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UNA's Nix is Winner

ATLANTA - The ASUN Conference has recognized UNA junior cross-country runner **Kara Nix** of Muscle Shoals on its 2019-20 Fall *Winners for Life* team. The team comprises one student-athlete from each of the nine member institutions and honors those who display excellence on and off the playing surface.

Nix

Nix was second-team All-ASUN honoree. She placed second on her North Alabama squad at the ASUN Women's Cross Country Championships with a time of 17:52.01 good for 13th overall. She and her teammates helped the Lions take fifth place with 122 points. Nix is an active member of the UNA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, serves as President of the American Chemical Society (Student Chapter) and as Secretary of the UNA Industrial Hygiene Association. The junior Industrial Hygiene and Chemistry major was named to the All-Academic Team last fall. She also participates in the Lion Buddies Mentor Program and Baptist Campus Ministries Christmas Adopt-A-Child.

Noted Author in Florence

FLORENCE – The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library will host an author lunch with

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Born in 1830

Founders'Day Marks 190 Years

From left, Louise and L.C. Lenz, of the LaGrange College site are featured with UNA First Lady, Dena Kitts, and President, Dr. Ken Kitts. *UNA photo*

FLORENCE – Members of the University of North Alabama campus community came together to celebrate the institution's 190th birthday last week. Students received free t-shirts and cupcakes as part of the Founders' Day celebration. President Ken Kitts spoke on behalf of the University and its long and rich history.

"It's a new tradition at UNA," he said to the assembled crowd. "We often boast about the University being the oldest four-year University in the state; it is also accurate to say that we're the oldest state-chartered institution in Alabama."

LaGrange College was

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STEM CLASSROOM GRANTS

TVA Awards 143

FLORENCE – The Tennessee Valley Authority, in partnership with Bicentennial Volunteers Incorporated, a TVA retiree organization, recented awarded monetary grants to 143 institutions designed to bring STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education projects to schools throughout the Tennessee Valley.

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Rosemond Touts Parental Power

FLORENCE–Riverhill School in Florence is bringing nationally known author, syndicated columnist, and family psychologist, John Rosemond, to the Shoals in late January.

Rosemond is known for his sound advice and relaxed style as one of America's busiest and most popular public speakers.

Rosemond will be speaking on, "Parenting with Love and Leadership," from 6:30-8pm on Tuesday, January 28 at Highland Baptist Church at 219 Simpson Street in Florence.

Rosemond

"Parenting with Love and Leadership" is a humorous, yet thought-provoking seminar during which family psychologist Rosemond describes the contemporary parenting conundrum in clear, compelling terms. He then describes a practical, tested solution

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New York Times bestselling author, **Marie Benedict,** on Wednesday, February 5 from 11:30am-1pm.

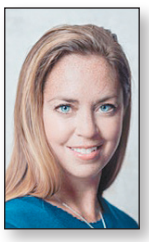
Marie will be talking about her latest novel, *Lady Clementine*. The book explores the life of **Clementine Churchill**, whose story is much more than just being Winston Churchill's wife. Benedict has dedicated her writing career to telling the stories of important but often overlooked women from history.

Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com and search Marie Benedict. Each $35 ticket includes event entry, a copy of *Lady Clementine*, and lunch from Chicken Salad Chick.

Author **Lynda Cohen** Loigman said of the book:

"Marie Benedict has gifted us all with another thoughtful and illuminating behind-the-scenes look at one of history's most unusual and extraordinary women. Benedict stuns readers with a glorious assortment of Clementine Churchill's most personal secrets: her scandalous childhood, her unexpected role as a social outsider, her maternal insecurities, and the daily struggles she faces to smooth her husband's political blunders and to keep up with his relentless demands for guidance and attention."

Benedict is a lawyer with more than a decade of experience as a litigator with two of the country's premier law firms. She found her calling unearthing the hidden historical stories of some of the more fascinating women of history.


Benedict

Benedict brings them into the light of present-day where we can appreciate the breadth of their contributions and gain modern-day insights.

Survey of Area Homeless

SHOALS–Every January the HCC conducts a survey of the homeless population, called the Point-in-Time Survey. This survey is a snapshot of the homeless on a given day. That survey is going to be conducted on Friday, January 24. This is not only a great way to give back to your community, but it is also a great way for students to earn community service hours!

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Thursday, January 23, 5:30am – 3:30pm, Tri-Cities Manufacturing, 801 Missouri Street, Tuscumbia

Friday, January 24, 10am – 4pm, Robbins LLC, 3415 Thompson Street, Muscle Shoals

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The competitive STEM Classroom grant program, operated in partnership with Battelle Education, received more than 290 grant requests from six states across TVA's service territory.

"This is the second year we offered this program to the entire Valley, and we saw a major increase in grant applications this year," said Rachel Crickmar, Community Engagement Senior Program Manager. "There is a demand in the Valley for workforce development through STEM education. I am proud of the way TVA and our retirees are responding to that demand."

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founded in Leighton in Colbert County. It welcomed 70 students and faculty to campus when it opened on Jan. 11, 1830, and there have been eight name changes since then. The college became the University of North Alabama in 1974 as part of the final name change.

The LaGrange College site caretakers, L.C. and Louise Lenz, were present for the event in homage to its founding in Leighton. Items from the UNA Archives were also on display, including yearbooks, photos, and iconography from the past.

Founders' Day will be a part of annual celebrations on the UNA campus as the 200th birthday approaches in 2030.

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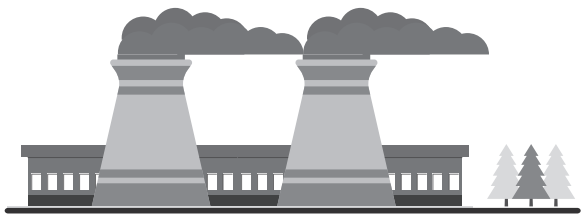

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This is where lawyers have conversations with clients about the difference between notice and knowledge. The Rules of Civil Procedure spell out how someone is given formal, legal notice of a lawsuit. The rules provide for service by a sheriff or certified mail, return receipt requested. The rules allow for special process servers not related to either party over 19 years of age. If these rules are followed and the party is served ("you've been served") the court finds that service according to the rules has been "perfected". Mere knowledge that a lawsuit has been without formal service does not begin a lawsuit.

After service of process the formal process of discovery begins. This consists of written questions called interrogatories and request for production of documents, photographs and other items relevant to the facts of the case. Then the parties testify under oath in depositions that can be used at trial. Any mistake made in a deposition looks like a falsehood at trial.

After discovery is completed the court has the opportunity on the motion of either party to consider a motion to dispose of the case on the pleadings based on the facts and the law presented. If the facts are undisputed, in certain cases, the court can apply the law and find for either of the parties on some or all of the issues. This is known as summary judgment.

After summary judgment, a case is scheduled for trial. The Rules of Civil Procedure govern how a trial is conducted with lots of leeway as to how a judge wants their courtroom run and the trial conducted. After a jury hears the facts and renders a verdict, the trial is over and subject to appeal.

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THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT?

by "The Computer Skeptic"

"THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT" IS THE GOLDEN RULE for small businesses. Or is it? I certainly understand the sentiment behind it. It usually does no good to argue with a client but there are some fun exceptions to this rule. In my business, the customer is not only not always right, but sometimes colossally wrong. These are their stories.

Jim Fisher

A really nice retired couple brought their laptop computer in for some common issues. We got it back to them the next day on Friday. When they picked it up both of them insisted that we were giving them someone else's computer. We looked at our paperwork which read, "red Dell laptop," and searched the office for another red laptop to no avail. We even showed them some documents on the computer that obviously belonged to them but they still insisted it was not their computer. After a bit more research, my staff determined that the computer did, in fact, belong to the retired couple and informed the clients of our final decision. The couple got super mad at us for doing a switcheroo with their computer. They told us their grandson was coming into town over the weekend and he would verify that we switched out their computer and that they would be in touch with the Better Busines Bureau, tell all their friends what we did, and stomped out with the computer. Their reaction ruined everyone's day.

The following Monday morning the same couple came by our office with a huge plate of delicious homemade brownies and an even larger slice of humble pie. Their grandson had come to town and verified that their computer was, in fact, their computer. Their gracious apology was enough to make up for the previous bad day and then some.

Then there's the story of the angry guy with printer issues (or maybe he was a printer guy with anger issues). He asked us to completely erase his computer and make it like new again. No problem! We did the job and had it back to him the next day. Later that day, BIG PROBLEM. The guy took his computer home and fussed with getting his printer working, couldn't get it to work, so he brought the printer to our office, angrily slammed it onto our service counter, and through gritted teeth exclaimed, "THE. PRINTER. IS. NOT. WORKING!"

I explained to the guy that he asked us to erase his computer and that meant he had to re-install the printer software. He was not impressed. He insisted that we screwed up so we had to fix it. I told him we were willing to do that he would have to bring the computer back because he had only brought us his printer. He stomped out and we never heard from him again. It's actually pretty rare that we come across someone that should not own a computer. This guy was one of them.

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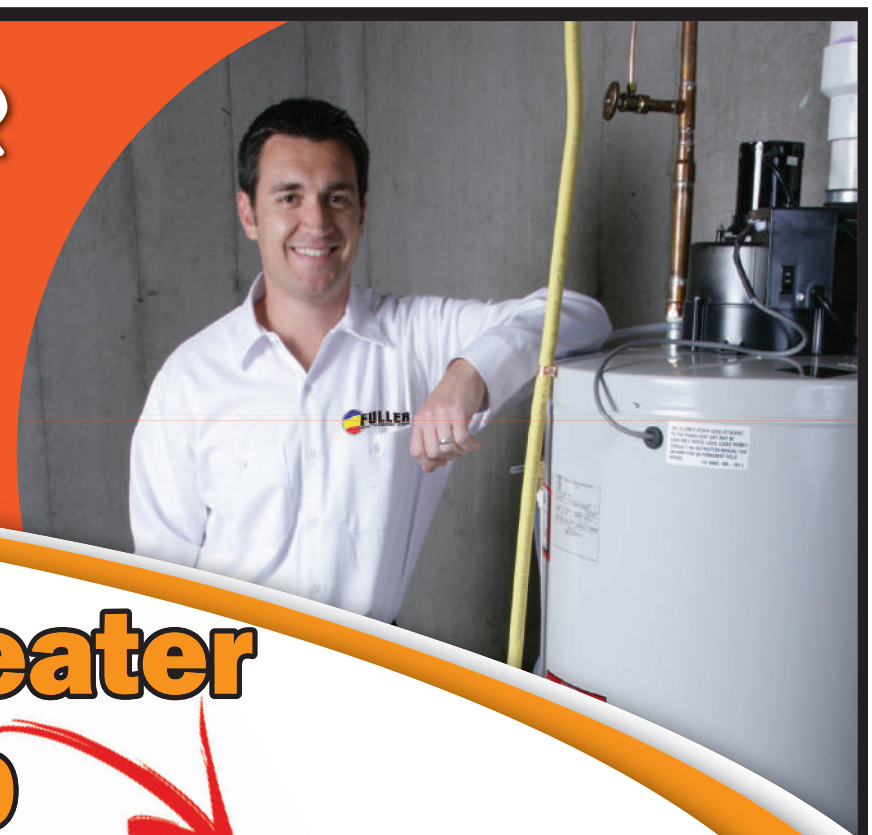
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A Great Game with Class Acts

In A Few Words

TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Most football fans enjoyed watching last Monday's NCAA Playoff National Championship Game between Clemson and LSU. The Bayou Bengals' 42-25 win is important to fans of the respective teams. However, to the football fans without a favorite, it was a great game! It was not as close as many thought it would be, but for build-up and story lines, it was hard to beat. It was a good way to close out a great season with the *Courier Journal's* Game Day Scorecard Contest as well. It was yet another week where a tiebreaker was needed to determine our winner.

On the way to the title, LSU defeated the top four teams in the preseason poll, Alabama, Clemson, Georgia, and Oklahoma.

Quarterback Joe Burrow came out of obscurity this year to put a Championship Game exclamation point on LSU's record-breaking offensive season and validate his Heisman Trophy.

LSU joined Clemson (from last year) in college football's exclusive 15-win club. They are the only two teams since the 1800's to win

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Courier Journal in the Shoals
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The Throwback Bash is an exciting evening of music, dancing, musical performances, and games. DJ Lavale Cooper will play your favorite hits from all three decades! Come dressed in your favorite decade's fashion and show us your best dance moves! Costume contests for best dressed!

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Museum Exhibiting Full Isom Collection

TUSCUMBIA – A full body of artwork donated by Billy and Wanda Isom over the course of decades is now on exhibition in its entirety at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art through February 13.

The Isom Collection consists of a large body of fine, ornithological Audubon prints, Japanese woodblock prints, and works from international masters like Picasso and Miro as well as regionally acclaimed

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Happening THIS WEEK

SHOALS DEMOCRATS ARE GATHERING Monday, January 27 at IBEW Local 558 in Sheffield at 1803 E 17th St. The speaker will be James Parker of Attalla, Alabama He is a graduate of Jacksonville State University and he currently serves as the Treasurer for the Alabama Young Democrats and the Secretary for the Etowah County Young Democrats. He also serves as the male representative on the State of Alabama Democratic Executive Committee for District 28 and ran for the City Council in 2016. The Meet & Greet is at 6pm. Come meet local candidates and Mr. Parker. The meeting with speaker is at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

THE FLORENCE-LAUDERDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY Sunday Travel Series for January 2020 concludes at 2pm. Sunday, January 26 with *Get Out of Town: London* with Dr. Cheryl Blake Price, Dr. Brenna Wardell, and UNA students. FLPL is located at 350 North Wood Ave. in Florence. 256-764-6564

THE 4TH SATURDAY BREAKFAST at the Zip City Community Center is January 25, 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults $6, children 10 and under $3. Proceeds used for Center expenses. Everyone is welcome. 10511 Hwy. 17, in Florence.

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Wake Up Mom & Pop!

Dear Editor:

Look at the small towns all around us which have been thriving over the last several years. Rogersville is now getting a new Taco Bell. Athens is booming with new growth.

Why does it seem that Killen is not progressing? Oh yeah, we got a new BBQ place with one only a mile down the road. Seems like Killen is still stuck on the "mom & pop" idea.

Jack's has been trying for years to come to Killen, but Killen doesn't want new growth. Killen needs to wake up!

We're just taking our money to the next town. Killen is just plain boring. Get with it. It's 2020!!

D. Williams
Killen

Funding not Socialism

Editor:

Once again we need a lesson with regards to "Socialism" that seems to throw fear into so many uninformed people.

Social programs are not to be misconstrued as Socialism. Funding for programs such as farm subsidies, manufacturing subsidies, schools, libraries, roads, Medicare subsidies, public health clinics and hospitals, bridges, and welfare for those in abject poverty are elementary in any democracy and paid for by taxes. Once we understand that WE are the public, we might see the path that is so overstated by those that don't understand or that misunderstand purposely.

All federal, state, and city taxes are supposed to be used for the good of all our citizens, not just one segment. Those are social programs, a very far cry from a socialist republic. Taxes are not being paid by the rich corporations such as Amazon or Walmart. It looks like by the charts that the middle working class are

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There is trash everywhere, and it is disgusting. This really shows what the people who live here think of their own town and state.

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Janelle Arthur
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Arthur soon began her *American Idol* journey. She persisted for three years to make it to the Top 5 out of 120,000 competitors. Janelle received international exposure on Idol and on shows like the *TODAY Show, The Kelly & Michael Show*, and *The Tonight Show* with **Jay Leno**. She has been the opening act for **Craig Morgan, Rascal Flatts**, and has performed alongside and/or collaborated with The Henningson's, The Band Perry, and **Vince Gill**.

Arthur's lifelong dream was to perform on the Grand Ole Opry stage, and she has fulfilled that dream multiple times since her debut in 2013.

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paying the biggest percentage of their income. The top 1% are paying a smaller percentage than they have ever paid. Still a good amount, but each share might make life better for our military, firefighters, and police officers who sadly sometimes are not paid a living wage. Anyone who makes $10 /hour is still not in a tax bracket that will keep them above the poverty levels.

We are a nation of great wealth, and it would be better for those who are trying to climb up to maintain their family and home. However, just one emergency will break a budget. When they speak of Medicare For All, it does seem far-fetched. Yet it would be a great blessing for the uninsured or those paying thousands in premiums and deductibles or high prescription costs. This still does not make it a socialist republic. Many countries have full coverage and they are not socialists.

If you want to look at spending, you must also start from the top down. I'm thinking $600,000 for golf cart rentals is a bit overboard.

Linda Johnson
Florence

Cripple Iran's Weaponry

Editor:

Dr. Jessica Tuchman Mathews described why the Trump administration should continue the Iranian nuclear agreement way back in a *New Hampshire Union Leader* 2017 oped.

She delved into the value of the agreement and how the U.S. and the world were relatively safe from a nuclear attack by Iran for 15 years if the agreement remained in force. This was flawed thinking.

Dr. Mathews and other proponents of the agreement believed the international surveillance program designed to monitor Iran's compliance with the agreement would ensure Iran could not develop its nuclear arms program. This was a theoretical fantasy. Iran hides its nuclear weapons development activities from international surveillance systems and continues to expand its nuclear arsenal. Thankfully, President Trump exited the agreement.

Iran is a primary sponsor of radical Islamic terrorism. It wants to spread its virulent anti-Western Islamic Fascism throughout the Middle East. Additionally, Iran and its proxies are threatening and attacking our military forces in the region.

President Trump should continue sanctions against Iran to cripple its strategic weapons programs. We need more defensive systems and offensive firepower in the Middle East to deter Iran from attacking U.S. forces and partners and interests in the region.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

#1 - We Are Tops in Trash

To the Editor:

I was on vacation the week before this Christmas. In that time

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16 CHEVY MALIBU	1G1ZB5STXGF193005	41AC735	WHITE	CHISHOLM RD
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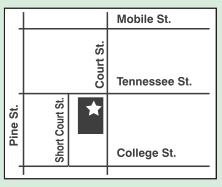

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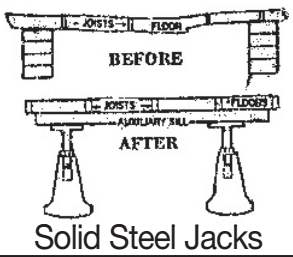

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15 games in one season. Clemson's 29 game win streak was snapped in the process.

The President and First Lady received a rousing and extended welcome from the crowd as they made their way onto the field prior to the national anthem.

Who can't be happy for LSU head coach and Louisiana native, Ed Orgeron? Football fans know he has had a difficult time in some previous coaching stops. He has always been enthusiastic and humble, and his dream job has always been to get back in state and coach the LSU Tigers. Plus, how can you not love that voice?

Orgeron re-evaluated himself after three modest seasons at LSU, made some great assistant hires, and the results this year need no explanation.

This was LSU's fourth national championship game appearance since 1998 when the BCS/CFP era began. The championship games rotate around some of America's top football venues and are set years in advance. Amazingly, all four of LSU's appearances were played at the Superdome down the road from its Baton Rouge campus. LSU is now 3-1 in national title games.

Clemson sophomore QB Trevor Lawrence shouldered the bulk of the blame for his team's loss.

Perhaps one of the most resonating images centered around Clemson coach Dabo Swinney's comments during his brief post-game interview outside the locker room.

He was incredibly gracious and generous with his praise and compliments for the winners. He seemed genuinely happy for LSU as a team and for coach "O."

Dabo was appreciative of his players and for what they managed to accomplish over the last two years. He was also looking forward to getting back to work with an eye on next year.

Dabo expressed thanks for God's grace in allowing him to be part of such a special situation with this special group of people.

I am not a Clemson fan, but I am a Dabo Swinney fan. He's a winner and a great example of humility and perspective. I would love to have my student athlete play under his tutelage for four years.

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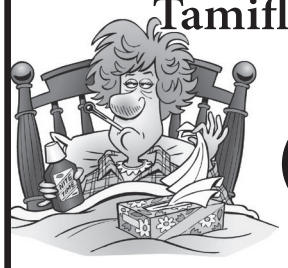

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WEEK 20 WINNER (January 13): DIANA ALLEN of Killen, AL

Three Game Day Scorecard entrants correctly picked a 17 point LSU win over Clemson in the NCAA Playoff National Championship Game. Of those three, **Diana Allen of Killen** has the closest to the correct 42-25 score by picking LSU 45-28. **Congratulations Diana on winning the final $50 Longhorn Steakhouse Gift Certificate for the college season.** *Congratulations to all of this year's Game Day Scorecard winners, and thanks to everyone for entering the contest this year.* ***What a fun season it was! We look forward to seeing your weekly picks again next season!***

Week 1 (Weekend of Sept. 1) Winner: Elaine Poorman of Florence
Week 2 (Weekend of Sept. 7) Winner: Randy James of Rogersville
Week 3 (Weekend of Sept. 14) Winner: Georgia Priest of Town Creek
Week 4 (Weekend of Sept. 21) Winner: Howard Stanfield of Florence (PERFECT CARD)
Week 5 (Weekend of Sept. 28) Winner: Roanna Waynick of Florence (PERFECT CARD)
Week 6 (Weekend of Oct. 5) Winner: Jamie Reid of Muscle Shoals
Week 7 (Weekend of Oct. 12) Winner: Justin Chambers of Killen (PERFECT CARD)
Week 8 (Weekend of Oct. 19) Winner: Jason Elliot of Spruce Pine
Week 9 (Weekend of Oct. 26) Winner: Willie Jenkins of Athens, AL
Week 10 (Weekend of Nov. 2) Winner: Larry Linville of Florence, AL (PERFECT CARD)
Week 11 (Weekend of Nov. 9) Winner: Dustine Haffner of Athens, AL
Week 12 (Weekend of Nov. 16) Winner: Edward McDonald of Florence, AL (PERFECT CARD)
Week 13 (Weekend of Nov. 23) Winner: Tommy Roberts of Florence, AL
Week 14 (Weekend of Nov. 30) Winner: Paul Reinemuth of Sheffield, AL (PERFECT CARD)
Week 15 (Weekend of Dec. 7) Winner: Rustin Cox of Lexington, AL (PERFECT CARD)
Week 16 (Weekend of Dec. 14) Winner: OFF WEEK - No Winner
Week 17 (Weekend of Dec. 21) Winner: Kim Riedout of Florence, AL
Week 18 (Dec. 27-Jan 2) CARD 1 Winner: Equilla Smith of Tuscumbia, AL
Week 18 (Dec. 27-Jan 2) CARD 2 Winner: Glenda Thigpen of Florence, AL
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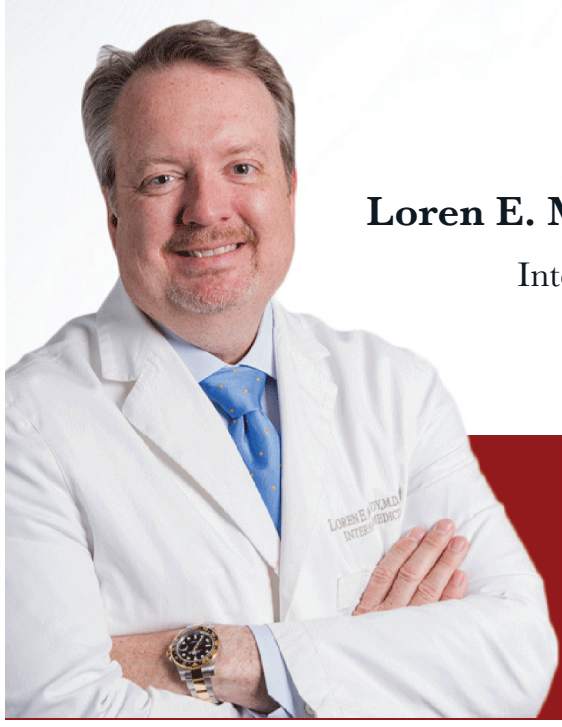

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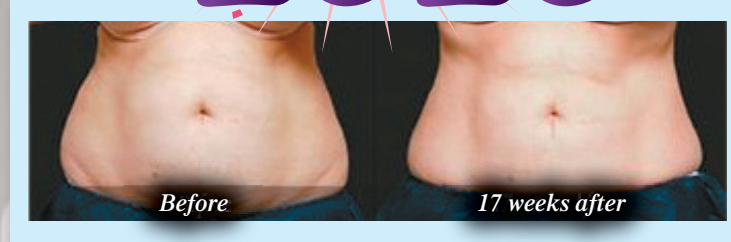

DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

THERE'S NO MAGIC PILL

Dear Dave,

My wife and I made a resolution this year to pay off $20,000 in credit card debt we've accumulated. I want us to follow your plan, and live on a really tight budget. She wants us to use a debt consolidation company, like some of her friends have done. I'm really against her idea, but how can I change her mind?

Blake

Dear Blake,

I'm glad you two have made the decision to get out of debt, and gain control of your finances. When it comes to this sort of thing, it's wise to remember there's no magic pill. No debt consolidation company is going to get you out of debt and help you stay out of debt. The answer is learning how to control yourself and your behavior with money.

Using a debt consolidation company seems appealing, because there's usually a lower monthly payment or lower interest rate attached. The problem in most cases, however, is the lower payment or interest rate exists only because the term is extended. You might pay a little less each month, but you end up staying in debt longer.

There are other problems involved in using debt consolidation companies, too. For one thing, it can trash your credit for a long time when it comes to buying a car or a house. For these reasons I sometimes refer to it as a CON-solidation, because the whole thing is basically a con. They make you think you're really doing something about your debt problem, but the debt—and all the bad habits that caused it—are still there.

My guess is your wife's friends think using a debt consolidation company is an easy, harmless way to get out of a financial mess. But sometimes you've got to be an adult, admit the mistakes you've made, and do what it takes to straighten things out. This kind of thing isn't a math issue. It's a behavior issue. Making the decision to get out of debt and never go back there again, by living on a really tight budget and making sacrifices, is the best way to fix this mess and learn a lesson in the process.

Live like no one else, so that later, you can live—and give—like no one else. Stay away from debt consolidation companies, Blake. Doing this the right way is worth it!

—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 and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

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#1 - We Are Tops in Trash

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Congratulations everyone on your accomplishments. TRASH RULES!!!

T. Newhouse
Muscle Shoals

Straight Talk from God

To the Editor:

Most of us have read or heard recently that a prominent religious organization is facing a split based on whether adherents support or do not support the tenants and practices of the homosexual lifestyle.

Some say this lifestyle should be treated as normal.

How should issues like this be decided? Or is this an issue at all? Or has this question already been answered/decided?

God teaches us that His word is the absolute truth. His word will set man free, and it will serve to judge one's life here on earth (John 17:17, John 8:32, John 12:48). God assures us that we can rely on the truthfulness of the holy scriptures without question. (II Timothy 3:16-17).

God loves the souls of men and women. He desires for each person to live a happy and prosperous life here on earth and in heaven (John 3:16).

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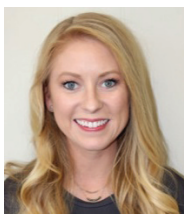

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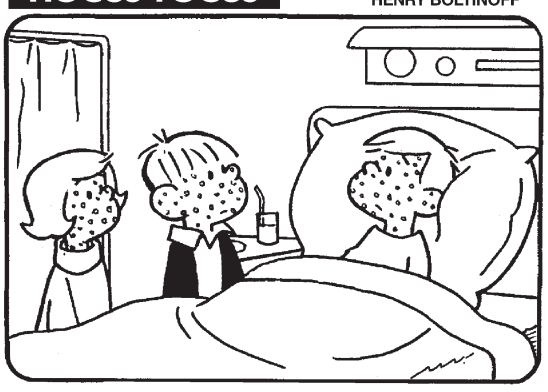

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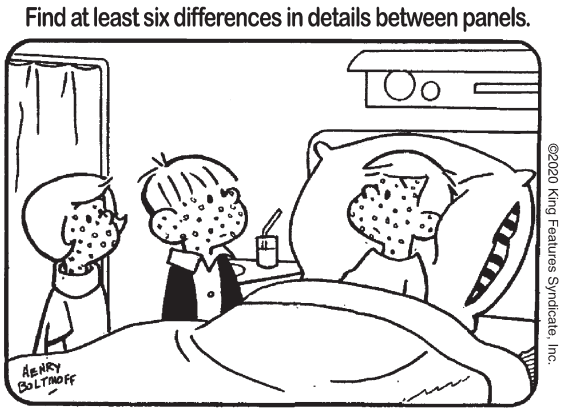

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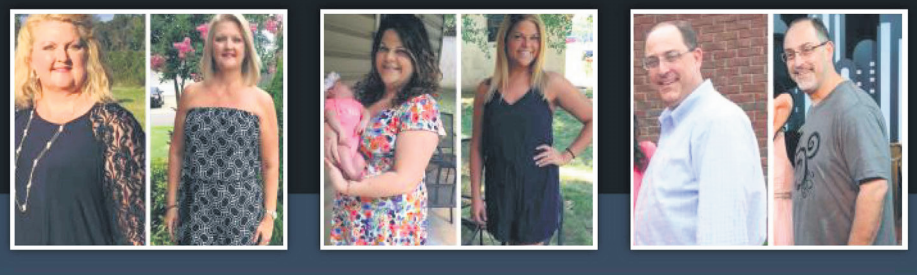

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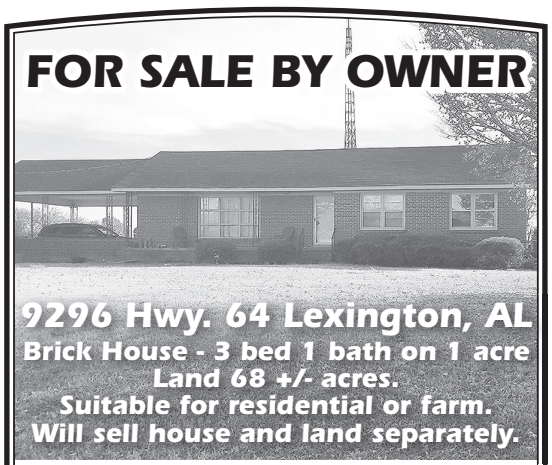

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Letters...

Straight Talk from God

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been designed and adopted by man to support the dictates and practices of this world. These doctrines must not be allowed to substitute for the will of God (Matthew 15:8-9).

We learn in the scriptures that homosexuality is an inordinate, immoral lifestyle, a practice that has been created by men who are influenced and guided by the god of this world.

God tells us that He has created them male and female. (Matthew 19:4). Men and women have no authority from God, our Creator, to change this core theme of life. Same–sex marriage??

God is clear about how He views the homosexual lifestyle. Let's notice:

In Romans 1: 26-27, & 32, God teaches us, "--- 26 God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them."

In Leviticus 20:13, God describes the homosexual lifestyle and practice as an abomination. In other words, God loathes and hates the practice.

To adopt homosexuality as a lifestyle, is by choice (I Corinthians 6:9-11).

In Jude 1:7, God responded to man's impenitence, "- - as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Sally refused to believe Wyatt's news about reconciling with Flo and vowed that she would not make it easy for him to leave her. Flo attempted to make amends with Bill. Eric warned Quinn to quit interfering in other people's relationships. Sally showed up at Flo's apartment to set the record straight about her and Wyatt. Thomas thanked Hope for not abandoning his son. Eric gave Quinn some bad news about Shauna. Thomas continued to use Zoe as a cover. Quinn told Ridge flat out that he'd be much happier with Shauna than with Brooke. Katie counseled Wyatt on his relationships with Flo and Sally. Quinn promised Brooke that she would take her down if she didn't mind her own business. *Wait to See: Zoe is flattered by Carter's interest in her.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Sonny and Justin revisited the last day of Adrienne's life, which happened to be last Mother's Day. Sonny had a surprising proposal for Will. Sarah went into labor. Tony learned that Anna betrayed him. Maggie got an upsetting visit from someone from her past. Xander made an admission to Victor. As Kristen prepared to give birth, a complication arose. Will found Adrienne and Sarah in a precarious situation. Xander helped Sarah deliver her baby. Kayla relayed some heartbreaking news to Justin. A guilt-ridden Will confided in JJ. Kristen's entire world was shattered. Justin informed Sonny that Adrienne had died. Victor and Xander made a fateful decision. *Wait to See: Abigail tells JJ that Haley has died.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Willow grew increasingly frustrated. Gladys was very impressed. Laura set her sights on a new project. Curtis checked on Nina. Ava attempted to smooth things over. Nelle was left shaken. Martin stayed close to Valentin. Michael found Josslyn on the docks. Lulu arrived to pick up Charlotte. Ava and Nikolas came to an agreement. Michael defended Sasha. Sonny tried to comfort Mike. Finn confronted Nikolas. Nina was perplexed. Jordan rushed to deal with an emergency and feared for what was to come. Finn delivered an ultimatum. Valentin was served a court order. Sonny arrived at the ER. Nelle tried to appeal to Brooke Lynn's senses. *Wait to See: Willow questions Brad's bizarre behavior.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victoria confronted Billy after finding a receipt to a bar in Billy's pocket. He admitted that he had been confiding in Amanda, which hurt Victoria even more. As a recovering addict herself, Nikki related to Billy's struggle to live up to another's expectations. Victor invited Adam and Chelsea for dinner at the ranch. Later, Adam announced his desire to leave a legacy for Connor by reviving Dark Horse. Kyle witnessed the chemistry between Theo and Lola at the Jabot party. Jack introduced Theo to Jill as the newest member of the Abbott family. Elena insisted her interest in Nate was professional and had to do with the mobile medical clinic. *Wait to See: Nick and Chelsea share an awkward encounter.*

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Florence Parks & Recreation Dept Registration for Youth Softball Program *- NOW through February 23 for girls ages 5-12. You can register now on our website www.FPARD.com. Registration fee is $35 per player. For more information contact David Dolan 256-760-6628.*

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Paul Saik in Concert *Sunday, January 26, 6:30pm at First United Methodist Church, 415 North Seminary St., Florence.*

He has performed on Broadway. A versatile singer, he has performed with opera companies throughout the United States and around the world. He has appeared with various symphonies and has worked with the likes of Baz Luhrmann ("Moulin Rouge") in the New York Broadway scene. Now his passion is leading people in worship, and his music has touched many people as he has performed in numerous churches throughout the country.

Come and join us for an evening of inspirational music.

Central Community Center Covered Dish Luncheon *on Monday, January 27 at 11:30am. There will be entertainment.*

The Shoals Democrats gathering *takes place Monday, January 27 at IBEW Local 558, at 1803 E 17th St in Sheffield. The speaker will be James Parker, of Attalla, AL. He is a graduate of Jacksonville State University. He currently serves as the Treasurer for the Alabama Young Democrats and the Secretary for the Etowah County Young Democrats. He also serves as the male representative on the State of Alabama Democratic Executive Committee for District 28 and has ran for the City Council in 2016.*

The Meet & Greet is at 6pm. Come meet local candidates and Mr. Parker. The meeting with speaker is at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

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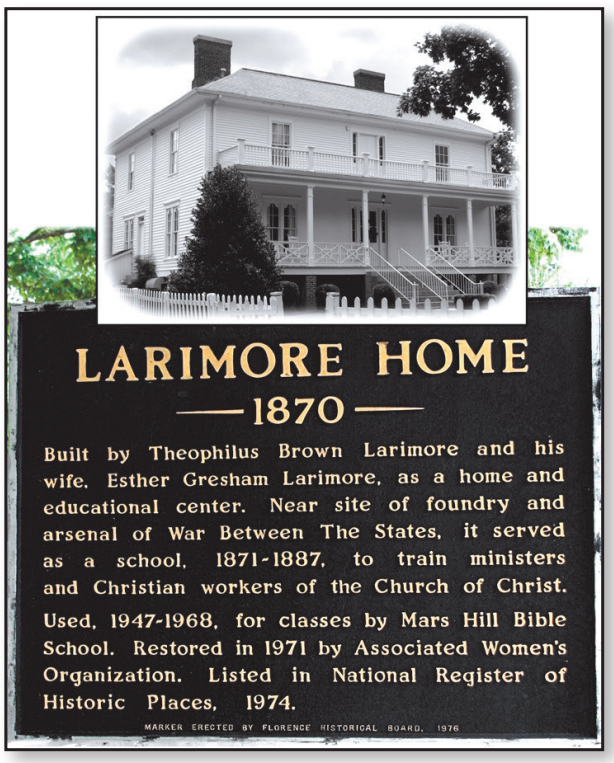

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Athletic SUPPORT

by Eli Cranor

Help! My daughter wants to play football

Dear Athletic Support: *My daughter has recently expressed interest in joining the high school football team. At first, I was shocked; I couldn't even imagine how it would work. The more I've thought about it, though, the more I've started second guessing myself. I mean, this is America, right? Land of the free, home of the brave. If my daughter wants to play, why can't she? Your thoughts, please. —* ***Proud Dad***

Dear Proud: If my daughter wanted to join the high school football team, I'd want to explain a few things to her before she made her final decision.

First, there's the issue of the locker room. As a girl on an all-boy team, your daughter—or mine—would constantly be subjected to exile. This, of course, would be for her own good. There's simply no way to mix boys and girls in a locker room without trouble.

The next thing for any girl wanting to play football to consider is the physicality of the game. When tackling or blocking, or even spotting a teammate during a workout, it's almost impossible to avoid touching places that would be considered off limits if that person happened to be a female.

During my tenure as a head high school football coach, I actually held a meeting with a girl who was interested in joining my team. The girl's mother was sitting right beside her as I explained all the parts on her daughter's body that could get touched if she decided to play.

It was cringe worthy to say the least, and in the end, the girl decided football wasn't for her. But what about your daughter? What about mine?

I'm more of a dad now than a coach, so my perspective has definitely changed. I'm no longer thinking of what's best for the team, but instead, what's best for Emmy Lynn Cranor.

It would be hard to look Em in the eyes and tell her she couldn't play ball with the boys, especially if that's what she really wanted to do. In fact, there's a huge part of my heart that would be proud. While prepping for this column, I did a little research and found girls on football teams across the country, already out there, paving the way.

In 2019, Toni Harris signed a National Letter of Intent to play college football for Central Methodist University, becoming the first female position player to ever receive a college football scholarship. Toni had this to say about her career during an interview with CNN: "I told myself no one's ever going to decide what I am going to do with my life. That's my decision."

After hearing Toni's story, it's hard for me to imagine holding my daughter back in any way. Then again, it's the job of a father to protect his child, especially when she's too young to make a reasonable decision on her own.

For me, the hardest part of being a parent—or a coach—is determining when to put my foot down and when to take a step back. But if all the factors involved in this decision have been thoroughly explained to your daughter, it might be time to take a step back and let her make this call on her own.

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or visit elicranor.com

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