will be allowed to attend in-person meetings, the memo said.

"Only agency representatives, or other subject-matter experts listed on the meeting agenda who are scheduled to speak before the committee" will be invited to appear at Senate meetings, Simpson spokeswoman Katie Betta told The News Service of Florida in an email.

Simpson, a farmer who also spent decades in the environmental remediation business, urged senators "to avoid in person meetings and to utilize available platforms to schedule meetings virtually" for January.

House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, has embraced a somewhat more relaxed stance, while still limiting the number of people who will be able to mix and mingle with state lawmakers during committee hearings that begin the week of Jan. 11 in advance of the annual legislative session, which starts March 2.

Seating in House meeting rooms "will be socially distanced and limited to meetings where committees are discussing bills or potential legislation," Sprowls wrote in a memo to House members on Friday.

The House will use an online registration system for people who want to provide "substantive testimony" and for the press, Sprowls said. Seating in committee rooms will be available on a "first-come, first-served basis," he added. Expanded seating capacity for "on-site virtual testimony" will be available "on certain issues of great public significance and when scheduling allows," the House speaker wrote.

Visitors to "House spaces," including lobbyists, will be "required to observe social distancing and wear a face covering when in the company of another person," Sprowls' memo said.

People who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, who are in quarantine or who were recently diagnosed with the virus won't be allowed to enter the House.

The Senate "has and continues to observe" federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocols, which include face coverings, social distancing and frequent hand-washing, Betta told the News Service.

The new legislative protocols, which come as COVID-19 cases and deaths in Florida continue to climb, encourage lawmakers to limit face-to-face interactions with the public.

Sprowls urged House members "to use conference calls or virtual meetings as alternatives to in-person meetings."

The House speaker's memo advised that representatives should "make every effort" to limit the number of people who are in their offices at one time. Members' offices "generally accommodate" two guests, and aides' offices generally have room for no more than one guest, Sprowls said.

"In-person meetings should be by appointment only with sufficient time in between appointments to avoid crowding in common areas," he instructed.

The House is creating a condensed committee schedule by splitting committee blocks in two

and using an alternating meeting schedule, thereby reducing the number of days House members will be in Tallahassee.

For example, committees and subcommittees will meet over two days during the week of Jan. 11, instead of the traditional four days of meetings. Committees and subcommittees that did not meet in early January will meet later in the month.

To maximize social distancing, Simpson previously announced that the Senate intends to use its largest committee rooms and hold no more than three committee meetings at one time.

The Senate, meanwhile, has reserved three “remote viewing rooms” at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, where members of the public will be able to watch the proceedings and testify.

“I understand that these protocols represent a significant change for everyone, and there are sure to be bumps in the road as we navigate the best way to facilitate a safe environment for the 2021 legislative session,” Simpson, who tested positive for COVID-19 on Sunday, wrote in Friday’s memo.

But some lobbyists seemed taken aback by the Senate’s invitation-only plan.

“I suspect that I would be considered an expert on gun issues and would be invited on pro-gun bills, but it would probably be a cold day in hell before a Democrat would want me there for a gun control bill,” National Rifle Association lobbyist Marion Hammer, who has represented the gun-rights organization for decades, told The News Service of Florida on Friday. “Frankly, the thought of testifying from the civic center virtually sucks.”

Others fear that Senate Republican leaders may not reach out to people or organizations that don’t support their takes on issues.

“Anytime you have invitations going out from leadership, you’re going to run into potential inequities, especially not only the nonprofit, advocacy-oriented lobby corps, but also the public,”

Brad Ashwell, Florida state director of All Voting is Local, said in a phone interview. “A lot of constituency groups bus up members during session.”

Logistics could also pose a problem, Ashwell said. Lobbyists could find it difficult to attend a House committee meeting in the Capitol shortly before or after making a virtual appearance at a Senate panel from the civic center.

“This disconnect between what the House and Senate are doing is concerning to me. They need to be on the same page,” Ashwell said.

Sprowls and Simpson are requiring legislators to undergo COVID-19 testing.

“We appreciate the challenges presented by COVID-19, but are confident that if we work together in a spirit of openness and consideration, we can navigate the challenges of the next few weeks,” Sprowls wrote.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020 November 27, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- For more than a decade, Courtney Wild has been on a quest to punish the people who sexually abused her when she was a child and those who abetted the molesters.

The Florida woman’s crusade has been stymied over and over again, but a federal appeals court hearing Thursday could open the door to some of the relief she’s been seeking.

Wild, who was one of multimillionaire Jeffrey Epstein’s numerous underage sexual-abuse victims, launched a legal fight 12 years ago to try to undo a secret deal hatched by state and federal prosecutors and Epstein’s lawyers.

Judges have repeatedly thwarted her efforts, but Wild’s attorneys on Thursday will try

to convince the full 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in what could be a landmark test of the federal Crime Victims' Rights Act.

Wild and her lawyers maintain that a non-prosecution agreement that allowed Epstein to avoid federal charges more than a decade ago violated the act, which grants victims the right to be treated "with fairness and respect" by prosecutors, to be given "reasonable, accurate, and timely notice" of court proceedings, and "the reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the government in the case."

In the lawsuit, Wild's attorneys allege that former South Florida U.S. Attorney Alex Acosta and other government lawyers hatched the non-prosecution deal without getting input from Wild and other victims.

Under the agreement, Epstein pleaded guilty to two state prostitution charges in Florida, including procuring a minor for sex. The plea deal also provided immunity from federal prosecution for Epstein, four other named co-conspirators and "any potential co-conspirators."

After the earlier plea agreement on state charges, Epstein was arrested in July 2019 and charged with federal sex-trafficking offenses involving minor girls from Florida and other places. He was found dead in a jail cell a month later in what was deemed a suicide.

Thursday's arguments come on the heels of a lengthy report by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Professional Responsibility, which spent nearly two years probing the government's handling of the Epstein deal.

The report found that Acosta used "poor judgment" in striking the non-prosecution agreement with Epstein's lawyers, showed that the government failed to provide documents to Wild's attorneys and revealed the Justice Department's views on how Acosta treated Epstein's victims, an element that plays a critical role in Wild's lawsuit.

Acosta served for two years as secretary of labor in President Donald Trump's administration, but he resigned last year amid criticism of his handling of the Epstein agreement.

An addendum to the report revealed a "data gap" in Acosta's email inbox from May 2007 through April 2008 --- "the exact time period Mr. Acosta was most deeply involved in negotiating and approving the Epstein NPA (non-prosecution agreement)," Wild's lawyers wrote in a motion seeking to include the report in the case.

The 11th Circuit refused to add the 287-page report to the case record, saying the court's reconsideration of the case was limited to two issues: whether the victims' rights act applies before charges are filed against a defendant and, if so, whether violations of the act can be enforced with an independent court action.

Wild's legal team, however, remained upbeat.

"The (federal) act promised Ms. Wild and other victims the chance to confer with the prosecutor before any deal was done," said University of Utah law professor Paul Cassell, a former federal judge who joined Fort Lauderdale attorney Brad Edwards in Wild's legal battle shortly after the lawsuit was filed. "So if we prevail, what we think should happen is the deal should be invalidated, including the immunity provision which gives immunity not just to the now-deceased Jeffrey Epstein but his co-conspirators."

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: COVID-19 CASTS A SHADOW November 20, 2020 Jim Saunders

TALLAHASSEE --- Moments after he became Florida Senate president this week, Wilton Simpson pretty much summed up where things stand for lawmakers.

"None of us who were here last session could have predicted what we are facing today," the Trilby Republican told senators. "Our focus will be different because our world is dif-

ferent.”

The House and Senate gathered Tuesday in the Capitol for a one-day organization session, usually a festive event with family members and supporters celebrating as lawmakers and leaders are sworn in after winning elections.

But like the rest of the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, festiveness was in short supply.

Nine lawmakers couldn't participate in the organization session because they tested positive for the virus or had been exposed to it. Most others wore masks. Guests were limited. The Capitol building was closed to the general public, as it has been for months.

And the hard work hasn't even started.

When lawmakers return to the Capitol in January to hold committee meetings in advance of the March start of the 2021 session, they will be confronted with a gaping budget hole caused by the pandemic's economic damage.

Like Simpson, new House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, alluded during a speech to House members about the changes COVID-19 has created for them.

“COVID-19 came roaring into our lives, and nothing has been quite the same,” Sprowls said. “We are still trying to understand all the ways and account for them that this virus has impacted --- and continues to impact --- families, communities, churches and schools. I expect much of this session will be spent dealing with the fallout of the virus and modernizing our laws and our plans to ensure that we are prepared for future pandemics.”

Gov. Ron DeSantis, however, tried to offer a dash of hope this week as he released a video touting rapidly developing vaccines and therapeutic drugs.

“I do believe that these breakthroughs represent probably the greatest rays of hope



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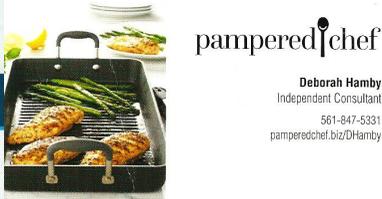
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that we have seen since the pandemic began,” DeSantis said. “They offer the prospect of saving thousands and thousands of lives, and to potentially bring this pandemic to an end.”

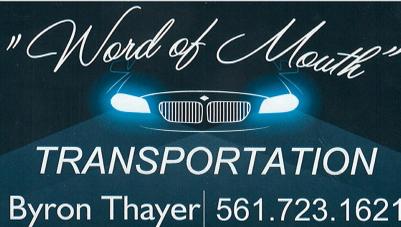
TAKING THE GAVELS Sprowls and Simpson worked for years to become House speaker and Senate president, two of the most-powerful jobs in the state.

And they drew most of the focus during Tuesday’s organization session, outlining priorities and their views on issues.

“We will tighten our belts,” Simpson told senators. “We have less revenue, therefore we will have less government.”

Speaking to reporters later, Simpson floated the possibility of funding cuts for the state’s K-12 system, citing increases in public-school spending over the past dozen years. He also pointed to university tuition increases --- which were off limits under former Gov. Rick Scott --- as a “viable opportunity.”

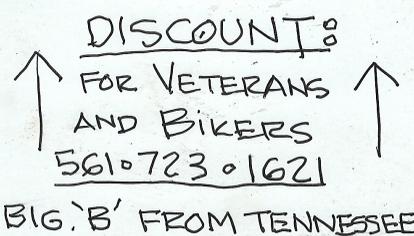
sources to be able to manage that system,” said Simpson, who has made improvements to the foster-care system one of his chief priorities.



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12-20-2020 13 members 2 guests in attendance Start at Noon Lakeside Anchor Inn

President: Snooze. Did very well at our event. Probably the best ever. Anchor Inn was very pleased

VP: Tony "Wrench" Let's get going in 2021 with more members and happenings

Secretary: Kelly (excused, minutes taken by Slo Motion. Approved the minutes from last meeting.

Treasurer: Suzanne. With the success of our event, we are in the Green

Membership: Suzanne. With our event, table at Lone Legion, and Snooze's work with the Council membership is up - about 14. Will check mailbox

Sgt at Arms: Quiet Dan. Event went smoothly even with some parking issues with the camper vans there

Safety: Slo Motion. Nothing really going on right now. Please let us know of events that are starting again. We had a new member join from Pennsylvania ABATE who gave us a lot of items for table - masks, coozis, hats, kick stand plates - that went fast since new items are not coming from FL State.

Delegate Report: Dan Effects of COVID-19 on ABATE: Polk out for February meeting, Stee and Treasure Coast stepped up to host in Vero Beach. Hold Rifle drawing tickets as will be drawn in January. Lawsuit dismissed. Boots retiring so mail box will change

Legislative: So Motion. Things are slow starting at Tallahassee with Covid - The Capital has been closed. might make April meeting change. Read more news on page 24

Public Relations: Slo Motion. Event photos have been posted on our Facebook page. More postings on Facebook needed. Event photos are on this month's cover as traditional.

Products: Snooze will pick up more patches as out. Slo Mo donated some t-shirts purchased at State. Pins of events/Tally were brought back and available.

Old Business: The event is over.

New Business: We're looking for a May event as is Motorcycle Month. Snooze is checking for a date from Council. First weekend would be best. Lighthouse chapter may have a event and Nam Knights' Rock n Roll Sunday need to be checked for dates, but they are usually late in month

Good of the Order: 50/50 won by Quiet Dan. Door prize, Harley gift certificate won by Slo Motion **Meeting adjourned:** 12:48

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