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Editorial - My Mother Married a Milkman

My cousin Rick was hiking in the hills on his property and came across this milk bottle. He sent me the photo wondering if it was for real. I wrote back and told him he had found the Holy Griffith Grail.

My father had owned a dairy after he graduated college and that bottle was approximately 70+ years old. The bottle was most likely made by my grandfather who worked at Thatcher Glass. It is a symbol of my dad's hard work ethic and his entrepreneurial spirit.

This Father's Day those who are fortunate their fathers are still alive can show their love and appreciation by calling, sending a card, taking them out to dinner or surprising them with a gift and



those of us whose fathers have passed on can reflect on the past and cherish the memories.

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Florida Hometown Heroes Housing Program Announced

Governor Ron DeSantis announced the June 1 launch of the Florida Hometown Heroes Housing Program to help Floridians in over 50 critical professions purchase their first home. The Hometown Heroes Housing Program will be available to Floridians including law enforcement officers, firefighters, educators, health-care professionals, childcare employees, and active military or veterans.

This \$100 million program is administered by the Florida Housing and Finance Corporation and has the highest and most inclusive eligibility of all Florida Housing down payment assistance programs. The program is geared to expanding on Florida's existing housing programs to reach critical workers and those who have served our country. Find more about the program online.

"In Florida, we value the contributions of our police, firefighters, teachers, and nurses," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "Our hometown heroes are the backbone of Florida communities and making sure that they can afford to be homeowners is a great way to give back to them and support the future of the American Dream."

"Recently I started looking to buy a house. With the help of my realtor and loan officer, there was so much that I didn't know about and they were able to help me and guide me," said Officer Ashton Wolfe, Cape Coral Police Department. "I joined the military when I was 18. I was stationed in Washington, and when I left the military I came back to Cape Coral to serve my community as a police officer. The program Salute

Our Soldiers, which is becoming the Hometown Heroes program, allowed me to buy a house at the age of 23... so it has done great things for me." "I have been a teacher for 25 years," said Melba Lugo, Second Grade Teacher, Mid Cape Global Academy. "In one day, I changed cities, I changed jobs and I bought a house. Thank you for this program and I want to thank all of these people that have made this possible."

Funds will be available to reserve starting June 1, which coincides with National Homeownership Month. This occasion celebrates the value that owning a home brings to families, communities, and neighborhoods across America.

To qualify for this program, homebuyers must connect with a participating

loan officer, have a minimum credit score of 640, provide certification for one of the eligible occupations, and meet the income threshold for their county. Eligible borrowers will receive up to 5% of the first mortgage loan amount (up to a maximum of \$25,000) in down payment and closing cost assistance in the form of a 0%, non-amortizing, 30-year deferred second mortgage.

For more information, please visit www.floridahousing.org/hometownheroes. Florida Housing and Finance Corporation was created by the Legislature 40 years ago. We are the state's housing finance agency (HFA) that administers state and federal resources to help provide affordable homeownership and rental housing options for the citizens of Florida.

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3. Also known as the one with the wallet

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