

# Canadian Rx Program

**Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Plan for Prescription Drug Importation Program**

**The Villages, Fla.** – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced his commitment to create a prescription drug importation program for Florida. This program will offer access to FDA-approved prescription drugs that have been imported from Canada, allowing the drugs to be sold to Floridians at a much lower cost. The Governor was joined at the announcement by Speaker Jose Oliva, Representative Ray Rodrigues and Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Mary Mayhew.

"One of the biggest drivers of this country's out of control healthcare spending is the cost of prescription drugs," said

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# High Speed Chase

By TomL

The Villages / Lady Lake Florida.

Approximately 9:30 AM, Sunday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, Paramedics were called to assess a man who was acting strangely and saying "people are eating brains out". The Lady Lake Police Department was called to assist. A Villages security guard pulled up and left his vehicle running. The accused just got into the security Community Watch vehicle and drove off, leaving the paramedics and LLPD. The chase began!

Two Lady Lake police cars went on a high speed chase through the densely populated residential area, then chasing him onto a Golf Course endangering many lives as the two Lady Lake Police cars pursued the man in the Villages Security car. One golfer witness said the vehicles actually came flying over the hill landing, then fishtailing out of control. One lady golfer reported they had to run for cover. The lady said they actually ran over her golf towel. The high speed pursuit caused two accidents, injuring one driver. Luckily they were minor injuries. The lady said her hip was hurting.

After chasing the perp through the streets, passed many houses they finally wound up on the Golf Course where the chase went out onto 441 and then headed back toward the another Villages residential area, but crashed the car and ran. He was chased on foot by the two officers and was caught!

A lot of comments followed by eye witnesses. One, a representative from the Golf Course said there was at least \$7,000 damage minimum.

**Publishers Notes: I have questions?**

**Question:** Is it normal procedure to give chase? What are the Criteria?

**Answer:** The Lady Lake pursuit policy is for a forcible felony only. A stolen car is not

one of those accepted criteria!

**Question:** Why was the Community Watch car left running so the perp could steal it?

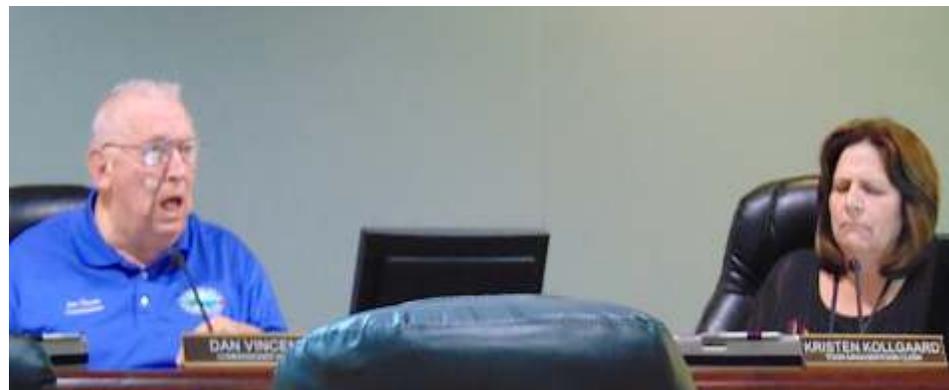
**Answer:** Up until now it was policy to leave the vehicles running because the flashing lights on the roof would kill the battery. Community Watch people should not leave them unattended while the motor is running. Community Watch people are only supposed to report to the command center.

**Question:** How did the News Media get the LLPD Chase videos so fast? Who released them during an investigation? The accused did have pending warrants out of Georgia, but no one knew that until after the chase.

**Answer:** We will wait for that answer!

Right now and for several months there has been a big controversy over the Town Manager overseeing the Lady Lake Police department, which the Town Charter dictates. Three of the Town Council members voted not to review the Town Charter. The Town Manager is a smart and dedicated person but she can't replace the experience of an officer of thirty years. The Chief that just left had more experience than that! As you can see by this incident he will be missed! It is my opinion he would have called the chase off and maybe followed the person quietly from a distance and take him without a chase. The Town of Lady Lake is liable for these actions! The people/residents/voters who attended meetings have ask the Town Council to fix this problem. They would not! Belleview and Wildwood Police Departments do not report to the Town Manager.

What is your opinion? tfloury@att.net



# Special Town Council Meeting

By TomL

(Anything I say is my opinion only!)

Feb 4th the Commission meeting was called to order. Minutes of the last meeting on the subject of Chief McKinstry and the Town Manager were handed out. They were not accurate. The first two things that I noticed were that when the Commissioners voted not to review the Town Charter, Kussard said "if it is not broke don't fix it!" (That was left out!) The Charter has not been reviewed in 40 years! Also left out of the minutes of the last meeting was when Councilman Dan Vincent made a motion to ask for Town Managers resignation. Kolgaard said "Go for it!" (That was left out!)

Later I ask Holden who approves the minutes of the meetings. He said Kris Kolgaard. At the first meeting because of the arguing back and forth, Councilman Tony Holden asked for a special meeting to discuss the Town Manager and the forcing out of the Chief McKinstry!

The special meeting was called to look at

the Town Manager's Job performance and the possible re-hiring of Chief McKinstry.

The meeting started civil. The Councilmen and Councilwoman were each asked if they had anything to say.

**Tony Holden** started by accusing the Town Manager of hiding payroll facts by lumping the figures together, which did not reflect how much each person's salary was. Tony also accused the Council of not considering his suggestion to build a building three years ago when building cost were much lower. The Town would have saved \$750,000. Mayor Richardson debated him back and forth and after a few minutes they got the subject back on track about Kolgaard and Chief McKinstry, saying the building was old business. Holden said he had people coming to him asking him to take Chief McKinstry side, which he did. Mayor Richardson said the Town Charter says the final say is the Town Manager's decision. Holden also complained the Commissioners were proud that they finished the Budget

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A.J. "Tony" Powell

## AS I SEE IT

Publishers note: I am sorry to say this is the first time that I can remember Tony Powell not doing his column. Tony is a perpetual motion machine / Energizer Bunny. His column is enjoyed by many. He had to take time recharge. Hopefully he will be ready for next month's column. I will put in something I think he would like to put in.

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### Let's Talk Social Security Funds

Franklin Roosevelt, a Democrat, introduced the Social Security (FICA) Program. He promised:

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Under Democrat President Johnson the

money was moved to the General Fund and Spent.

5.) That the annuity payments to the retirees would never be taxed as income. Under Democrats Clinton & Gore Up to 85% of your Social Security can be Taxed. Since many of us have paid into FICA for years and are now receiving a Social Security check every month and then finding that we are getting taxed on 85% of the money we paid to the Federal government to 'put away' -- you may be interested in the following:

Q: Which Political Party took Social Security from the independent 'Trust Fund' and put it into the general fund so that Congress could spend it?

A: It was Lyndon Johnson and the democratically controlled House and Senate.

Q: Which Political Party eliminated the income tax deduction for Social Security (FICA) withholding?

A: The Democrat Party.

Q: Which Political Party started taxing Social Security annuities?

A: The Democratic Party, with Al Gore casting the 'tie-breaking' deciding vote as President of the Senate, while he was Vice President of the US.

Q: Which Political Party decided to start giving annuity payments to immigrants?

A: That's right! Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party. Immigrants moved into this country, and at age 65, began to receive Social Security payments! The Democratic Party gave these payments to them, even though they never paid a dime into it! Then, after violating the original contract (FICA), the Democrats turn around and tell you that the Republicans want to take your Social Security away! The worst part about it is uninformed citizens believe it!

## PURSUIT of Happiness



I agree with Reagan that our system must be taught!

"Individual liberty necessarily entails private endeavor, with the possibility of success as well as failure. There are both risks and rewards. We are

both risks and rewards. We are guaranteed life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are guaranteed equal opportunity not equal results. We have the opportunity, with sacrifice and hard work, to control our destiny. Obtaining some measure of financial security, or even wealth, is a possibility. It is not a right."

"We live in the greatest nation on earth. As the Declaration of Independence reminds us, we 'are endowed, by our Creator, with certain unalienable Rights.' But as the late-President Ronald Reagan reminded us, we are never more than one generation away from losing this great experiment in democracy and the American dream. Our form of government and our way of life are not passed from generation to generation genetically. It must be taught, exemplified and defended. We are not perfect. But we are unique. And we must never be a socialist country."

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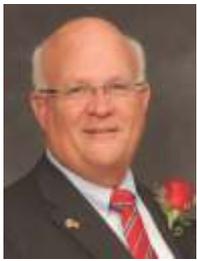
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Florida State Senate

## DENNIS K. BAXLEY



As we approach opening day of Legislative Session on March 5th, many bills are in drafting and over 1,600 filed by members. Of the many bills being heard in committees, I will focus on two. The Senate Education

Policy Committee has passed an update to school safety expanding access to The Guardian Plan which permits more

educators to volunteer for service, additional training, and background clearance to provide an added defense team of leaders already on site to provide armed response in the first three minutes in a crisis to prevent an incident from becoming a massacre like we saw last year. Time is of the essence. Seconds count. No educator is required to participate but can be considered. Thankfully over 2.8 million students safely



attend school. There are full safety and prevention steps in the updated school safety plan. Another bill filed that is stirring debate is the Heartbeat Bill which will protect the unborn child who demonstrates a heartbeat. Over 60 million young lives have been extinguished since abortion rights were expanded by court ruling in 1973, more than all soldiers killed in all the wars of American history. It is time to reconsider this sensitive policy that erodes our future and our respect for human life.

We look forward to a meaningful debate for the many issues before us. Be a part of this discussion. It is your government.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Baxley

## Blood Pressure Control



(NAPSI)—Almost half of the U.S. adult population has high blood pressure—that's any reading at or above 130 for the top number or 80 for the bottom number.

If you find yourself among them, it may be wise to consider four lifestyle evaluation questions:

1. How often do you eat fruits and vegetables?
2. How much salt do you take in?
3. Are you at least moderately active for half an hour a day?
4. Are you at a healthy weight for your height?

### What To Do

If your assessment reveals room for improvement, Michael Hochman, M.D., MPH, a Los Angeles physician and professor at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California, has an encouraging message for you: "Know this: Small changes can make big differences. You don't have to overhaul everything you do and eat. Tracking your blood pressure between health care visits lets you easily stay on top of your health. In 10 minutes or less, you can check your numbers. If you are learning for the first time that your blood pressure is creeping upward, small changes in your lifestyle—a bit more physical activity, a few more fruits and vegetables—could mean the difference between low vs. high risk for heart disease or stroke."

Here are some hints to help you make those small changes:

15–20 minutes of moderate aerobic activity per day can reduce the top number in your blood pressure reading, called systolic pressure, by 5 to 8 mmHg

Reducing sodium intake by 1,500 mg (3/4 of a teaspoon) per day can result in lowering systolic pressure 5 to 6 mmHg

A 10-pound weight loss could lower systolic blood pressure by 5 mmHg.

### Little-Known BP Raisers

If you do have high BP, consult your health care provider or pharmacist about the safety of your over-the-counter medicines.

Some OTC pain relievers, known as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs—such as naproxen and ibuprofen—may raise blood pressure. Acetaminophen may be a better choice for pain. Drugstore cold and flu medicines that contain decongestants can also raise blood pressure. To avoid these BP raisers, read medication labels and discuss alternative pain, fever or cold medicine with your doctor. A quick guide to BP raisers is at [heart.org/BPtools](http://heart.org/BPtools).

### Take It Home

Monitoring at home can help confirm a diagnosis and determine how well your lifestyle changes and medications are working to reduce your blood pressure.

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### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



We had some sad news this month. We lost a good friend, Vince Cribbs, the Vice President of Operations of the Printing Plant. We met him many years ago when he first started printing our papers. He has personally overseen our printing. He was working in his workshop at home when there was an explosion. Several people attempted to pull Vince to safety but it was too late. He will be missed!

You need to enjoy every moment you have for we never know what is just around the corner.

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Clinton passed a bill in 1996 that separates Children from their parents when they enter our country illegally. Obama enforced that Law and now they demonize Trump for enforcing the same Laws! They even used pictures of children in cages being detained during the Obama era and used it to

blame Trump for doing it. When you're elected to Congress are you are not supposed to represent Illegal aliens and forget the American Citizens. Officials are elected to protect American citizens from foreign countries and the bad guys in our Country.

All the immigrants have to do is get a pregnant woman across the border to have a baby on this side and they get access to tax funded services immediately and it starts a chain reaction that brings many family members and relatives into our country. When Veterans come back from a war their medical treatment is disgraceful. We have seniors in this country needing services worse than someone crossing our border illegally.

It is reported that 25% of our federal prisons are illegal Immigrants costing us millions per years.

Another astounding thing that happened: a school principal in Richmond Virginia expelled two children for wearing a crucifix

around their neck, stating there is no place for religion in schools.

In the last fifty years our government has built three thousand miles of walls to protect homeowners from traffic sounds. Hmmm!

Isn't it weird that in America our flag and our culture offend so many people, but our benefits don't?

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A gun is like a parachute. If you need one and don't have one, you'll probably never need one again.

Half the population is subsidized and they think they are victims but their representatives run the Country. The poor have things in this country that no other country has. They have TV's, cars, cell phones, computers, houses, healthcare, food stamps, ETC.

The Border: We must secure the Border by any means necessary. Maintenance from within is also necessary. Make it a crime to give someone a job without a work permit. Everyone should have a work permit. Those who are caught employing people without a permit pay a fine!

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Lady Lake Florida. I continue to receive emails about the Chief of Police leaving. I say this to you. Write a letter to your local Councilman or Councilwoman expressing your wishes. People expressing their wishes at a council meeting did not seem to matter. No, don't blame it on the Town Charters! Fix the Town Charter!

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Heard we had a police chase in the Villages which ended up on the Golf Course. Police Chase in the Villages is not a safe thing to do. If the person is not fleeing maybe he or she won't run over someone. This is why we need a Chief with a cool head, trained in these types of take downs.

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Valentine's Day: Art says his wife wanted something that goes over a hundred and is nice and shiny. So he bought her a bathroom scale. I would not want to be around when he gave her that.

## From The White House

**BORDER SECURITY:** Securing the Southern and Northern border of the United States takes a combination of physical infrastructure, technology, personnel, resources, authorities, and the ability to close legal loopholes that are exploited by smugglers, traffickers, cartels, criminals and terrorists.

The Department of Homeland Security must have the tools to deter illegal immigration; the ability to remove individuals who illegally enter the United States; and the vital authorities necessary to protect national security.

These measures below are the minimum tools necessary to mitigate the rapidly growing surge of illegal immigration.

\$25 billion trust fund for the border wall system, ports of entry/exit, and northern border improvements and enhancements.

Close crippling personnel deficiencies by appropriating additional funds to hire new DHS personnel, ICE attorneys, immigration judges, prosecutors and other law enforcement professionals.

Hiring and pay reforms to ensure the recruitment and retention of critically-needed personnel.

Deter illegal entry by ending dangerous statutorily-imposed catch-and-release and by closing legal loopholes that have eroded our ability to secure the immigration system and protect public safety.

Ensure the detention and removal of criminal aliens, gang members, violent offenders, and aggravated felons.

Ensure the prompt removal of illegal border-crossers regardless of country of origin.

Deter visa overstays with efficient removal.

Ensure synthetic drugs (fentanyl) are prevented from entering the country.

Institute immigration court reforms to improve efficiency and prevent fraud and abuse.

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We have been hearing a lot about 5G technology. My wife was driving me to Gainesville last week and I was able to see all of the the 5G cubes being installed. Here is some of my thoughts about the 5 G revolution.

Imagine yourself behind the wheel of your new car. You're stopped at an intersection and the light turns green. You step on the gas, then, by instinct, you screech to a halt. "Whoa, that car came out of nowhere."

Maybe you've said this after a near miss – or a crash. But that car DID come from somewhere. You just couldn't see it in time. So, what if that car let you know it was

coming?

Enter what I'm calling "5-G-BLOCK-CHAIN" technology, It will eliminate any hacking, and permit cars talk to each other. It will also connect things like street lights, signals, and roadside cameras. Even parking spaces! It will also connect you to pedestrians and cyclists. So that pedestrian accidents become exceedingly rare. Drivers will barely have to lift a finger. Warnings about nearby pedestrians, storms, and accidents—will simply pop up on your windshield (look-up-windshields already are standard equipment in many cars, or on your older car dashboard. It will be like beacons, it will keep telling everybody, 'Hey,

I'm here, here's my speed, i'm going in this direction' at least 10 times per second."

By 2023, there's a very good possibility your new car must have this type of revolutionary technology – by law. According to Forbes, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published a recent rule. One that would mandate all automakers to install a form of this technology beginning in 2020.

By 2023, it will be practically everywhere. This could become mandatory – just like seat belts and driver side airbags are today. All this and more will become a reality in the very near future:

- Your car senses a traffic light is about to turn red as you approach an intersection. Your car slows down without you touching the brakes. Today, (2019) you already have an

automatic slow-down feature on your cars' cruise control today.

- You will get to "peek" ahead of that giant 18-wheel rig in front of you using the truck driver's camera.
- You'll know when a vehicle ahead of you intends to brake or change lanes. Even if it's so far ahead, you can't see it.

Perhaps you've heard of 5G and thought it was just a new "cell phone" network. Well, you're only getting half of the story. As I see it, it is an emerging technology, not only a phone feature, it will permit our cars to drive themselves. Making our roads by far safer than ever before. Five years from now, almost everything you touch will rely on 5G technology in some way or the other. It will be 'built-in' to "smart" refrigerators, laptops, wearable headsets, even your toothbrush! I estimated 29 billion devices will be connected by 2021. Your cell phone with its' 5G capability will be mission control for making it all happen.

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## John Lennon says...

"When it gets down to having to use violence, then you are playing the system's game. The establishment will irritate you - pull your beard, flick your face - to make you fight. Because one they've got you violent, then they know how to handle you. The only thing they don't know how to handle is nonviolence and humor."

John Lennon

## 70 Years Ago

A Little More Than 70 Years Ago

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# Attorney General Moody



Tax season is here, and this week, our office issued a Consumer Alert to warn Floridians of a new phishing tactic that could wreak havoc on people preparing their taxes.

The tactic, called conversation hijacking, involves scammers accessing an ongoing email conversation and sending a new message containing a malicious link or attachment—giving the appearance that the message is from a trusted source. Victims clicking on the link or opening the attachment are then prompted to provide personal information that could be used to submit fraudulent tax returns.

Floridians should remain cautious. Avoid clicking on links or opening attachments that seem suspicious. Never share passwords or login information with anybody. Change passwords frequently—using numbers and special characters.

For more tips to guard against conversation hijacking scams, go to <https://myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases>

As technology evolves, so do the methods scammers use to bypass security and trick users into compromising sensitive

information. Conversation hijacking attacks are just the latest trick being used to steal people's identities and access their financial information.

As Attorney General, I will work with our Consumer Protection Division to stay ahead of the trends and technologies scammers use to commit identity theft and steal from Floridians.

Please take steps to protect your personal and financial information. If you encounter a scam, please report it to my office by visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com) or calling 1(866)9NO-SCAM.

## Arrest Health Insurance Scheme



### 10 Suspects Arrested in Multimillion Dollar Health Insurance Scheme

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody and Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis today announced the arrests of 10 suspects in a multimillion dollar insurance fraud operation, spanning multiple counties in Florida. According to a two-year investigation by the Florida Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution and the Department of

Financial Services, the suspects participated in an organized crime ring that established fake medical clinics by renting small office spaces. The suspects then billed insurance companies using the personal information of several doctors and insurance subscribers. The fraudulent clinics were located in Hillsborough, Lee, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. The suspects allegedly submitted 23,708 claims worth more than \$40 million.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This organized crime scheme cost health insurance companies millions and stretched from Hillsborough to Miami-Dade County. Insurance fraud is a serious crime that forces higher premiums on all ratepayers, and as Attorney General, I will continue to work with our great law enforcement partners to investigate and bring to justice any criminal organization exploiting Florida's insurance market."

Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis said, "Insurance fraud is not a victimless crime and fraud like this drives up insurance costs for every Floridian. Stolen identities, fake clinics, and stealing \$42 million—this was an elaborate fraud scheme and ultimately consumers are on the losing end. Let me be clear: If you commit insurance fraud in Florida, my office will catch you and you will go to jail."

The suspects in this case all appeared to be living in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The 10 individuals taken into custody are Xiomara Baullosa, Maylene Cruz, Enrique Galera-Risco, Sandra Hidalgo, Anais Jorge, Jorge Leyva, Luis Machado, Nivardo Parra, Nestor Rodriguez and Nestor Damian Rodriguez.

Pending warrants are still out for Gonzalo Rodriguez, Arnaldo Valido, Jorge Valido and Minerva Valido.

According to statements from more than 30 doctors and subscribers, victims of identity theft related to the scheme never shared personal information. The victims, including both doctors and subscribers, never provided or received the treatment procedures billed—in fact the subscribers never saw the doctors purported to have provided them with treatments.

Insurance company United Healthcare suffered the greatest loss because of the fraudulent activity, paying out more than \$10 million in fraudulent claims. Florida Blue and several other insurers also paid out fraudulent claims.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau assisted in the investigation. Florida Attorney General's Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Carrie Pollock Gil will handle the case.



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## Canadian Rx

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**Governor DeSantis.** “While our prices remain high, our neighbors in Canada are spending significantly less for the same drugs. These price disparities are indefensible and inexcusable and I am ready to act. I thank Speaker Oliva for prioritizing this issue and look forward to working with him to reduce the prices of these drugs for Floridians that depend on them.”

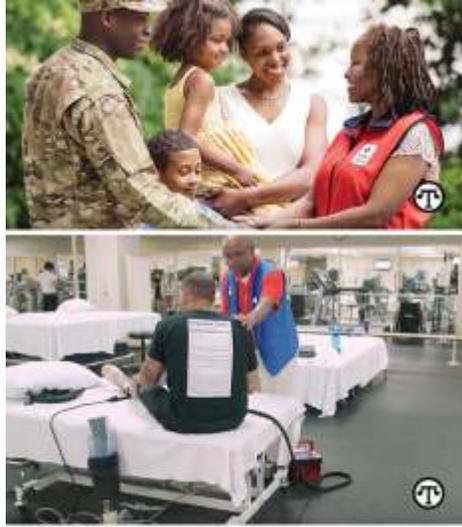
In 2003, Congress passed the Medicare Modernization Act to allow U.S. wholesalers and pharmacists to import prescription drugs from Canada, but only if the federal Department of Health and Human Services authorizes it - which it has refused to do. The Governor believes that 16 years since the passage of that law is long enough.

Governor DeSantis will work in conjunction with the Trump Administration and the Florida Legislature to create this program as quickly as possible while taking the necessary steps to ensure the appropriate regulatory protections are in place.



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## Helping Heroes



(NAPSI)—The Department of Defense reports that 1.3 million Americans serve in the military.

If you or someone you care about is ever among them and sent overseas, you may be glad to learn about an organization that's been assisting members of the U.S. armed forces, veterans and their families since the early 1900s: the American Red Cross. It provides emergency communication services, resiliency programs and morale activities.

“We are committed to delivering critical services with a caring touch wherever and whenever they're needed—24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year—for military members and their families at home and around the world,” said Koby Langley, senior vice president for Service to the

Armed Forces at the Red Cross.

Now, the organization is expanding support for U.S. military personnel in Eastern Europe with a new office in Romania.

In addition to aiding military members and their families, the American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to disaster victims; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; and provides humanitarian aid. A not-for-profit organization, it depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public.

### Learn More

**The free Hero Care App helps members of the military and veteran communities access emergency and other Red Cross services anywhere in the world.**

## Did You Know?

(NAPS)—New cholesterol guidelines from the American Heart Association emphasize a personalized approach to preventing and treating high cholesterol and cardiovascular disease.

[www.heart.org/cholesterol](http://www.heart.org/cholesterol).

Millions of students, teachers, parents and community leaders celebrate School Choice Week from January 20 to 26. Learn more from the experts at

[www.schoolchoiceweek.com](http://www.schoolchoiceweek.com).

One in five Americans suffers from bunions. Foot and ankle surgeons have made several advancements to surgical techniques and fixation methods that allow patients to return to activities sooner than with the

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# NOTHING BUT NETWORKING



Nothing But Networking a Lady Lake Chamber event was held at the Texas Road House Grill. Feedback from the 100 who attended was "it was great!". This was the second event at the Texas Road House Grill. If you would like to attend call the Chamber 352-753-6029 to make arrangements. Tell them Tom sent you!



The First Thursday of every month join us for Nothing But Networking Lunch. Here you can meet new business, catch up with old friends and let everyone know what is new and exciting at your business!



## Special Meeting

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review in an hour and a half. Holden said they bundled things together and did not discuss each item for review and some things were not visible. He said they should have taken 5 hours as usual and do a thorough job for a whole year's worth of spending. Near the end Councilman Holden said to Paul Hannon "Bring up the review of the Town Charter again and I'll vote for the review!"

**Ruth Kussard** had the floor. She said she stands by the Town Manager and that she is doing a good job. She said she was shocked at the display put on by some of the Council. In another comment at the first and second meeting, she said she had called around and most towns were structured the way they were, except Wildwood.

**Paul Hannon** was next, he said I have two words "Town Charter". He wants to review the Town Charter. It has not been reviewed in 40 years and many things have changed. He stopped, there! Pub note: 40 years ago Lady Lake was being advertised by Triple AAA as a speed Trap. That was a big part of their revenue.

**Mayor Richardson** stood by the Town Manager saying it is in accordance with the Town Charter that the Town Manager hires and fires the Police Officers and the Chief!. The Mayor furnished other documents proving Kogaard was doing a good job. The papers were being waved around but I did not read, nor look at any of them.

**Dan Vincent** got the floor, he expressed his feelings about wanting to bring back the Chief and asked for Kolgaard's resignation. They brought it to a vote and it was three to

two to continue her in her position. Once that was decided Mayor Richardson quoted the Town Charter again. The Town Charter says "the Town Manager has the right to hire and fire the Chief of Police" so there was no reason to discuss the Chief's job any further.

**Phil Mathias**, resident, talked about the people who wanted the Chief back and he said the reason the Town had money was because of the tax money coming from the residents in The Villages that are in the Lady Lake city limits. Mathias accused Kolgaard of favoring her supervisors at raise time, then hiding it in the budget by bundling payroll together. During raise time the Police Officers were not getting the same consideration, so they were leaving for more money elsewhere. Kolgaard had blamed the officers' leaving on the Chief.

**Betty Salas** got up and wanted to set the record straight. Ms Salas says Belleview's Police Chief answers to the Mayor and so does Wildwood. So that makes two towns bordering the Villages/Lady Lake that are doing it different.

**Publishers note:** I have a different opinion than some of the Councilman and Councilwoman. It sounds like they don't want to review the Town Charter. What is in it that they don't want to address or don't want others to see? If in fact the Town Charter has not been addressed in 40 years it is overdue by about twenty years. Let's look at what has changed. "THE ENTIRE TOWN HAS CHANGED!" The Town has grown by 20 times more residents than they had back then. Which means it needs a larger police force because they have a lot more people to protect. With that said, they need the best paid police force and the best Chief that Villages tax money can buy! Councilman

Dan Vincent said "We don't need two police Chiefs," meaning he did not want the Town Manager meddling in Police Business. With that kind of responsibility the Chief needs to be on equal ground with the Town Manager. I also think the Council or at least three members, are hiding behind the Town Charter when residents complain. Example when a resident complains about the Town Manager and or the Chief, the Mayor says "It's the Town Charter!" Well I say "Change the Damn Thing!" Fix it and yes it is broken. The money to protect the residents in the Villages and in Lady Lake should come first, then roads, infrastructure, hospital, town and park beautification or what ever. I think that the money is being allocated wrong and the two Councilmen screaming about it should be heard. I heard several Councilmen state: when I was in business we did this. Things do change over the years. That was then and this is now. Change with the times or get run over by progress. I agree to disagree!

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Mayor Jim Richardson  
Councilwoman Ruth Kussard  
Councilman Tony Holden  
Councilman Paul Hannon  
Councilman Dan Vincent

## Did You Know?

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traditional method. Learn more from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons at [www.FootHealthFacts.org](http://www.FootHealthFacts.org).

Your car is always there for you. An oil change, tune-up and basic service can be a great way to return the favor, advises the



nonprofit Car Care Council. For a free "Car Care Guide" and more information, visit [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).

Your mobile phone and the Walgreens app can help you set a daily reminder to be sure you take your medicine. Learn more at [www.walgreens.com/pharmacy](http://www.walgreens.com/pharmacy).

You don't have to live with clutter and chaos. A Professional Organizer or Productivity Consultant from the National Association of Productivity & Organizing Professionals (NAPO) can help. You can find one at [www.napo.net](http://www.napo.net).

"Ninety percent of Raynaud's sufferers don't seek treatment and too many physicians pay short shrift to those who do," says Lynn Wunderman, founder and chair of the Raynaud's Association. Learn more, including how you can help, at [www.raynauds.org](http://www.raynauds.org).

During National School Choice Week, millions of students, parents, teachers, schools, organizations and community groups host events and activities to connect with parents and communities—celebrations such as school fairs, open houses, information sessions and student showcases.

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# Governor Ron DeSantis



## Governor Ron DeSantis Issues Executive Order 19-45 *Ensuring the Safety of Our Children in Our Schools*

**Titusville, Fla.** – Today, nearly one year after the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida where fourteen students and three staff members were murdered, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-45, which is focused on improving the safety of Florida schools.

“Although protecting our students is a perpetual process, there are steps we can take immediately to improve safety in our schools” said Governor DeSantis. “While we cannot bring back the innocents lost, we

can honor their memory by learning from the mistakes that were made and resolving to swiftly correct all of those within our control.”

### Specifically, Executive Order 19-45 does the following:

- Directs the Department of Education (DOE) to audit all 67 county school districts to ascertain any and all types of school-based discipline diversion programs in place, such as the “PROMISE” program in the Broward County School District.
- Specifies that the audit should determine the requirements for eligibility and operation of these programs, the costs of these programs, their stated impact on school and public safety, and whether there

is evidence to support their continuation, closure or regulation in law.

• Directs DOE to direct all county school districts to expeditiously provide the information requested.

• Directs DOE and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to work in partnership to review and analyze these programs and states that the assessment must, at a minimum, determine whether there is adequate information or evidence available to draw an informed conclusion about the efficacy of these programs and their impact on school and public safety.

• Directs DOE and DJJ to further work together to develop best-practices and consistent criteria for school-based discipline diversion programs and directs DJJ to complete and submit a report to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature by July 1, 2019.

• Directs the Commissioner of Education to reopen and extend the application period for participation in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian program to April 1, 2019, allowing sheriffs who wish to participate in the program the opportunity to apply.

◦ To date, over \$50 million of the funds appropriated for the current fiscal year remain unallocated.

• Directs the Commissioner of Education to immediately communicate to all school district

superintendents how to implement compliance with Florida Statutes regarding safe-school officers (school resource officers) and guardians.

• Directs DOE to immediately take all necessary steps to provide a centralized, integrated data repository and data analytics resources to improve access to timely school safety information, by August 1, 2019 prior to the 2019-2020 school year, with the full support of the Departments of Children and Families, Law Enforcement and Juvenile Justice, and the courts pursuant to requirements of Section 1001.212(6)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes.

◦ Section 1001.212(6)-(9), Florida Statutes, laid out that DOE was supposed to coordinate with FDLE to provide a centralized, integrated data repository and data analytics resources by December 1, 2018. The deadline passed without the requirements being



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# Medicaid Bipartisan Bridge

## Building A Medicaid Bipartisan Bridge

by Jeffrey Lewis

(NAPSI)—With the nation increasingly politically divided, two United States senators are reaching across the aisle to work on a growing problem facing Medicaid: truth in rebates.

The bipartisan duo, Senators Chuck Grassley (R, Iowa) and Ron Wyden (D, Oregon), have reintroduced the Right Rebate Act of 2018, which would close a loophole in Medicaid that has allowed pharmaceutical manufacturers to misclassify their drugs and overcharge taxpayers by billions of dollars. The bill also affords the Department of Health and Human Services additional authority to ensure drugs are properly classified. The legislation would give the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) greater authority and tools to monitor drug manufacturers that participate in the

Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP) and would allow the Secretary to impose civil monetary penalties when drugs are expressly misclassified.

The Senators' argument: Pharmaceutical manufacturers are gaming the system by intentionally misclassifying drugs to reduce rebate obligations and starving states of millions of dollars owed. The bipartisan legislation fixes that problem and sends a clear signal to PhRMA companies that neither Republicans nor Democrats will tolerate the callous disregard of honesty and transparency in government.

The senators should be applauded for their courage to work collaboratively to solve a pressing health care issue, putting the needs of the nation ahead of politics.

They follow a trail blazed by Senators Patrick Moynihan (D, NY) and John Heinz (R, PA), who argued more than 29 years ago that the federal government was using the

Social Security Trust Fund to mask the size of the deficit. Moynihan referred to it as thievery; Heinz called it embezzlement.

In an era in which bipartisanship has become a rarity, the work of Senators Grassley and Wyden should not be ignored. Their courage to collaborate and their willingness to continue to tackle tough, often boring health care issues shines like a beacon in the dark tunnel of congressional fingerpointing.

For many years, Senator Grassley has doggedly pursued the truth in government spending, much as former Senator Bill Proxmire, a Democrat, did before him. Grassley's commitment to honesty in government is well known in Washington, D.C. Senator Wyden, who built his political career on creating health care solutions for seniors, also stands as a national icon for transparency in health care spending and is a hero to those without a voice.

While neither senator could be considered a household name outside his home state, in

the world of health care, both men represent something special: integrity. Their zeal to solve this specific Medicaid problem should be appreciated by every governor in the nation, as it has the potential to free up funds to operate health care programs in their states. But most importantly, the senators' bipartisan collaboration sets a tone long missing in politics that others would do well to follow.

Jeffrey Lewis is the president and CEO of Legacy Health Endowment in Turlock, Calif. The views expressed are his own.

# Airport Of The Future

## Airport Of The Future Is Now

(NAPSI)—A new record for air travel was set in 2018, with almost 1 billion people taking to the nation's skies.

Have you ever wondered when technology will improve flying? Well, the future of airports has landed, and you can expect flying to get better. The first curb-to-gate biometric experience in the U.S. just launched at a major international airport terminal to a positive customer response, potentially changing the future of travel. Flyers can now opt in to a facial recognition system to check baggage, pass security and board the plane without fumbling for ID. And U.S. Customs and Border Protection has deployed facial recognition at 16 international airports to speed passengers through immigration, track visas and keep the nation safe from terrorists.

This technology is made by NEC Corporation, the international leader in facial recognition and biometric technology, and you can expect to start seeing it in numerous airports.

"Facial recognition is transforming the flying experience," said Raffle Beroukhim, NEC's Senior Vice President for Advanced Recognition Systems. "Now, passengers can seamlessly move through an airport without ID, making flying faster and more convenient."

Experts expect numerous airlines to adopt facial recognition because they have a long history of adopting technology that makes flying more convenient. Check-in kiosks, mobile boarding passes and in-flight Wi-Fi are all examples of airlines embracing new tech. In 2007, Continental Airlines introduced mobile boarding passes and virtually all carriers followed suit. In 2017, more than 1.5 billion mobile boarding passes were issued, allowing passengers to bypass long check-in lines.

The benefits of NEC's facial recognition technology are twofold: improving the traveler's experience coupled with operational and cost benefits for the airlines.

Check out the groundbreaking technology that makes the airport of the future possible at [www.NECToday.com](http://www.NECToday.com).

# Did You Know?

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organization focused on heart and brain health, American Heart Association, and The Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group, a division of the Allen Institute, launched a \$43 million research project to bridge the science of vascular and brain health through revolutionary, out-of-the-box thinking.



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**Across**

- 1. Bridle strap
- 5. Chairs
- 10. Cooking vessels
- 14. Moreover
- 15. Caesar's language
- 16. \_\_\_ beer
- 17. Unable to read
- 19. Bible book
- 20. Teeter-totter
- 21. Decreases
- 23. Computer key
- 24. Force
- 26. Outline
- 28. Beginning part
- 32. Metal fastener
- 36. Regions
- 39. Difficult journey
- 40. Roman garb
- 41. Barbecue site
- 42. Deceiver
- 43. Eternally
- 44. Mixes
- 45. "Star Wars" character
- 46. Lady's title
- 48. Cat sound
- 50. Halted
- 53. Holdup
- 58. Paving material

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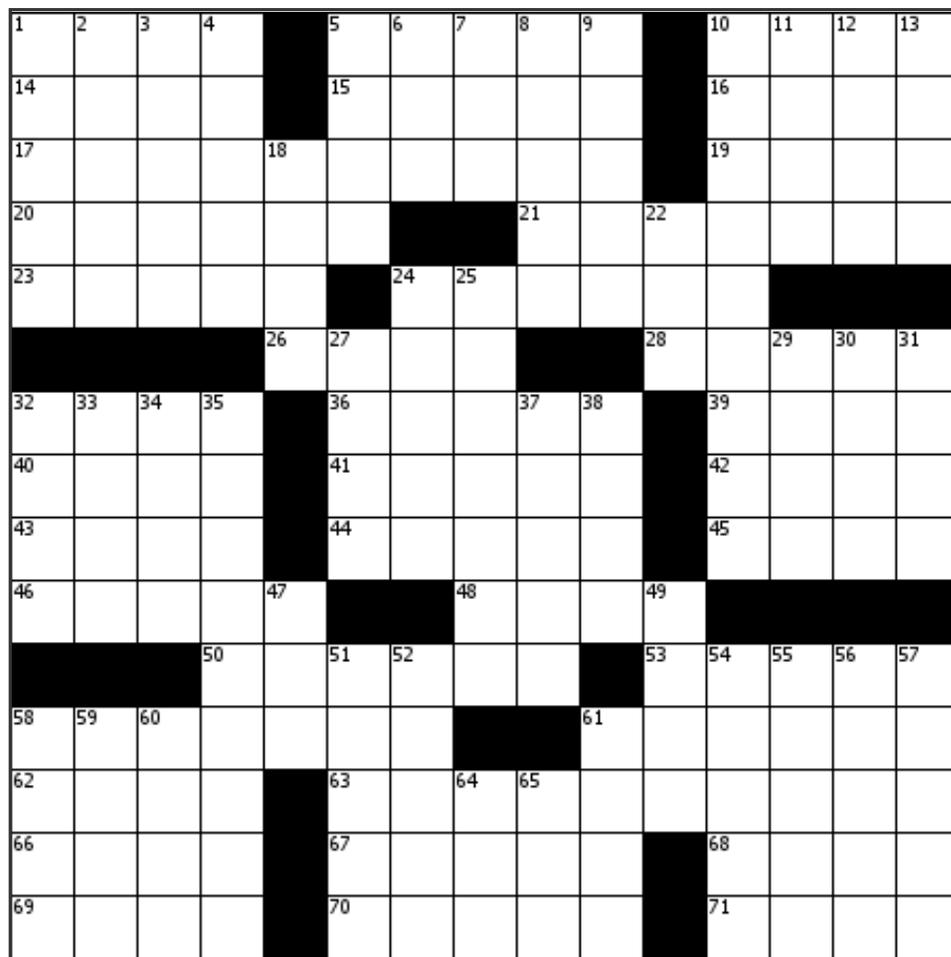
- 1. Elevate
- 2. Actress \_\_\_ Burstyn
- 3. Tiny landmass
- 4. Library no-no
- 5. Whole bunch
- 6. Corn piece
- 7. \_\_\_ glance (2 wds.)
- 8. Owner's proof
- 9. Look of contempt
- 10. Soon
- 11. Seep
- 12. Shredded
- 13. Amtrak depots (abbr.)
- 18. Field cover
- 22. Physics, e.g. (abbr.)
- 24. Diamond weight
- 25. Former (hyph.)
- 27. Track circuits

- 29. Group of three
- 30. Enjoy a book
- 31. Gumbo veggie
- 32. Flower support
- 33. Bossa \_\_\_
- 34. Ripened
- 35. Skydiver's need
- 37. Ventilated
- 38. Middling (hyph.)
- 47. "Oh, give \_\_\_ home..." (2 wds.)
- 49. Sharpen
- 51. Greek vowel
- 52. Burglarize
- 54. Our planet
- 55. Potato state
- 56. Framed (2 wds.)
- 57. Ringlet
- 58. Talented
- 59. Make waterproof
- 60. Go by
- 61. Malicious look
- 64. Boring routine
- 65. "Harper Valley \_\_\_"

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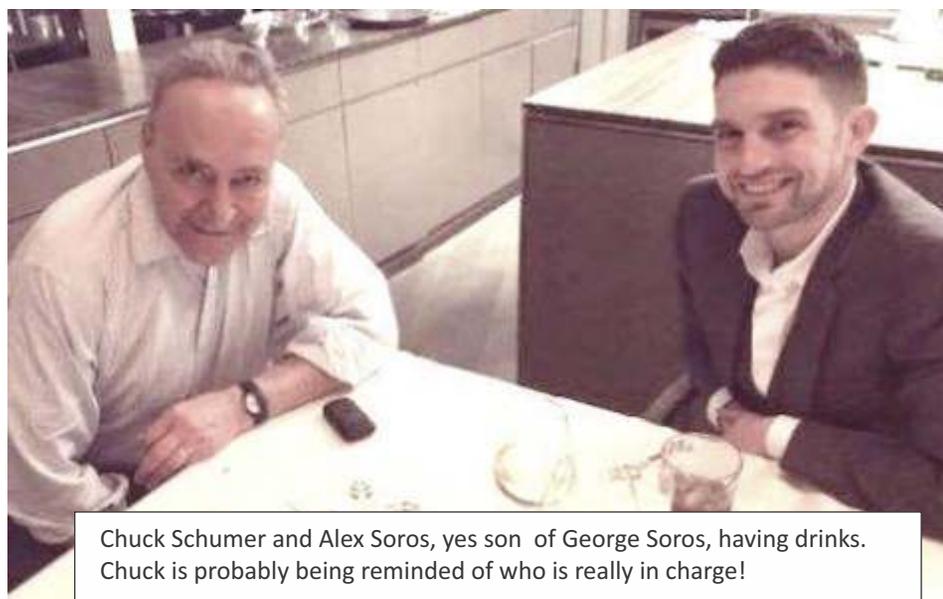
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# Invasive Pests



## Invasive Pests Go Postal: How To Keep Them Out Of The Mail

(NAPSI)—If you're not careful, an innocent trip to the post office could have a devastating impact on U.S. agriculture, economy and natural resources. That's because invasive pests can easily hide in fruits and vegetables and on plants, then quickly spread to new areas when sent through the mail.

Introducing even one pest to a new place is dangerous. For example, if you mail a single mango infested with fruit fly larvae to a friend, and he/she throws it into a garbage or compost pile, it could lead to a new fruit fly outbreak that could cost the United States millions of dollars.

Before mailing that package of fruits, vegetables, seeds, plants, soils or plant-based handicrafts, remember these tips to keep invasive pests from spreading:

- Check if you're in a location that restricts the movement of the agricultural item you plan to ship. You may be in an area that is under federal or state quarantine for an invasive pest. Go to the "Pest Tracker" at HungryPests.com to see

quarantine areas.

- Hawaii and Puerto Rico have their own restrictions on what can be mailed to the U.S. mainland. Visit "Traveler Information" at the USDA's website.

- Before you ship or receive such items from foreign countries (including packages from family and friends), contact your USDA office to see if it's eligible for entry (even if you've shipped or received it before). You could face a fine if you send prohibited items through the mail.

- Expecting a package through an online purchase? Don't assume items from foreign retailers are safe or legal to import. Shippers may not be aware of U.S. regulations regarding restricted items or care about your liability as the importer. Visit "Imports" at the USDA's website.

- If an item is seized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, make sure it's not sent again. If you purchased it from a foreign vendor, ask for your money back and don't accept the vendor's offer to replace the confiscated item.

Mailing agricultural products is not the same as carrying them with you across an international border or through customs at an international airport, as different procedures may apply. Visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/travel](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/travel) to learn more.

We each play an important role in keeping our packages pest-free. Whether you're mailing agricultural items to others or having them shipped on your behalf, take care to follow these reminders, so invasive species don't spread.

Learn more at [www.HungryPests.com](http://www.HungryPests.com).

# Dangerous Airbags



## Dangerous Airbags Affect Millions Of Drivers

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If you do have an open airbag recall, call your dealer immediately to set up a FREE repair. Recall repairs are FREE and will always be done at an authorized dealer, even if you purchased the vehicle somewhere else. Alternative transportation may be available at some dealers.

Even after you've checked your vehicle, it's important to set a reminder to check every six months for airbag and other safety

recall notices. Recalls are announced by automakers throughout the year, and if you miss a recall announcement—or have lost touch with your original dealer—you could be driving a vehicle with a dangerous safety recall.

To help protect your family and friends from these dangerous airbags, encourage everyone you know to Check To Protect today.

# Ramp Up Generics

## Doctors' advice for pharma in 2019? Lay off DTC and ramp up generics: study

Doctors think pharma should go on a DTC diet. When asked what pharma companies can do in 2019 to reduce drug prices, more than half (52%) said pharma should spend less money on DTC advertising and marketing, healthcare market researcher InCrowd found in its annual study.

Another 21% of physicians said pharma could increase generics and biosimilars by curtailing efforts to extend patent exclusivity to cut costs. The findings were similar to last year's study, which saw 55% of docs suggest pharma cut DTC and a similar 21% of doctors say the industry should add more generics.

When asked what doctors themselves could do to reduce costs, InCrowd said "smart prescribing" topped the responses, with physicians saying they should inform themselves about costs and adopt cost-saving prescription practices (39%), as well as prescribe generics whenever possible (38%).

See [www.fiercepharma.com/marketing](http://www.fiercepharma.com/marketing) for further information on this topic and more.

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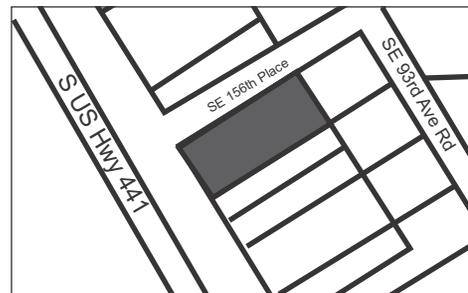
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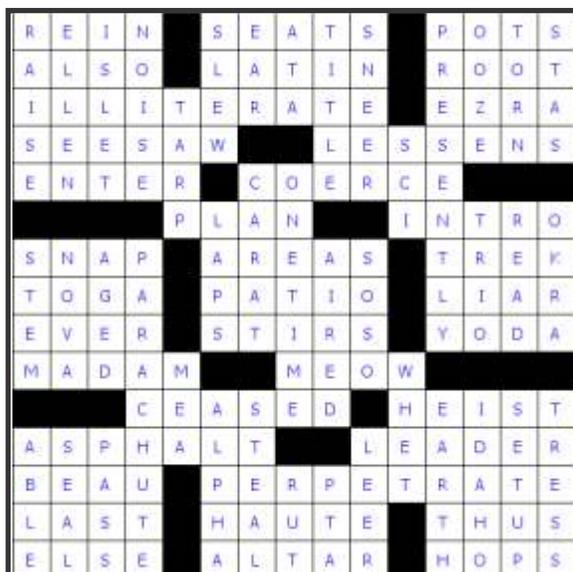
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