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Bryan McDonough

November is here again, and with it comes the beginning of the Holiday Season, and of course, Thanksgiving. This year, our family has a little more to be thankful for. Our son's family lost their home due to a hurricane by the name of Matthew, which caused extensive damage from the Southern Florida coastline all the way up to the Carolinas and Virginia. Hopefully by the time you are reading this month's notes, the hurricane season of 2016 will be a thing of the past. Objects and possessions can always be replaced, our families are priceless. Thankfully our son and his family, including their sweet baby girl, were riding out the storm at our house, so they were all safe when the storm destroyed their home. For this we will be forever grateful!

This month also brings to a close the overly-long election season. I doubt that there is anyone who will miss those political ads on TV that we have been subjected to for the past many months! Regardless of your political views, I hope that we, as fellow Americans, can find a way to come together after this election. We should all do our best to support the outcome, whoever is chosen to lead our country for the next four years. Nothing good will ever come from our continuing to point fingers and keeping the focus on the things that divide us. We will need to find the faith in ourselves and in our country to work together for the common good.

Lastly, Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families! At the end of each day, we should take a few minutes to give thanks and be grateful for all the blessings in our lives. Our focus should be on the special people in our lives, and the things we do have, not on what we think we should have, or what we wish we had. Being truly thankful can bring us much peace and happiness.

My God continue to bless you and your family!

Bryan McDonough

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**SIGNS**by Jim Campbell, First Baptist Church of Melbourne

#### Ever consider how many signs that you read or see in a day?

It's quite a lot when you think about it. Driving down the street...walking down a hall in an office building... Walmart or Best Buy...all over the place. Signs tell us what to do, where to go, what something is and when to act. Try to make it through a day without being influenced or helped by a sign. You might find it hard to do, because signs are such a part of our life, we just automatically react to them, not out of conscious assessment, but many times, just out of learned habit.

Jesus told His disciples that He would leave a sign for people to know that they followed Him. In John 13:35, Jesus said this. "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

I think it's comical that a common stereotype of churches is that there is a lot of infighting and conflict. To be honest, it's not just a stereotype, in a lot of cases, it's documented fact... and, believe it or not, that's fine. It doesn't surprise God at all either.

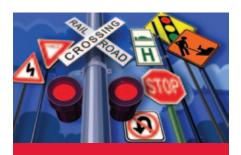
One might believe that love is defined by the absence of conflict, and if that's your definition, hate to tell you, but you'd be wrong. Love is defined and evidenced most strongly, by what is done in the face of conflict. That's in direct opposition to a popular perception of love, and the basis for loads of misdiagnosed disillusionments of church and followers of Christ.

You see, God isn't stupid. His plan was for people of all kinds of different temperaments, talents and convictions, further separated by a mixture of a myriad of life experiences, would come together for the common purpose, united by one thing, or rather, one person...Jesus. In that situation, conflict is inevitable. What marks people as followers of Christ is how they still extend love to each other in the presence of conflict, not in it's absence. In fact, a lack of love can hide very easily when conflict doesn't exist.

Understand, this is not a license to be a jerk to those around you, quite the opposite...this is a command to remain true to God's word when those around you are being jerks. This sign leads you to what you should do, where you should go, what something really is and when you should act, and people will automatically react to it...just like Jesus said they would...they'll know who you follow.

Signs are all over the place, but as Christ followers, there's one sign that must always be about us, in the church most of all. That's not the absence of conflict, it's the presence of a stubborn, Christ-centered unity highlighted by a sign of love shining from the lives of His followers..

Jim is the Campus Pastor and Primary Communicator at Bay West Church, meeting at 100 Emerson Drive NW on Sundays at 11am. For more info on Bay West Church, check us out on Twitter, Facebook, Youtube or www. baywestchurch.org.



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Chris says the way
Americans are purchasing health insurance has
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Care Act. Unfortunately, confusion is the greatest obstacle for consumers who have to purchase health insurance on their own because it's not provided at work or someone who has retired early and is now on their own to find individual health insurance or maneuver their way through the Medicare arena. In addition, now with the Federal Marketplace available for individuals to shop for insurance and possibly qualify for a premium tax credit (subsidy) that helps lower income individuals purchase health insurance the average consumer finds themselves in way over their heads when trying to evaluate plans on their own. This is where One Insurance Group thrives and provides a tremendous service to the community. One Insurance Group now has grown to

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#### SPOTLIGHT ON CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH

by Dr. Deanna Carlisle, Carlisle Chiropractic Center



The holidays seem to come earlier and earlier every year — and along with them, the stresses and strains of frenzied holiday shopping. Take a stroll through your local mall, and you'll already see symbols of the approaching holiday season — from Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations to notices of blowout sales. As your muscles tense with each passing day, the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) asks, "Are you ready for the holiday shopping challenge?"

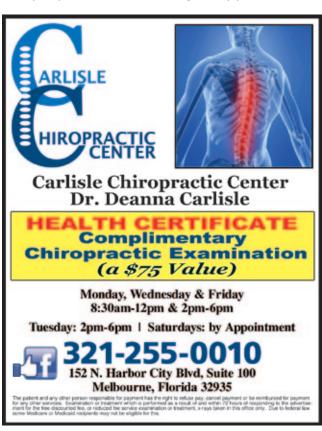
#### Treat Holiday Shopping As An Athletic Event

Stay hydrated! Drink eight to ten 8-ounce glasses of water a day. (Coffee, tea, soft drinks and alcohol are dehydrators. Don't substitute them for water.)

Stretch before and after a long day of shopping. When you are stressed-out, your muscles are less flexible than usual.

Wear shoes with plenty of cushioning in the soles to absorb the impact of walking on those hard shopping mall floors.

Leave your purse at home. Wear a light fanny pack, or if



necessary, a light backpack instead. Pack only those items that are absolutely essential (driver's license, credit card, etc.).

If you start to feel some pain, nip it in the bud. Apply an ice bag to the affected area for 20 minutes, then take it off for a couple of hours. Repeat a couple of times each day over the next day or two.

#### **Plan Frequent Breaks Into Your Shopping Day**

During a day of heavy shopping, most people should take a break every 45 minutes. Those with less stamina may even need to take breaks more frequently.

Plan trips to your car. Don't carry around more than is absolutely necessary at one time.

When taking breaks, try to eat light foods. A salad and some fruit is a much better option than a burger and fries.

Skip the coffee break! Coffee and sodas contain caffeine and sugar, which add even more stress to your body.

"On average, people gain five to six pounds during the holidays. And heart attacks occur more often during the holidays as well. Leating a heavy meal and then running out on an exhausting hopping trip can be very dangerous."

shopping with children is just a bad idea. "If your hands are baded with shopping bags, you may not be able to hold your hild's hand, which could increase the chances he or she might vander away from you. Take whatever steps necessary to not have bring your child along."

#### **Vrapping Your Gifts**

ince there is no "ideal" position for wrapping gifts, the most mportant thing to remember is to vary your positions. For example, ry standing at a table or countertop for one package, sitting on a sed for another, sitting in a comfortable chair for another, etc.

To not wrap packages while sitting on the floor. Wrapping packages while sitting on a hard floor can wreak havoc on your posture, and should be avoided.

Always stretch before and after you wrap gifts.

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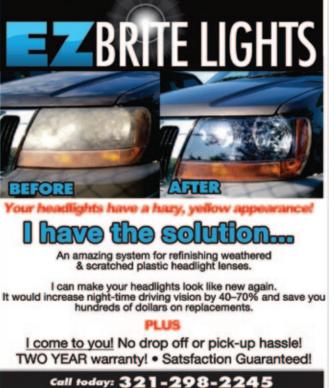




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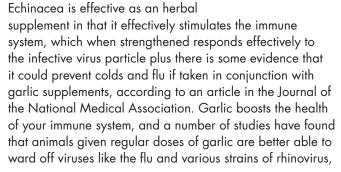
#### Prevention and Help for Colds and Flu with Natural Herbs

By Dr. Kevin Kilday, PhD, D.Psc. / Holistic Health Center

For the people like myself who do not believe in the flu vaccine

appear (too dangerous, future article) there are alternative

and preventative measures you can take. The following herbs have a 3 to 5000 year history of preventing and curing disease. These herbs should be used daily especially during the cold flu season months (Oct.-May.) or as soon as symptoms start appearing. For the prevention of the flu or cold or curtailing full-blown development of symptoms you can take the following herbs as directed on the herb label.



the kind responsible for the common cold. Andrographis is used in Ayurvedic medicine in India. Traditionally used

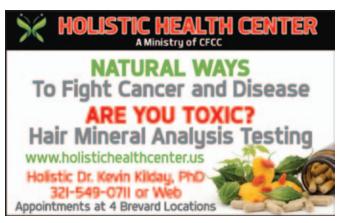
to treat upper respiratory infections and sinusitis, andrographis was shown in a recent study to reduce the symptoms of coughs, sore throats, headache and fever. Andrographis may also help reduce the severity and duration of the flu, according to a 2003 study. All clinical studies regarding the herbs in this article are available upon request. A healthy immune system is the best defense against illness.

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#### DEAR VAL, TRUTH, STRAIGHT UP

by Valerie Oliver

"...what exactly should we look for in a mate?"



"Truth Straight Up" is written and founded by Valerie Oliver.

She offers advice based on Biblical principles—not political correctness. Miss Oliver serves in several ministries including altar counseling. She's written several Christian-short stories and is currently working on her first novel: <u>Harpazo: The Witnesses</u>.

#### Dear Readers,

I recently asked a rhetorical question, on Facebook, and received a number of interesting replies. The question was, 'Maybe, instead of falling for the man who sweeps us off our feet, we should embrace the man who's willing to stand by our side...your thoughts ladies?'

These are a few of the responses I received:

"All you need is: love, respect and someone who loves you for you..." P.H.K.

"I found my lifelong companion, who respects my wishes and stands by my side 100%. I will become his wife in October" B.C.H.

"I told my husband, when we were not yet dating that I didn't want to fall, I wanted to soar. Falling is chaotic, often painful, but soaring is freeing, full of fresh air and adventure. We soar together or we crash together. Either way, it's together" S.K.

"I have one who stays by my side and I am very grateful" N.G.S.

"Sweeps you off your feet—and helps you stand back up...stands beside you" A.J.C.

"Been married twenty-two years but dated four years before. For about three of those years, we dated others. There was no "sweeping off feet," just doing fun things we both enjoyed and realizing we really didn't want to be with anyone else. And we still do everything together. We agree on most things and have a lot of the same interests. We fight and get mad but we NEVER hold grudges. The original spark dulls somewhat but our friendship, and tough challenges, we've been through together outweigh that spark that so many men and women think should be there forever. Maybe small minorities of couples do; but usually, they are misrepresenting the reality. The old line of 'be friends first' is true" E.G.C.

And one gentleman remarked, "Ladies...ladies...ladies...we are not extinct. You just don't understand us or know how to work us—just sayin'..." D.L.

Like most women, my childhood was saturated with stories, movies and cartoons of knights in shining armor, riding full speed, whisking me off my feet, and rescuing me from imminent danger—and of course, riding off into the sunset... Whether we're willing to admit to ourselves, or not, deep down inside, most women have a deep seeded desire, or yearning, for our knight or Prince Charming. It's only after we marry them, that our delusions are shattered. Reality hits home and we've discovered our dashing prince now sports a pot belly, bad breath, and when he "breaks wind" the smell is rancid enough to require a HAZMAT team. Don't laugh ladies; truth be told, most men reading this are scratching their heads because they've married women with similar flaws.

So, all kidding aside, what exactly should we look for in a mate? Marriages function best when God's plan is put into practice. The Bible gives us several qualities and characteristics to desire in a spouse...

**Kindness**: Col.3:19, "Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them."

**Believers**: 2 Co.6:14, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"

**Honor and purity**: Heb. 13:4, "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous."

**Respect**: Eph. 5:22, Wives, submit to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body." (NKJV)

**Permanent covenant/commitment for life**: Mark 10:17, "...Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." (NKJV)

**Mutual submission**: Eph. 5:21, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (NIV)

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**SPOTLIGHT ON COOKING** 

by Cecelia Danas



**This recipe is great as a first course** or as one of the sides to the turkey. It only takes 45 minutes. This makes four servings, but I double it great leftover. Enjoy.

If you have any questions or would like to contact me, email me at lifecoaching 7746@aol.com.

#### **Pasta Shells Stuffed with Spinach**

12 Jumbo size shells uncooked

1/4 cup butter

2 tbs of almond slices or I use pine nuts

7 oz fresh washed and dried spinach in chopped in large pieces

1 cup Mushrooms fresh is best, but you can use canned

Cook the shells according to package directions. In a large frying pan melt the butter then add the nuts. Cook until toasted, then add spinach, mushrooms, fennel and garlic. When the spinach is wilted stir in stuffing mix and cheese. Butter a 9" square pan.

1/2 tsp fennel seed

1/2 tsp fresh garlic finely chopped

1/2 cup of herb seasoned stuffing

1/2 cup sharp shredded cheddar cheese

1 tbs butter

1 tbs parmesan cheese

Take one cooked shell and fill (2 tbs about) and place in pan. When done Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and cover with foil. Bake about 12 minutes and uncover for 4 minutes still light brown.







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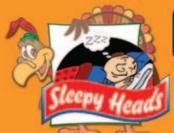




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#### WATERPROOF VS. WATER-RESISTANT SMARTPHONES

SPOTLIGHT ON COMPUTING

by Bill Ford, Data Doctors Computer Service

Since water damage is one of the most common problems experienced by so many, getting a phone that can protect itself makes sense.

The technical definition of water resistant is that the phone is able to resist the penetration of water to a certain degree but not entirely. Waterproof technically means that the phone is impermeable to water, no matter how much time it spends in water. Unfortunately, these terms are thrown around as if they were interchangeable.

With Apple throwing its 'waterresistant' hat in the ring with the iPhone 7, joining others like Samsung, Sony, Motorola and Kyocera, understanding the technical differences is helpful.

#### What the 'IP' Rating Means

Today's smartphones generally have certifications published when it comes to resisting the elements signified by ratings such as IP67 or IP68. The IP marking for International Protection or Ingress Protection (depending upon

who you ask) is followed by two numbers.

The first number designates its ingress protection against solids, such as dust, with numbers ranging from 0 to 6. The higher the number, the better the protection. When you see a 6 for the first number, then the smartphone is 'Dust Tight,' which means it's completely protected against contact with dust. Having this rating can be important for hikers, mountain bikers, or anyone who wants to use their smartphones in dusty environments.

The second number refers to the ingress protection against liquids, with numbers that can range from 0-9. Again, higher is better.

#### Can I Swin With My Smartphone?

Apple's recent iPhone 7 announcement included news that it was water-resistant with a certification of IP67. This means that it's completely dust-proof and it can technically be submersed in water of up to 1 meter (@3 feet) for a



duration of up to 30 minutes.

Many Samsung and Sony smartphones have an IP68 rating, which technically means that they are completely dust-proof and water-resistant in depths ranging from 1 to 3 meters for a duration as determined by the manufacturer (usually 30 minutes).

These descriptions may make it sound like you can use your smartphone in the pool to take underwater pictures, but none of the manufacturers will recommend it. The actual laboratory tests are done with smartphones in standby mode, meaning they aren't being used in any way during the tests.

What it does tell you is that with either an IP67 or IP68 rating, if you get pushed into the pool with your smartphone, the chances of its survival are very high.

I've actually owned a Sony Xperia Z3 for years, which was one of the first consumer handsets designed to be water-resistant and the few times that it has been in water, it's done just fine.

#### **Additional Considerations**

If water gets on the phone's screen while it's active, it's not going to respond like it normally would because water conducts electricity just like your finger, which is why using it underwater isn't recommended. Another thing to keep in mind is if the screen on a water-resistant phone gets cracked, replacing it will likely break the factory seal that protected it, so it will no longer be water-resistant.







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#### THE I-STENT REDUCES OR ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR GLAUCOMA MEDICATIONS AT THE TIME OF CATARACT SURGERY

The I-Stent represents the latest innovation in treating patients with glaucoma at the time of their cataract surgery, according to Jason K. Darlington, M.D., Cataract Surgeon and Fellowship Trained Cornea and Glaucoma Specialist at The Eye Institute for Medicine & Surgery.

"The I-Stent is highly effective, as it reduces eye pressure, 24 hours per day. By continually maintaining a healthy eye pressure, the risk of suffering a loss of vision due to glaucoma is greatly reduced," reports



Dr. Darlington, who has performed thousands of ophthalmic surgical procedures. There are many benefits to reducing or eliminating the need for glaucoma eye drops, explains Dr. Darlington, who completed his cornea and glaucoma fellowship at the prestigious Phillips Eye Institute, in Minneapolis.

Over a period of many years, glaucoma medications can cost thousands of dollars. Additionally there is often a burden placed on patients to place eye medications multiple times per day.

Jason K. Darlington, M.D.

"Patients and their families have a great sense of comfort knowing that the I-Stent is working to maintain a healthy eye pressure 24 hours per day, often times without the need for additional eye medications. Controlling eye pressure throughout the day and night on a continual basis leads to better long term results," explains Dr. Darlington.

By reducing or eliminating the need for glaucoma medications many side effects such as redness, dryness, irritation, and excessive eyelash growth may also be eliminated. In my experience, the need for fewer medications makes for happier patients," states Dr. Darlington.

"The vast majority of patients experience a dramatic improvement in their vision following cataract surgery overnight," states Dr. Darlington, who utilizes the latest high technology lens implants and techniques when performing cataract surgery.

Dr. Darlington, who has extensive experience performing cataract and glaucoma surgery, as well as corneal transplants and refractive eye surgery, has performed research utilizing a double mirrored lens to facilitate the placement of the I-Stent at the time of cataract surgery. "The goal of my research," states Dr. Darlington, "is to help ophthalmic surgeons all over the world to bring the I-Stent technology to their patients."

My hope is that by doing so, we may help many thousands more patients enjoy a lifetime of good vision and spare them from suffering the debilitating effects of vision loss associated with glaucoma," states Dr. Darlington, passionately.

Dr. Darlington is available to see new patients at his offices in Rockledge, Melbourne and Palm Bay. Consultations may be arranged by calling (321) 722-4443.



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#### Don't Get Caught in "The Box" Unprepared

As Hurricane Matthew hugged the east coast of Florida and Space Coast residents scrambled to secure their property, evacuate the coastal area and take shelter inland, sellers and buyers alike were urgently reaching out to their Real Estate Professionals asking what this could mean to their pending transactions.

The South Florida Real Estate Industry is all too familiar with the significance of "The Box" when it comes to a storm off the coast, but many home buyers and sellers are unaware of the term and what it means to their closing. Living in a coastal state where we have a six month (June 1 – Nov 30) hurricane season that also happens to coincide with the busiest time in the Real Estate Industry for the state, it is important to understand the impact of a named storm and how it may affect your closing, even if you are not in the direct path of the storm.

So what is "The Box"? It is an approximately 16,000 square mile area that is defined by the Hurricane Restriction Rule issued by the NC Join Underwriters Associations. The rule states:

"No new or increased coverage shall be bound or application for new or increased coverage be accepted after 12:01AM the following day when the center of a designated named storm is located within Longitudes 65° West and 85° West, and Latitudes 20° North and 37° North. The term

"designated named storm" is a windstorm designated as a hurricane or tropical storm by the National Weather Service."

These coordinates form a box and encompass an area from Norfolk, Virginia down to the Dominican Republic and from from Apalachicola, Florida east to Bermuda.

It is important to understand that the issuing of new policies will STOP, whether or not the property is in the direct path of the storm and therefore this could happen well before any tropical storm warning or hurricane warning is issued by the weather service.

So how do you avoid a delay in your closing? While there is no guarantee, the best thing to do is file your insurance application early; as soon

as the offer is accepted and contract is signed by all parties. It is good to prepay and bind coverage early so your closing has a smaller chance of being affected.

In some cases, there is no way to avoid the delay. Most normal Florida contracts have a provision to extend closing date in the event of a storm and in most cases interest rate guarantees will be honored as well. And if by chance a storm hits, as in the case of Hurricane Matthew, lenders often require re-inspection of property and buyers and buyers and sellers may be required to sign a form attesting that they agree there is no damage.

Living in the lush tropics of South Florida it is best to follow these guidelines even outside of storm season when selling or purchasing a home. Don't get caught in "THE BOX" unprepared.

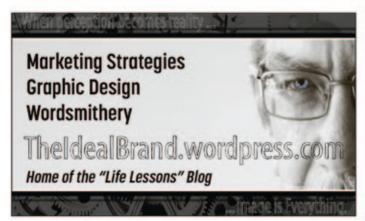


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#### The Tapestry Vision



Some years ago I had a vision where the community was being woven together to form kind of a Tapestry of the world. The threads were people working in business, schools, government, families and social services and organizations. It was a cooperative effort by the community, working together for the good of all people. There were two phrases that I heard: everything should have increase and none should be left behind. As I understand this, "everything should have increase" implies that our lives should have increased prosperity, education and understanding, and relationships. "None should be left behind" implies that people should desire to be part of the tapestry community, but if not ... they would be left alone.

Because of this, a group of us have formed The Tapestry Vision team. There are two parts to the vision: first, to promote "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." This is the restoration of the Lord's Prayer into the community. The second part of this vision is to reach individuals in five areas of the community, to build relationship in these areas for support and prosperity. These five areas are: Business, Education, Government, Social and Family.

Our purpose is to provide services to those five community areas though the Tapestry Network. We're building a cooperative

community, one that helps one another be successful and have increase in all areas of our lives. If you are interested in participting in this community endeavor, we need to hear from you! Visit us online at thetapestryvision.com, complete the popup with your name and email, and like us on Facebook. We'll let you know when the next monthly network "meet up" will take place in your area, where the focus is on supporting one another in our endeavors. Connect with us now, so we can restore integrity, values and prosperity to individuals in business, education, government, social and families!

I am Paul Rosbury, Founder of the Tapestry Vision.



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### Advances in **Archaeology**

By South Brevard Historical Society

Advances in technology provide new and innovative ways to perform historical research. Tools that aid archaeologists, scientists and historians to study a site, structure or artifact without damaging it are continually being developed and made accessible. One such technology is laser scanners. Advances in equipment and software have made short and long-range 3D laser scanners available to accurately develop plans, cross-sections, projections and even virtual tours of sites and structures. What used to involve, depending on complexity, a significant amount of days or months of surveying and manual drafting, can now be performed in hours. Laser scanners permit an entire site or structure to be recorded in such a way that geometric data (distances, angles, etc.) is also obtained. The resulting digital model can be studied and manipulated to obtain additional information. These techniques can save money as the researchers do not have to travel to a site once a model is developed. Laser scans of artifacts results in a digital archive where researchers can study an item without subjecting it to damage or theft. Collections and sites have been made more accessible because the digital information is available online.

On November 12, 2016, the South Brevard Historical Society will host Kevin Gidusko, Public Archaeology Coordinator for Florida Public Archaeology Network's (FPAN's) East Central Region. Kevin will speak about the exciting world of 3D Archaeology, introduce us to the techniques involved as well as provide details of several research efforts. Kevin's areas of study include Florida archaeology and geophysical applications in archaeology where he uses instruments such as ground penetrating radar, geographic information systems (GIS), and 3D photogrammetry. This free presentation is open to the public and will be from 3:00pm—4:00pm at the Melbourne Public Library - 540 E. Fee Ave., Melbourne, Florida 32902.

FPAN's mission "is to promote and facilitate the conservation, study and public understanding of Florida's archaeological heritage through regional centers throughout the state". For Brevard County, our regional center is known as the East Central Region and is located in St. Augustine; hosted by Flagler College. Their website, www.flpublicarchaeology. org/ecrc/, details upcoming FPAN events, recent historical information via blogs and also provides links to historic places and organizations. For information about the South Brevard Historical Society, please visit www.southbrevardhistory.org.

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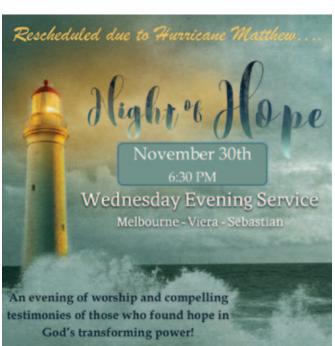
### PRAISE THE LORD

By Wanda Villaverde CCM: Together, doing life RIGHT!

Occasionally, I sit on the patio in my backyard and watch the sunset. I sit in awe of God's beautiful creation. It blows my mind every time. Ever since I was a little girl, I've always felt a strong connection with nature. I was fascinated with how it all came to be and the majesty of it all. Back then, I didn't understand what that connection was. I tended to worship and adore these objects around me and looked to them for my peace, comfort and joy.

It wasn't until I was much older and began a relationship with God that I realized the connection I had always felt was my longing for Him. My heart was drawing near to Him. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one

can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11) In my fascination and curiosity of all of the wonderful and beautiful creations on earth, I learned





that there was a Designer and Creator. How could I look at a gorgeous waterfall, beautiful flowers of all kinds, the twinkling of bright stars in the night sky millions of miles away, or the miracle of childbirth and think this all came about by accident? His creation showed me there was a God. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. (Romans 1:20 NLT)

I was praising the "things" God had created (creation) to praise and glorify Him. I should have been praising Him (Creator). If I thought creation was astonishing, I couldn't even fathom what or who God was! Pure awesomeness! I began to worship God (not His creation) and thank Him for the beautiful things He placed here on earth. Now when I see a beautiful flower or sunset, I see the beauty, glory and power of God and how much He loves me. I no longer look at nature as sovereign. God is sovereign. We are all God's creation and were all made to praise Him. For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen. (Romans 11:36 NLT) Praise the Lord!











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by Dan Taylor, Audioprosthologist, Mission Hearing

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Having enjoyed a rich career, and life experience fitting hearing, and helping folks overcome hearing loss for the past thirty plus years, created the intense desire to leave the profession, and planet a little better for my passing, hence the creation of Mission Hearing.

Wearing hearing aids myself for the past twenty-two of those years has given me a unique perspective as both dispenser, and consumer. While acquiring my very own Medicare card reminded me that I too am mortal, and that if I was going to leave something of value behind, I'd better get on with building it.

However, I understood that if what we were building was to have any lasting value to anyone, it had to be built upon sound principles. That's why Mission Hearing has been built around the very first principle of Deity, Omnipresence. Religion has taught for centuries, and Science has confirmed recently, that on the very most fundamental levels of the Universe, we are indeed, all connected.

The second principle around which we are organized is really a recognition of the first. Each of us has an innate, built in desire to help those less fortunate. We all realize on some level, that when we reach out, and consciously help those less fortunate than ourselves that we lift up not just those we help, but ourselves, and the entire planet, even if just by a tiny bit in doing so.

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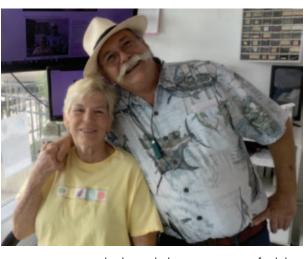
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## Options when Paying for Long-term Care

Aging has its side effects, as it's inevitable that individuals' bodies and minds will change as they approach their golden years. Illnesses, disabilities and other conditions may speed up the changes in certain individuals.



While many seniors continue to live independently well into their golden years, some require long-term care. The decision to move an elderly relative into a long-term care facility can be difficult. In addition to the emotional effects of such a decision, families must deal with the financial repercussions.

Long-term care services can be costly, and many general healthcare insurance plans do not cover long-term care. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services offers that an assisted living facility may cost roughly \$3,300 per month for a one-bedroom unit, while a nursing home may cost between \$6,200 and \$6,900. Seniors or

families who have enough income and savings may be able to pay for long-term care services without assistance. But those who cannot afford to do so may need to utilize different programs or resources to pay for long-term care.

Long-term care insurance According to WebMD, commercial insurers offer private policies

referred to as long-term care insurance. These policies may cover services such as care at home, adult day care, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes. However, plans vary widely. In addition, the cost for care and eligibility requirements may change as a person ages, so it's best to purchase this insurance while young and relatively healthy.

#### **Government assistance**

Government health programs may pay for a portion of certain care but not all of the services offered by long-term care facilities. For example, the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association says government health care programs may

cover only a small percentage of the costs for nursing homes or other specialized residential care facilities, or perhaps none at all depending on the circumstances. In the United States, Medicare is the Federal health insurance program for people age 65 and older and for some people younger than 65 who are disabled. Medicare generally does not pay for long-term help with daily activities. Medicare pays for very limited skilled nursing home care after a hospital stay, but not for many assisted living facilities.

Medicaid is another option that pays for health services and long-term care for low-income people of any age. First, applicants must determine their eligibility for Medicaid. Medicaid is typically only available after most personal assets have been depleted. Even with Medicaid, a resident of a long-term care facility may need to pay a portion of the care out of pocket. What's more, as part of the application for Medicaid, a "look back" at assets is required to deter gifting assets in order to qualify. Paying for long-term care requires planning well in advance of when such services may be needed.



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### Medicare Advantage Plans

### As retirement approaches, many folks are excited to kick back and

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But before you enjoy that retirement, it's important to remember that you, and not your former employer, are responsible for obtaining healthcare coverage. This coverage can be a critical part of enjoying your retirement years.

Traditional Medicare will be an integral part of your medical protection, but it is just a part. Medicare is composed of Part A, which covers hospitalization expenses at no monthly premium for most Medicare beneficiaries.

Medicare Part B addresses outpatient medical expenses — the doctor visits, diagnostics and treatments —

at a monthly premium that currently is \$104.90 to \$121.80, or more, depending on your income. With Part B, you will still be responsible for an annual deductible of \$166, then 20 percent of Medicare-approved covered services. There is no ceiling to the maximum out-of-pockets costs you could incur in a year.

There is also Medicare Part C, also known as Medicare Advantage Plans, offered by insurance companies such as Health First, which has the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). These plans offer the advantage of fixed co-pays — or no-copays at all in some instances — plus enhanced benefits and the option for prescription drug coverage.

"To be eligible for Medicare Advantage Plans, the individual must be entitled to Part A and enrolled in Part B, and must live in the plan's service area," said Denitza Hernandez, Director of Medicare Sales for Health First Health Plans.

Medicare Advantage Plans are able to control costs through managed care, just as health maintenance organizations, or HMOs, and preferred provider organizations, or PPOs. For the consumer, that means lower premiums than traditional Medicare and supplementary insurance.

"Plans such as Health First also offer bonuses that include wellness services, gym memberships and coverage for prescription drugs and vision, hearing and dental benefits," Hernandez added. "They are truly a one-stop shop for medical coverage and can save you both money and worry. They cover everything at a cost you can afford.

There are many plans available and consumers need to research and take time in selecting one that best suits their needs. If you're already on Medicare, you can change plans during the AEP, or Annual Enrollment Period, which runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. Coverage becomes effective on Jan. 1 the following year.

Hernandez offers the following recommendations when comparing plans.



Compare how well the plans cover the services you know you will need

Cost is also an important consideration
- know the premiums, deductibles and
other costs. How much will hospital stays
and doctor visits cost you out of pocket? Is
there a yearly limit to these expenses?"

Is it important for you to keep your doctor? Check to see if your doctor accepts the coverage you're considering. If you want to switch to another physician, check to see that he/she is accepting new patients with your coverage.

Check if you need to get referrals to see a particular physician.

Check to see if your preferred hospitals and health care facility is an option.

Plans that provide prescription coverage should encompass medications you routinely take.

Convenience of locations for both pharmacies and physicians accepting the plan.

If you will be traveling, check to see if the plan covers your health while out of state or out of country.

Health First's Medicare Advantage Plans offers everything original Medicare offers, plus additional benefits such as allowances for dental care, hearing and vision, as well as free membership at the health care system's four Pro-Health and Fitness Centers.

Health First's Medicare Advantage Plans cover emergency care around the globe and offer no deductibles and preventive services at no cost to the patient. No referral is needed to see any of the plans' 4,000 in-network physicians and providers.

Medicare Advantage Plans differ from Medicare supplements or Medigap plans because they handle all of your claims on your behalf.

To help in your decision-making, Medicare.gov, the official government site for all things Medicare, offers a star system that rates plans on customer service, wellness options, chronic disease management and approximately 50 other different quality signals.

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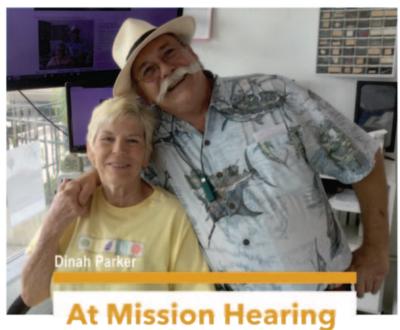
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