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## Stafford at Lindsey Fest

FLORENCE – The George S. Lindsey UNA Film Festival is pleased to announce actress, speaker and author Nancy Stafford will make a special guest appearance at this year's film festival, February 28-March 2. Stafford will also host a Q&A session Friday evening, March 1.

Best known for her role as Michelle Thomas on "Matlock," Stafford has also had many roles on television shows such as, "Who's The Boss," "St. Elsewhere," "Magnum P.I.," "The Mentalist," and "Scandal." Her many film roles include, "Christmas with a Capital C," "Superheroes Don't Wear Capes," "Assumed Killer" and "Heaven Bound." She has also hosted a syndicated television series focusing on beauty and fashion called, "Main Floor."

Stafford was born in Wilton Manors, Florida. She graduated from the University of Florida with a B.A. in journalism, she was Miss Florida in 1976, and she competed in the Miss America pageant.

Stafford currently serves as chair of SAT-7 Women for Middle East Hope, which connects women of the Western world to the spiritual and religious practices of women in the Middle East and North Africa.

For more information on the 2019 George Lindsey UNA Film Festival: [www.lindseyfilmfest.com](http://www.lindseyfilmfest.com), [lindseyfilmfest@una.edu](mailto:lindseyfilmfest@una.edu) or 256-765-4592.



Stafford

## New Option Saves a Trip

FLORENCE— North Alabama Medical Center now offers a Meds to Beds program to Same Day Surgery patients and a select group of medical-surgical patients.

Meds to Beds patients receive their post operation and discharge prescriptions before leaving the hospital. That eliminates a trip to the pharmacy on the way home and a potential added wait.

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Left: Meggin Tallman checks on a cleft lip and palate baby who will have surgery on the Africa Mercy.

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Below: Tallman cares for a patient in the ward of the Africa Mercy.

## The Africa Mercy

Local Volunteer Dedicates Time to Change Lives

by Meggin Tallman  
for the Courier Journal

Imagine being on the Mercy Ship's floating hospital with 400 volunteers docked in an African nation. Patients are carried up the gangway with knees bent at a 90-degree angle. Others have large facial tumors. Mothers bring their babies whom their villages called monsters and considered better off dead. They arrive with downtrodden eyes and rags tied over their disfigurements, shoulders sagging with the shame they've carried for years. They receive lifesaving surgery onboard the Africa Mercy, the world's largest private hospital ship. Patients return home walking normally with straight legs, with unaffected heads held high, or with smiles no longer split by a cleft. The blind leave with sight, living with hope.

Mercy Ships has performed over 95,000 free surgeries since 1978. I've served three times in three different countries. Physical healing takes place, but also the healing of souls. I carry Tahina's story in my heart, a former patient from Madagascar. Tahina suffered from a disease called Noma, also known as "the disease of the poor" as it is only found in the poorest corners of the planet. Noma is an opportunistic, gangrenous bacteria that primarily

affects children between the ages of 2-6 and has a 90% mortality rate. Those 10% of children who survive are left with the tissues of their faces rotted away from the damaging disease. In Tahina's case, she was missing nearly the entire right side of her face. Because these children are left deformed, they are usually denied an education and shunned from society and their families.

They grow into adults who have had little human interaction and the interaction they have had is almost never positive.

When Tahina arrived on the Mercy Ship, she was terrified. However, the nurses and doctors treated her as a person worthy of love



Tallman



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## Jaws at 45

UNA's MELVIN DISCUSSES THE PHENOMENON'S LASTING IMPACT



Melvin

FLORENCE – Shark Week, Sy-Fy's *Sharknado* series, *The Shallows*, *The Meg*, *Baby Shark*... All have followed in the wake of an enormous great white with a taste for human flesh.

Doubleday published Peter Benchley's debut novel, *Jaws*, in February of 1974. Shortly thereafter, the book would lure up-and-coming director Steven Spielberg. The ensuing phenomenon would spawn three sequels and countless imitators, forever change the way Americans regarded the beach, ignite a cult movement of animal-attack novels and cinema, and inspire its author to dedicate his remaining years to repairing the reputation of sharks after drastically skewing the public perception.

Stephen Melvin, an English Instructor at

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**Shorts...**

**New Option Saves a Trip**

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North Alabama Medical Center has partnered with the local Medical Center Pharmacy to fill the prescriptions at no additional cost to the patient. Upon bedside delivery, the patient's nurse will review the medication and potential side effects. A pharmacist is also available to answer questions.

"When my surgery is finished, I'm ready to go home and get some rest," said Charles Isom, a same-day surgery patient who took advantage of the Meds to Beds program. "I appreciate the convenience so I can focus on recovery."

Same Day Surgery patients at NAMC will be asked by their admission clerk if they'd like to participate in the program during their preadmission testing appointment. Insurance is accepted. The program is optional so patients can still use their personal pharmacy if they prefer.

Alabama State Council on the Arts and Humanities on 1988. She has traveled the world through her poetry. She received a Fellowship in Verse to study with major contemporary Irish poets in Dublin in 1992, a National Endowment for the Humanities Scholarship to study 19th century French writers under the auspices of Brown University in 1993, and a J. William Fulbright Scholarship to study the arts in Turkey in 1999. Most recently, she was invited to Wales where her publisher will launch her

latest collection. Bonnie has combined her writing with teaching k-graduate school. She was a poet-in-residence for the NEA for seven years, head of the Creative Writing Magnet Program at Lee High School in Huntsville for 11 years, and a professor of English at Calhoun State Community College and UAH. Bonnie has read her work in the US, Europe, and Western Asia.

Hundreds of individual poems have been published in journals such

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**Guild Induction for Area Native**

FLORENCE—American poet, Bonnie Gibbs Roberts, is a native of Florence. She has returned to read in Florence for the Kennedy Arts Center, she conducted a poetry residency at Kilby School, and she read as a guest poet for a UNA Writers Conference featuring Fannie Flagg.

Coming to Florence has been difficult for Bonnie. The city holds reminders of a shattered childhood innocence when her sister, Danylu Gibbs, committed suicide in 1962.

Roberts will become an honorary member of the Shoals Writers' Guild on Saturday, February 16 at the Lauderdale County Public Library. She will also read poems from her latest book, *Dusting for Prints*.

Originally, her main motivation in writing poetry was to find release from pain and to memorialize the life of her sister. However, lately Bonnie's poetry has been more of a discovery of who she is and a way to define herself without her sister.

Bonnie received an Individual Fellowship in Literature from the

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- Email to editor@courierjournal.net;
  - Look for "Submit News" on our website at www.courierjournal.net.
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  - Bring in person.
- All properly submitted Community Notes which are dated will be posted weekly at www.courierjournal.net. Visit our website for a complete list.

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There is a full house of potential best friends, and each of them would love to have their own forever home with you. The Shelter will soon be moving to a new building in the Florence Industrial Park, so the shelter needs to find homes for all their four-legged friends before the big move. You can adopt, foster, foster to adopt, or rescue any of the animals. Please visit us and adopt your new best friend before the move.

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Sign up until March 15. Call between 1-4pm, Monday-Friday only. 256-248-1921.

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The Shoals Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will meet in the Sheffield Room at Park Place, 501 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield, Thursday, February 14 at 2:30pm.

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LifeSouth Community Blood Drives for January - Keller Center - Monday thru Friday 9am - 5pm, 1208 South Jackson Highway, Sheffield - 256-383-3535

The Shoals Center - 307 Veterans Drive, Florence, 888-795-2707

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## Shorts...

### Guild Induction for Area Native

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as *The Kentucky Poetry Review* and the *Croton Review*. Her work has appeared in more than a dozen state, national, and international anthologies, including the first all-women-poets anthology, *A Baker's Dozen: Contemporary Women Poets of Alabama*, Druid Press.

Bonnie has been a publisher of fine North Alabama poetry at her micro-press, Mule on a Ferris Wheel, since 2016.

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Cook teams are needed, so fire up your grills and prepare to battle some of the best backyard chefs in the Shoals. Entry for the cook teams is free, but teams must pre-register prior to the day of the event at [www.alabamawildlife.org](http://www.alabamawildlife.org). Categories include wild game, fish, and fowl. Trophies will be awarded to 1st-3rd places in each division as well as Best Overall and Best Presentation. The overall winner will be invited to the state finals in Millbrook on August 10 to compete for the title of AWF 2019 Wild Game Cook-Off State Champion.

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You may contact Greg Burgess at 256-764-0078 or AWF at 334-285-4550. Proceeds benefit AWF's programs and projects. The ticket price includes one AWF membership, a subscription to the Alabama Wildlife magazine, and all the food you can eat!

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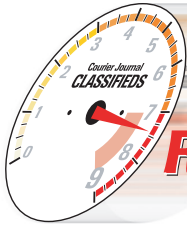
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Tahina hides her face behind a scarf so others don't see the damage done by Noma.  
Photo: Justine Forrest

## Mercy...

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This is why I volunteer. As a PICU nurse it is rare we get

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Tahina during the process of surgeries to repair damage done by a Noma infection.  
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## Jaws...

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UNA and accomplished speaker, will have a talk celebrating the 45th anniversary of the publication of *Jaws*.

Entitled, "This Fish Doesn't Run": *Jaws* at 45, Melvin will speak at 6pm Monday, February 25 at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Melvin will discuss the zeitgeist that led to the story's creation, the cultural moment that buoyed its breakaway success, and the continuing influence of *Jaws* on the popular imagination.

Stephen G. Melvin is an instructor of English at the University of North Alabama. In June he will present, *West of Eden: The American Adam and the Loss of Paradise in Animals-Attack Fiction from Jaws to Cujo*, at the Conference of the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment in Davis, California.



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# Africa Mercy...

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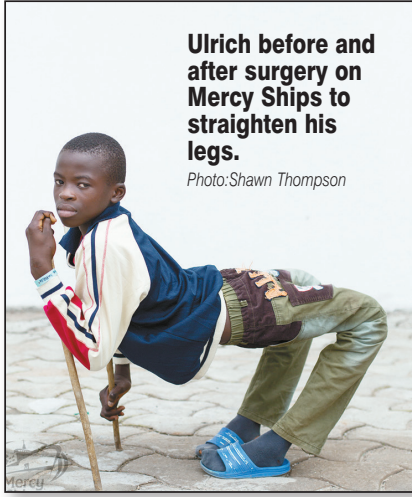
time in years without their tumor. I often leave work in the USA after my 12-hour shift wishing I'd had more time to comfort a scared mom or hold my patient's hand through their pain. On the Africa Mercy I get to be a part of rebuilding broken hearts with love and laughter and the light of Jesus.

It takes more than nurses and doctors to run a hospital ship. One of the coolest things about the Africa Mercy is the 400 volunteers on board from 40 nations. From the surgeons to the barista at the onboard Starbucks, everyone plays a part in making these life changes happen. There are families who volunteer and an

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Mercy Ships have many volunteer opportunities for maritime professionals, teachers, PICU nurses, bio-medical technicians and more. See [mercyships.org/volunteer](http://mercyships.org/volunteer) for more information.

Meggin Tallman is a pediatric ICU nurse at



Ulrich before and after surgery on Mercy Ships to straighten his legs.  
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Children's of Alabama and a UNA alumni. She resides in Florence with her husband and takes an annual trip to volunteer with Mercy Ships in Africa.

Patients are taken to Deck 7 on the Africa Mercy every day to get some fresh air and relax outside of the wards.



Here Meggin plays cards with Dylan. Photo Katie Keegan

Meggin spends quality time with children awaiting additional surgeries  
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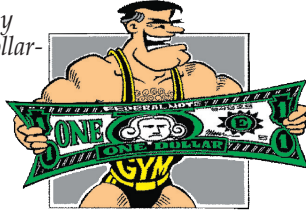
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Naomi K.

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Roben K. in Fresno CA

## DINNER TO GO

For our vacation this summer, my family will be staying for a week in a beach condominium with a full kitchen. In order to save money and eat healthier, we have decided to keep eating out to a minimum. But, who wants to spend a lot of time cooking or haul a lot of ingredients? So, I decided to pre-assemble freezer meals here at home

using ingredients I bought on sale. The dinners will fit in a zipper bag and will stay cold in our ice chest until we get to our destination. They will go into the freezer and I will cook them up when we're ready to eat them. I'll just add a salad and some bread. We look forward to easy-to-prepare, affordable, and healthy meals away from home, and some great beach memories.  
Erin J.

## CREATIVE CORN SILK SOLUTION

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 Janet

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 Melissa J.

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**Commentary**

# Mistaken Identity Leads to Tragedy

Last week it was announced that the Hoover Police Department officer who shot and killed E.J. Bradford, Jr. at the Riverchase Galleria in on Thanksgiving weekend has been found legally justified in his action. The announcement from Attorney General, Steve Marshall's office included an 11-second two-angle video of the shooting. The officer did not commit a crime under Alabama law so he will not be criminally charged for his actions.

The attorney general's report concluded, "Officer 1 reasonably exercised his official duties, powers, or functions when he shot E.J. Bradford on the night of November 22, 2018.

Accordingly, Alabama law declares his action justified and not criminal. The report also said that "it is reasonable to conclude that both [Bradford and Erron Brown] presented an immediate deadly threat to innocent civilians and first responders inside the Galleria." Brown was the actual suspect in the case but an armed Bradford was the one who law enforcement came into contact with first.

The officer's name has not been released. There are at least three things that are certain. 1.) This is a terribly tragic situation in which an innocent young man who was legally armed

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*In A Few Words*



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

# Courier Journal

# THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

February 13, 2019

*Happening*  
**THIS WEEK**

## My Bloody Valentine

**KILLEN** - Those looking for something INSANELY different to do for Valentine's Day weekend this year can take part in the 7th Annual "My Bloody Valentine" at Arx Mortis in Killen. The event is February 14-16 and it takes place in the original 50,000 sq ft indoor Arx Mortis attraction, but with a special Valentine twist! Go with your significant other to celebrate Valentine's Day, or bring some friends to celebrate "Singles Awareness Day"

- February 14 (7-10pm)
- February 15 (7-11pm)
- February 16 (7-11pm)

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Courtesy photo

Feb. 16

## Berske Crawford Opens Tuscumbia's Bicentennial Speaker Series



**Barske Crawford**

**TUSCUMBIA**— The city of Tuscumbia's Bicentennial Commission will kick off its 2019 year-long celebration with a Bicentennial Speaker Series.

The series will begin Saturday, February 16 with a discussion and exhibit depicting the Tennessee River and North Alabama. Dr. Carolyn Barske Crawford, co-author with Brian Murphy of their recent release, *The Tennessee River and Northwest Alabama*, will speak at 10am at the

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**HUGS & MUGS - LOVING THE WIDOWED** takes place February 14 at Faith Church Gym, 3601 Florence Blvd in Florence. It is for all widows, widowers and a guest. Serving is from 11am-1pm. Free choice of four soups, drink, and dessert. There will be door prizes, gift for the widowed, and plenty of hugs. Entertainment is provided by The Harvey Thompson Trio.

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## YOUR Letters

### Find a Way Forward

Dear sir:

State Senator Tim Melson's bill to authorize Bible literacy classes is totally unnecessary as our Supreme Court settled this issue many years ago. Teaching the Bible's history and for its literary value is now and has always been legal.

At one time the value system embodied in the Bible was a part of our socialization. Those values were taught in churches and reinforced by social conventions, and family patterns such as the family dinners that older people remember as a regular part of their childhoods.

We now live in a culture with a value system based on market forces, fewer people attend church, and family dinners have given way to grazing and fast food. The system for transmitting values to our children has broken down, and now depends on rebuilding our communities on the basis of

*It seems they will need it, as the numbers of cases of tuberculosis and flu have soared from those coming here illegally...*



the world culture we are becoming. Senator Melson is to be commended for his intention. However, our problem now is to find our way forward rather than moving backward into the past.

Jacqueline Osborne  
Florence

### The Pope's Fallibility

Editor:

In an interview with the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*, Pope Francis declared that the United States of America has a distorted view of the world. He believes America must be ruled by a world government for our own good.

Pope Francis also stated that Europe should become one country under one government.

When John Kennedy announced his candidacy for president many were concerned that his loyalty would be to the Vatican. I thought that was silly because I believed the Pope stayed out of politics.

However, I now wonder if a devout Roman Catholic who really believes in papal infallibility can be true to the oath of office required for service in our federal and state governments if the Pope were to command that they support world government.

Euell White  
Florence

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**STAN DEAN**

I hate to make mistakes! Yet, I probably make as many if not more than the average person. In fact, I get to make mine in a big way! Being a public speaker gives me the "opportunity" to display my spoken mistakes before hundreds of people every week. (And, yes, they are forever remembered!) However, I do take comfort in knowing that I am not alone. It seems a lot of us preachers excel in faux pas. A while back someone sent the following to me that will help prove my point.

As the story goes, Ol' Joe had been a faithful Christian all of his life. His body eventually wore out, though, and he was in the hospital and near death. His preacher went by to visit him and while standing at his bedside Joe's condition suddenly began to worsen. Unable to speak, the old gentleman frantically motioned for a pad on which he could write what was on his mind. He then used his last reserve of energy to scribble a note which he weakly handed to the preacher before passing away. Because of the circumstances the preacher did not read the note but stuck it in the pocket of his jacket.

At the funeral, the preacher was about to finish his message when it occurred to him that he had on the same jacket that he had on at the hospital when Joe died. He said, "You know, Ol' Joe handed me a note just before passed on. I haven't looked at it, but knowing Joe, I'm sure there is a word of inspiration there for us all." He then removed the note from his pocket and read, "You're standing on my oxygen tube!"

Obviously, this is not a true story, but we laugh because it helps us appreciate our humanity. James wrote, "We all stumble in many things" (James 3:2). Isn't that the truth?? We must understand, though, that James is not speaking of little social blunders that make us laugh. He is talking about the serious mistakes we make in life, namely "sins" that bring heartache and tears. Yes, we all make those, too.

We should all hate sinning! For sins separate us from God by violating His will for us (Isaiah 59:1-2). But God be thanked for loving us so much that He sent Jesus to atone for our transgressions (Romans 5:8). Further, by obeying His will, not only are we forgiven of our sins - He remembers them no more! (Hebrews 10:17).

So, yes we all make our share of mistakes - even spiritually. But thanks to a compassionate God, we can be forgiven and start over again (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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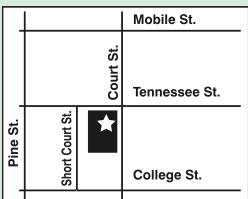
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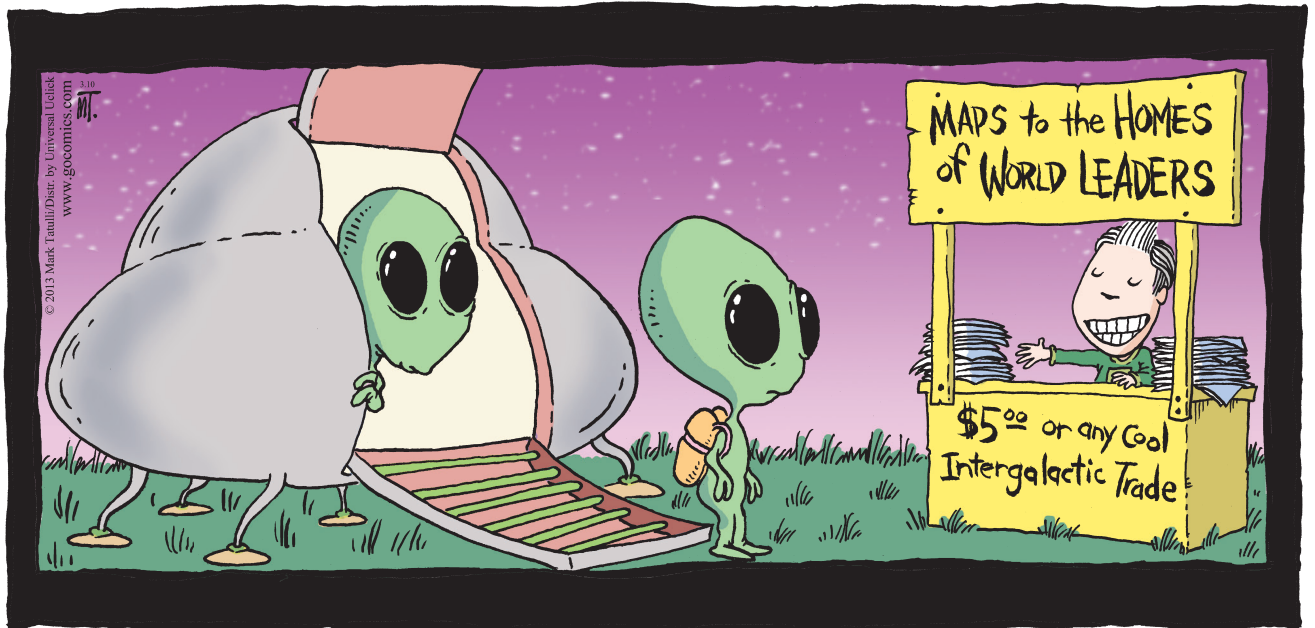
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Last week we discussed how Medicare Part A will cover you if you are admitted into the hospital. A hospital, under Medicare, can be acute care hospitals, critical care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, long term care hospitals or mental health care.

The one aspect of Medicare Part A we get the most questions about is coverage at a skilled nursing facility (SNF). To be covered by Medicare at a SNF certain criteria has to be met. First, of course, is you must have Medicare Part A. Next your doctor has determined that you need daily skilled care given by, or under the supervision of, skilled nursing or therapy personnel. Your skilled nursing care will have to be in a SNF that is certified by Medicare.

What a lot of people don't know is that you must have a "qualifying" hospital stay to be covered at a SNF. Under Medicare a "qualifying" hospital stay is at least a 3-day inpatient stay prior to being admitted to the SNF. If you go to the ER and are held one day for observation and are admitted into the hospital for two days this does not constitute a "qualifying" hospital stay. If you are admitted on a Monday and discharged the following Wednesday this is not a "qualifying" hospital stay. In the two examples above those are 2-day inpatient stays. A good rule of thumb is you must be admitted as inpatient for at least three midnights.

You also need to know that Medicare Part A will only cover you for 100 days at a SNF and only 20 of those days are at 100%. In other words days 1-20 are covered at 100%. Days 21-100 you will pay the first \$170.50 per day and Medicare pays the rest of the cost. Starting with day 101 you will pay 100% of the bill.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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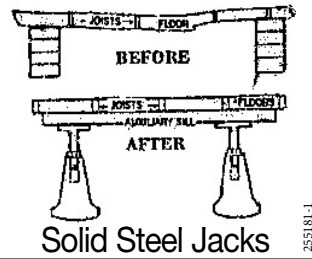
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## Another Poor Decision

Editor:

Congratulations to the Florence council members for failing to make another tough decision.

I agree that police and fire raises are probably warranted, but the means of funding is ridiculous and frivolous. Every time we raise sales taxes we accomplish a multitude of unfortunate objectives.

First we penalize the people who can least afford it and next by chasing shoppers to adjoining districts for major purchases. The people who will not or cannot travel to another district are the poor and the financially

struggling constituents.

It is time to make the hard decisions to raise taxes that go directly into the general fund. This would allow taxes to be budgeted and shifted as needed. There are plenty of options for revenue generation to accomplish this objective without raising commerce crippling sales taxes. I'm not talking about all these money wasting get-rich-quick tourism schemes that run rampant.

The time of irresponsible and never-ending special assessments must come to an end and leadership should be substituted for reelection aspirations. Remember, your mediocrity mires us in mediocrity.

**Robert Seaman**  
Killen

## Should be More Accountable

Editor:

Despite growing political divisiveness, we are fortunate to have concerned citizens here who address important issues on a non-partisan and constructive basis. Last month provided some good examples.

Scores of people saw the Southern Exposure films at UNA that focus on environmental risks for Alabama because of loosened regulations and failures of power companies and public authorities to do the right things. Coal ash ponds that leach toxic minerals into nearby rivers are a prime danger to our well-being. Coalitions are pressuring companies to move and bury the ash properly and to close coal-burning power plants.

There is now a local branch of the Citizens Climate Lobby which offers realistic solutions to reducing carbon emissions that cause climate change.

Florence residents expressed frustration over

the stealth 12% increase in the sales tax without more discussion about other options to generate revenue for improving pay for police and firefighters.

Citizens were blocked on Jan. 25 from raising basic questions about the feasibility of the proposed 10,000 seat agri-event center in Lauderdale County. Unlike the private partnership in Colbert County, this similar one will depend wholly upon public financing to get started. The Authority established by legislators is collecting the extended 2¢ gasoline tax and TVA payments in lieu of tax for the project. Concern is growing about transparency and whether the project will be an economic success or a taxpayer burden.

Let's continue such efforts to make government accountable and more representative.

**Dan Waterman**  
Killen

## January's Left Wing Lunacy

Editor:

January started out with the Democrats refusing to fund security barriers along portions of the U.S.-Mexico border where 97% of illegal aliens are known to use. The Democrats demanded President Trump reopen the government with a promise to negotiate. However, after President Trump reopened the government, the Democrats, led by Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer, went back on their word. Both Nancy and Chuck have been in office since the 1980's. And despite past statements of the need for border security, they both feel it is not necessary and racist. The State of the Union was delayed with Nancy citing security reasons.

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Dr. Barske Crawford is director of the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area, and Murphy is curator at the Florence Indian Mound Museum. The two designed a special companion exhibit tracing the river's history that was funded in part through a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation in conjunction with their book.

That companion exhibit will be on display in the Round House from 10am-2pm.

The traveling exhibit is available free to libraries, schools, museums, and other public spaces across the six counties of the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area (Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Morgan). There are also resources about the river available for teachers on the MSNHA website - <http://msnha.una.edu/education/>.

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# Letters...

## January's Left Wing Lunacy

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This does not seem to be concern about the security of thousands of Americans who lost their loved ones to those coming here illegally each year. Instead, Nancy vacationed in Hawaii and the Democrats vacationed in Puerto Rico during the shutdown. In the meantime, a veteran's healthcare bill and a proposal to pay our Coast Guard and other federal workers during the government shutdown was blocked by Democrats.

As Democrats were sworn into office, many refused to provide their oath to God on a Bible. Democrats then nearly removed the oath, "so help me God." Democrat Rashida Tlaib, who refused to take an oath to God, stated, "We are going to impeach that 'M---r F----r'" in reference to President Trump. This same Democrat also refuses to recognize Israel as a nation, calling for it to be taken over by Palestine. The Democrat darling, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, has called for a 70% tax on wealthy Americans to support socialism. They seem bent on destroying the Constitution and eliminating the Electoral College as the means for

electing presidents. The Democrats then shut down the Terrorism Committee to create a Trump Investigation Panel.

In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio guaranteed free healthcare to illegal aliens. In California, Governor Gavin Newsom's first executive order was to expand healthcare to illegal aliens and provide sanctuary to all who seek it. It seems they will need it, as the numbers of cases of tuberculosis and flu have soared from those coming here illegally, including a flesh-eating bacteria. Representative Aguiar-Curry introduced a bill to create new property and sales taxes and Newsom has moved to tax the drinking water to pay for this. SB 239 was signed into law, making it no longer a felony to knowingly expose someone else to the HIV virus. After California forced parents to vaccinate all children through SB277, the Democrats have now pushed to pass SB792 to force all adults to receive mandatory government vaccinations. California Democrats also nearly passed AB-3042, which would have replaced the recognition of Abraham Lincoln's birthday with the Communist International Worker's Day as a holiday. That bill was defeated 27-22. The California State Senate Committee has also banned the words, "he" and "she" during hearings. California will also mandate teachers to teach kindergarteners that there are 15 different genders using the book, "Who are you?" Just because Democrats are confused about who is male and female, they should not be confusing the children.

While Democrats claim concern for children, they have passed laws allowing abortions even to and through the child's birth. Virginia Governor Northam suggested that if the baby is born there

would be a discussion of what to do with it, suggesting that the baby would be left to die. This is the same governor who was caught wearing a black face next to a KKK member in his yearbook. Not surprisingly, Fake News CNN referred to the governor as a Republican, knowing he is a Democrat. There have been several cases of Voter Fraud in Texas with 95,000 illegal aliens registered to vote and 58,000 discovered to have already voted. There were also 11,000 illegal aliens registered to vote in Pennsylvania. Additionally, there were

1.5 million inactive voters revealed in Los Angeles County who were removed after Judicial Watch won a lawsuit forcing officials to comply with requirements under the National Voter Registration Act.

This is just a bit of the left-wing lunacy from Democrats in January. The Democrat party has clearly put abortion over life, illegal aliens over citizens and veterans, and they can't even recognize the difference between a male and a female.

Frank Aquila  
Manteca, CA

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*Pam M.*

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*PJC*

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*Angie M.*

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I have small grandchildren and we enjoy sitting outside on the porch. I had been using tiki torches and various citronella candles to shoo away the mosquitoes, I always worried about the kids burning themselves or knocking them over. (The kids are drawn to the flames like moths.) I found that putting a portable fan and allowing it to oscillate keeps the mosquitoes away. They can't land! It also provides a refreshing breeze.

*Linda C.*

**SMOKE-FREE RENTAL CARS**

My husband and I were on vacation. Since most rental places do not rent smoke-free cars, we had to come up with something fast to get the cigarette smoke out of the car. We went to the grocery store and bought a potato, sliced it in half, and put one half in the front seat and one half in the back seat. The next day the smoke smell was virtually gone.

*Theresa in NE*

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# Soap Opera Preview

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Hope admitted to Steffy and Liam that she thought about her baby while holding Phoebe. Brooke questioned Steffy's quick adoption process and couldn't overlook Hope's strong connection with Phoebe. Zoe was preoccupied with the recent revelations about the adoption. Pam offered Hope a special gift. Thorne blindsided Katie while she was in the process of making romantic plans for Valentine's Day. Zoe threatened to go to the police if Flo didn't tell her what she wanted to hear. Thorne admitted to Katie that he made his decision out of his love for her and Will. Sally was worried that she overstepped her bounds by asking Hope to look at her sketches. *Wait to See: Ex-lovers Donna and Justin reunite to play Cupid for another couple.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Carly berated Sam. Drew met with Shiloh. Laura paid Franco a visit. Cameron got into trouble. Peter and Maxie bumped into Nina. Obrecht preyed upon Valentin's discomfort. Sonny told Spencer to do the right thing. Kristina struggled with a bout of jealousy. Finn and Robert worked toward a common goal. Michael heard from Nelle. Sam spent Valentine's Day with another man. Jason and Spinelli received an interesting tip. Ned and Olivia celebrated together. Jordan offered Franco an out. Carly and Sonny re-examined their future. Nina celebrated Valentine's Day with Valentin. *Wait to See: Julian questions Ava's allegiance.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Jordan silenced Kate when she got too close to the truth. Ben hid some incriminating evidence from Hope and Eli. Gabi and Stefan clashed over business. Brady was upset to find out Chloe and the kids were moving in with Stefan. John confronted Diana with his suspicions about Leo's paternity. Leo pressed Sonny for more of a commitment. Rafe discovered Kate in a precarious state. Ben took some drastic measures after realizing that he was being set up. Ciara was left to die in the cabin. Ben tried to convince Chad that he was innocent and that Chad needed his help to rescue Ciara and Charlotte. Rafe held vigil at Kate's bedside. *Wait to See: Ted kisses Hope.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Now that Rey had sufficient evidence to charge Victor, the trial date was set, making Nikki and the gang very nervous. Abby decided to create some positive publicity for the Newman family by doing a story about her and Arturo's engagement. Devon decided to send Fen on tour to give him another chance with the record label. Kyle went to the cabin after Lola dumped him, but Summer showed up to ease his pain. Nick and Phyllis escaped the stress of the trial and reminisced about their long and storied relationship. Cane struggled to explain to the twins why he was not visiting their mother in prison for Valentine's Day. Lola borrowed Arturo's truck to surprise Kyle at the cabin. *Wait to See: Kyle finds Lola in danger.*

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**The Lauderdale County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting applications** for a \$500 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, high school senior, and living in the State of Alabama. Applications may be picked up at the USDA Service Center, Lauderdale County Soil & Water Conservation District, 2431 Darby Dr., Suite B, Florence AL 35630. Deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is March 5, 2019

**Sheffield Head Start Program** located at 701 East 17th St., Sheffield is now taking applications for Pregnant Moms and children ages 6 weeks to 4 years for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year from 8am-2pm beginning Thursday, February 7.

Parents must bring the following items: birth Certificate, Verification of Income for 2018 (W-2 form, Income Tax Return, Check Stub, Social Security Statement, Child Support, Unemployment, etc.) Medicaid or Insurance Card (if available), WIC, Food Stamps, College ID, Military ID, Proof of Kinship, IEP/IFSP. Services are provided at NO COST to parents. Children with special needs and/or disabilities and homeless families are given priority selection. Call for an appointment today at 256-383-3577 ext. 102.

**Florence Kiwanis Club Meets Fridays** noon at Marriott Shoals Conference Center, 10 Hightower Place in Florence Programs for February 2019 February 15 - Zachary Curtis, Program Director, from Air-Evac - will talk about the importance of air ambulances

February 22 - Rick Smith, Senior VP of Distribution at Books-a-Million - will discuss the economic strength and development of Books-a-Million

**Florence Parks and Recreation/The Club (Senior Center) presents 2019 travels to Niagara Falls/Toronto** - Passport required. Saturday, June 23-29, 7 days 6 nights. \$689 double occupancy. Deposit due now \$75. Final payment April 16. This trip is open to the general public. Call The Club 256-760-6642 or email tdavis@florenceal.org

**Shoals Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications** for our Affordable Homeownership Program. Learn more at www.shoalshabitat.org or call 256-760-9515. Shoals Habitat for Humanity is an Equal Housing Opportunity Lender.

**The Tombigbee Pioneer Group** will demonstrate pioneer era crafts and skills at the Parkway Visitor Center, from 10am-3pm on Saturday, February 23. The demonstrations will show the challenges faced and creative solutions developed by those Americans who lived in the area from the 1700s-1840. The public is invited to participate in pioneer lifestyle activities that often include crafting baskets, spinning, weaving, leather working, making cornhusk dolls, and other traditional craft demonstrations. Mountain dulcimer demonstrations are usually offered throughout the day. This program is free to the public. The visitor center is located at milepost 266 on the Natchez Trace Parkway, near Tupelo, Mississippi. For additional information, please call 1-800-305-7417.

**North Alabama Dance Club invites you to NADC's Monthly Dance.** We Welcome Everyone To This Event - Bring Friends. Saturday, February 16, 7-10pm, Mitchell Hollingsworth Activity Center, 805 Flaff Circle in Florence. Music provided by DJ. A Dance lesson will be taught about 8pm. Ballroom, Social and Line Dancing. Admission- Members: Adult \$6. Student \$4, Guests: Adult \$8, Driving 50 miles One way \$4.

To become a member of NADC, pay the annual \$25 fee and come to this dance FREE!! All members only pay \$6 per dance and can attend 2 workshops a year FREE. More benefits to come throughout the year...

Light snacks, ice, and ice water will be furnished. All Members and Guests are welcome to bring drinks and/or snacks of their choice. Dress: "Casual" or "Dressy" (Your Choice) For more information, contact Suzy at 256-740-1661 or any member of NADC. suzyfromal@comcast.net, www.facebook.com/northalabamadanceclub/events

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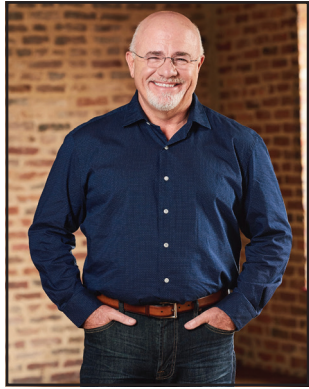
## A TEACHABLE MOMENT

Dear Dave,  
My mom is single, and she co-signed on my student loans for college. Would it affect her credit if I couldn't or didn't make the payments?  
Terri

Dear Terri,  
Yes, it would. The truth is, your mom shouldn't have co-signed for you in the first place. There's only one reason lenders want a co-signer, and that's because they're afraid the person taking out the loan won't be able to pay back what's owed.

You'll be trashing your and your mom's credit if you don't pay the bills on time. If she co-signed for you, and you don't do the right thing and pay back the loans, she'll start getting phone calls looking for the money, too. I don't think you want to subject your mom to the stress and hassle of collector calls or bad marks on her credit, do you?

Believe me, I understand what happened. Your mom loves you, and she wants the best for you. She's willing to do whatever it takes to help her daughter succeed. What I want you both to understand going forward is that the idea you have to borrow money to attend college—or do anything else, really—is a myth. There are many ways to get a great education, and find excellent career opportunities, without borrowing a dime. Scholarships and grants



are everywhere these days. There's absolutely nothing wrong with working before and during college to help cash-flow an education, or you can begin your studies at a community college where the costs are much less.

In addition to four-year schools and community colleges, anyone looking to further their education shouldn't ignore the possibility of trade or technical schools. At these institutions, you can get valuable training that's highly marketable. Not to mention completing a trade or technical school program usually takes less time and is cheaper than a bachelor's degree.

My goal here isn't to fuss at you or beat you up, Terri. It's just very important you understand what's at stake—now and in the future. My hope is to give you and your mom some good information that will help each of you make smarter, more informed financial decisions down the road!

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. *The Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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### CHEAPER BATH SALTS

I love Dead Sea bath salts, but they can be very expensive, often \$15 or more for a pound. However, craft stores sell a kit for making scented and colored bath salt gifts. You don't even need to buy the kit; the stores sell refills, and you can get a two-pound jar of Dead Sea salts for around \$7. The craft stores usually include in their weekly ad a coupon for 40% off any item not on sale, which reduces the price even more.

I don't mind the plain salts, but you can also buy small bottles of fragrance or color. It just takes a couple of drops to customize your salts. For a quick gift, the same stores sell small decorative jars. Fill them with bath salts, add color or fragrance if you like, and tie with a pretty ribbon. If you don't need the minerals for which Dead Sea salts are famous, you can do the same thing with Epsom salts. This is a nice soak for tired or sore muscles, and it's available at drug stores for even less money.

Melissa D.

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Commentary

Mistaken...

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was mistaken for the perp. 2.) Bradford seemed to have a promising life ahead. His family was not expecting to live without him so soon. 3.) For those two angles to be the best vantage points for verifying what transpired during this situation is almost unconceivable. I am not one who supports privacy infringements in public spaces. However, it's what we live with now. Video limited to tenant entries means mall security was woefully inadequate. There should have been much more definitive perspectives and angles than a few seconds of imagery so obscure it takes several viewings of the video to see where the focus is directed. Mr. Bradford loosely fit

the description of the suspect who officers were looking for. Unfortunately, the fact that he was armed only 3-4 seconds after the shooting drew excessive attention. It's not as if police were looking for a minority to engage. Half of the patrons in the short surveillance videos were minorities.

These casualty situations aren't necessarily any more prevalent than they were one, two, or three decades ago. A polarizing mentality and social media are the driving force. We don't see all the white families who are victims of mistaken identity. If we do see one, it's a news blip one night and then forever gone. It's not relived on national TV ad nauseam for two weeks accompanied by speculation and social commentary from every discrimination wacko the news media can get a microphone in front of.

The anguish at the funerals is equally acute. Senselessness reigns whether the death was a result of stupidity, negligence, or a tragic mistake. What the funerals for white victims don't have are the Al Sharpton / Jesse Jackson / Louis Farrakhan types flying in to cry injustice regardless of circumstance. They are there to draw media attention, focus emotional images nationwide, and keep tensions high.

They don't bring justice with them. Their mere presence promotes vitriol and animosity before they ever open their mouths and add baseless innuendo.

Bradford's family has a long road ahead. They have a right to anger and frustration. They need our thoughts and prayers. However, they do need not a pent-up hatred for a group of people or an individual who had no ill-intent upon his arrival at work that night.

Tragic, heart-wrenching? Indeed. Homicide? No.

That officer was involved in a situation that could have ended similarly had any one of 100 other officers - black or white - been the one in his shoes that night.

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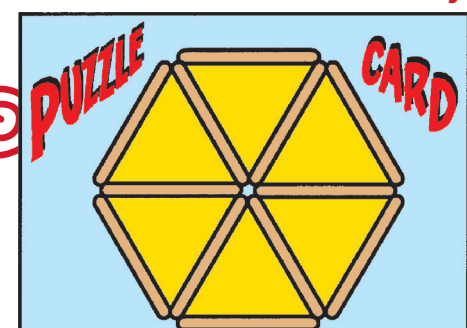


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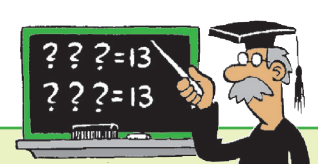
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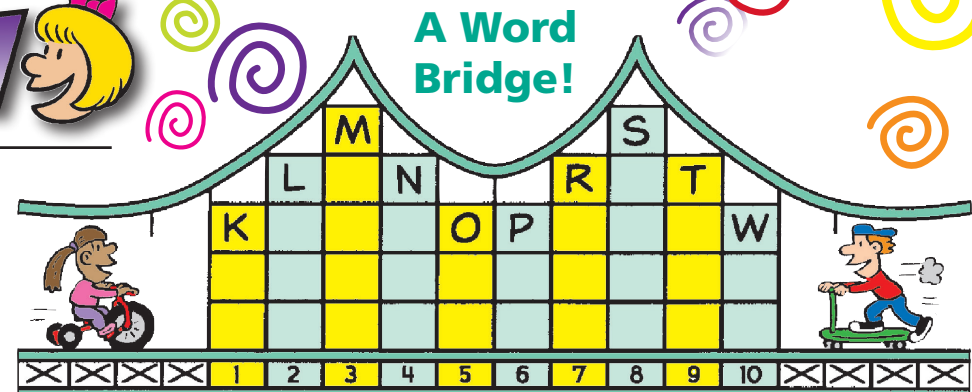


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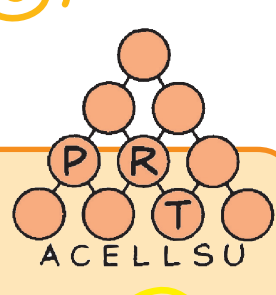


**A Word Bridge!**

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K			O	P					W

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. A small barrel.
2. Hog fat.
3. Indians cultivated it.
4. Opposite of midnight.
5. A clumsy fellow.
6. A type of talk.
7. Where coral is found.
8. Spicy sauce, or dance.
9. What ice skaters hate.
10. A frying pan.



**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

P R T  
A C E L L S U

**Answers On Page 34**

Illustrated by David Coulson

# Bloody Valentine...

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Tickets are available online and at the gate at \$15.

An MBV Couples Package is available on Feb 14 only for \$40. It includes two passes to the attraction, a souvenir photo, and a long-stem black or red rose (roses available while supplies last). MBV Package ticket holders have the option to enter the attraction as a couple or with a small group.

The main attraction Thursday (Valentine's)

Night - "Candle Light" Night

General Admission ticket holders enter the attraction in small groups and must navigate a darkened Arx Mortis and escape the Mortis Legion with the aid of only a small candle or two (candles provided).

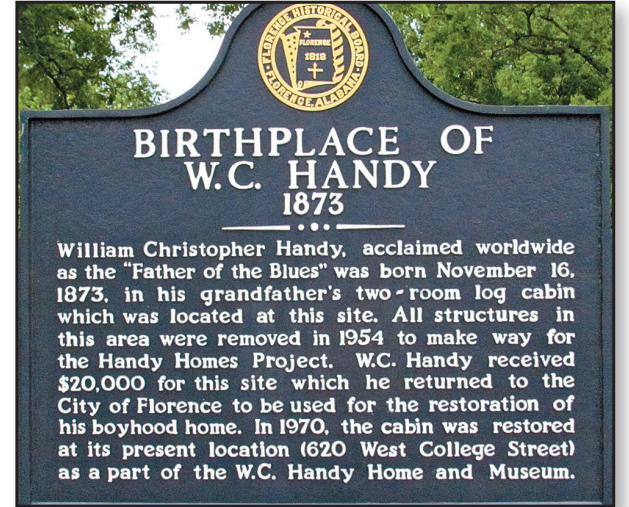
On Friday and Saturday nights small groups of General Admission ticket holders enter the attraction. The Mortis Legion has some special surprises for you!



## From the Soul

**Expressions from the Soul: Art Exhibit by Linda Thompson is on display through the month of February at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library on the second floor. Several paintings are on display from Thompson, a self-taught artist who grew up in rural Mobile, Alabama. She has been painting for over 29 years and has recently shifted her focus to abstract art.** *Courtesy photo*

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# Community Notes...

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**White Oak Community Watch Group** meets the first Sunday of each month at 2pm, except when holidays fall the week before or after. Our goal is to make our community a safe place to live. Volunteers are needed. To join attend a meeting and fill out a form for a background check.

**Florence Parks and Recreation/The Club (Senior Center)** presents **2019 travels to Branson Holiday Show Extravaganza.** Monday -Saturday, November 18-23. 6 days 5 nights. \$679 double occupancy. Deposit due now \$75. Final payment September 11. This trip is open to the general public. Call The Club 256-760-6642 or email fdavis@florenceal.org

**The Florence Parks & Recreation Dept.** will be conducting online registration for Adult Softball through March 6. Register online now at www.fpcard.com. We will be taking team registration for Men, Men Church, and Co-ed Leagues. Team fee is \$400. For more information, contact Nicole Lambert at 256-760-6628.

**Black History Month at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library** Black Migration: A New Song Saturday, February 16, 12-2pm Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. This special African American History Month event is aimed at children and families. Youth will learn about black history through the visual arts, literature, performance art, and music. For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 115.

(Repeat Presentation) Saturday, February 23, 12-2pm Handy Recreation Center. Desegregation and Education in the Quad Cities: A Panel Discussion - Sunday, February 17, from 2-4pm at Burrell Slater

Explore local African American history with this panel discussion about desegregation and education in the Shoals. Presented by the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library African American History Month Committee. For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 115.

Celebrating Poetry, Blues, Motion, and Jazz Sunday, February 24, 2-4pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Joyful performances exploring African American music, poetry, and dance. For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 115.

**Internationally acclaimed poet, Bonnie Roberts, will be inducted into the Shoals Writers Guild** as a honorary member on Saturday, February 16.

Bonnie is a native of Lauderdale County and has a vast biography with accreditations of her work in the US and Europe.

The Shoals Writers Guild is honored to add Bonnie to its honorary member roster that includes: Billy Warren; Dr. George Makowski; Lee Allen Freeman; Glyndell Clemons; Chervis Isom, and Peter Garalnick.

The induction with take place at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library at 350 N. Wood Avenue in Florence at 10am.

The Shoals Writers Guild meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at the library. Membership applications are available on their Facebook page. For more information, please email shoalswritersguild@gmail.com

**Gospel singing** Saturday, February 16 at 7pm at the Cloverdale Community Center featuring The Voices of Victory. Come enjoy good singing, food, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

**The newly formed North Alabama Civil War Round Table will hold its next meeting** on Tuesday, February 19 at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library beginning at 5:30pm. The program for this month will be "The March That Ended The Civil War" presented by John D. Thompson. Anyone with an interest in this pivotal period of our history is cordially invited to attend.

**Zip City Neighborhood Watch Meeting** - February 17, 2pm at Zip City Community Center.

**Cloverdale Neighborhood Watch Meeting** is Monday, February 18 at 7pm at the Community Center.

**"Motherwit: An Alabama Midwife's Story" by Onnie Lee Logan will be discussed** at the meeting of The Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club February 20 at 10am. The club meets at Coldwater Books, 105 West Sixth Street in Tuscumbia. For more information, email nancy537481@yahoo.com or call the store at 256 381 2525. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/174022.Motherwit

**Monthly Covered Dish Lunch and Program** at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence, on Thursday, February 21 at 11:30am. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

**The Florence Tree Commission invites the public to our annual Arbor Day celebration** beginning at 10:30am on Thursday, February 21 in the Colonnade of the Florence/Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Ave, Florence.

After the Arbor Day celebration, a commemorative tree will be planted nearby. After the tree planting, the Commission will offer some Dogwood seedlings for free to interested Florence citizens.

**Dr. Eric Kirkman will present his one man skit "Don't Hang Up"** at the Sheffield Public Library on February 21, 6:30-8pm, doors will open at 6pm. Kirkman uses music to tell about the struggles and victories of one man determined to pass on his legacy to his granddaughter. This will be followed by an evening of music by Dr. Kirkman. This program is free and open to the public.

**Hospice Volunteers Needed** - Veterans, Students, Retirees, everyone with an hour a week to share with someone in your community. Specific needs: Male veteran to visit WWII vet, Florence area. Hairdresser/Barber in all areas. alan.jordan@comfortcarehospice.org. 256-269-2100 Comfort Care Hospice, Sheffield

**Free Investment Classes** at TVA Community Credit Union, Wilson Dam Road Branch. Participants MUST Register. Contact John Ingwersen at jingwersen@gmail.com

Classes: Saturday, February 23, 10-11:30am - Understanding the Annual Report and the Annual Report Analyzer

Saturday, March 9, 10-11:30am - Understanding and Evaluating Mutual Funds Seminars - Making Safe and Informed Investment Decisions:

Tuesday, February 26, 6:30-8:30pm  
Tuesday, May 28, 6:30-8:30pm  
Tuesday, October 22, 6:30-8:30pm  
All classes and seminars are free and open to the general public.

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**A beginner's class in rug-hooking** will be conducted by Anne Norvell at Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane in Tuscumbia from 10am-noon on Saturday, February 23. To register, send advance payment of \$80, which includes all the supplies needed, including a hooking tool, wool, pattern, and hoop frame, to create a small mat featuring Spring Bunnies. The finished artwork will be suitable as an Easter table mat, wall hanging, pillow, or it may be framed. Mail check payable to Belle Mont, c/o Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation, P.O. Box 406, Tuscumbia, AL 35674. The deadline to register is February 15. For more information, call 256-381-5052 or 256-764-0392. A tour of Belle Mont, built circa 1828, will be included.

Norvell is the owner of Counting Sheep Rug Hooking Shop in Florence. The Rome, Georgia native moved to Florence with her husband and two sons in 1995. She has been rug hooking for twelve years and opened her shop in her home eight years ago. For information: 256-381-5052 or 256-764-0392. www.bellemontmansion.org

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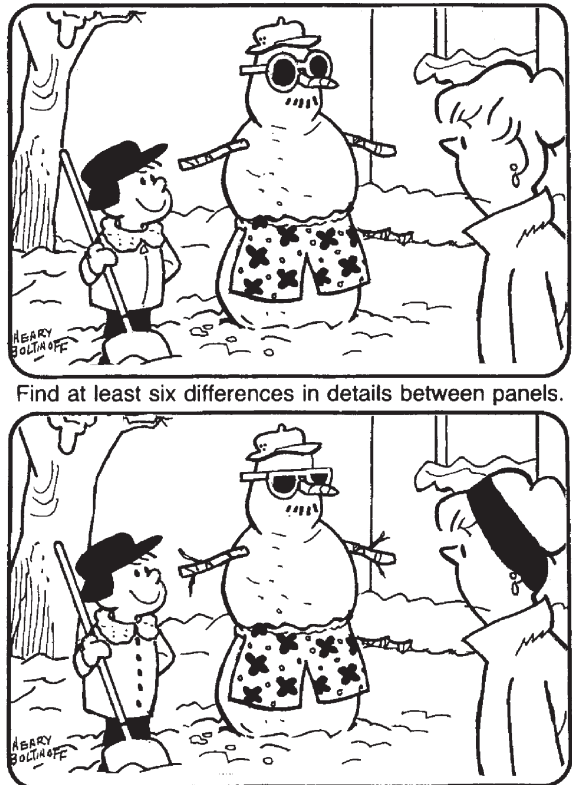
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF




Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Woman has headband. 2. Sunglasses are different. 3. Boy's shirt has buttons. 4. Tree is wider. 5. Snowman's "arms" are different. 6. Boy is taller.

# Junior Whirl Answers

by Charles Barry Townsend Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: 12 + 12/12 and 14 - 14/14 both equal 13.



A Word Bridge!

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# ON YOUR DEBT

## Don't Get Fooled By Phishing Scams – Here Are Few Tips To Avoid Getting Caught



**B. Grant McNutt**  
Managing Attorney

Unfortunately, data thieves don't ever take a break. In fact, they are ever creating new ways of bogus email schemes that seek to steal your hard-earned money or personal information.

Believe it or not, the most common way for cybercriminals to steal money, bank account information, passwords, credit cards and Social Security numbers is to simply ask for them. Every day, people fall victim to phishing scams or phone scams that cost them their time and their hard earned cash.

Here are a few steps you can take to protect against phishing and other email scams. When reading emails, you should:

**1. Be skeptical and constantly vigilant** - Never open a link or attachment from an unknown or suspicious source. Even if the email is from a known source, the recipient should approach with caution. Cyber crooks are good at acting like the IRS, trusted businesses, friends and family. Remember, criminals may have compromised your family or friend's email account and now have begun using their email contacts to send phishing emails. Therefore, it may appear to be legit, but think to yourself why a friend or family member is going to seek your personal info. The answer is THEY'RE NOT. Be on constant alert.

**2. Double check the email address.** They might also be spoofing the address with a slight change in text. For example, using name@toillustratemypoint.com as opposed to name@toillustratemypoint.com. Merely changing the "m" to an "r" and "n" can trick you if you are not being constantly vigilant.

**3. Please note that the IRS doesn't contact with taxpayers by email to ask for personal or financial information.** This includes asking for information via text messages and social media channels. The IRS does not call you and threaten lawsuits or to have you arrested.

**4. Please do not click on hyperlinks in suspicious emails.** When you are in doubt, you should not use hyperlinks, but instead go directly to the source's main web page. You should also remember that no legitimate business or organization will ask for sensitive financial information by email.

**5. Use security software to protect against malware and viruses found in phishing emails.** Some security software can help identify suspicious websites that are used by cybercriminals.

**6. Use strong passwords to protect online accounts.** I urge you, with any type of online account, to review new, stronger standards to protect your passwords. Doing so will help protect against savvy cybercriminals who want to access your account and steal your identity.

Here are 3 Steps you can follow to build a better password:

**Step 1:** Use the power of association. Identify associated items that have personal meaning and use them in your passwords.

**Step 2:** Make unique associations. Passphrases should be words that can go together in your head, but no one else would ever suspect.

a. Good example: Items in a living room such as BlueCouchFlowerBamboo.

b. Bad example: Names of children or pets.

**Step 3:** Create a passphrase that you can picture in your head. The key is to create a passphrase that is hard for a cybercriminal to guess, but easy for you to remember.

**7. Use multi-factor authentication when offered.** Two-factor authentication means that in addition to entering a username and password, the user must enter a security code. This code is usually sent as a text to your mobile phone. Even if a thief manages to steal your username and password, it is unlikely the crook would also have your actual phone.

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