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This modern world is no place for a naive, or trusting, or even a generous person. I happen to fall into all of those classifications in one way or another, as does my wife. Life is teaching us lessons which are changing us in many ways. For example: my wife is a generous person, as am I, limited by our financial situation, and we get calls or emails from businesses or other places asking for donations. We are told by those in the know that many of these businesses or so called charities are either totally scams, or only a small portion of your donation goes to the people or institutions being represented. How are you going to know which ones are legitimate?//Another place you can be suckered into is your computer. I am a greenhorn when it comes to the computer. I can do emails, and a few simple tasks that can make your life easier following the things that pop up on your computer screen. 95% of the time, I erase them, but my wife, in her desire to be correct with her computer, follows their instructions. The computer started giving her some grief, and in trying to get it straight, she made it worse, by following all the pop-ups that came up. My friend who has adopted me as "Pop" has a brother-in-law who is a computer whiz, and he came over and in about 6 hours he had most of the kinks worked out of the thing. He also told me what to avoid entering the machine. Remembering it will be the problem.* There is no question that the continually newer and more complicated and more advan-

tageous gadgets that are continuously invading the market can do more things more quickly and in broader scope, and more compactly than we could have imagined, even five years ago. At the age of eighty, my brain can't even think of operating them, so I leave them to the younger, smarter generation, and go back to a pencil and eraser. Well, not quite that far, but back to a calculator and one of the electric pencils or pens that my friend Bob Price presented me with.//*there has been some unfavorable news about a couple of the rest homes in the area. I talked to one of the employees from one of them, and he told me what really happened in one of the instances. It was unfortunate, but nothing could have been done under the circumstances. It sort of looks to me that an attorney might be cooking up a handout for someone.//Finally, there sure have been a lot of murders, stabbings and other violent crimes being committed around here lately. Up in Crescent City, on man committed what the D.A. up there called the worst case of spousal abuse he had ever seen. The man had been incarcerated twice for doing the same thing. Why didn't they keep him? On the other hand, why was she staying with him? Much of this crime is connected to marijuana. If you listen regularly, you'll know that I am totally against recreational marijuana, but not truly regimented medical marijuana.

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