

# The Delray Democrat

## Imagine<sup>1</sup>

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Imagine if every evening news program opened with one of the following:

Climate change is occurring earlier and more rapidly than expected. Failure to act now, and act decisively, will lead to irreversible and catastrophic changes to the planet. And now, in relatively insignificant news . . .

After declining for a decade, the number of Americans who lack health insurance increased last year and is now approaching 28 million. Lack of healthcare is associated with a significantly higher incidence of premature, preventable death. Here now, some relatively insignificant news . . .

Fortune 500 CEOs continue to be taxed at a lower rate than their secretaries, and the 400 richest Americans are now being be taxed at a lower rate than any other income group. And now, in relatively insignificant news . . .

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<sup>1</sup> *The Delray Democrat*, January 2020, p. 7.