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When word got out that a county road crew was outside removing the colored crosswalk outside Westminster Oaks senior living community, an impromptu protest began. PROVIDED BY PETER BUTZIN

Alligator Alcatraz: Days are numbered

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Correspondence between a Miami-area rabbi and the director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management suggests that Alligator Alcatraz will have no detainees in a matter of days.

This news comes days after Gov. Ron DeSantis said the state would violate U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams’ recent ruling, which said the state and federal government should pack up all equipment and people and leave the Big Cypress National Preserve.

DeSantis said last week that Williams was an activist judge who was trying to write policy from the bench. The state would be undeterred, he said.

Attorneys for the state filed a 52-page motion Aug. 26 at the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals seeking a stay of a preliminary injunction issued last week by Williams in a lawsuit filed by

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‘Don’t mess with old people’

Senior lies down in middle of street during protest to save colored crosswalk

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When Westminster Oaks residents got word that a Leon County road crew had arrived Wednesday evening to undo their colored crosswalk, phones started ringing.

“People just started calling people and they got in their golf carts and we got out there as quick as we can,” said Sally Butzin, a resident of one of the largest senior living communities in Tallahassee.

At about 6:30 p.m., as the crew worked to scrape away the paint, some 30 people began to gather. Some ran to the scene. Some came in walkers. They began chanting “save our crosswalks.”

One resident even lay down across the green and yellow geometric patterned crosswalk on Dempsey Mayo Road to prevent the crew from continuing to erase a project that residents embraced.

They were proud of their partnership with the students at nearby W.T. Moore Elementary School – a project that was funded by Knight Creative Communi-

ties Institute.

It was once supported by the county before they were ordered to eradicate road art – under threat of state funding cuts – by Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration because state roads were being “commandeered for political purposes.”

While the Florida Department of Transportation took a less political tact and said the agency has a duty “to ensure the safety and consistency of public roadways and transportation

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Prosecutors point to murder ‘code’ talk

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Prosecutors in the trial of Donna Adelson began rolling out some of their most damning evidence against her, playing for jurors wiretapped phone calls in which she and her son, Charlie Adelson, spoke in code two years after Dan Markel’s murder.

Several former and current FBI spe-

cial agents took the stand starting Aug. 27 and continuing on Aug. 28, the eighth day of the trial. The agents testified about an undercover operation called “the bump” designed to get suspects talking nearly two years after the murder — and the conversations that followed on recorded lines.

Oscar Jimenez, a retired FBI agent who portrayed a Latin Kings gang member in “the bump,” told jurors about how he approached Donna Adelson outside

her condo at the Continuum in Miami and handed her an article about the Markel murder with his phone number and “\$5,000” written on it.

Under questioning from Assistant State Attorney Georgia Cappleman, Jimenez said the purpose of the bump was to “tickle the wire” because the suspects had stopped talking about the murder.

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