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Florida brings home nearly 300 Americans stranded in Israel

Bethany Blankley (The Center Square) –

Within two days of announcing Florida would arrange transportation for Americans stranded in Israel and bring them to Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis welcomed home nearly 300 Sunday night.

At the Tampa International Airport, DeSantis posted a video, stating, "We are having our first flight of people being rescued from Israel. [The plane] has landed, over 260 people that wanted to get back to the United States and couldn't do it, there was a void of leadership. So, we stepped up and led. We're happy to be able to deliver and ready to welcome them back to the United States of America."

Florida partnered with Project Dynamo to bring nearly 300 Americans home from Israel, including more than 270 to Tampa and seven to Orlando on Sunday.

"I am proud of how quickly we have been able to activate resources and do what the federal government could not – get Floridians and other Americans back home, reunited with their families, free of charge," DeSantis said.

"Israel mourns its more than 1,400 murdered and 150 hostages in the devastating unprovoked terror attack perpetrated by Hamas," Consul General of Israel to Florida, Maor Elbaz-Starinsky, said. "We have gone to war to eradicate Hamas and its allies and to uphold our values of freedom, humanity and the sanctity of life. The support we are receiving from Governor DeSantis, the First Lady, FDEM Executive Director Kevin Guthrie, Florida Commerce Secretary Alex Kelly, FDLE Commissioner Mark Glass and his entire administration and the state is overwhelming. We are very grateful for the special flights and supplies."

Bryan Stern, CEO and founder of Project Dynamo, said, "We have a dedicated team of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the well-being of Americans caught in crisis situations all over the world. It's

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Darters name king and queen



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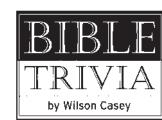
Saul seeks relief from evil spirit

1. Is the book of Gomorrah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither? 2. From Matthew 24:35,

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my shall not." Life, Children, Love, Words

3. To what type person did Saul seek relief when an evil spirit tormented him? Harpist, Sorceress, Madman, Soldier

4. What two weapons did Barley, Apple, Corn



David use to kill Goliath? Spear/Rock, Sword/Mallet, Sling/Stone, Ax/Knife

5. The grain of what seed did Jesus liken to the kingdom of heaven? Mustard,

6. What daughter of Leah was defiled by Shechem? Bathsheba, Dinah, Elisabeth, Anna

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Words, 3) Harpist, 4) Sling/Stone, 5) Mustard, 6) Dinah

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This is why it's so important to not lash out in anger, but to wait it out and see if cooler heads won't prevail. Likewise with depression and especially thoughts of suicide.

Those who are feeling hopeless about their lives can't imagine they will ever be happy again. But just as anger passes, and often quite quickly, so too does anxiety and sadness. We rarely stay in one state for very long.

Our emotional

the actual weather. sunny today and rainy tomorrow. Therefore, it's important to take the long view, while doing our best to maintain positive emotions and an even keel.

The short poem "Hope" by Langston Hughes expresses this very nicely:

Sometimes when I'm lonely, Don't know why, Keep thinkin' I won't be lonely By and by.

Abraham Lincoln suffered throughout his life with all manner of trials and tribulations, including serious depression, and it is said that his favorite saying was "This too shall pass." Wisdom for the

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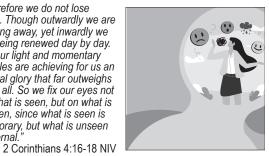
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Cooler weather makes Summer Garden Vegetable Soup a must!

Sohn wrote Hearty Country Cooking.

This book is full of wonderful recipes of Appalachian foods. And, while not



Florida recipes, they are foods that many of us love using because they contain basic, healthful ingredients that most of us enjoy and find valuable in our everyday living.

The introduction says, "The recipes and stories here are a synthesis of those loving, creative, and resourceful Appalachian cooks of the 1930s. 1940s, and 1950s who would not let you leave the kitchen until you had eaten. They are the recipes of a gregarious people who have lived in, by, and under the tight mountains and narrow valleys that form the spine of this region. Now you can recreate authentic, home cooked mountain food."

The first recipe is for Summer Garden Vegetable Soup. "Once you have gathered the ingredients and chopped the vegetables, this ten-ingredient soup is a snap. I rate the recipe moderate in difficulty," says Mark Sohn.

By mid-July, in most parts of the central and southern Appalachian mountains, you'll find tomatoes, beans, corn, squash, and bell peppers ripe in our gardens. A good garden will produce for many months, and the rest of the year you'll find these common yeaetables in the market. During the winter, many country cooks have the tomatoes, beans, and corn stored in their can house, and they will use them to make Winter Vegetable Soup.

From Hearty Country Cooking, by Mark F. Sohn, here is Buttermilk Corn Bread (Skillet Corn Bread). He rates this recipe as easy, with only five ingredients. This corn bread tastes of buttermilk, a constant favorite of mountain cooks. We either bake skillet corn bread in the oven, as I direct below, or fry it on the stovetop. If you fry it on the stove, divide the recipe between two skillets so it won't be too thick.

Again, from Mark F. Sohn's book Hearty Country Cooking, we have Fried Okra. This vegetable, according to Sohn, is a late summer vegetable and a large tall plant that is related to cotton and hibiscus. The pointed, finger-shaped fruit is hairy and a bit slimy. Three- to four-inch yellow flowers with red centers make a showy ornament, and the pods, which develop to ten

inches in length, make beautiful addi- 1 teaspoon salt tions to dried flower arrangements.

Here is a recipe titled Fried Raw Potatoes, with additional directions for Allegheny Home Fries (Country-Fried Potatoes). These recipes also come from Hearty Country Cooking by Mark Sohn. He says, "To make Fried Raw Potatoes, we use peeled, diced potatoes. I like to fry them in a little oil over low heat. You can make fried raw potatoes with finely diced (1/4-inch cubes), medium-diced (1/2-inch cubes), or coarsely diced (3/4-inch cubes) potatoes. With larger cubes, more potatoes will fit in a single layer in the skillet, but they will need to cook longer. Allow 1/3-teaspoon salt and 1/3-cup diced onions for each cup of diced potatoes, but do not crowd the pan - these are not hashed browns.

MARK SOHN'S SUMMER **GARDEN VEGETABLE SOUP** Hearty Country Cooking

- 2 cups elbow macaroni or small shells
- 2 pounds fresh tomatoes, cooked, skin removed
- 1 cup water 2 cups fresh pole beans, cut in
- 1/2-inch pieces 2 cups fresh kernel corn 1 pound (3 cups) diced summer squash, yellow or zucchini
- 1 cup diced onion 1 cup green or red bell pepper
- 2 teaspoons salt

3/4 teaspoon pepper

1) Cook the macaroni according to the package directions. Drain, rinse, cover, and keep warm. Boil the tomatoes in the water for 10 minutes. Pull the skins off. 2) In a large pot over medium heat, bring the tomatoes and water to a boil. Add the beans, and simmer for 8 minutes. Add the corn, squash, and onion. Simmer another 8 minutes. Add the bell pepper, salt, and pepper. Stir well, remove from heat. 3) Serve hot or cold, and topped with the macaroni. We serve this soup with Skillet Corn Bread or saltine crackers and a slice of raw sweet onion.

Note: Healthy choice alternative: Except for the salt, which you can omit if you have to, this soup is just what the doctor ordered.

BUTTERMILK CORN BREAD (SKILLET CORN BREAD) Hearty Country Cooking

2 tablespoons stoneground cornmeal

2 cups self-rising cornmeal mix

2 cups buttermilk

1) Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease a heavy 10-inch cast-iron skillet. Sprinkle the stoneground cornmeal on the bottom and place the pan in the oven. 2) In a large mixing bowl, combine the self-rising cornmeal and the salt. Make a well in the center and whisk in the egg and the buttermilk. Pour the batter into the hot skillet. 3) Bake for 30 minutes, and brown the top under the broiler for 1 minute. Remove from the oven and turn the corn bread out of the skillet onto a wire rack to cool. Cut into wedges and serve.

Note: As a healthy choice, omit the salt. The self-rising cornmeal contains salt. In place of bacon grease (if you have chosen to use it on your skillet), use nonstick cooking spray. Notice that the recipe does not have any added oil.

SKILLET CORN BREAD:

To the above recipe, add 1-1/4 cups cracklings. Bake as muffins, sticks, or a pone* and adjust the baking time according to your pan size.

*A pone is "a loaf or oval-shaped cake of any type of bread, especially corn bread.

MARK SOHN'S **FRIED OKRA** Hearty Country Cooking 1/2 pound fresh or a pint of okra 4 ounces bacon

2 tablespoons self-rising cornmeal mix 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1) Slice the okra into 1/4-inch slices. In a large, heavy skillet, fry the bacon until it is crisp. Remove the bacon and drain it on paper towels. Lower the heat. 2) Combine 1 tablespoon of the cornmeal with the salt and pepper. Sprinkle this over the okra, and stir. Add as much of the remaining cornmeal as will stick to the okra. 3) Add the okra to the bacon grease, and fry it over medium heat for about 20 minutes, or until the okra starts to brown on both sides. While you might cook this from beginning to end at low-medium, I use medium or high-medium heat first, and then when the okra starts to brown, I reduce the heat – okra burns easily. Add more oil, if necessary. 4) The goal is to cook the okra until it is brown, crunchy to the center, and about half its original size. 5) If the grease has not been absorbed, drain the okra on paper towels,

and serve with the bacon, either crumbled or in strips.

Note: Healthy choice alternative: Replace the bacon with canola oil. Serve as a snack or vegetable. Note 2: I learned something new about okra with Sohn's information that it can be grown to use in decorative arrangements.

> MARK SOHN'S FRIED RAW POTATOES Hearty Country Cooking

- 1 tablespoon butter, olive oil, or bacon grease (just enough to barely cover the bottom of the pan)
- 3 cups medium-diced firm new potatoes
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt cup diced onions (optional)

1) Wash the potatoes and remove any brown spots. If you dice the potatoes ahead, store them in the refrigerator in a bowl of water. 2) In a heavybottomed frying pan over low-medium heat, melt the butter and add the potatoes. Cover and fry 10 to 15 minutes. 3) Turn the potatoes, and if they are cooked through to the center, remove the lid, add the onions, and increase the heat to medium. 4) Cook another 10 to 15 minutes, turning them every 5 minutes, or until they have browned on all sides. Serve. Yield: 3 servings.

Note: Healthy choice alternative: You can fry potatoes in little or even no oil. In this recipe, I have already reduced the butter to one quarter tablespoon per serving, but you can further reduce it by using nonstick cooking spray. Omit the salt and offer it at the table.

Serve these potatoes with green beans, corn bread, and pork chops, or for breakfast with fresh fruit, Buttermilk Biscuits, Country Ham and Red-Eye Gravy, White Sausage Gravy, or Potato Gravy.

MARK SOHN'S **ALLEGHENY HOME FRIES** (COUNTRY-FRIED POTATOES) Hearty Country Cooking

Home Fries are not fried potatoes. To make home fries, double the above recipe. The onions are NOT optional. Cut the potatoes in half and then slice them. Slice the onions. Layer the sliced potatoes and onions in a frying pan. Cook, covered, over low heat for 30 minutes, turning after 15 minutes. Cook uncovered an additional 15 minutes. With low heat and so many potatoes in the pan, these fries will be steamed and soft, but tasty. Yield:6 servings

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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 S. Highland Avenue. If you have a problem with food - overeating, anorexia, bulimia – there is a solution for you. For more information, visit OA.org or call Carrie 781-867-1071.

TOASTMASTERS: Forest Lake Church by Zoom. Time: 7 p.m., Open to everyone interested. For information call 407-761-2943. Club Number: 4899556, District 84, Area D42. Orators of Excellence

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

FOLIAGE SERTOMA CLUB meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 11:30-noon, at Beef 'O' Brady's in The Back Room. 1410 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka. Interested communitiy members are encouraged to attend and get acquainted. Meetings have resumed on first and third Tuesdays. Masks are encouraged.

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave. at Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Satur-The Altamonte Springs / Apopka VFW POST 10147. is NOW OPEN Wednesday and Saturday Mornings from (TIME CHANGE) 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts. (other hours by appointment only). 3rd Saturday of the month is VFW's fundraising breakfast, Also, evenings of Tribute music are planned. Call 407-889-8266, or email info@vfwpost10147.com for information. The VFW Auxiliary has been formed and is active as well. Don't forget to visit its excellent Military Museum.

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SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE. 10-11 a.m., Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., . Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

CITY OF APOPKA DRC (Development Review Committee) meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m.-10 a.m. (or as long as necessary) at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka. Check for the online version.

BRIDGE CLASS. 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperatures tak-

en. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642

Pounds Sensibly), TOPS, a non-profit organization, will help you reach a weight goal with support from friendly, caring members, education, and rewards. Each Thursday weigh-in begins at 9:00 a.m. - meeting ends at 10:15 a.m.. Come to its NEW location 220 W. Horatio Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 to meet with others who have a like-minded goal to lose weight. No products, no specific diet to follow, no meds. Call 407-580-0897 for more

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EARLY BIRD BINGO at Bahia Shrine Center, 3101 E. Semoran Blvd... Doors open at 5 p.m., and the early bird game starts at 6 p.m. For moreinfo. call 407-660-8811.

TOASTMASTERS: still meeting every WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., by zoom. For more information, call 407-765-2629 or visit www.Apopkatoastmasters.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

ROTARY CLUB OF APOPKA - For information, call 407-415-6588. Call for updated information on meetings

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UPCOMING EVENTS VFW Post 10147 has fund raising breakfast Saturday, October 21, from 8-10 a.m., 519 S. Central Avenue.

ONGOING EVENTS Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 S. Boyd Street, Winter Garden, is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11-3 each week excluding holidays. For info, call 407-656-0559. . Must see to ap-

public and will also be broadcast on this shortened link: https://bit. ly/2ABrmsb, and are normally held TOPS CHAPTER #646. (Take Off the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and GFWC APOPKA WOMAN'S CLUB, third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. Subject to change with notice. For info., call City Clerk 407-703-1704. Agenda and minutes of meeting can be found online. Once posted, check for any revisions by Tuesday at 5 p.m. before the meeting

> FOLIAGE GARDEN CLUB OF APOP-KA, meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. at the Billy Dean Community Center at Alonzo Williams Park, 225 M.A. Board St., Apopka. Contact: apopkafgca@gmail.com

PLANT CLINIC in Apopka is open on Tuesdays. Do you have problems with your plants or lawn? Let a Master Gardener help. Orange County homeowners can bring their questions and samples to UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener volunteers at the UF/ IFAS Mid-Florida Research Education Center (MREC), 2725 Binion Road, Apopka 32703, 9-12 for homeowners. Tuesdays. 1-4 p.m. commercial. Free. 407-254-9200

KIWANIS CLUB OF APOPKA IS now meeting MONTHLY on the 3rd Tuesday at 8 a.m. at Seacoast Bank, 345 E Main Street, Apopka. Contact 407-464-4606 for information

BROWN BAG LUNCH - Third Saturday of each month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit at the corner of Highland and 6th St., Apopka, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., offer to all who come a brown bag lunch. In addition, men's socks, flip flops, stuffed animals, some clothing, children's books and pet food which is donated by My Pet World, Apopka, may be available. If interested in volunteering, call Debbie at 407-620-5081 for information.

APOPKA FOLIAGE TOASTMAS-TER'S CLUB, Monday, 7 p.m., on Zoom, Apopka. 407-765-2629.

NWOC FFA Alumni - Monthly meetings (usually the 4th Monday evening in a month during the school year) are open to anyone. (Looking for more information)

MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, 122 E 5th Street, Hours open: Wednesay to Friday, from noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m... Admission is free. Contains displays and information about Apopka's history, and has history books for sale. Monthly meetings of Apopka Historical Society are normally held on a Sunday afternoon. For more information, go to www.theapopkamuseum.com.

THE APOPKA ELKS LODGE 2422 meets first and third Tuesdays of CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are month, 201 W. Orange. For more in-

formation, call 407-886-1600 or email apopkaelks@aol.com Bar Bingo every Monday night at 7 p.m. promptly meets at First United Methodis Church, 201 N. Park Avenue, Cal 407-880-2111 for more information.

APOPKA GARDEN CLUB - meets the first Tuesday each month at First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Park Ave., September through May. For information, call Kathy 407-886-6970.

CITY OF APOPKA PLANNING & ZONING - usually the second Tuesday of the month. 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. All meetings open to the public. Subject to change with notice. For info., call David Moon, 407-703-1739.

BRIDGE GAMES AND CLASSES: Every Monday and Friday morning at 9:15 a.m., at the Lake County Duplicate Bridge Club, 510 W. Key Ave., Eustis. For more information, call 352-315-9934 or visit lakeduplicate.com.

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HABITAT VOLUNTEERS: Go to www. habitatseminoleapopka.org, click on volunteers. There are a number of opportunities available at the Restores. Call 407-696-5855 or 407-880-8881 to sign up for information.

(OCLS) Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran) and Thompson Road. www.ocls.info. To reserve a space, call 407-835-7323. The library is now open again Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.. and Sunday afternoons

*Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, 180 E. Main St., Apopka. For more info, call 407-886-1441

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300: Commercial flight cancellations cause Americans to be stranded

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truly heart-wrenching to watch the destruction unfolding in Israel. We're so grateful to Governor DeSantis for partnering with us on this mission, to save every American in need."

Americans, including many Floridians, who are stranded in Israel, according to some reports. They're unable to get out because of commercial flight cancellations and other travel and logistics disruptions due to the ongoing war with Hamas.

The U.S. State Department encouraged stranded Americans to book commercial flights while also recognizing that these flights were being canceled "due to mortar and rocket fire that may take place without warning."

It also encouraged Ameri-There are roughly 20,000 cans to arrange and pay for their own lodging. Any transportation out of Israel the federal government might be able to provide requires Americans to sign a promissory note prior to departure, according to a partial State Department emails posted on social me-

ernment is providing free transportation to stranded Americans wanting to come home.

DeSantis issued an executive order stating, "unlike the governments of other countries, the Biden Administration has failed to launch any form of rescue or evacuation operations for Americans, including Floridians, who are stranded in the region, and has failed to provide information requested by the State of Florida about any plans for such opera-

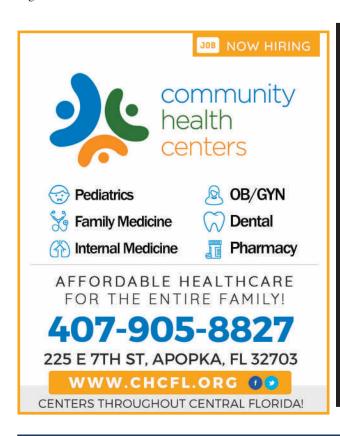
"Floridians stranded in Is-

By contrast, the Florida gov- rael are requesting help from the Operations are being organized Executive Office of the Governor and from nearly every member of Florida's congressional delegation, because they are not receiving timely assistance from the U.S. Embassy in Israel and are not receiving any follow-up after enrolling in the U.S. Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program," he said when announcing the plan.

> It includes "response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency, including any logistical, rescue, or evacuation operations."

by the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and involve the Florida National Guard, Florida State Guard and other state agencies. Funding to support the mission to bring Americans home was allocated through the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund, according to the executive order.

Florida is home to one of the largest Jewish populations in the world. The Miami area has the second-largest population of Israeli-American citizens in the





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In the period from October 8-14, the Apopka Police Department received 1,452 calls for service, responded to 35 crashes, issued 38 citations, and made 8 arrests. A juvenile was charged with burglary of unoccupied structure unarmed; damage propertyinjures, destroys, removes, or in any manner interferes with firefighter equipment; damage property, criminal mischief \$1000 or more.

The following adults were arrested and charged: Diane Ann Bledsoe, 50, 45 E. 13th St., Apopka, Burglary-unoccupied con-

veyance unarmed X2.

Wilman D. Buezo-Banegas, 39, 2012 Ludlow Ln., Orlando, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs; moving traffic violationoperate motor vehicle without valid license.

Iyolane Stephon Carter, 22, PO Box 315, Plymouth, Disorderly conductbrawling, fighting, corrupt-

ing publicmoral decency; loitering or prowling.

Maureen Heather Cummings, 33, 1250 Mason Terrace #103, Davenport, possession of cocaine; drugs-possession of controlled substance without

prescription (fentanyl). Wilberto Antonio Esparra-Rios, 35, confidential, Apopka, Battery-touch or strike.

James Javela Lopez, 30, confidential Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Melvin Rutledge, 57 809 Lake Doe Blvd., DUIunlawful blood alcohol. DUI-alcohol or drugs 4th or subsequent offence.

Jabree Terrence Sad-

berry, 41, confidential

Apopka, Battery cause bodily harm; cruelty toward child-child abuse without Security and SSI benefits). great bodily harm.

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Retirement benefits will increase

sioner of Social Security.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 71 million Americans will increase 3.2 percent in 2024, the Social Security Administration announced today. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by more than \$50 per month

starting in January. More than 66 million Social Security beneficiaries will see the 3.2 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) beginning in January 2024. Increased payments to approximately 7.5 million people receiving SSI will begin on December 29, 2023. (Note: some people receive both Social

"Social Security and SSI benefits will increase in 2024, and this will help millions of people keep up with expenses," said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commis-

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on

that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$168,600 from \$160,200.

Social Security begins notifying people about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December. Individuals who have a personal my Social Security account can view their COLA notice online, which is secure, easy, and faster than receiving a letter in the mail. People can set up text or email alerts when there is a new message--such as their COLA notice--waiting for them in my Social Se-

People will need to have a my Social Security

account by November 14 to see their COLA notice online. To get started, visit

www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Information Medicare changes for 2024 will be available at www.

medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, their new 2024 benefit amount will be available in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security's Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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• "How do I know if my transmission is slipping?" - Slipping is the most common driving symptom of transmission trouble. When the transmission slips, the gear changes become drawn out and a slight hesitation is felt as the shifts occur. A vehicle owner should NOT delay in having the problem checked. This condition usually signals an internal failure in the transmission.

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