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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Violet Escobar

ovember will be here before we know it. Do you know who you're voting for in the November Elections? Are you registered to vote in Florida?



Without everyone's informed vote things can take a turn for the worst. There are websites that you can go to so you'll know what each candidate wants to do once in office.

From the Editor

Some of these websites will tell you how they have voted in the past so you'll know if they are just "blowing smoke" or if they really mean what they are saying in all these debates and town halls.

Something that I did and was to make a list of 10 things that are most important to me such as, Social Security, Climate Change, Health Care, Off-shore drilling... and things like that. Then, once there are only two Presidential Candidates to vote for, go to the website and see what each one considers important to them on each of the issues you are most concerned about.

Check out:

<u>www.ontheissues.org/</u> this website is a little more takes a little more work but is very helpful http://2016election.procon.org/view.source-summary-chart.php

This Website is in chart form and very easy to read. I recommend this one. All the work is done for you and you don't have to go back and forth looking for what you want to know about each candidate.

Both of these websites are real eye-openers.

In the past, as a registered Independent, I've been able to vote for either party. I don't know if I can do that in Florida. BUT.... I will know after the HOA meeting. Read below to find out more.



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MONTHLY HOA MEETING – May 2

Be sure to come to the HOA meeting on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. Try to come a little early and get your coffee. You won't want to miss a minute of this.

Jason Latimer, Communications Director Representing Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Elections will discuss how voters can make sure they are election ready and the convenience of voting by mail.

He will also have <u>voter registration applications</u> on hand so if you're not registered already, you can register Monday night.

REPORTS

CARD STAMPING GROUP

ome of our residents have reserved the clubhouse for a Card Stamping Group which will meet twice this month. They welcome anyone in the park who is interested in Card Stamping to come and see what is needed join the group. Barb Ingerson is the resident who can give you all the information. She will be with the group on Tuesday, May 3rd from Noon to 4pm and again on Thursday, May 26 from Noon -4 p.m.

UP COMING

aturday, the 29th 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Memorial Day cook-out and Pool Party.

Food will be served promptly at 2:00 inside the clubhouse. Please remember that you cannot go into the clubhouse if you are wet. This is for the safety of everyone. When these floors are wet they become very slippery so we urge you to eat first and then swim.

We want everyone to have fun so also remember your manners in and out of the pool. and remember there are NO ALCOHOLIC beverages allowed in the common areas: this includes the pool area, the clubhouse and anywhere that is not at your home.



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ou asked for it so we're bringing it back for a limited time depending on how many people show an interest in coming.

Our first All-You-Can-Eat Pancake breakfast will begin in June unless we have enough requests to start it in May. We are still busy ironing out some of the details.

It will be on a Saturday so that our working residents can come, too.

We will be using those HOA Membership discounts we've been telling you about so the cost will be: \$2.25 for HOA Members and \$3.00 for non-members. Either way, it's a good price for an All-You-Can-Eat breakfast and time to spend with your friends. After you eat you can take a swim in the pool to relax some more and cool off.

The menu will include 2 large pancakes, 2 sausages, Orange Juice and Coffee to start. After that, all the pancakes you can eat.

ARTICLES

WHAT TO BUY IN MAY

are on their way.

attresses – You'll find sales om mattresses here and there throughout the year, but May typically sees the lowest prices of the year.

Refrigerators – Late in the year is usually the best time to buy large appliances but refrigerators are the exception. Last year's models are on sale now since the new models

Thrift Stores – Spring Cleaning makes for lots of donations this time of year. Shopping at Thrift Stores this month you will find plenty of new inventory with inexpensive treasures waiting to be discovered.

Vacuum cleaners – In keeping with the Spring Cleaning theme, the makers of vacuums will be offering sales this month. New model vacuums come out around June so look for great prices now as stores start to clear inventory for new models.

Cookware – with wedding and graduation season around the corner, look for stores to start offering discounts on cookware. It makes a great gift.



WHAT NOT TO BUY IN MAY

Tewelry – with everyone shopping for Mother's Day this month, you'll actually see an increase in jewelry prices.

Grills – wait till June for a new grill purchase. Prices are high in early spring.

Source: truecouponing.com

RECIPES

STROGANOFF

- 1 ½ Lbs. Beef cut in strips
- 2 cups water
- 1 small can mushrooms
- 1 pkg. onion soup mix
- 2 Tbsp. corn starch
- 8 oz. sour cream

Brown beef in oil, add onion soup mix and water. Simmer 30-45 minutes. Add corn starch which has been mixed with water and the mushrooms. Cook until the meat is tender. Add the sour cream and mix thoroughly.

SOPAPILLA CHEESECAKE

- 2 cans crescent rolls
- 2 tsp. vanilla flavoring
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 pkgs. Cream cheese (softened)

- 1 stick butter
- 1 ½ cup sugar
- 6 Tbsp. sugar

Spray 9x13 pan with baking spray. Spread 1 can crescent rolls in bottom of pan. Cream together the 1 ½ sugar, vanilla, and cream cheese. Spread on top of crescent rolls. Top with remaining crescent rolls. Melt butter and mix with cinnamon and sugar. Pour over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

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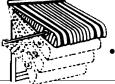


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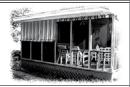
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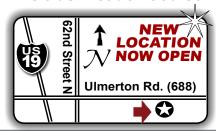
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Did you know that May is also...

ALS Awareness Month. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is caused by the death of neurons, leading to stiff muscles, twitching, and gradually worsening weakness. No cure is known, but this month is an opportunity to spotlight and support research to fight this deadly disease.

Better Hearing Month. Approximately 36 million Americans suffer from some form of hearing loss—and more than half are under 65. Visit an audiologist today to learn how to protect your hearing and ensure that your ears stay healthy throughout your life.

National Military Appreciation Month. As designated by Congress, National Military Appreciation Month celebrates the history of our armed forces and recognizes the brave people who have served in every branch of military service. It also allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through community participation.

National Bike Month. Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.



Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, May 1-7. A yearly event aimed at raising awareness of the issues and causes integral to the children's mental health field nationwide. Sponsored by the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, this year's theme is "Healthy Families, ResilientChildren: Mental Health is a Family Affair."

National Nurses Week, May 6-12. One of the nation's largest health care events, National Nurses Week ends on the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the mother of modern nursing, and recognizes the contributions nurses make. It also educates the public about the significant work they perform.

American Craft Beer Week, May 16-22. American craft brewers are small, independent, and traditional. The average American lives within 10 miles of a brewery, and the United States now has more beer styles and brands to choose from than any other market in the world. Enjoy a cold one (responsibly) all month long.

May Day, May 1. An ancient northern hemisphere spring festival celebrated in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the activities.

Mother's Day, May 8. Don't forget to tell your mother (and mothers everywhere) how much she means to you.

Memorial Day, May 30. A U.S. federal holiday honoring those who have given their lives while serving in the armed forces.



Caregiving has its rewards

s Americans live longer, families are feeling a heavier burden in the caregiving area. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that some 40.5 million Americans are acting as unpaid caregivers for older family members. Most just help one person, but 22 percent are responsible for two people and 7 percent provide help to three or more. Most caregivers are between the ages of 45 and 64 (23 percent), but 17 percent of people older than 65 act as caregivers as well.

The demands may be high, but many Americans find the work worthwhile. Yes, 32 percent describe caregiving as stressful, but 88 percent say helping out an elderly loved one is a rewarding experience.

Try these year-round common cold remedies

ou can catch a cold any time of the year, no matter what the weather is. Although you can't cure it, you can relieve its symptoms with some simple remedies. Try these:

- Honey. Honey mixed with tea or warm lemon water can relieve coughing and sore throat.
- Zinc. Zinc supplements taken within the first few days of having a cold can shorten your illness and could prevent a cold in the first place.
- Hot liquids. Hot tea or water can loosen up congestion in your chest and sinuses.
- Salt water. Evidence suggests that rinsing your mouth with salty water can clear up nasal congestion and unclog your sinuses.
- Vitamin C. Evidence that vitamin C can help you avoid or shorten colds is mixed, although research does hint that it may be effective for those with a vitamin C deficiency.

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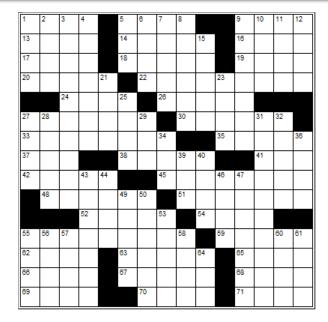




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- 17. A style of design
- 18. Pontifical
- 19. One who accomplishes
- 20. Our planet
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- 24. Buckeye State
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- 30. Stoppage
- 33. Addition
- 35. Slowly, in music
- 37. Prefix meaning
- "Modern"
- 38. Bloodsucker
- 41. Coniferous tree
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- 69. Sun
- 70. Marsh plant
- 71. Roman emperor



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- 3. Used to see small things
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- 5. Clairvoyant's gift
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Einstein: A genius with a human touch

A lbert Einstein was a scientific genius, and stories about him are legendary. Three stories illustrate that he was as human as the rest of us:

- When Einstein went to Princeton University in 1953, someone asked what he would need for his office. His reply: "A desk, some pads and a pencil, and a large wastebasket to hold all of my mistakes."
- A student visited Einstein in his Princeton office one day
 with a copy of this year's final exam in his hand. "Professor,
 all the questions on this year's test are the same as last year!"
 "Yes," Einstein replied, "but this year all the answers are different."



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The assistant asked why he didn't just use one of the fresh clips. Einstein answered, "Once I am set on a goal it becomes difficult to deflect me."

Too much of a good thing

farmer went to church one Sunday. To his surprise, he and the minister were the only people there.

"This is a little embarrassing," the minister said. "Since you're the only one here, would you really like to hear my sermon?"

The farmer said, "Well, I'm not too smart, but if I went to the barn to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I'd still feed him."

So the minister began his sermon. He spoke passionately for an hour and a half. When he finished, he asked the farmer what he thought.

The farmer answered, "Well, I'm not very smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I sure wouldn't feed him all the hay."

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Exercise: More isn't necessarily better

osing weight is just a matter of exercising, right? Actually, that may not be the case, according to a study of exercise and weight loss reported on the CNN website.

Researchers looked at 332 adults in the U.S., Jamaica, and Africa, measuring their activity level over a week. The volunteers displayed a variety of exercise levels from sedentary to active. Although those who exercised and were active more burned away more calories than the others, their activity tended to hit a plateau—after a certain level, more exercise didn't produce more weight loss.

Switching exercises helped a little, since using different muscles can make your body use more energy. But in the long run, a combination of exercise and a reduced-calorie diet may be your best bet for losing those unwanted pounds.

Don't get zapped at work (or home)

lectrical hazards at home and in the workplace injure thousands every year from burns and shocks. Faulty or overloaded wires cause the majority of accidents, so protect your family and your co-workers by following these guidelines:

- Get inspected. If your electrical panel hasn't been inspected for more than 10 years, get a qualified electrician to look it over.
- Unplug heat appliances after use. At home, that includes toasters, hair dryers, and irons, among others. In the office, unplug space heaters or anything else that can cause a fire.
- Use the correct wattage. Putting a 75-watt bulb in a 60-watt light socket is asking for trouble
- Don't overuse extension cords. They're meant for short-term use, not as way to plug in as many appliances as possible into one outlet.
- Use surge protectors. They'll keep computers and other appliances safe from overloaded circuits
- Keep appliances away from water. If an appliance that's plugged in falls into water or gets wet, unplug it before you reach for it.
- Don't yank cords. When unplugging an appliance, always grip the head of the cord. Yanking and tugging can damage the cord's wire and insulation, which can lead to an electrical shock or fire.

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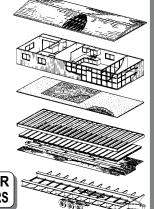
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Space Station experiment points to possible life on Mars

Lungi from the dry, frigid environment of Antarctica took a trip to the International Space Station to determine their ability to survive under the harsh conditions of the planet Mars. Their endurance suggests that primitive life may indeed be viable on the red planet's surface.

As reported by the NBC News website, scientists took samples of the fungus from the McMurdo Dry Valleys in Antarctica, then had them sent up to the ISS, where the crew placed them on a sealed platform outside and exposed them to various types of conditions, including one which simulated the sparse atmosphere and the exposure to radiation present on Mars.

After a year and a half, the fungi had retained 60 percent of their cells, providing evidence that simple forms of life can survive under the toughest conditions in space and on distant planets.

Robot cockroaches could save lives

Hew animals are as maligned as the lowly cockroach. But scientists have found something worth emulating about them—their ability to squeeze into even the tightest spaces. Cockroaches on the run are about ½ inch tall, but they're able to compress their bodies to a 10th of an inch when they're trying to hide. Scientists at the University of California-Berkeley have been able to adapt that flexibility in a small, soft, multi-legged robot dubbed CRAM (Compressible Robot with Articulated Mechanisms). Constructed with an "origami-like" manufacturing technique, CRAM is seven inches long, three inches tall, and 1.6 ounces, and it's able to compress itself just like a cockroach to get inside tiny spaces. The scientists hope that CRAMs could be deployed in swarms to search for survivors inside collapsed buildings.

Antilock brakes: Use them properly

ntilock braking systems in cars are designed to improve safety, but they won't do the job unless drivers know how to use them correctly. Here's the right way to use the ABS when you need to stop quickly:

- Apply steady, firm pressure. Never pump or "feather" your brakes. The ABS regulates the braking pressure so the brakes don't lock up. If you pump or slightly release pressure on the pedal, it confuses the computer system and shuts it off.
- Don't let up. The grating noise you may hear is the sound of the ABS working.
- Don't yank the wheel. You can steer your car safely, but if you yank the wheel, you could lose control.



Tarantulas have their own 'Man in Black'

new species of tarantula has been identified by a postdoctoral researcher at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Actually, Chris Hamilton discovered 14 previously unidentified species during his Ph.D. researcher at Auburn University, but only one of them was named after one of his favorite entertainers: country singer Johnny Cash.

Aphonopelma johnnycashi can be found, appropriately enough, near Folsom Prison in California, the setting of one of Cash's most famous songs and the site of several concerts the "Man in Black" performed during his lifetime. Tarantulas have more than 50 different species, and Hamilton examined more than 3,000 specimens, narrowing the field initially to 29 possibles and finally to 14 completely distinct species. Given that Hamilton has a tattoo of Cash himself, the name came naturally.



Shark attacks on the rise

he movie Jaws scared lots of people off the beach, but the danger of shark attacks is very real—and it's increasing. Last year saw a record number of shark attacks, totaling 98 around the world, according to the Florida Museum of Natural History.

The U.S. had the most attacks in 2015, with 30 in the waters off Florida, eight in the Carolinas, seven in Hawaii, two each in California and Texas, and one apiece in New York and Mississippi. Other attacks occurred near the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean, along with Australia, New Caledonia, and Egypt.

Scientists believe that attacks are rising because the shark population is recovering from low levels, and human populations are increasing as well.

Do not sit still; start moving now. In the beginning, you may not go in the direction you want, but as long as you are moving, you are creating alternatives and possibilities.

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A lesson in taking chances

story from the book Art and Fear, by David Bayles and Ted Orland (Image Continuum Press), illustrates the power of taking chances and risking failure when you're trying to achieve something of quality:

On the first day of class, a ceramics teacher announced that he was putting his students into two groups. Half the students would be graded on quantity of works produced, the other half on the quality of just one work. On the final day of class, the instructor looked at the pots from both groups and realized that the best pots—those with the most creative designs and those that seemed most beautiful—all came from the group graded on quantity.

As the authors put it: "It seems that while the 'quantity' group was busily churning out piles of work—and learning from their mistakes—the 'quality' group had sat theorizing about perfection, and in the end had little more to show for their efforts than grandiose theories and a pile of dead clay."

The real truth from Hollywood

he movies teach us many things. Here's some "truth" they gladly share:



- When they are alone, all foreigners speak English to each other.
- No investigation gets anywhere until the chief of police either suspends the detective or gives him/her 24 hours to solve the case.
- All grocery bags contain at least one loaf of French bread.
- The Eiffel Tower can be seen from any window in Paris.
- A hero who can endure ferocious beating will wince in pain when a woman tries to clean his wounds.
- Mothers cook extravagant breakfasts when their husbands and children have no time to eat.
- A single match will light up an entire room.
- When your enemies outnumber you, they will always attack you one at a time.
- People always turn on the news right when a story that affects them is aired.





Trouble is coming

man walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey before the trouble starts!"

The bartender pours him a drink. He downs it, then says, "Give me another one before the trouble starts!"

After a second drink, then a third, the bartender starts to get nervous. Finally, after five drinks, the man turns to leave. The bartender says, "Hey, aren't you going to pay for those drinks?"

The man says, "This is when the trouble starts!"

A long-awaited visit

n elderly grandmother was giving directions to her visiting grandson. "You come to the front door of the apartment building and use your elbow to push the button for unit 412, that's my apartment. I'll buzz you in, and you can use your elbow to push the door open. The elevators are on the right. Use your elbow to press the up button, and then use your elbow to press the fourth floor, and then—"

"Grandma," the young man interrupted. "Why do I have to keep using my elbow?"

The woman paused. "You're not coming emptyhanded, are you?"

Mistaken identity

on called 911 when his pregnant wife Ann went into contractions. The dispatcher asked some quick questions to help him relax: "How far along is she? Where is the nearest hospital? How far apart are the contractions?" Finally she asked, "Is this is her first child?"

"No," Ron replied, rattled. "This is her husband!"







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