



## Happy Valentine's Day

Today is one of the most dreaded holidays that men must face! No matter how hard I try, I am totally lost when it comes to getting the right thing for my wife on Valentine's Day. However, for almost all of us, family is a really big deal. Many of us would fail in business without the help of our wives. So today, my most important safety message to you is to take hold of your wife's hand, look her dead in the eye, and say, "Honey, without your help, this business would not be what it is today. Thank you for all your sacrifice. I love you."

*I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor*

*By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher .- Socrates*

## Paying Your Macaid Premium Finance Bill

For those of you who use Macaid Premium Finance Co, several new options are available for paying your monthly bill. The newest is credit/debit cards. You can pay the monthly installment via [www.myfinanceaccount.com](http://www.myfinanceaccount.com) as well as by phone . There will be a charge to the cardholder to pay the fees associated with the credit card companies. It varies by company based upon the payments within the book of business. Phone checks are still available. The phone number for Macaid Premium Finance Co is 800-844-2678. And of course sending a check in the mail is always accepted.

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## USDA Lowers Citrus Production Estimate

(from news release by Florida Citrus Mutual)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently released its February orange crop forecast for the 2008-2009 season, reducing its earlier estimate by 2.5 percent, or 4 million boxes.

The USDA **did not** attribute the decline to the freezes that hit the Florida citrus belt. The USDA attributed the decline to smaller sizes and increased fruit drop and said it would continue to assess the impact of the freezes.

The crop is now expected to total 158 million boxes.

Florida citrus was hit with a cold spell on January 22 and February 5 which dropped temperatures below 28 degrees for several hours on both nights.

The USDA maintained its prediction that 23 million boxes of grapefruit will be produced in '08-'09.

The early and midseason crop is now projected at 83 million boxes, down from 84 million boxes. The Valencias projection is now at 75 million boxes this season, down from January's forecast of 78 million boxes. Florida specialty fruit is down; the USDA predicts 1.3 million boxes of tangelos, down from 1.5 million in January, and 4.6 million boxes of tangerines, down from 4.9 million. The yield for from-concentrate orange juice (FCOJ) is expected to be 1.61 gallons per 90-pound box, down from 1.62. In 2007-2008, Florida harvested 170.2 million boxes of oranges.

*I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.' - Eleanor Roosevelt*

### **STROKE: Remember the 1st Three Letters....S.T.R.**

Doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S \*Ask the individual to SMILE.

T \*Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently -  
i.e. It is sunny out today)

R \*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

### **New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue**

Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

(Thanks to Irvin Odegard for sending in this information)

## Losses

The following losses have been reported since the last newsletter in January, 2009.

- Theft of IV – 1992 Ford Truck
- Rock flew off IV and struck CV windshield
- OV lost control of vehicle and drove under IV trailer
- IV rolled backward into CV
- Boom on goat struck power pole
- IV struck deer
- PU struck CV while pulling away from curb
- Meter/pump stolen from service truck fuel tank

## A Few More Quotes from Famous People

*Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP. - Joe Namath*

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*I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope*

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*We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - Will Rogers*

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*Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill*

And one quote from someone not so famous: You are doing increasingly important work—you are harvesting food to feed the world. Do you work with pride and joy. Be safe and watch out for each other. I will write again in a few weeks. -lm