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Take Me Home!



Pictured are Children from Villages Elementary School of Lady Lake, with the Town Council showing their Water Awareness poster. The second annual Water Awareness Poster Contest was a great success. This is put on by the Town of

Lady Lake and the Florida Governmental Utility Authority.

## Walking Tall

By TomL

Once in a while you will see a person emerge that is special. He or she will have the energy of many people, sleep very little, work very smart and very hard. There is one very visible at the moment Donald Trump, President of the United States and he is walking tall. Some of the little weasels are scurrying around in the underbrush and some are standing on a stump telling lies trying to bring him down to their size. As long as he is alive he will never do that. I hesitate to use the words United States. Right now our states are not united. Usually you can tell the good guys from the bad guys. Today it's hard to tell. The people that investigate the bad guys have used illegal methods, so what do we do now. We do the right thing. We follow truth and justice no matter where it goes. We follow our laws and those who broke them must be punished by our laws.

When a person like Trump is walking tall among the supposed tough guys, he looks them in the eye and tells it like it is and they can't believe he says it plain leaving no question. Trump is lucky that he has his family around him so when he gets that lonely empty feeling it's not so bad.

What he must be feeling reminds me of one Sunday afternoon I was at the hunting camp and I heard a dog barking where there was not supposed to be a dog so I picked up my gun and started walking in that direction. When I left camp there were only two trucks, mine and there was one guy who was taking a nap. I walked in the direction of the sound of the barking for a long time and started walking in some water so after about twenty minutes I realized I was lost and in a swamp. I was not scared but concerned. I decided to walk toward the sun which was setting to the west in a straight line and sooner or later I would hit a dirt road. The water was now up to my waist. I was climbing over down trees from who knows when. It was getting dark and now I really was getting concerned because no one knew where I was. That was an empty feeling! About 30 minutes after dark I came out on what look like a dirt road. There was a barbed wire fence and I knew about where I was but I was miles from camp. So I started walking. After about twenty minutes I saw some parking lights from a vehicle. It was the guy who was taking a nap. He had decided to wait until I came out of the woods. I was really glad to see him and told him so. He gave me a ride back to my truck and I had a story to share the next week around the campfire. But if you have never felt an empty feeling before, some day you will.

Trump needs our support and he needs it now. Yes he made a lot of people mad during the campaign and some through his life but he is the best thing we have going for us. There is no one that can do better. He has a few rough edges but is walking tall for you and me! Show him support!



April Nothing But Networking lunch was held at the Waterfront Inn. Lady Lake Area Chamber recognized our Volunteer of the year, Dodie Frank, who is the owner of Cyber Office 4U. Starting from right to left is Dan Wilcox VP of the Chamber, Susan Soltysiak President, Dodie Frank and Donna Oates Head of our Ambassador

## Forest High Shooter

TomL

The shooter, Bouche was a nineteen year drop out from Forest High School. It started out by Bouche saying his first memory was of violence. Bouche was also Baker Acted at age 14. He wanted to join the military but could not because of the Baker Act. He bought the gun from an online source and met someone to pick it up. It was a 1930's model shotgun. He said when he actually got the gun home and he put a shell in the chamber, he got an adrenaline rush. Sources say Bouche wanted to shoot up the school on Friday the 13th but back out.

Bouche said he put the gun in a guitar case and it was surprisingly easy to walk in, no security, no resource officer, no teacher stopping him. He walked to a bathroom put on his tactical vest, loaded the gun and walked out to the hallway. When a girl (student) saw him she started crying and walking away, he let her go. The adrenaline rush was gone and there was an empty hole. He was confused and did not know what to do, so he shot a door. He did not find out till later that he had shot a student. He said he laid the shot gun down and gave himself up to a teacher. He said a couple of times he was remorseful but did not care what the students thought of him. Bouche said he could have killed a lot of students but chose not to.



## AS I SEE IT

By A.J.(Tony) Powell

Would you read a column about the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights? Probably not. It is interesting that anyone and everyone has an 'opinion' about 'Freedom of Religion' and 'Freedom of Speech' but have never bothered to read up on it. So I thought I'd take a look.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution says *"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."* Not that complicated - Is it?

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."* That seems simple enough. But, for whatever reason, the US Supreme Court claims it to mean that the government can OUTLAW religion.

This contradicts the next line *"or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."* Why then cannot our children pray in school? Why can't our local Commission Meetings, or any group meeting, start with an invocation?

Next line says, *"or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press."* Doesn't that mean that you can write or say what you want to, wherever you want to, whenever you want to?

If an American Citizen wants to say a prayer here, there or anywhere, why is it any business of the government?

Next line says, *or the right of the people peaceably to assemble."* Doesn't that mean that the police should not attack an individual, a group or a crowd who are walking down the street with a bunch of dumb signs claiming their 'rights'? Stupidity isn't illegal. If it was, most of our Congress and Senate would be in jail!

*and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."* That means only that American Citizens can legally 'Petition-The-Government' BUT, the government is not obligated to listen.

Their answer is, 'next election' But, that doesn't work either, because the new candidates turn out to be as crooked as the ones just voted out.

Apparently, when the First Amendment was drafted, it applied only to the U.S.

Congress and not State and Local Governments. Then, in 1940, the US Supreme Court used the Fourteenth Amendment, (The Free Exercise Clause) to override States Rights.

Here's a few more 'perspectives':- "Everybody is free to discuss religion, but no-one does!"

"When the government bans our faith, they are demanding submission."

"How is it that freedom OF religion, has become freedom FROM religion"

"Who is to be free? It has to be all of us, or none of us."

"A life without faith, is a life without purpose."

"Deny your God and worship mine or I will destroy you."

"Only faith is capable of purity."

"Can we get rid of Christianity and keep its' values?"

"Faith is about making the right choices, doing the right things and leading the right life."

"For you to believe what you choose, you must allow me to do the same, especially if we disagree."

A writer says, "People with different faiths or no religion at all might feel excluded. Or worse, they'd feel that you think that your religion is better than theirs. The writer asks, "Put the shoe on the other foot, how would that make you feel?"

My answer, "I'd feel just fine. Respecting other people's beliefs is important. My 'faith' (or lack thereof) is irrelevant.

As I See It, if others wish to believe differently, that is no business of mine.

## Be Prepared For Bad Weather

(NAPSI)—The hurricane season in the United States runs from June 1 through November 30, though the storms have been known to occur at other times. For 2018, experts at Colorado State University believe, the country can expect an above average storm season, with 14 named storms and seven hurricanes, three of them major. Regardless of whether these weather predictions come true, it's always a good idea for home and business owners to take the necessary steps ahead of the storm

warnings and the inevitable rush for emergency supplies.

### What To Do

Home and business owners can take a simple but proactive course of action. For example, preparations should start earlier than the issued hurricane warnings.

1. Getting a generator can be a good idea. They keep critical appliances running. Lights stay on, devices stay charged and weather updates are available on television, radio or online. Most tropical storms cause a disruption in electricity. Depending on the storm's intensity, damage to the electrical infrastructure can be extensive. Downed power lines, flooding, fallen structures, debris and other obstacles will affect the speed of power restoration, so it's important to prepare for an outage duration that may become uncomfortable.

A portable generator should be exercised every month. Schedule maintenance if needed. When you get a portable generator, use a sizing calculator to gauge your needs. Additionally, homeowners who seek greater peace of mind from an automatic home standby generator should schedule an in-home assessment, as automatic home standby units take time to get installed.

"It's better to be ready for a nonevent than it is to be caught off guard by a strong storm," explained Russ Minick, chief marketing officer at Generac Power Systems. "We believe we can offer manageable ways to guide home owners and businesses through the storm season, but staying safe starts with



preparedness."

2. An emergency hurricane kit for the family and any pets should be easily accessible within the home. In addition to food and bottled water, the kit should include a flashlight, first aid kit, battery-powered radio, a whistle to signal for help, and an assortment of hand tools. If someone in the home is dependent on electricity for life-sustaining medical equipment, review the family plan to access backup power or make arrangements to relocate when storm warnings are issued.

3. Outages and the need for fuel go hand in hand. During a power outage, you still might need to be out and about—maybe even evacuate the area—so ensuring that your car is fueled is important. In a worst-case scenario, your car can serve as a source of light, heat and electricity. A portable generator is far better suited to provide backup power, though, so make sure it has clean fuel, as well. And make sure any fuel you store is kept in approved containers.

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### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Each year for the eight years of Obama we have hung our heads, ate humble pie and have been taken advantage of by Russia, China, Mexico and more.

The argument today is between Trump, the media, the Democrats and a few Republicans in a power struggle. In my opinion the media other than Fox News and a few others is owned by the Democrats backed billionaires. The real money behind the media is Socialism which believes in taking money from the rich and giving it to the poor even if they are not working and not trying to better themselves. These people have gotten very wealthy with this system. They bought up media to spread their propaganda. When they can't find something bad about the opposition candidate they make it up, FAKE NEWS!

Russia has been influencing and manipulating our important decisions

through hacking, spying, buying influence thru campaign funds and etc. Russia has also been creating unrest in countries they would like to take over.

China using cheap labor, low taxes, and using the large population which is buying power, take over businesses/factories. After China takes controlling interest of the factory it takes the technology. China has steel, aluminum, plastics and many other supplies for the factories, which boost their economy. Then they wedge themselves between the buyer and supplier and mark up the cost to the consumer. They also tax the export much higher than we do. That will change.

Mexico has been letting their people come across the borders, allowing immigrants from other countries to cross their country to cross our border. In the meantime the cartels are bringing drugs across our border to sell, steeling young women on both sides of the border and turning them into sex slaves. They are also charging large amounts of

money to guide immigrant across our border. Many illegals die on the trip or disappear.

Trump is fighting all of this while the Democrats are obstructing him at every turn. Even some of his own party is misleading him and he still goes on. We are seeing some Congressmen and Senators trying to help and pushing back by demanding documents and information to help clean the swamp. Many of our worst fears came true, we have some bad politicians. I think most are good but some are self-serving or they attach things to bills to get money for their state funds, which they themselves use.

If we look back: Before Obama we had no ISIS, before Obama we had no BLM, before Obama we had no ANTIFA, before Obama we had no war on cops. Obama and Hillary took advantage of the black vote and now under Trump more Blacks are working than ever before.

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Planned Parenthood kills 300,000 babies a year and the dems will supply them with \$500,000,000 of our tax money to help kill them. The NRA receives zero government funds and they don't kill anyone, it's the people who were never taught the value of life that's doing the killing. IT STARTS AT HOME!



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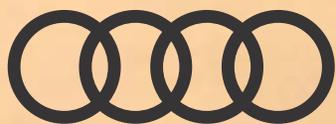


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## What to do at a Four-Way Stop Sign / Inoperable Traffic Light

A four-way stop is any intersection with a stop sign in each direction, a flashing red light in each direction, or an inoperable traffic light. **Traffic lights that are not working should be treated as a four-way stop sign.**

Four-way stops are usually (but not always) labeled as such, having a rectangular sign below the octagonal shape which reads something to the effect of, "4-Way Stop," "Four-Way Stop," or "All-Way Stop."

Each driver arriving at a four-way stop must first come to a stop, then one driver proceeds at a time.

If turning, as you approach a four-way stop, use your turn signal about one hundred

feet prior to reaching the stop sign. The four-way stop is one of the most crucial places for using your turn signal compared to almost any other driving situation.

Four-way stops always operate in a clockwise direction. So, the car furthest to the right always has the right of way, and then cars take their turns in a clockwise direction.

If multiple cars approach a four-way stop at about the same time, the driver who comes to a complete stop first proceeds first.

If two or more cars arrive at a four-way stop simultaneously, the driver furthest to the right always proceeds first, and each next driver in the clockwise direction follows.

If four cars arrive at a four-way stop simultaneously, drivers going straight should proceed first. If all four are turning right, they may all proceed simultaneously.

These aside, there is no distinguishable way to see who should go first, so the intersection is at a standstill until one driver gets up the nerve and begins to inch forward, alerting the other drivers of his or her intentions, and proceeds through the intersection (thus starting the clockwise rotation from that driver).

If two cars opposite each other are proceeding straight, both turning right, or one proceeding straight with the other turning right, they may go at the same time. The turn then goes to the adjacent cars at the stop, who may follow the same rule if applicable.

Follow these tips to avoid adding further miscommunication to the situation.

**Pedestrians always have the right of way.** Please do not run anyone over simply because you think it's your turn to go; it may very well be your turn to go, but if a pedestrian is in a crosswalk that interferes with your desired path, do not go.

- You must always stop at a four-way stop.
- Some drivers will ignore all the rules of

the four-way stop and mistakenly assume that they have the right of way. Even if it is your legal turn to proceed forward, always do so with caution, being wary of impatient drivers who may be too hasty to wait another ten seconds for you to clear the intersection.

If any emergency vehicle is approaching from any direction, pull over. Emergency vehicles always get the right of way.

Remember, some distracted drivers will be using a cell phone or texting, so be careful and observant.

## Healthy Sweet Potatoes

(NAPSI)—Sweet potatoes are trending and are all the rage—as they should be! One medium California sweet potato has only 105 calories and 0g of fat, yet this versatile veggie contains more than 80 nutrients including protein, manganese, carotene, potassium, calcium, vitamin C and more than an entire day's worth of vitamin A. Plus, California sweet potatoes are rich with antioxidants and loaded with dietary fiber—nearly twice as much as a white potato.

Not just for Thanksgiving, thankfully, California sweet potatoes are available year-round. Chefs and home cooks are coming up with fun and creative ways (beyond Grandma's holiday casserole) to incorporate this tasty tuber into everyday meals—winter, spring, summer and fall.

Here are some delicious ways to cook with California sweet potatoes:

For a quick snack, add a cooked California sweet potato (or two) to your favorite hummus recipe, garnish with a good glug of olive oil and a generous squirt of lemon. Serve with crudites and pita triangles.

Make a beta-carotene-rich soup by adding uniformly chopped California sweet potatoes, butternut squash, and carrots to a homemade or store-bought chicken stock. Throw in a can of white beans, a handful or two of kale and garnish with chopped flat-leaf parsley. Serve with freshly grated Parmesan.

What's better than home fries for breakfast? California sweet potato home fries! Switch out white potatoes for California sweet potatoes, throw in some chopped onions, bell pepper and a sprinkle of cayenne or paprika and you've got sweet potatoes O'Brien to go with your bacon and eggs.

Mashed California sweet potatoes make a delicious accompaniment to a store-bought or homemade roasted chicken. Steam the sweet potatoes until tender, mash, and stir in warmed butter and milk. For garlic mashed, simply throw a few cloves of garlic into the steamer and mash them with the sweet potatoes.

Brunch is always a great way to entertain family and friends. Whether it's Easter, Mother's Day or a regular old Sunday, why not wow your guests with a delicious spread? Coffee, mimosas, Danish, croissants, fruit salad and of course something with eggs.

This breakfast strata will more than satisfy:  
**California Breakfast Strata with Sweet Potatoes, Chiles and Goat Cheese**  
Serves 10 to 12

- Ingredients:**
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
  - 1 pound orange-fleshed sweet potatoes, cut into 3/4-inch dice (about 3 3/4 cups)
  - 12 ounces loose breakfast sausage or

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Are you, or aren't you?

To the editor

If you're on any form of social media whatsoever, you've likely had to read the messages with hashtags in between every other word: "#WeThePeople love our country and we're the #Resistance!" or "#Let's #MAGA. We are the #Persistence!" So who's right? What side are you on, and why?

Are you or aren't you helping to further divide in this country? Because, no matter which side of the aisle you're on – or even those in the middle – we definitely have a non-United States of America. But, here's a warning for those never-Trumpers who think it all started in November 2016: it didn't. No, it really didn't. The truth is it's never been united at all.

Even dating back to our Independence, there have been two main political parties: the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists. In fact, several of our founding fathers didn't even like having political parties at all. That's just the beginning and I'll spare you the history lesson. The purpose of this flashback is to remind people that things really aren't any different than they were 200 years ago, it's just that today we have the lovely benefit (insert sarcastic tone) of television and the Internet to advertise #TheResistance and #ThePersistence, and every other opinion of the Constitution or its Amendments.

So, are you or aren't you one of these

keyboard warriors? I'll admit that I am, to a certain degree. My justification is that I feel the personal need to educate those who only listen to the nightly news. You know #MSM #FakeNews? Yes, more sarcasm, but this time with a dose of sincerity. Truly, if everyone only watched NBC News, the narrative would always be what the station oligarchs chose and we'd just be regurgitating that which the anchors fed us. As it stands right now, almost 60% of Americans get their news from TV.

Let's look a little further. Keep in mind, this is an overall, 30,000-foot view and there are many more billionaires who own other news outlets (i.e. print, radio, etc.), but basically we can consolidate our news into outlets owned by six corporations. Of those six, they control about 90% of the broadcast news. National Amusements has more than 50 television and film stations, not to mention print, Internet and video game outlets. Then consider Disney. You read that right...Disney isn't just a theme park! It owns dozens of television, film, print, and video game outlets, too. And these are just two such conglomerates overseeing hundreds of channels.

Now that we know a great majority of our TV news is coming from a handful of script writers, I encourage everyone to do their own research on any topic that the networks hype morning and night. Why is this important? Consider a study conducted by the Pew Research Center that found 62% of

news coverage in President Trump's early days was negative, and only 5% was positive. If people put the full weight of their opinion of this president into the spin from TV news, it's not surprising to witness the nastiness displayed by the individuals who have been programmed by this propaganda called the #Resistance.

Knowledge is power, and being armed with knowledge through your own research – including reading and listening to both sides – is the best offense and defense rolled into one. It provides substantive talking points and counter points during conversation and acts as a shield of protection against outright disinformation which is what seems to be blatantly prevalent. What we desperately need are more voices of reason. Are you, or aren't you, willing to be one of these defenders of truth instead of a perpetuator of political correctness?

If anything, maybe the next time someone tries to incite a debate with a fact-void, feelings-based headline from the TV news pontificators, remind them of a great quote from Mark Twain: "It's better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than open it and remove all doubt."

Cheers,  
RRM

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago, some of us were asking "It's Friday the 13th. Do you know where your tax return is?" So, do you? Specifically, do you know where all your personal, private information is? Yeah, it's on that tax return! The tax return you sent to

the IRS and hope that an ID thief did not steal.

Thousands of people fall victim to identity theft every year because of their income tax returns. According to the IRS website, 107,000 reported being victims of identity theft in 2017. In most cases, they didn't discover it for many months.

ID theft via the income tax is a real nightmare. However there is a fool proof solution: pass the FAIRtax and return sanity to federal taxation. The FAIRtax replaces the federal income tax and all it's many problems with a simple sales tax. Kinda like here in Florida: no income tax, just a simple sales tax. And don't forget, when we eliminate the federal income tax, we will eliminate the IRS too.

It is real legislation in Congress; HR 25 in the House and S 18 in the Senate. And you can help; actually, you must help.

Go to [ffairtax.org](http://ffairtax.org) to learn more. Sign up for more information. Then call your Congressman and both Senators and demand that they cosponsor the legislation. If they already are a cosponsor, please thank them.

Be proactive and help the volunteers of the Florida FAIRtax Educational Association get the word out to all of Florida. The national group, Americans For Fair Taxation ([fairtax.org](http://fairtax.org)) and other state groups are doing their part. Please do what you can to help us bring about REAL tax reform by telling everyone you know about the FAIRtax.

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This spring, Manufacturers Association of Florida recognized Crevalle Boats as their Manufacturer of the Year. "The MAF membership is pleased to present the annual

announcement of winners from this prestigious selection of finalists which truly represents a superior level of professional integrity"

Dozens of nominations were accepted for distinguished manufacturers and distributors across the state of Florida. A team of judges, selected for their intimate knowledge of the industry and track records of successful ventures, evaluated each nominee on leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, measurement, analysis and knowledge management, workforce focus, and operation focus.

Manufacturers represent not only the strength and agility of the industry, but an unprecedented level of success which will drive Florida forward in the coming years. With the advantages and opportunities present in today's market, we are proud of these companies for their leadership and influence within their industries and our communities.

Congratulations to the Bailey and Dailey families as well as the entire team at Crevalle on your recognition as Florida Manufacturer of the year!



## Cilantro Lime Grilled Salmon



and garlic. Stir until butter is melted and all ingredients are combined. Turn off heat and add cilantro.  
3. Pour sauce over salmon and serve.

Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Total Time: 25 minutes

### Ingredients

- 4 (6-oz.) salmon fillets
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tbsp. butter
- 1/2 c. lime juice
- 1/4 c. honey
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tbsp. Chopped cilantro

### Directions

- Season salmon with salt and pepper. Heat grill and place salmon on grill flesh side down. Cook for 8 minutes then flip and cook on other side until salmon is cooked through, 6 minutes more. Let rest 5 minutes.
- Meanwhile make sauce: In a medium saucepan over medium heat, add butter, lime juice, honey,

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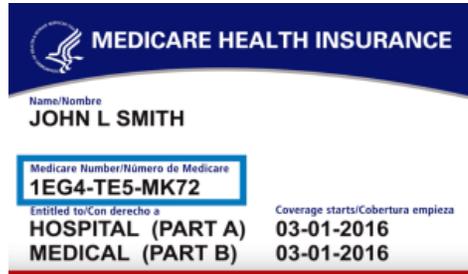
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## New Medicare Card Scams

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF THESE FOLLOWING SCAMS RELATED TO THE NEW MEDICARE CARDS THAT WILL BE SENT STARTING IN APRIL 2018 UNTIL APRIL 2019. PLEASE SEND THIS TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ON MEDICARE OR WILL BE SOON.**



### Five Tips To Avoid The New Medicare Card Scams

Perhaps you haven't heard, but starting in April 2018, Medicare will issue new cards to all Medicare recipients. The new cards will no longer use Social Security numbers. Instead, members will be identified by a unique, eleven-character ID composed of numbers and letters.

The reasoning is sound. The old cards contained social security numbers and getting rid of those numbers should help reduce fraud. According to Medicare, the new cards will be sent automatically, so there's no need to do a thing. Unfortunately, that's the end of the good news.

#### The Medicare market is huge

Everyone 65 or older, roughly 60 million people, have Medicare. Your insurance may be provided via a Medicare Advantage plan, or you may have a supplemental plan, but the bottom line is if you're over 65, you're in what I call the "Medicare market." Because it would be nearly impossible to ship out all those new cards at once, the switch will take

place over the course of one year.

With a target market of 60 million people, many with some form of cognitive impairment, and more than a year to run their scams, is it any wonder scammers are salivating over the potential windfall? Even seniors without a cognitive impairment risk falling into the trap of following the lessons we were taught early in life—be trusting, be polite. Both lessons are tools scammers can use to their advantage.

#### Medicare card scam tips:

**Tip 1:** Medicare will never call, email or text you to ask for your personal information. This means that if you receive a communication asking for your information, **it's a scam.**

**Tip 2:** The new cards cost nothing. If you're asked to pay a fee to expedite or process shipment of your new card, **it's a scam.**

**Tip 3:** Medicare will also not contact you via phone, email, or text to discuss your "new benefits" or find out if you've received your new card. Medicare benefits are not changing just because new cards are being sent out.

**Tip 4:** If someone calls, emails, or texts you and claims your Medicare benefits are in danger of being cancelled unless you pay a **fee or share your information, it's a scam.**

**Tip 5:** Medicare does not accept payment in the form of gift cards, wired money, or credit card. If someone asks you to send them money, **it's a scam!**

## Ideas On Paper

(NAPSI)—For over 40 years, works by famed sculptor Strong-Cuevas have been acclaimed and enjoyed in major museums and private collections.



Now, you can have them at your fingertips. That's because Abrams Books, the premier art book publisher, has created a lavishly illustrated coffee table sized book of 190 of her color and black-and-white drawings, "Strong-Cuevas Drawings: Ideas on Paper." All the drawings have been thematically arranged and explore recurring themes of Strong-Cuevas' art. Strong-Cuevas says her work expresses thoughts about universal consciousness, space and time, and inner mediation. Best known for her sculptures made from bronze, stainless steel and aluminum, Strong-Cuevas' art often portrays the human head and plays with scale. Her drawings express the same themes.

The book also features a foreword by noted art historian and critic Jan Garden Castro, who has written extensively about Georgia O'Keeffe, Louise Bourgeois, Maya Lin, and numerous others.

Also published by Abrams is the critically acclaimed "Strong-Cuevas Sculpture: Premonitions in Retrospect," featuring photos of her sculpture.

## Sweet Potatoes

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breakfast sausage patties  
One 7-ounce can chopped green chiles  
Nonstick cooking spray  
10 ounces crusty Italian or French bread, with crusts cut or torn into 3/4-inch pieces (about 10 cups)  
4 ounces chèvre (spreadable goat cheese), crumbled (about 1 cup)  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh sage  
8 large eggs  
2 cups milk  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper

#### Instructions:

In a large skillet over medium heat, warm the oil. Add the sweet potatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Add the sausage and cook, breaking it up and stirring occasionally, until the sweet potatoes are lightly browned and tender and the sausage is cooked through, about 8 minutes. Stir in the chiles and set the skillet aside.

Coat a 2 1/2- to 3-quart casserole dish with cooking spray. Arrange 1/3 of the bread in the dish. Top with 1/3 of the sweet potato mixture, 1/3 of the cheese and 1/3 of the sage. Repeat 2 times. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour the egg mixture over the casserole and set aside for 20 minutes, pressing on the bread occasionally to help it absorb the liquid.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 350° F. Cover the casserole with foil and bake for 50 minutes. Remove the foil and continue baking until the top is browned and the center is set, about 10 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting and serving.

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# Governor's Desk

## Gov. Scott: State Funding Accelerates Critical Repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Governor Rick Scott announced today the acceleration of critical repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee. State funding of \$100 million for these repairs was championed by Governor Scott during the last two legislative sessions. The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have reached an agreement on a \$50 million state investment to fully fund this phase of the Reach I Cutoff Wall Extension of the Herbert Hoover Dike. This project will fortify the Dike in a specific area near Belle Glade. The state funding used to fully fund this phase of the Reach I Cutoff Wall Extension will allow the Corps to

immediately focus their resources on accelerating repairs to other critical portions of the Dike. The Governor also directed the Florida Department of Environmental Protection today to work with the Corps to identify how to best utilize the \$50 million he signed into law for next fiscal year to accelerate critical repairs. During Hurricane Irma, Governor Scott ordered the evacuation of surrounding communities because Lake Okeechobee had reached critical water levels.

Governor Scott said, "For years, I have fought for repairs to the federally operated Herbert Hoover Dike and we have shown that Florida will stop at nothing to ensure the communities and environment surrounding the Dike are fully protected. These communities can no longer wait for Congress, and today, I am proud to announce that we've entered into an agreement with the Army Corps that jump

starts the critical repairs we have been working toward. While there is still more to be done, today's news is great for Florida. Continuing to make real progress in repairing the Dike is critical not just for the safety of South Florida residents, but also for the health of the greater Everglades system and Florida's coastal estuaries."

Col. Jason Kirk, commander of Jacksonville District said, "This agreement is another important milestone in the federal-state effort that provides great value to the citizens of Florida and the nation. It allows us to fully fund a construction contract to install 6 miles of seepage barrier west of Belle Glade in Palm Beach County. We look forward to starting this work as soon as possible. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has a longstanding partnership with Florida in our combined efforts to restore the Everglades. State assistance to the vital rehabilitation of Lake Okeechobee's Herbert Hoover Dike is an extension of the restoration partnership."

Florida Senate President Joe Negron said, "I appreciate Governor Scott's successful efforts to work with the federal government to expedite this project, ensuring that we make the best use of both state and federal tax dollars as we work to repair the Herbert Hoover Dike and build additional storage south of the lake through the implementation of Senate Bill 10. An effective state and federal partnership is critical to ensuring communities near Lake Okeechobee are protected and harmful discharges are eliminated. This successful state and federal partnership has resulted in the federal government agreeing to expedite the timeline for repair of the Herbert Hoover Dike from 2025 to 2022, and today's announcement is an important step toward meeting that deadline."

Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran said, "Today's announcement is a testament to the Governor's leadership when it comes to the environmental health of Lake Okeechobee and of the surrounding communities. I applaud the hard work of DEO and look forward to seeing these needed repairs completed quickly."

Last year, during the Special Legislative Session, Governor Scott fought for and secured \$50 million in state funding to speed up repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike – becoming the first Florida governor to invest state dollars to expedite repairs to this federal project. Together with next fiscal year's funding, Florida has now committed a historic \$100 million in state funding to ensure critical repairs to this federally operated dike are made to protect the state's unique environment.



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- Change air conditioner filters monthly.
- Keep blinds or drapes closed during the day to reduce heating from the sun.
- Adjust ceiling fans to turn counter-clockwise during the summer months.
- Turn off or unplug any unnecessary lights and electronic devices.

"Home cooling systems work harder than ever during the summer to maintain your current temperature settings," said Mike Poucher, Director, Ocala Electric Utility. "Air conditioning can account for approximately 45 percent or more of your total power costs. Visit [www.myenergyplanner.com](http://www.myenergyplanner.com) to find out your estimated daily power usage and get personalized tips to save on your electric costs this summer."

For more information, please contact Ocala Electric Utility at 352-629-2489 or visit [www.ocalaelectric.org](http://www.ocalaelectric.org).



## Attorney General Bondi

April 21, 2018

Yesterday, my heart sank as I heard about two Gilchrist County Sheriff's deputies that were ambushed and fatally shot while eating lunch at a restaurant in Trenton, Florida. There are no words to express the amount of grief these families are feeling right now. The daily risk that law enforcement officers take to protect our communities is

overwhelming. They swear under oath to protect and serve the citizens of their community, even though some of these heartless citizens may want to hurt them.

Two of my victim advocates immediately went to Trenton to assist and offer support to the families of Sergeant Noel Ramirez and Deputy Taylor Lindsey. My office is also available for fellow law enforcement

officers, restaurant employees or customers affected by this tragedy. I am praying for everyone involved in this senseless act, especially the families, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. God bless our law enforcement community—Sergeant Ramirez and Deputy Lindsey are heroes, and they will never be forgotten.

Earlier this week, the Constitution

Revision Commission concluded the process of proposing amendments to the Florida Constitution. It has been a privilege to serve amongst fellow Commissioners during this important and historical process.

On Monday, I introduced for the final time, Proposal 6012, which creates a new section in the State Constitution to prohibit the racing and wagering on greyhounds and other dogs in Florida by 2020. The humane treatment of animals must be a fundamental value of Florida and this proposal guarantees that. Today, 18 dog racing tracks still exist in the United States, of that 18, 12 are operated in Florida. Greyhound and other dog racing is banned in 40 out of the 50 states, and it is time for Florida to relinquish the black eye this inhumane practice has on our state.

I want to thank my fellow Commissioners for voting favorably on this proposal and allowing Floridians to decide on the November ballot. I also want to commend my co-introducers, Commissioners, Lisa Carlton, Don Gaetz,

## Second Career Keeps You Rolling!



(NAPSI)—By 2020, one in three Americans will be over age 50. If you or someone you care about expects to be among them, there's something you may want to consider—and it's electric.

An electric bike, that is. In fact, a whole shop full of them. Owning an electric bicycle store is an increasingly popular second or third career for many.

### There are several good reasons:

1. The electric bicycle industry is booming. It's expected to grow 60 percent worldwide by 2025. Pedego, the No. 1 electric bike company in the U.S., has helped more than 100 career want-to-be entrepreneurs open a store.

2. The bikes practically sell themselves. You just have to create an environment where it's fun and easy to buy.

3. Owning a Pedego store is both enjoyable and fulfilling. People who own a store say it's surprisingly good to see the smiles on customers' faces or hear how riding an electric bicycle has changed their lives by expanding their social circles, helping them get fit or ditching their cars for green transportation.

4. The stores are NOT franchises. They're independently owned and operated. You're the boss—but you're not alone. The company offers dealer support and services at no charge and there are no licensing or royalty fees.

5. Opening a Pedego store can be good for your health and happiness as well as your pocket. The store owners tend to be a fit bunch thanks to all the bicycling. Plus, it's a great way to meet people and have fun. While some retirees find their worlds shrinking as work relationships trail off, electric bike dealers develop new friendships with the customers who join them for group rides.

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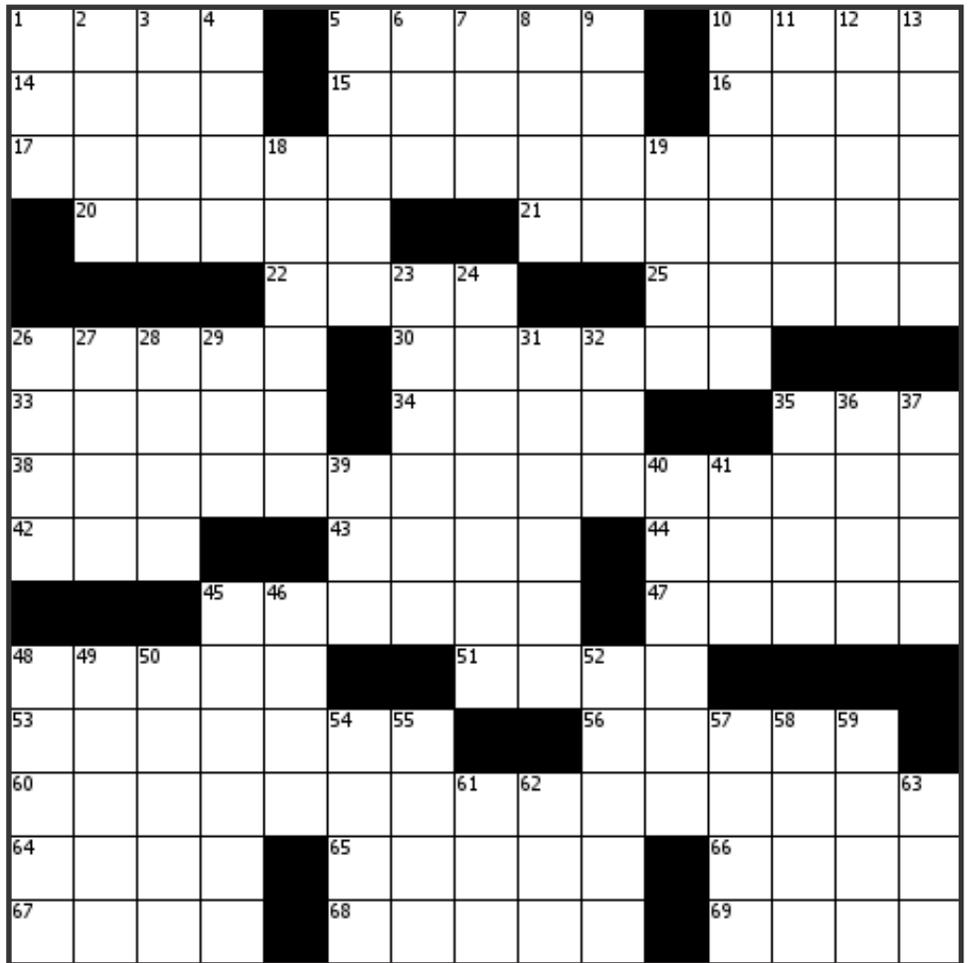
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51. Court partitions
53. Mame and Em
56. Inclined
60. Rare utterance from Mom?
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65. Contents of some closets
66. 1988 U.S. Open loser to Mats
67. Mob or hoop ending
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1. Crude resource
2. Richard Purdy Wilbur, e.g.
3. Deseret's state
4. Financial planner's advice
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8. Kerfuffles and foofaraws
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11. Yankees, to the Red Sox
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# Build a Bee Hotel Free Money-Saving Tools

By Chris Boody  
Credit to WellnessMama.com, my favorite blogger.

Most of us know the importance of honey bees to our food supply and the importance of protecting them. There have been articles published about the dwindling population of honey bees and the ramification on our nation's crops. But did you know there are over 4,000 other species of native bees in the US? Many of these other bees are better pollinators than honey bees and play a major role in the pollinating business, as it were. Many of these other species don't live in a hive. They may nest on the ground, in rock or wood crevices or may make their own hole to nest in. Also of note is that many of these other species don't swarm, build colonies or make honey. They are largely harmless to humans and don't sting. But when they do are not as painful as being stung by a honey bee.

A fun thing to encourage these other bees to take up in your yard is to build a bee "hotel". Creating such a habitat encourages their populations to grow and as a bonus will help your vegetable, fruit or flower garden to thrive.

A few important things to consider:

- Put the house/hotel in a sunny place that is protected from the rain (like with an overhang).
- Make sure the materials you use can be changed or replaced every few years. So don't use glue or even nails to build the hotel.
- Each bee needs about 1 square yard of densely packed flowers per day, so be sure they have such available food supply.

Here are some ideas on different types of houses:



Picture credit: WellnessMama.com

## Drilled Wood Bee House

This may be the simplest for all it requires is a wooden box at least 8" deep. Attach a sloping roof with an overhang to deflect rain. Fill the box with scrap wood that's thick and almost the same as the box depth. Then drill 2-10 millimeter holes into the wood every inch or so. Don't go all the way through - the bees need a "back wall". Then to fill up some of the space between the scraps of wood, insert cuts of bamboo. But make sure one end of the bamboo pieces is sealed with beeswax or modeling clay.

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## Recycled Bee House

Take a plastic soda bottle or any cylindrical plastic container and fill it with cut bamboo pieces with an internal diameter of 2-10 mm. Use different variations of diameter to attract a variety of species. And as with the first one mentioned, seal one end with beeswax or modeling clay.

## Maintaining the Bee Hotel

If your bee hotel is occupied during the summer, there are likely bee pupae nestled inside, ready to emerge in the spring. So be sure over the winter, when we get some Indian Summer weather to move the house to where it will stay cool and dry.

In the spring after the baby bees emerge, inspect the house for mold or fungus or parasites to ensure the next generation will



(NAPSI)—The stock market is down and it's tax season. We've got money on our mind and how to save it. So we've rounded up our top three favorite apps to help you save or at least make sure you don't overpay.

**1.) Basket**—Are you paying too much for your groceries? There was no way to know until Basket launched its app. Simply tell Basket what you're planning on buying and the app will tell you which store has the best price for each item on your list and your total shopping list. The app uses crowdsourcing to get the best prices on apples, eggs, milk, wine—and everything else you can imagine—at over 156,000 supermarkets across the nation.

The idea came about after Neil Kataria, a father of three, began wondering if he was really getting the best prices when he bought items online from Amazon and Diapers.com, or if he could have saved more by shopping locally. As he began to audit his receipts, he realized that off-line prices were much more competitive—and shopping in store saved him 30–40 percent.

After launching in January 2016, Basket now has over 16 billion dynamic prices. Basket also helps users save money on all baby, pet and beauty items. This spring, Basket moves into B2B space and will launch an insight platform to work with brands and grocery stores.

**2.) Honey**—If you do most of your shopping online and love couponing but don't have the time (who does?), this app (or Google Chrome extension on your PC) is for you. It helps users save money by doing all the coupon searching and applying the coupons automatically at checkout. Occasionally, Honey will not have any coupon codes for your order. This happens when there just aren't any offered deals at the time, so you can go ahead and buy that Bluetooth speaker or that Gap sweater with confidence knowing you got the best price.

**3.) CamelCamelCamel**—Can't get enough of shopping on Amazon? Always scouring the Internet for the best deals? CamelCamelCamel is a free Amazon price tracker that monitors millions of products and alerts you when prices drop, helping you decide when to buy. Don't want to add another app to your already crowded smartphone? Consumers can add "The Camelizer," a price-tracking add-on for Mozilla Firefox, Safari and Google Chrome, to easily view the price history of any product sold by Amazon-supported retailers. Ready, set, shop!

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# Sound The Alarm

(NAPSI)—Every 45 minutes, someone in this country is injured in a home fire, mostly in places without working smoke alarms—but you can help reduce such statistics.

## Three Steps Toward A Solution

1. Check that you have working smoke alarms on every floor, in cooking areas and in every bedroom of your house.

2. Volunteer to help the American Red Cross. It's calling for thousands of volunteers to join Sound the Alarm events across the country as part of its Home Fire Campaign. During these events, volunteers and partners install smoke alarms, replace batteries in existing alarms and help families create escape plans. As of March, the campaign is credited with saving 381 lives.

More than 1.1 million smoke alarms have been installed during Sound the Alarm home fire safety and smoke alarm installation events and volunteers are needed to help with upcoming events.

3. Donate to the American Red Cross. The money will help educate families on fire safety; install free smoke alarms nationwide; and provide food, comfort and aid to those who have been affected by a home fire. You'll be joining thousands of other Americans and generous organizations including Almost Family, Delta Air Lines, and FEMA through its Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

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## The Book

Now, this 34<sup>th</sup> volume of "L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future" features the work of the 24 award-winning new authors and illustrators from this year's contests. Edited by David Farland, with cover artwork by Ciruelo, the book also has stories and articles written by renowned writers Orson Scott Card, Brandon Sanderson, Jody Lynn Nye, Jerry Pournelle, Ciruelo and Echo Chernik.

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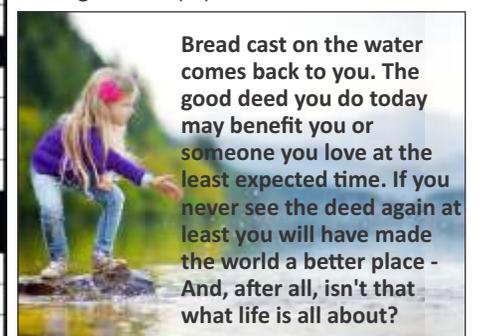
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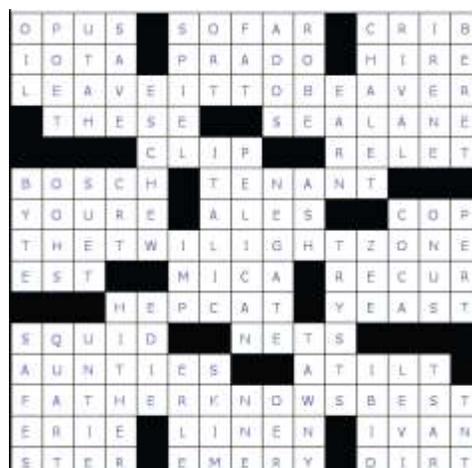
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