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Where Do We Go From Here?

By TomL

Our Country is so divided, it is full of HATE and not enough LOVE! I guess our next step is to learn to recognize the difference and join in with the people who are not full of hate and support the fact people have the right to be different. Anything that is driven by hate eventually destroys itself in the end. The Democrats let the Socialist join their party to use their votes. When they realize they have been used all hell will break loose. The Party that will be in tacked In four years will be the Republican Party they will pick up the pieces. The Tax Payers and the country will be hurt!

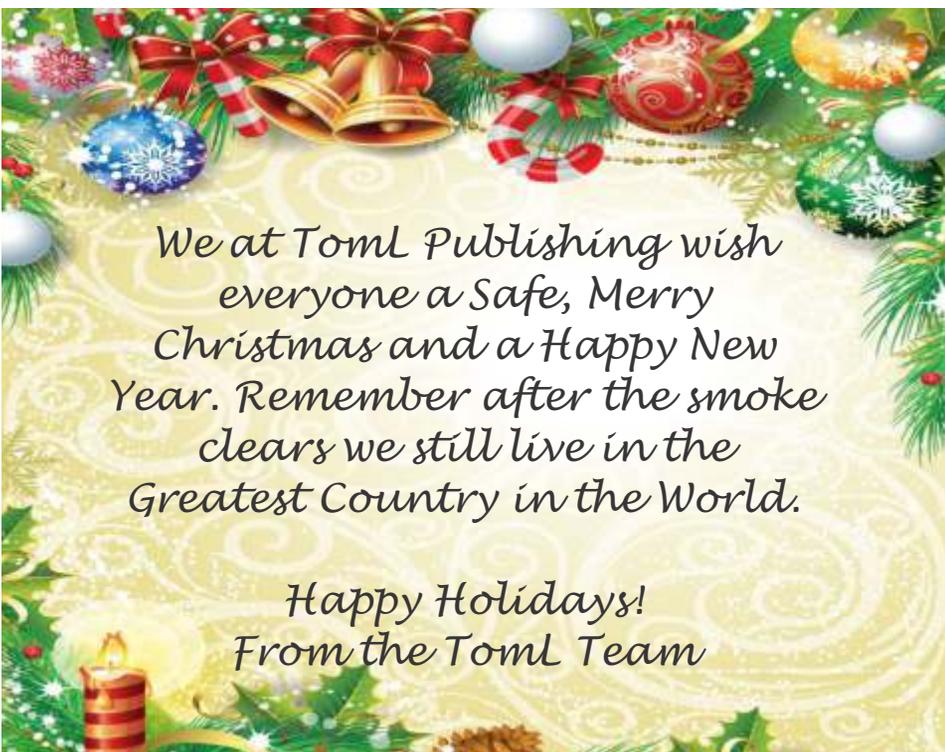
Why did Donald Trump get voted out? First there are people who say he did not get voted out but as it is finalized one way or another, I ask myself what happened so I started asking people around me in my circle of people I know. The one thing that several people said, "If he would just stop talking!" I think they mean if he would stop talking when he made his point. The problem is he could not because the Main Stream Media was on him 24...7.

In my opinion, the things that need to happen! 1st We the people need to build a bigger and better Internet and not let anyone take control it. Where has the FCC been? If you slander someone they can sue you! 2nd All the States must have the same election

Laws. You can not have a President that runs all of the United States if every state makes their own laws. We need to pass laws that allow Media to be sued for slander or reporting and repeating a statement same thing that has been proven to be untrue. Make the main stream media prove their facts or pay the consequences. We can't just allow lies to be repeated time after time and ruin someones life.

FOX news could make changes and do the same thing. You can only say he or she lied or stoled so many times but don't do news for 24 hours 7 days a week. Maybe a 30 minute news clip every 4 hours, program the rest.

Last if I were Trump and I had 74 million followers I would start my own news media and sign contracts with a hundreds thousand smaller news organization to gain the largest circulation in the world. Then help promote advertising to that hundred thousand newspaper along with his own news media. Grow it the way he knows how and in four years he can make a decision on weather to run for president again. IN MY OPINION the Supreme Court needs to rule on the unrequested ballots that were sent out was Constitutionally legal! SUPPORT OUR CONSTITUTION! If the current plan is to stack the Supreme Court the nine Supreme Court Justices that are there now will be insignificant!



We at TomL Publishing wish everyone a Safe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember after the smoke clears we still live in the Greatest Country in the World.

Happy Holidays!
From the TomL Team

How Many Coal Power Plants Are There In The World?

- The European Union 468 - building 27 more... Total 495
- Turkey has 56 - building 93 more... Total 149
- South Africa has 79 - building 24 more... Total 103
- India has 589 - building 446 more.. Total 1035
- Philippines has 19 - building 60 more... Total 79
- South Korea has 58 - building 26 more... Total 84
- Japan has 90 - building 45 more... Total 135
- China has 2,363 - building 1,171 more... Total 3,534

- That's 5,615 projected coal powered plants in just 8 countries.
 - USA has 15 - building 0 more..Total 15
- The "green new deal" want to shut down those 15 plants in order to "save" the planet. This makes the point. Whatever the USA does or doesn't do won't make a D@#S

difference regarding CO2 unless the rest of the world, especially China and India reduces coal-fired power plants as well. The whole "global warming" and "climate change" gambits by politicians was to create a *supposedly* sound, scientific basis to

AS I SEE IT

What is the 'ELECTORAL COLLEGE' ?
- Apparently USA elections are not 1-person=1 vote "as advertised".

Donald Trump lost to Hilary Clinton by over 3 million votes, but the so-called 'electors' quickly fixed it.

This time, Joe Biden won by over 6 million votes and they are trying to 'fix' that too.

Contrary to what we are told, these 'electors' are appointed by state politicians and are not legally bound by the recent election.

Some States (Maine and Nebraska) split their Electoral votes regardless of their voters choice. Others choose their Electors based on the NATIONAL popular vote regardless of their State's vote.

Fact is that the Republicans can put President Trump back in office. It's perfectly legal. If/when it happens no-one, not the Senate, the military or anyone else has any legal right or authority to stop it. What might be worse is that future Presidents will know that it can be done.

Win enough State Governorships and you can 'stack' the Electors any way you want. As mentioned above, the 'Popular Vote' already means nothing, does it?

What is 'RANKED CHOICE VOTING'?
In most elections the candidate with the most votes wins as in Florida and most other states.

For example, in a three person race if A gets 40% and the other two, B and C get 35 and 25%, the winner is A the 40% vote getter.

That seemed fair enough, until I realized that the 40% winner defeated the 60% losers.

Recently Alaska changed to Ranked Choice Voting. The lowest vote-getter is eliminated.

For example, in a 4-person election, voters would mark their first choice candidate on the ballot, with the proviso that

says "If my candidate is eliminated (comes in last), then transfer my vote to my second choice AND if/when that candidate is eliminated, transfer my vote to this candidate"

This ensures that the winner has more than 50%, a majority of the voters.

So, who should be elected, the candidate with 40% support under the present system or the candidate with more than 60% support under Ranked Choice Voting?

Another advantage is that it also eliminates runoffs like they are having in Georgia right now.

As I See It, Republicans and Democrats alike want final results on election day, not weeks later.

But a possible problem for Alaska is that primaries will now be open to all voters. That is, candidates can run without ties to either party.

Only the top four vote getters advance to the general election, even if they are all from the same party.

Somehow that doesn't seem like a good idea.

Ballots could simply ask "Which Democrat do you want to vote for?"

Where are we with a COVID VACCINE? Seems like wild claims of success are rampant, but verifiable facts are few.

The claim of "95% EFFECTIVE" means only that the vaccines stimulate so-called 'anti-bodies' in patients.

As I See It, that is not at all the same as proving that a vaccine will prevent infection, which is what 'vaccination' means.

Simple questions never asked of the manufacturers include "Have you, your family, your friends and your staff all taken the vaccine?"

Seems to me that if they don't trust their own product, why should we?

'til next time,,,

Coal Power Plants

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justify a federal government power-grab and the passage of MORE laws to increase taxes and increased control of the privately owned power industry and its distribution. Never forget the *main* motivation they have!

They wonder why we left the Paris Climate Agreement!

Talk of the Town

A new us post office was built "to be opened soon". They have plans to "rebuild" what they tore down in "2017". Florida "d.o.t" owns the bridge. 4 lane will be changed to 6 lane. Information supplied by a Local Business Person!

More updates next month.

If you have information that you would like to share send it to tloury@att.net

North Florida Land Trust Donation

North Florida Land Trust has received a conservation easement donation in Columbia County

The Griffis family donated the easement which is within the critical O2O wildlife corridor

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 28, 2020 – North Florida Land Trust has received a donation of a conservation easement in Columbia County which lies within the critical Ocala to Osceola, or O2O, wildlife corridor. Sam "Buck" Griffis and his wife, Vickie, donated the land on their 68-acres known as Sweet Gum Farm to make sure it remains free from development forever. A grant NFLT received from the EJK Foundation of Houston, Texas helped to fund the due diligence that was needed to complete the donation.

"Buck and Vickie consider the farm a sanctuary and wanted to make sure no one could come in and turn their beautiful farm into a residential development," said Jim McCarthy, president of NFLT. "The Griffis' will continue to own the land where they enjoy raising cattle, horses and chickens while ensuring it will remain a farm and natural forest in perpetuity."

In addition to the farmlands and some unimproved pastures, the property consists of pine flatwoods, depression marshes, mixed scrub-shrub wetlands and upland hardwood forests. It lies within the boundaries of the Osceola National Forest and is adjacent to the forest on two sides. Preserving the land not only protects it from development but also helps further the objectives of The Forest Plan for the National Forests in Florida. The plan aims to improve ownership patterns of the forest to enable important management techniques including prescribed burning.

The 1.6 million-acre O2O corridor is a preservation focus for NFLT. It provides an

important habitat for the Florida Black Bear and numerous endangered species including the red-cockaded woodpecker, indigo snakes and gopher tortoises. The nonprofit is currently leading the O2O Wildlife Corridor Partnership, an effort by public and private organizations to accelerate land conservation within the O2O.

The EJK Foundation awarded NFLT a \$450,000 transformational grant to help support its efforts in the O2O Wildlife Corridor and also issued a \$75,000 challenge grant for additional funding for the project.

McCarthy said, "The EJK Foundation grant has allowed us to save another piece of the beautiful natural landscape from future development. We encourage any landowners, ranchers or farmers that want to do the same to please give us a call."

NFLT has until August 31, 2021, to meet the challenge and is actively seeking funds to be matched 1:1 by the EJK Foundation if the \$75,000 goal is met. If you are interested in supporting the O2O operations and have your gift matched, contact Megan Mangiaracino at mmangiaracino@nflt.org or (904) 559-4187.

About North Florida Land Trust

North Florida Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to protect the natural resources, historic places and working lands (farms and ranches) throughout north Florida. Founded in 1999, NFLT has preserved tens of thousands of acres of land through donation or purchase of land as well as conservation easements. NFLT is funded largely by private and corporate contributions and works closely with willing landowners and public agencies at all levels of government, not-for-profit partners, and foundations. For more information, visit nflt.org.

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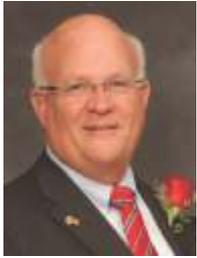
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necessary precautions to protect those that may be vulnerable without the Washington bureaucrat's lectures. May this time of peace and thanksgiving be a reminder of the blessing of liberty that we all have in America.

With the elections now behind us, the work of the Florida Senate has turned to organization and preparation for the upcoming Legislative Session. The first step in this process has been completed as we

have just returned from Tallahassee, having elected our new Senate leadership and sworn-in our new or returning members. Our leadership in the Florida Senate is extremely talented, driven, and focused. We could not be in better hands for the upcoming challenges that we will face over the next two years. From pandemic response, to budgetary issues and re-districting, we will have our hands full, but President Wilton Simpson is the man for a time such as this and we have every confidence that his leadership will see us through. In the coming weeks, the Senate will be releasing our committee assignments. We do not yet know which areas we will be focusing on, but your

Senator stands ready to serve wherever he may be called.

The final and most important task that must be completed prior to the 2021 Session will be to hear from you, the constituents. In Senate District 12, there will be three opportunities for citizens to speak directly to their entire Legislative Delegation about issues important to them. Each county in the district, Marion, Lake, and Sumter, will hold these meetings in December. These are open, public meetings and we encourage everyone to attend and present their ideas or concerns to their elected representatives. This process and this government cannot work without you. The seats we occupy in Tallahassee are your seats, we just sit in them for you. Please call my office if you need any information about these upcoming Legislative Delegation Meetings at (352) 750-3133 and a staff member will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for sending me to Tallahassee to protect Faith, Family, Freedom, Opportunity and Life.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley

Super Computer True or False

A man who once claimed he could prove a federal conspiracy against Sheriff Joe Arpaio — and who collected more than \$100,000 from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office before it determined his claims were baseless — is now a key figure in a right-wing vote fraud conspiracy theory being pushed by key supporters of President Donald Trump.

Media reports and conservative activists on social media say Dennis Montgomery has been spreading the claim that widespread voter fraud is the product of a deep-state supercomputer called "The Hammer" and software called "Scorecard." According to the claims circulated online, those systems were allegedly used to alter ballot counts across the country.

The right-wing website American Report apparently helped launch the idea in a story it published Oct. 31. American Report features, among other things, extensive stories reiterating right-wing conspiracy theories from the Obama administration era.

The site said Montgomery claimed to have developed the HAMR, or Hammer, computer and the Scorecard software in the late 2000s, and that it was commandeered by the Obama administration and used to steal the 2012 election and is now being used to steal the election on Biden's behalf.

The claim has been pushed by former Trump adviser Steve Bannon, former national security adviser Michael Flynn, Fox Business host Lou Dobbs and other high-profile allies in Trump's orbit — though researchers have thoroughly debunked the idea.



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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Where do we go from here??? Well I hope we can work on re-enforcing the voting laws so that everyone has confidence in them. Electing a President who helps governs all of the United States will not work if all the states are setting their

own election laws! One set of elections laws for all states! Requester ballots only! ID to prove you are eligible to vote and strengthen penalty's for election fraud!

Our Country does have it's problems but if we follow our Constitution we will survive. While we have 9 Supreme Court Justices they need to give us a ruling on all the problems that are arising over the Election and just make everything that was done is legal according to our Constitution. They don't want to get into the mix but this so big they must rule, Question: Was everything done legally according to our Constitution?

If yes so be it! Where do we go from here. I think there will be many protest and there will be a lot of violence and it could turn into a Civil War, which I warned people many months ago. I also think Bernie Sanders will create havoc with the Democrats because he feels like he had a deal and now they are not making good. But Bernie should expect that because he used the Democrats. I say FOLLOW THE CONSTITUTION!

I will respect the office of Presidency when this is over, I will respect the Senate I can't respect the House. They talk about Trump being rued and being a bully check out the videos when they were questioning the new Supreme Court Justices. If want to look up nasty people in the dictionary there will be a picture of some of the Democrats in the House.

Bob Hope said "I have performed for 12 presidents but entertained only six." He lived to be 100 and passed away about 15

years ago.

A sign on a Law Firms door. "Ditcher, Quick & Hyde" (Divorce Lawyers) I think I would change the name or maybe they will give you a divorce with expensive humor???

There a lot of famous people saying lots of famous quotes. Here is one, they say some people are on the highway to hell and think about there is only a stairway to heaven. Does that mean there is a lot more traffic going the wrong way. I hope not!

Fishing is a great experience, but some times it is less than relaxing. My friend Bill and I went out, the wind was blowing 35 mile an hour, it certainly was not hot. We each caught a lot of different fish, catch and release. Approximately 10 Rock Bass, 1 Shark, 2 Moray not the eel, they are a sucker fish that hangs around sharks, 2 Trout, 1 Cat fish, 1 Pompano, countless grunts. We were wind burned but had a good time, some time a little uncomfortable but mostly had fun! Try it you might like it! Next time we will make sure the wind is not blowing to strong.

Grand Babies Well it has come to past that both sons and their wives have had babies just a few days apart. Yes one was born at Shane's and one was born in Ocala. Both healthy boys and both mothers are fine. We are Blessed! Older Grandson Lane age 4 had a Birthday a few days before deadline of this paper. He can't wait to play with his baby brother.

Holiday Blues?



Many Older Americans Heading Into The Holidays Feeling Depressed

(NAPSI)—Many older Americans say they feel depressed—yet the majority of them are not planning to get help, according to a new national survey—though it could make a tremendous difference in their health and well-being.

With the onset of colder weather, fewer daylight hours, and the effect of the pandemic on holiday celebrations and traditions, more seniors than ever could be struggling with depression.

The GeneSight Mental Health Monitor reported that about two-thirds of adults 65 and older who are concerned they may be suffering from depression say they won't seek treatment. That's compared to fewer than half of adults over age 18. In addition, three in 10 of these older adults think "they can just snap out of it."

"The 'pull yourself up by your bootstraps' mindset and reluctance to talk about mental health may be preventing seniors from getting the help they need," said Dr. Mark Pollack, chief medical officer of Myriad Neuroscience, makers of the GeneSight test, a genetic measure that identifies potential gene-drug interactions for depression medication. "People seek treatment for conditions like heart disease, high blood pressure or diabetes. Depression is no different. It is an illness that can and should be treated."

One GeneSight patient, Carmala Walgren, a 74-year-old resident of New York, agrees that depression should be

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(NAPSI)—These days, it's still essential for families to stay connected. The last months have been challenging. More than ever people need family and friends.

Modern technology has gone a long way to help. Skype and Zoom are marvelous tools but when the connection ends and the screen goes blank, what then? MyGrandKids, that's what!

MyGrandKids, a wonderful, free application that allows everyone in the family to snap and share their moment—the special and everyday. Sharing and staying connected is one of the ways that will help all of us get through these difficult times.

My GrandKids lets you instantly share those moments and memories with family and friends over a secure private network. It's the perfect organizer, that eliminates the

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Working Daughters Deserve Support

(NAPSI)—For the approximate 23 million women who balance caring for an aging parent with going to work, and often raising children of their own, there is little recognition and not enough support. These women themselves often don't think of what they do as caregiving; they just consider

themselves dutiful daughters. Yet they average 24.4 hours of unpaid care a week, from buying groceries, to managing medication, helping with household chores, assisting their parents with bathing and dressing, and driving to appointments. Many are even providing complex medical

tasks, with little or no training, such as administering injections, monitoring vital signs, caring for wounds or cleaning feeding tubes. Collectively, they provide \$470 billion in unpaid care, according to the AARP.

Often, these women provide this care at great cost to their careers. Working daughters, much like working mothers, may need to switch to a less demanding job, take time off or quit work altogether. They lose wages and job-related benefits costing them, on average, \$304,000 in lost wages and benefits while spending nearly 20 percent of their own income on caregiving.

To give these unsung heroes recognition and much needed support, it's important to make the care they give compatible with their careers. With 10,000 people turning 65 every day in the United States, the caregiving workforce is only going to grow. Smart businesses must examine policies and corporate cultures to create environments where caregivers can thrive. Working

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Holiday Safety Begins with You!

Driver Awareness Tips

The holidays are a great time for family and friends to create many memories together.

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Please take into consideration some precautions to help slow the spread of COVID-19. You can view more information at

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html or https://www.flgov.com/covid-19/

Follow these tips to help ensure we all Arrive Alive this holiday season:

- Never drive impaired. Celebrate responsibly and do not get behind the wheel if you have been drinking or took drugs that cause impairment. Plan ahead and find a safe way home every time – designate a driver or use a ride service.
• Check your tires. Tires are a vehicle's first line of defense on the road. Check your tire pressure, tread depth and spare tire especially before long trips. Do not over load your vehicle, it can result in premature wear and tire blowouts.

• Buckle up. A seat belt is your vehicle's most important safety feature. Florida law requires that all drivers, all front seat passengers and all passengers under the age of 18 wear seat belts or the appropriate child restraints. Seat belts save lives, so buckle up every trip, every time.

• Register or update your Emergency Contact Information (ECI). ECI is a secure system allowing law enforcement, nationwide, to contact designated family or friends in response to an emergency situation.

• Observe and obey all speed limits. Speed limits may change as you drive through different types of roadways, so make sure you adjust your speed accordingly. In Florida, the limit will never be over 70 mph.

Keeping Your Home Safe

- We all want our homes to reflect the joy of the season, but avoid displaying gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
• Arrange to have packages delivered to a neighbor if you're not home to receive them. Packages left on porches or doorsteps are "easy picking" for thieves. It also draws unwanted attention to your home.
• Consider simple outside decorations. Elaborate decorations are sometimes stolen right off the lawn.
• Be sure not to obscure the view from your windows. You need a clear view of your property.
• Always lock your home's doors and

windows, even if you're only gone for a few minutes.

• Dispose of gift packaging discreetly. Often criminals will spot something you've discarded and can target you for their next burglary or theft.

Remain Alert While Shopping

• Always lock your car and close the windows, even if you're only gone a few moments. When possible, lock all merchandise or packages in the trunk of your car. Load your packages before departing and not at the next destination.

• Shop with at least one other person. Have your car or house key in your hand as you approach the door.

• Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. Look inside your car and around it as you approach.

• Be mindful of your purses and wallets. Be sure that your purse is secured as you travel to and from the store and don't leave it in a shopping cart unattended. Keep wallets in a side pant pocket or an inside pocket of a coat, if possible.

• Avoid carrying large quantities of cash.
• Plan your trips to the stores. Instead of one big shopping trip, try several small ones. This will cut down on the amount of money you carry, the packages you will be overloaded with, and it will make your shopping less stressful.

• Park in well-lighted areas that will be well-lighted when you return.

There will be members of the Lady Lake Police Department on specialized patrol details during this holiday season. You may also see members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office on mounted patrol in

shopping plazas around Lake County including locally here. But you still must stay vigilant to avoid becoming a victim. There are those who are looking to take advantage of opportunities watching what you are doing.

The men and women of the Lady Lake Police Department would like to wish you a safe and healthy holiday season.

Medicare's Enrollment Period

(NAPSI)—Over 61 million people are enrolled in Medicare. As of October 15, individuals age 65 and older can make changes to their coverage and enroll in a Medicare plan during the annual open enrollment period, which lasts until December 7.

During this time, consumers can change from one Medicare Advantage or prescription drug plan to another. If you're already enrolled in original Medicare, you can switch to a private Medicare Advantage plan, or you can drop your existing Medicare Advantage plan to return to original Medicare.

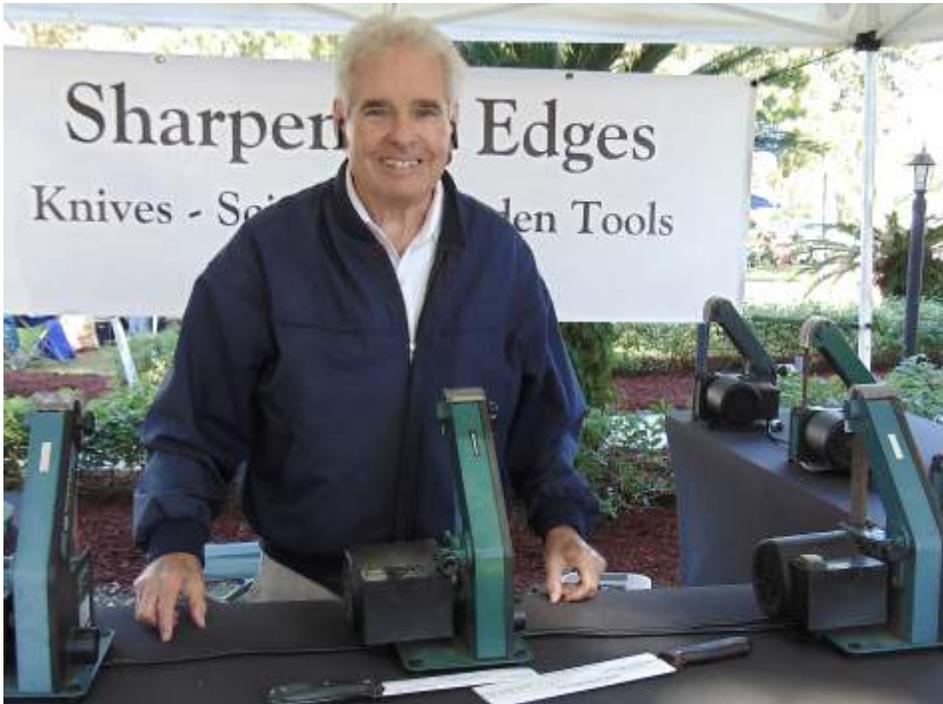
Making sense of Medicare may not be easy for many and can often be overwhelming if you don't know where to find information. In fact, nearly half (47%) of Americans don't have familiarity with Medicare Advantage insurance, according to research from The Center for a Secure Retirement and Bankers Life.

How you enroll or switch Medicare plans may be different this year. Enrollment Continued page 7

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Medicare

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sometimes happens face-to-face where it's easier to ask questions. However, whether you're meeting in-person or virtually, you can familiarize yourself with the available options and make a more informed decision.

1. Get educated. Increase your confidence in your Medicare knowledge and decisions by getting educated. Boomers can view an interactive guide on myHealthPolicy.com to help them decide. This guide includes quizzes, infographics, and more to help consumers better understand Medicare and choose the best solutions for their needs.

2. Shop and Compare Plans. Review your current Medicare health and

prescription drug coverage and make changes if it no longer meets your needs. There are a lot of resources on the Internet. You can check out myHealthPolicy.com, a new online health insurance marketplace, designed to help potential beneficiaries learn about and enroll in Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans. This site helps consumers compare, buy or switch plans easily with personal assistance and one-on-one consultation with a licensed insurance agent.

3. Get consultations. An important feature of myHealthPolicy.com is that consumers can be helped – virtually or in-person – by a licensed insurance agent in their community who is familiar with local provider networks and can bring that

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Here are three pictures from the Marketplace at the Lady Lake Chamber Log Cabin. They have a Market Place every Tuesday Morning. Many vendor set up and show their products. Some handmade, some art, produce, services like knife sharpening, making homemade jelly and jams. Emergency services, insurance, healthcare, food, Fresh shrimp and etc. Come on out next Wednesday and see all the interesting stuff.

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Saving The Workforce



by Emily McGrath

(NAPSI)—If you have a job—or wish you did—or a child in school, a new way of looking at technology, education and the world of work may prove good news for you.

COVID-19 has deeply affected both the American workforce and higher education, with community college enrollment down nationwide. This poses a dire challenge, as community colleges serve as a critical pipeline in making universities and advanced fields accessible to a broader population, while also exposing students to new educational pathways across various industries. With enrollment down and workforce numbers at a tipping point, these institutions of opportunity need momentum to drive motivation back to where it was before the pandemic—starting with the next generation of diverse advanced manufacturing workers.

Thanks to explosive growth in such sectors as flexible hybrid electronics (FHE), in the next few years industry leaders will serve as intermediaries between technical

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LCS Charities 8th Annual Bass Fishing Tournament

February 13th, 2021

Hickory Point Recreation Complex

Rules:

1. ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 per boat (includes big bass), 2 contestants per boat. On time entries must be postmarked by February 6, 2021. Late entries will be accepted at the ramp or after 2/6/2021 at the rate of \$120.00.

2. ELIGIBILITY: Boat Operator must be 18 years of age. Parent's signature required for any minor fishing the event. Entry form must be completely filled out and signed by both contestants.

3. Tournament Size and Limit: Minimum size 12 inches guidelines with state exemption permit. Tournament limit 5 largemouth bass per boat. No culling of dead fish.

4. Dead Fish: Dead fish penalty will assess at the rate of .25 pound per dead fish. To be considered a live fish it must swim off

upright within 3 minutes witnessed by a tournament official. Dead fish penalty will be deducted before consideration for BIG BASS AWARD.

5. TOURNAMENT HOURS: SAFE LIGHT until 3:00 pm. Boats will be launched in 25 boat flights and will be allowed 15 minutes per flight time extension per flight. Boats will check out by end of fishing pier and check in at the same.

6. Late Penalty will assess at 1 pound per minute up to 15 minutes, then disqualified.

7. TAKE-OFF: Will be in order in which entries are received. Confirmations will be sent to the boater's provided email.

8. TACKLE & EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures may be used. All bass must be caught in a legal sporting manner.

9. No Trolling: Trolling is use of the outboard to power the boat to give action to the lure.

10. BOATS & MOTORS: Boats 16 feet or longer, with properly working aerated live-wells and kill switch. NO

OVERPOWERED BOATS ALLOWED. All boats must meet B.I.A., U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

11. Life Jackets: MUST BE WORN anytime the outboard is running until check in. Kill switches MUST BE Attached to the driver anytime the combustion motor is running. Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. No alcoholic beverages, stimulants or depressants allowed in boats during tournament hours.

12. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Anywhere on the tournament water except within 50 yards of another Contestant's boat or the take-off / launch area. All fishing must be done from boat. No Contestant may leave the boat to fish or land a fish.

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor

You are a critical thinker if you embrace everything that is immoral and evil. No God tops your list. No religion. No tolerance for others views. My way or the highway. We do it my way or you get off this planet. The ultimate intolerance. You got to live your life the way I dictate. Per Antifa and BLM.

Pretty dogmatic don't you think? Are you willing to submit.? Biden wants us all to unite as long as it is what he says we must do.

I am living in fear that the first thing he is going to do is take my healthcare away. I pay dearly for it, but I have it. His way will take it away and substitute FAUXcare, just like Obamacare. If all they gave you is a bottle of aspirin, and called it healthcare, they could placate you.. How can you call it healthcare, if you never see a doctor? If care is in a drug store or grocery store? I cannot believe people fell for that garbage.

You are so easy to fool.

Most people I know do not know the difference between an MD. and a DO.

Sweden fell for that phoney healthcare, and they learned the hard way, realcare {opposite of fauxcare} must be paid for. They have the option of buying healthcare, and they use it.. That is what I am doing, and prefer it remain that way. You can have all the fauxcare you want. Just leave me alone. that is what freedom means. Anything else constitutes slavery. I thought slavery was passe. Make up your mind.

You do not have a clue how you are being hoodwinked.

I have lived a long time doing it MY way, I kinda like that way. To late to teach this old dog new tricks. Go away and leave me alone. I kinda like freedom.

Concerned Citizen

Dear Editor:

We never learn. Can we try one more time. Humans want to live happy lives on this planet, but have yet to find a suitable solution. We have just voted in a bunch of idiot socialists, even though we see socialism i.e. communism

failing every day. Why is it going to work for us?

Because these power lusters say it will? Come on are we that stupid? Because some do not like the way the president talks, we will submit to slavery. Smart move.

Syndicalism is the new cutesy name Noam Chomsky names the latest form of enslavement.

It is supposed to be the ownership of corporations by workers. It will work as long as any other ism, until the power lusters gain control.

This is such an illusive conclusion? Power Lusting is our problem. Where are the smart buttock philosophers on the issue that matters?

All these isms look good on paper, but power lusters get their hands on any

solution, and it turns to dust. Why doesn't any philosopher find the cure for power lusting.? That is what we need.

We have the power and we do not use it. DO NOT VOTE FOR POWER LUSTERS.

We just blew the greatest chance human beings have ever had. Doubt another will come along any time soon. The president may talk funny, but he has the right philosophy. You live your life, not the power lusters. Get it?

D.I.L.

Dear Editor:

We are at war. Good versus evil. Evil appears to have won this round.

Humans have no idea the price they are going to have to pay for their lack of knowledge. This is what the lack of knowledge leads to!

One very sick man has propounded a bombastic philosophy which they have bought into, which will eventually lead to their undoing.

Just because some sick dude says something is good, does not make it so.

Evil can never trump good. Never! Marcuse told you evil is good, and you believe him. Marx started it, as he saw himself as a suitable substitute for God. Two very sick men are believed and the entire sheepley herd must suffer. How is that smart?

Happy I will not be around for the show, you will suffer the consequences of your stupidity without me. My sympathy goes to those who knew and could not dissuade you.

You do not have a clue how sick Marx and Marcuse, and their idiot following can be. They are ruthless in their pursuit of evil. How else could you riot and loot, and kill rather than dialogue? Class was Marx's stick. Politics and culture were Marcuse's beef. Both saw themselves as God replacements. No God, no morals needed for humans.

You seem to be oblivious to the misery they have in store for you. That is O.K. for you, but what about the good people you have dragged along for your insane ride?

I pity them. You are the stupid ones, they do not deserve to suffer because of you. Even though you revel in evil, this will go beyond evil. You will suffer. Anyone remember the Inquisition, Hitler, Pol Pot, Stalin, Mao, CCP, Un????

Many humans are born with defects. Do we celebrate those defects? Do we study to correct those defects? Or, do we go to the moon?

Biden the Corrupt is an appropriate leader? Dead people and Dipsey Doodles just elected a president. God help us.

November 7: Mark it well, the day the American Republic died. Communist America was born.

D.I.L

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frustration of searching for your favorite photos and videos of your grandchildren. With My GrandKids, there is no need going through emails, texts or posts, you go straight to them with one tap. And the great news is that it's free and available at either Apple's App Store or Google Play for Android devices.

Explains Boyd Pearce, a Silicon Valley veteran, "We decided to build a mobile app that made it quick and easy for our kids to share photos and videos of our grandkids so my wife and I would never miss those special moments in their lives."

Pearce further explains, "We designed My GrandKids to eliminate the frustration of searching for your latest and favorite photos and videos of your grandchildren and solve a problem that has been bugging families since the advent of the digital photo revolution. The app organizes your photos and videos into a handy reference gallery ready to be stored for easy access in self-designed albums. What could be easier?"

Another key benefit of My GrandKids is that a whole family can easily share linked albums with a single Invite. By simply accepting an invite from the originating

family member, the family albums are imported and everyone is automatically connected to a secure private network with no setup required.

Almost instantly the whole family is ready to share photos and videos with everyone.

Medicare

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knowledge into the decision process. Or you can also quickly connect with a telesales agent who can answer immediate questions.

Medicare is always a major topic for Boomers, and this year's concerns about COVID-19 may complicate things. By using the tools and assistance provided by myHealthPolicy.com, you can begin receiving answers to your questions, as well as guidance on selecting the Medicare option that works best for you.

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Restaurant Reviews



Mimmi's
Ocala Florida

My wife Phyllis and I were seated she ordered hot tea w/honey, extra lemon and a sandwich hoagy with Ham and Swiss and Parmesan melted over it with a sauce which she requested it on the side and a side of Cole Slaw. She said it was yummy!

I ordered get this I have liver once a year, it was on special so I had liver, onions, bacon, mushrooms, steamed Broccoli, spinach w/butter. I put some vinegar on the spinach. Coffee was hot and plentiful, I might order this two or three times a year.

Harorum Korean BBQ

3045 SE 3rd Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471
352-622-1899

Don't think you're going to a real Korean BBQ with open flame table grills. This is a Convenience Store/Gas Station, with very small selection of Asian retail food products.

This is a Take-Out only, just like Chinese restaurants. Keep in mind Korean, Italian, Chinese or other restaurants have their own blend of spices, marinates and style of cooking. That's why we prefer various restaurants for different reasons.

Harorum, provides FRESH made to order Korean favorites. The menu is limited, using quality meats, generous servings, tasty and fresh. We had Bulgogi, thin sliced, sweet marinated beef grilled with onions and garlic on white rice, included 2 Korean vegetable appetizers. I also purchased FRESH made

Kemchi, nice mix of spices, not spicy, perfectly fermented with a nice crunch and good flavor. Overall a nice change for lunch or dinner and cravings for something different!

M. Frank Turner

Wok n Roll #2

8602 SW State Road 200
Ocala, FL 34481
352-873-6388

This is your typical Chinese, takeout only, in these Covid Days.

Ordered by phone, the Combination lunch portion, included white or pork fried rice and choice of Wonton Soup, Egg Drop Soup, Spring Roll or Soda. Wife ordered, Sweet and Sour Pork with white rice and spring rolls. I had, General Tso's Chicken with pork fried rice and spring rolls.

I arrived a little early and the order was ready. The portions was a smaller than other Chinese Restaurants. I was disappointed the General Tso's Chicken was more sweet than spicy. My wife's Sweet and Sour Pork was acceptable.

If you crave Chinese food, it will work but with small servings, you will be hungry shortly after finishing.

Everyone has their favorites when I comes to Chinese food. If I return, it's only due to convenience.

M. Frank Turner

Mark's Prime Steakhouse

30 South Magnolia Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471
352-402-0097

Your first step in the restaurant, you're greeted with a smile and made to feel you're the most important person in the establishment. The ambiance is very old world elegance with white tablecloths and perfectly set silverware on tables.

We was with a group and seat with Barbara and Bob. Our waitress took our beverage order, promptly returning with beverages and straight out of the over Sourdough Bread. She took our orders, we all unanimously ordered the filet.

We all had the Lettuce Wedge Salad, sliced cherry tomatoes and topped with bacon. I choose their in house created Blue Cheese Dressing, it made the salad flavorful

as I never experienced. When our dinner was served, very tender filets, flavorful and cooked to perfection. We shared the sides of Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans and Creamed Spinach.

For dessert my wife had Cheesecake. I had Chocolate Paradise; Chocolate Mousse, Oreo Crust, covered with Hardened Chocolate Shell, Raspberry Purée and Toasted Almonds.

I've been to some of the most famous Steakhouse in the US and other countries. Mark's tops my list! Their prices are the most reasonable as compared to the others, I've experienced. Make your special event with friends and family over the top with dinner at Mark's!

M. Frank Turner

Gruff's Dunnellon Florida...

Met my son and his family at Gruff's Restaurant. They wanted to try the Wings. There was a special 69 cent each not a bad price. Quality was good, service was good, price was moderate and people were friendly. It was close to home 15 minutes. You can't beat that.

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La Dolce Vita Gelato & Pastry

If you are looking for a great place to quiet your sweet tooth, look no further than La Dolce Vita Gelato & Pastry. Located at 6146 SW SR200 in the Jasmine Square plaza, this hidden gem offers the best truly Italian pastry in Ocala. Their cannolis are made with real Italian cream and their Tarimisu melts in your mouth. The gelato is home made and delicious with innovative flavors. My husband and I have visited several times since their opening and have never been disappointed in the quality of their product or the friendliness of their service.

Elaine M.

Workforce

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fields of the future and the workforce that's needed. Equipping community colleges with programs that serve this transition will help bolster a new American workforce, powered by advanced manufacturing and FHE and other technology. Increased

demand for both awareness-boosting and skill-building programs will help drive technology development and subsequent commercial proliferation of FHE and the greater advanced manufacturing industry.

While the tech workforce hasn't been immune to disruption from COVID-19, it remains a field expected to have one of the biggest demands for a skilled workforce in the future. The pandemic has temporarily reduced that workforce; there's a promising future for advanced manufacturing in 2021 and beyond.

To match these growing markets, there will be an increasing demand for workshops and seminars that showcase the benefits the technology offers for diverse application spaces, as FHE technology continues to mature and demonstrate its potential to transform advanced manufactured products. This includes more defense and industrial demand for engineers with the knowledge, skills and abilities to design and manufacture FHE-enabled products as the technology nears commercialization.

This is where community colleges come in. They will play a vital role, acting as a bridge to help new high school graduates and adults looking to change career paths meet the academic and industry players that will help develop the new workforce.

Ms. Mcgrath is Director of Workforce Development at NextFlex, an organization that facilitates technology innovation and commercialization, accelerates manufacturing workforce development, and promotes a sustainable ecosystem for advanced manufacturing. Learn more at www.nextflex.us.



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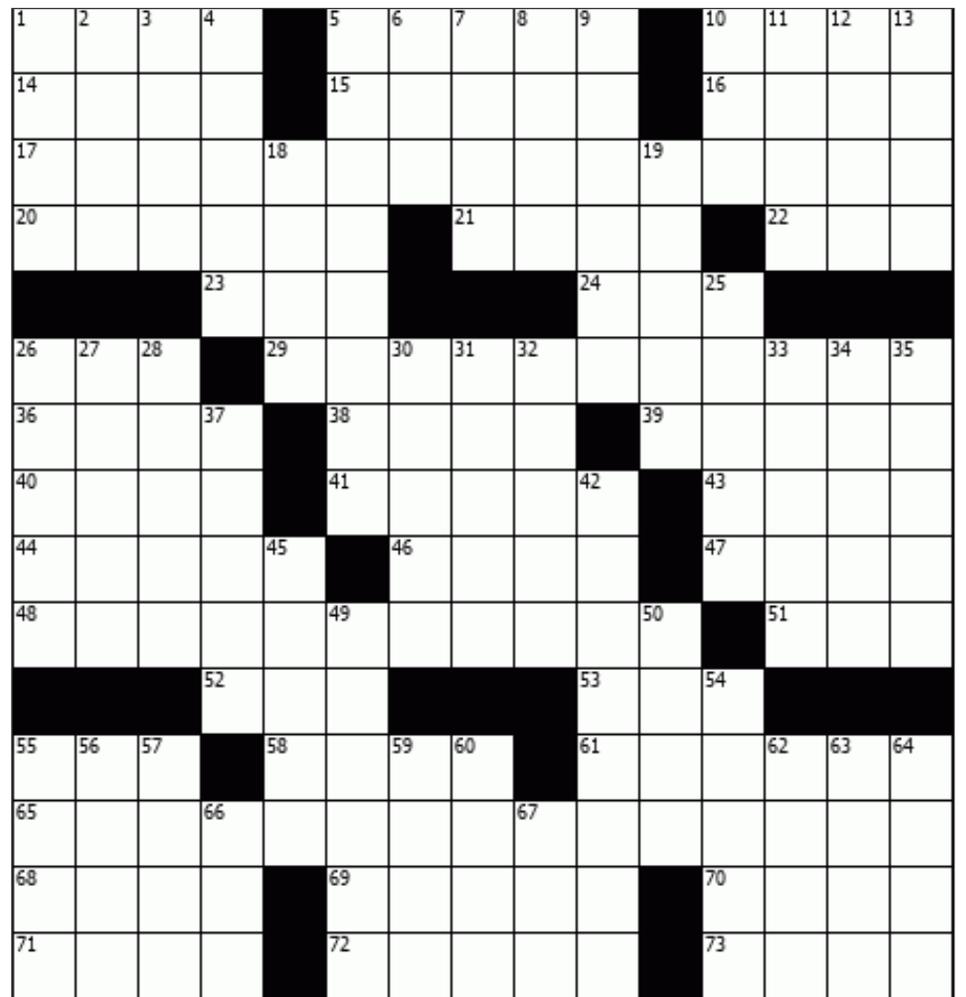
- 1. Painter of melting watches
- 5. It doesn't give much of a hoot!
- 10. Tracks traveler
- 14. X ___ xylophone
- 15. Orleans river
- 16. This company rings a bell
- 17. Example of 29-Across
- 20. La Scala shows
- 21. Sight from a fjord, perhaps
- 22. Game show mystery guest
- 23. Certain farm dweller
- 24. Unrealistic potato chip portion
- 26. Super quiet, musically
- 29. What you're doing by solving this puzzle (with 48-Across)
- 36. Frog or year
- 38. It will hold your horses
- 39. Emulate a crab
- 40. Coastal flyer
- 41. Musial and Smith

- 43. Trawling needs
- 44. Bye, somewhere
- 46. Lunchbox dessert
- 47. Pierce with a tusk
- 48. See 29-Across
- 51. "The Confessions of ___ m Turner"
- 52. Pension starter?
- 53. Hué holiday
- 55. Family docs
- 58. Frolic boisterously
- 61. Mercury, to the Greeks
- 65. Example of 29-Across
- 68. Just ___ (not much)
- 69. Painful grief, in poetry
- 70. They may be called on account of rain
- 71. Longs
- 72. Idyllic places
- 73. In ___ (actually)

Down

- 1. Wainscot
- 2. In a hurry, for short
- 3. Longest sentence
- 4. Prefix with red or structure
- 5. Graybeards
- 6. Lavish with flowers, me.g.
- 7. Start to type?
- 8. Significant times
- 9. Expose by finking
- 10. "That'll show 'em!"
- 11. Egg without a shell
- 12. Afrikaner

- 13. Banded gem
- 18. Half a Chinese circle
- 19. Ding-___ (bell sounds)
- 25. Giving a once-over (Var.)
- 26. Say "Not guilty," me.g.
- 27. Proust's "A lamrecherche du temps"
- 28. Type of button
- 30. Yellowstone neighbor
- 31. It's fit for a princess
- 32. Adjective from Mongolia
- 33. Classic music hall
- 34. Sound beginning
- 35. Button in an alley
- 37. Sneaks a look
- 42. Balms, comforters, mconsolers, etc.
- 45. Great deal of interest
- 49. Wagner heroine
- 50. Legendary coachman
- 54. White-flag waver's desire
- 55. Mate's greeting
- 56. Controversial Rose
- 57. Cygnet's destiny
- 59. Ellington's was indigo
- 60. Cry in a thin voice
- 62. Some U. degrees
- 63. Retrocedes
- 64. Common enc.
- 66. Belonging to Mr. m Begley
- 67. Cyclotron particle



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Holiday Blues

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treated regardless of age.

"There is such a stigma about depression among people my age," said Walgren. "It is worth it to find treatment that helps you."

Canceling Holiday Celebrations and The Effect on Mental Health

The pandemic is taking a toll on the mental health of older Americans. Nearly one in four people over age 65 said that the news about the pandemic has left them "feeling consumed with sadness." For those seniors who think they might have depression, the number climbs to nearly 4 in 10. Concerns about COVID are also why more than one in three seniors worried about being depressed say they are "somewhat" or "very likely" to cancel holiday celebrations such as Thanksgiving.

Even as some consider canceling holiday festivities, isolation from friends and family remains a concern. Just under half of these seniors say they feel "isolated and disconnected from family," compared with 28% of all respondents over age 65, and 24% of respondents over age 18.

Connecting Can Help with Depression

Parikshit Deshmukh, M.D., CEO and medical director at Balanced Wellbeing, LLC, specializes in geriatric psychiatry. According to Dr. Deshmukh, families should make plans to connect virtually if they don't feel comfortable about getting together in person. Further, caregivers should be vigilant in looking for the signs of depression in their older loved ones.

"It's more important than ever to let each other know we care and that we are not alone—even if it feels that way," said Dr. Deshmukh. "Video calls might not be for

everyone. Yet, if that's the only way to stay in touch, we need to do it."

And Dr. Deshmukh reminds seniors to talk to their doctors. "If your clinician recommends treatment, ask about the GeneSight test. The results can help them make decisions about medications to treat your depression."

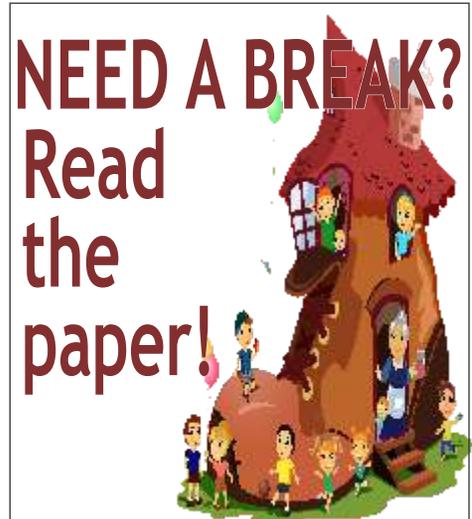
That's just what Carmala Walgren's doctor did. "The results I got from this personalized genetic test helped my doctor and me to finally find the medication that worked for my depression."

He told me that because I was covered by Medicare, there would be no cost for me to take the test.

"The GeneSight test made such a difference in my life," added Walgren. "I don't know where I would be without it, especially now."

Learn More

For further information on older adults and depression, visit www.genesight.com/olderadult.



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Attorney General Moody Announces \$113 Million Agreement with Apple Over iPhone Throttling

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today announced a \$113 million agreement with Apple, Inc. regarding Apple's decision to throttle consumers' iPhone speeds in order to address unexpected shutdowns in some iPhones. Attorney General Moody is joined by more than 30 other attorneys general in reaching the agreement.

Based on the multistate investigation, Apple allegedly discovered that battery issues were leading to unexpected shutdowns in iPhones. Rather than disclosing these issues or replacing batteries, Apple updated software that reduced iPhone performance in an effort to keep the phones from unexpectedly shutting down.

The attorneys general allege that Apple's decision to throttle the performance of consumers' iPhones led to Apple profiting from selling additional iPhones to consumers whose phone performance Apple had slowed.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Countless Floridians depend on their iPhones daily for necessary professional and personal communication and pay significant fees for this service. It is

essential that a widespread and trusted service provider such as Apple provide accurate and reliable information about performance issues and viable options if service is disrupted. I am proud of this action that will require Apple to be more transparent to consumers and hold them accountable for their actions that negatively impacted many Floridians."

Under the agreement, Apple will pay the Florida Attorney General's Office \$5,088,588. In addition to the monetary payment, Apple must also provide truthful information to consumers about iPhone battery health, performance and power management. Apple must provide this important information in various forms on its website, in update installation notes and in the iPhone user interface itself.

The consent judgment states:

- Apple will maintain easily accessible and prominent webpages that provide clear and conspicuous information to consumers about lithium-ion batteries and unexpected shutdowns. The webpages will provide guidance to consumers on steps they can take to maximize battery health;

- Apple will ensure its consumer-facing staff and Apple-authorized iPhone retailers are familiar with these webpages; and

- Apple will provide information to consumers in the iPhone user interface settings about the battery, such as the battery's maximum capacity and

information about its peak performance capability.

In addition, Apple recently entered into a proposed agreement resulting from class action litigation related to the same conduct that requires Apple to pay up to \$500 million in consumer restitution.

The proposed consent judgment is pending judicial approval.

Attorney General Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution Secures Life Sentence for Child Sex Predator

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution has secured a life sentence for a Hillsborough county man that engaged in, and promoted, child sex

pornography. The jury found Roger Labor guilty of lewd or lascivious molestation, two counts of use of a child in a sexual performance and 50 counts of possession of child pornography. The Honorable Michael Williams of Florida's 13th Judicial Circuit sentenced Labor to life for lewd or lascivious molestation and a total of 75 additional years for the remaining charges.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This disgusting excuse of a man will stay behind bars for life, right where he belongs. He is a predator and his actions were beyond vile and repugnant. I am so proud of the Office of Statewide Prosecution's hard work on this case and for making sure he never victimizes a child again."

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Commissioner Rick Swearingen said, "Heinous crimes like those committed by Labor have no place in civilized society, and I commend all those who worked tirelessly to bring him to justice. I hope this life sentence will help his victims to heal and will serve as a warning to those who would prey on the most vulnerable among us."

In 2017, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement received cyber tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children indicating that a Google user in Hillsborough county uploaded suspected child pornography. After further investigation, law enforcement seized numerous electronic items from Labor's residence. A forensic examination of the electronic items recovered more than 5,000 pornographic images. The investigation also discovered two victims that Labor molested and used to promote child pornography.

Assistant Statewide Prosecutors Rita Peters and Diana Bock prosecuted the case.

MFCU Arrests Woman for Defrauding Medicaid More Than \$15,000

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Levy County Sheriff's Office arrested a woman for organized fraud and fraudulent use of personal identification information to defraud a Medicaid provider. Carolyn Ausherman allegedly forged fraudulent Medicaid employee service logs, defrauding the Medicaid program out of more than \$15,000.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "The Medicaid program provides necessary medical services to our most vulnerable citizens. To purposefully defraud this taxpayer-funded program for personal benefit is a gross injustice and exploitation of the patients dependent upon the care provided by Medicaid. I am confident my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit will continue to work diligently to hold accountable anyone who attempts to defraud the Medicaid program and taxpayer dollars."

According to the investigation, Ausherman entered into an agreement with an employee of a Medicaid provider wherein Ausherman used the employee's name to submit forged and fraudulent service logs to the Medicaid provider. The service logs submitted by Ausherman claimed that the employee provided caregiving services to the Medicaid recipient, a disabled adult. The investigation revealed that the employee never provided services to the disabled adult. The Medicaid provider issued paychecks to the employee that were then cashed and split with Ausherman.

To view the redacted PCA, go to <http://myfloridalegal.com/>

Ausherman faces one count of organized fraud and one count of fraudulent use of personal identification information, both third-degree felonies punishable up to five years in prison. The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit will prosecute the case through an agreement with the State Attorney's Office for the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Beware of COVID-19 Texting Scam

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is warning taxpayers of a new COVID-19 related text scam that deceives recipients into disclosing personal banking information in order to receive a \$1,200 stimulus check. This latest scam impersonates the Internal Revenue Service. The Attorney General's Office reminds taxpayers that the federal government and state agencies will never require personal banking information to be disclosed via text message to receive stimulus payments.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "As long as COVID-19 remains a threat, scammers will attempt every trick in the book to exploit taxpayers and coerce them into disclosing personal information. I encourage all Floridians to familiarize themselves with emerging COVID-19 scams, available on our COVID-19 resource webpage at MyFloridaLegal.com/COVID19."

The scam text message states the recipient received a \$1,200 direct deposit from COVID-19 TREAS FUND and requires further action for the payment to be deposited into the account. The text then directs the recipient to follow a fake phishing link.

The bogus phishing URL appears to be a state agency or relief organization's website. However, when clicked, the URL directs recipients to a website fraudulently impersonating the IRS. Scammers use the website with the goal of collecting the personal and financial information of individuals who visit the fraudulent site.

Those who receive this text should immediately report it to the IRS by sending a screenshot of the message to Phishing@IRS.gov with the following information:

- Date, time and time zone the text message was received;
- The 10-digit phone number that sent the text; and
- The recipient's mobile phone number.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division reminds taxpayers that the IRS will never send unsolicited texts or emails requesting personal information, call with threats of jail, lawsuits or demand tax payments on gift cards. If you receive any correspondence you believe to be fraudulent, report it to the Attorney General's Office by visiting MyFloridaLegal.com, calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or downloading the No Scam app, available in English and Spanish, on all Apple and Android devices.

If you believe you are eligible for the Economic Impact Payment, please visit IRS.gov. If you do not have a filing requirement but are eligible for EIP, use the non-filers tool on the IRS website before Nov. 21 to claim the payment.

Earlier this year, the Attorney General's Office created the *Scams at a Glance* program, designed as a resource for Floridians to use for protection against fraud as the state and nation continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. The *Scams at a Glance* website provides downloadable brochures designed to teach consumers how to avoid falling victim to fraud, including an IRS Imposter Scams brochure.

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