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UCP Reflects on 50 Years

TUSCUMBIA - United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Alabama will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with an Open House on Saturday, April 11 from 2-4pm at 507 N. Hook Street in Tuscombina.

Anyone who has had anything to do with UCP over the last fifty years is welcome to come out and celebrate. That includes employees, board members, volunteers, supporters, and clients and their families.

Refreshments will be served.

Two Added in Red Bay

RED BAY-Erin Pounders recently was named Director of Rehab Services and WellCare Center at Red Bay Hospital.

Pounders is originally from Sheffield and is a graduate of Deshler High School, Northwest Shoals, and UNA. She earned her Ph.D. in Physical Therapy from Arkansas State University. Pounders has previously worked for Helen Keller Hospital and also works with Stepping Stone Pediatric Therapy. She replaces Vicki Hovater who retired in January.

Justin Cox was recently selected as Fitness Specialist. Justin is originally from the Red Bay/Belmont area. Justin graduated from Union University with a BS in Athletic Training.

A New Sales Officer in MS

SHEFFIELD-Bank Independent last week announced the addition of Ben Alexander as sales officer in the Muscle Shoals sales office.



He comes to Bank Independent from SunTrust Bank in Florence where he served as branch manager. Alexander was also a financial advisor at BBVA Compass Bank and an

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Someone took this picture of 10 year-old heart surgery patient, Gary Bentley, with Nurse Kathy at UAB in 1971.

Courtesy Gary Bentley

CASA Event: Nurse Kathy -Gary's

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Bentley

SHOALS - A tattered picture of a young boy with a scar across his chest who was searching for a nurse to thank her for her kindness became an overnight phenomenon. The story has been featured in print and electronic media across Alabama including here in the *Courier Journal*, *Yahoo! News*, *DailyMail-UK* and *Good Morning America's* website. Gary Bentley and Nurse Kathy, pictured in the captivating photo, will be appearing together on Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30pm at the Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum to share their inspirational message of the impact that kindness and advocacy has in the life of a child.

Nurse Kathy was a young intern in the 1971

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APPLIED CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY AT

Top of Trade

MONTGOMERY-Applied Chemical Technology, Inc. of Florence was one of eight Alabama companies recently presented with the 2015 Governor's Trade Excellence Award.

Applied Chemical Technology, Inc. is a Shoals-based company established in 1981 specializing in the design and fabrication of commercial production plants and equipment for a wide range of industries and processes. Over 53,000 sq. ft. of research,

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Applied Chemical Technology founder and CEO, A. Ray Shirley, below left, accepts the Trade Excellence Award from Governor Robert Bentley as ACT President Curtis Lewey looks on.

Courtesy photo



Welding Students Compete

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Local students demonstrated their skills in the ninth annual welding competition held last Friday, March 20 at Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC).

Secondary technical/vocational schools were invited to compete in a variety of events. There were four contests: 7018, 6010, Flux-Core, and Torch. Each school was divided between Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit, Non Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit, and Agriculture department students. The judges consisted of Business and Industry partners and contributed a variety of prizes for the winners. Several of the competitors will be enrolling at NW-SCC.



The Welding Program at NW-SCC is designed to develop the skills necessary to enter and maintain a job in the welding field. It is equipped with manual and automated equipment to provide training for new students or welding professionals who only need a two-week upgrade to enhance their skills. Welders will be given specialized training to

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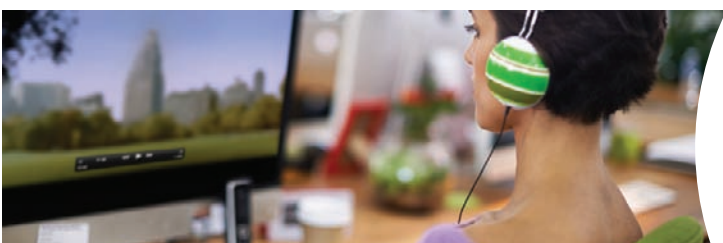
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insurance agent for ALFA. "Ben is a great addition to our Shoals lending team," said Bill Howard, Bank Independent Shoals Area president. "Ben has years of experience serving the financial needs of folks in the Shoals."

Alexander is a member of the Leadership Shoals Class of 2014-2015, a volunteer Upward Soccer coach, co-chairman of the annual Jack Karnes Memorial Golf Tournament, and was recently named a Trustee for the United Way of Northwest Alabama.

Alexander studied at UNA and graduated from Concordia University in Portland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. The northwest Alabama native resides in Florence with his wife, Sarah Beth.

UNA Color Me Purple Events

FLORENCE—The University of North Alabama will host its annual Color Me Purple and Gold Color Run 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, April 18 at 9am beginning at Flowers Hall on the UNA campus. Early registration is \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the 1 mile.

Pre-Registration ends on Wednesday, April 15 and only pre-registered participants are guaranteed t-shirts. Register online at alumni.una.edu/color run or contact Megan Lovelace at 256-765-4615 or smlovelace@una.edu for more information!

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We would also like to thank Bill Bedsole and Pastor Chad Holden for speaking at the interment. Thanks to Morrison Funeral Home and to Colbert Memorial Gardens for all of your help and support. The family is most appreciative to everyone for your kindness, prayers, caring and love for our Special Mother during her time of sickness and passing

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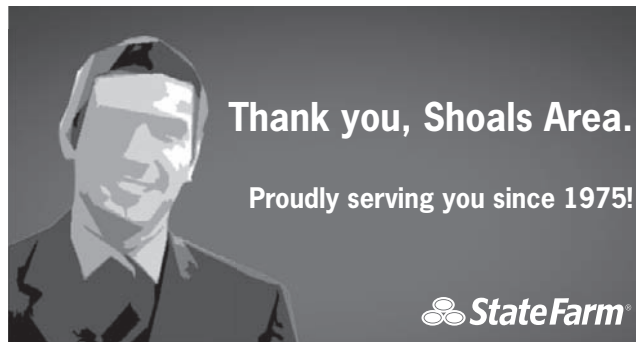
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Zip City Neighborhood Watch Meeting April 12, 12-2pm at the ZCFD.

The University of North Alabama Department of English will host a talk by Dr. Martin Puchner, the Byron and Anita Wien Professor of Drama and English & Comparative Literature at Harvard University. The presentation is Thursday, April 9 at 3pm, at Wesleyan Auditorium. Puchner will speak on "Literature from the Tablet to the iPad," which will include a history of literature from storytelling to writing technologies.

Puchner is the author of several critical studies of literature and drama has also edited two critical collections. Puchner is currently the series editor of 'The Norton Anthology of Drama' and 'The Norton Anthology of World Literature'. For more information on the UNA Dept. of English, visit www.una.edu/english/

The Combat Infantryman's Association's will meet Saturday, April 12 at Ryan's on Cox Creek Parkway. Buffet breakfast at 9am. Meeting begins at 9:30am. Any questions, please contact JC Manning 256-383-1781 or cell 256-443-0493.

Southwire will be holding its 5th Annual Bass Fishing Tournaments on April 11 at McFarland Park in Florence from 6am-1pm. Proceeds benefit The American Cancer Society. For more info, call Scotty Butler at 256-246-1865.

Florence-Lauderdale Public Library series on the War of 1812 continues with two events this week.

Thursday April 9 at 6pm with "John Coffee: General and Surveyor" presented by Myers E. Brown II. Brown will discuss John Coffee, his role in the War of 1812, and his local ties to Florence. Myers Brown is an archivist for the Tennessee State Library and Archives and holds a Master's degree in Public History from Middle Tennessee State University. He has authored Tennessee's Union Cavalrymen and Images of Tennessee's Confederates. He is a fellow of the Company of Military Historians and is Chair of the Tennessee War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission.

Sunday, April 12, 2pm - "From the Cumberland to the Gulf: Tennessee Troops Traversing the Alabama Country" presented by

James W. Parker. During the War of 1812, Tennessee troops were involved in operations from the Cumberland River to the Gulf of Mexico. This presentation will explore the events that transpired in the Southeast during the years of the conflict. Questions and discussion will be encouraged. James Wesley Parker is employed with the Alabama Historical Commission and holds a Master's degree in American Studies from The University of Alabama. He has researched the 1812 era for more than 30 years and has held presentations across the state and the region. He was recommended by the National Archives as the primary presenter on researching 1812 sites for the national meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology.

The Kennedy Douglass Brown Bag Lunch Meeting will be at 11:30am-1pm on Friday, April 10 at the Kennedy Douglass Center for the Arts, 217 East Tuscaloosa St., located in Florence. Beverages and desserts will be furnished. At 12noon the speaker will be Walt Aldridge, songwriter, storyteller. For questions, please call 256-760-6379.

Florence Kiwanis Club speakers for the balance of April.

April 10 - Rick Singleton, Sheriff Lauderdale Co.

April 17 - Steve Holt, President, Shoals Chamber of Commerce

April 24 - Bryan Libell, CEO, Riverbend Center for Mental Health

All meetings will be at the Shoals Marriott Conference Center in Florence, Alabama on Fridays at noon.

Swamp John's Fish Fry Friday April 10 from 4-7pm at Cherokee Lions Club's Den downtown Cherokee. Fish, chicken tenders, shrimp or combo plates with fries, slaw, hush puppies and drink for \$10. Dine in or carry out.

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ESTATE SALE: SATURDAY, APRIL 11th 7am-5pm and Sunday, April 12th 1pm-4pm, 417 North Pine Street, Florence. Antiques, glassware, furniture, miscellaneous. 04-08

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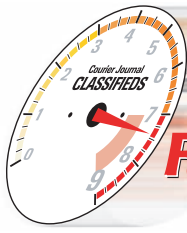
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Advocate..

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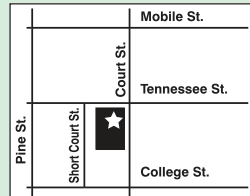
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BREAKING THE NEWS

Dear Dave,
My parents are going through a divorce, and money issues are a big part of the problem. My dad bought several rental properties and poured money into them. Then, he lost them to foreclosure and isn't making a lot in his new, commission-based job. How can I, as a 25-year-old kid, tell him that his career choices aren't working?
Ryan

Dear Ryan,
I'm sorry to hear about your mom and dad. Divorce is never an easy thing, no matter how old you are. You've probably heard lots of old sayings about how winners never quit. Well, in many cases those are false statements. Winners and successful people quit all the time; they quit doing things that aren't working. This doesn't have to mean that you quit on a dream, but it could mean you change the methodology you're using — especially if it's not getting you anywhere. Part of being a successful entrepreneur is having the ability to recognize when something isn't working and change it. You sound like a smart, caring young man, but there's little chance that a twenty-something with very little life experience will be able to convince his father of these things. I mean, he's probably in his fifties, right? Plus, he's going through a divorce, and it sounds like he's broke and emotionally worn out.

You've got a great heart, and I'm glad you care enough about your dad to try and help him. But in this scenario, I think he needs to talk to someone like a pastor, or even an older relative or good friend closer to his own age — a guy with a little more life experience. Maybe you could talk to someone like this and explain what your dad is going through. Ask them to talk to him, and see if he'll open up to some new ideas. In the meantime, just be there for him and show all the support you can. You're a good son, Ryan.
—Dave

JUST A THEORY...

Dear Dave,
Let's say you have \$1 million in the bank. Why would you take out \$300,000 to buy a house, instead of just making a 20 percent down payment and keeping the rest of the money in mutual funds to make more money? If need be, I could still pay off the house.
Alex

Dear Alex,
Interesting question. Okay, I'm game. The spread that you'd make between even a high-

interest rate mortgage — let's say six percent — and mutual funds at 11 percent or so, is about five percent. And that's assuming nothing goes wrong, and you can get your mutual fund out if needed.

What you're talking about is theory, and what I'm talking about is actual life. In your theory you've left out two major issues: paying taxes on the mutual fund, which would make your yield less, and risk. You've compared a zero-risk investment with a risk investment, and you shouldn't do that. You must factor in risk so you can accurately compare one investment to another.

Every time you pay off a mortgage, the bank no longer charges you interest. That's zero risk compared to a mutual fund, which does have risk. Remember, if your house was paid for you wouldn't borrow \$300,000 against it to invest in mutual funds!
—Dave

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THE BROWSER IS THE software we all use on our devices (phone, tablet, computer) to waste time while we should be productive. For the most part, there are three worthy contenders for "The Best": Internet Explorer from Microsoft, Chrome from Google and Firefox from Mozilla. Some of us geeks would also include Opera and Maxthon but those are mostly special-purpose browsers for folks with specific needs or just want to drive new software. Mac users generally use Apple's built-in Safari browser but should also consider these alternatives.



Fisher

First the basics: All PCs come with Internet Explorer

"BROWSER WARS"

by "The Computer Skeptic"

so that's what most of us use. Chrome and Firefox are 100% free and available from their respective websites. I did some research to find out which browser is "best" and happy to report that I have no idea. They are all pretty good but your specific needs will dictate which one is best for you. What constitutes a "best" browser? Answers vary but what I look for is how fast it launches and how much it slows down my computer, the availability of useful extensions (such as weather bars, incoming text alerts and password keepers), and security (the ability to

block malicious software from installing without my permission). Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE) was long regarded as the worst browser because it was so often the target of attacks from scammers and Microsoft didn't update it as often as they should. Hardly a day goes by that I don't have to fix some issue with outdated versions of IE. However, Microsoft has come a long way in improving IE. The latest version, IE 11, is available only for Windows 7 and Windows 8 users. Vista users and you XP holdouts can't play and should immediately download one

of the alternatives mentioned below. Firefox is an old favorite. It's fast, stable, efficient and loaded with useful extensions. Like IE, Firefox went through a spell where they didn't update it as often as they should so the competition started barking at their heels. The latest version is super fast. Get it from FireFox.com. Google fans like me prefer Chrome. It's very fast and secure. Google is very strict about what extensions can be loaded so it's more likely to keep your computer out of my shop. If you use lots of Google apps, this is the browser for you. Get it from Google.com/Chrome. Where some of the magic really comes alive is when you create a user account (Gmail for Chrome, a Microsoft Account or Firefox's "Sync" account)

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Roger, Tuscumbia, AL

A Roger, Joel and I do workers compensation cases day in and day out. All we do is personal injury consisting primarily of automobile accident cases, workers compensation and social security disability. From time to time we involve ourselves with other types of personal injury cases that involve defective products or drug litigation. The rules governing lawyers prohibit us from claiming to be specialists although among lawyers, we all know that most lawyers actually concentrate in specific areas of the law.

Joel and I go to trial on car wreck cases and workers compensation cases fairly frequently. Most people don't want to hear that their case may go to trial, but the fact is, if your case isn't prepared for trial you will never be able to settle the case for its true value. The vast majority of cases settle but the ones that are prepared for trial settle for more. In most of the world, there are two types of lawyers, one type

that does primarily legal work out of court and those that specialize in trial work. Around 100 years ago in this country there was a popular movement for that system to be imported from England in recognition that an experienced trial attorney could try a case and get a better result in about half the time that an inexperienced trial attorney could.

In your case, there used to be a "motion for medical treatment" which workers compensation attorneys would file in cases such as yours. The court would usually grant a motion for medical treatment and order the defendant to provide a panel of four doctors that the injured worker could choose from for further medical treatment. The Supreme Court changed the rule in a case some years ago and now we have to cut cases like yours in half and try what is known as a "bifurcated" hearing to obtain denied medical treatment. At that hearing we have to prove by competent evidence that the injured employee was acting in the line and scope of their employment and that the employer had notice of the injury as required by law. We also have to present medical testimony from a doctor who testifies that your injury was caused, contributed to, aggravated or accelerated by the event causing the injury. If those things are proven to the judge's satisfaction, the court will then order the defendant to provide further medical treatment. That is what you will have to do if your employer's compensation carrier will not allow you further medical care. Call us if you would like our assistance.

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Guest Editorial

Militant Islamists Target Christians

Holy Week for Christians worldwide culminated in Good Friday and Easter weekend. We now know how al-Shabab feels about Holy Week with last week's attack at a University in Kenya where they separated Muslims from Christians — and executed the Christians. Fox News reported that Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for an attack at Garissa University in eastern Kenya Thursday that left at least 147 people dead, dozens more injured and hundreds of students unaccounted for.



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"There are many dead bodies of Christians inside the building," spokesman Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab told Sky News. "We are also holding many Christians alive. Fighting still goes on inside the college." Student Union Vice Chairman Collins Wetangula said, "When the gunmen arrived at his dormitory he could hear them opening doors and asking if the people who had hidden inside whether they were Muslims or Christians.

"If you were a Christian, you were shot on the spot," he said. "With each blast of the gun I thought I was going to die."

I would hope that we would not deny this was inspired by militant Islamic ideology which must be defeated.

I find it ironic that we are so tolerant of a religion that kills Christians, gays, and lesbians, yet we are punishing businesses in America for their Christian religious beliefs. It seems that Easter week we were reminded that Christian persecution has risen to a disturbing level.

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THIS WEEK

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Happening
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Cline a Legend 50 Years Later

FLORENCE—The Zodiac Players of the Shoals Theatre will present "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" Thursday-Sunday, April 9-12 at the historic Shoals Theatre in downtown Florence. Curtain times are 7:30pm Thursday-Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. This show is a musical tribute to Patsy Cline's spirit and a celebration of her music. It is directed by Shonda K. Purvis.

This touching look back at Patsy lets audiences relive all of the passion, drama, glamour, and songs of country music's greatest legend. Hear all of your favorites—"Crazy," "Sweet Dreams," Walkin', "Leavin' on My Mind," "After Midnight," and many more. For ticket information or reservations, call 256-764-1700 or visit website at shoalstheatre.org.



Anisa Graner as Patsy Cline

Courtesy photo

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NEW TVA WILSON DAM VISITORS CENTER

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Grace Amazes Me

Dear Editor:

Instead of responding to other people's letters, I thought that they might enjoy the poem that I wrote.

*Amazing grace, I have found
I am set free, no longer bound
Through Your blood, I am set free
Amazing grace, amazes me!
Amazing grace, how can it be
That You should give your life for me
There on the cross, on Calvary
Amazing grace, amazes me.
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
In Your love I now am found
With a song, I sing to Thee
Amazing grace, amazes me.
Amazing grace, I have found
Lifts me up to higher ground
In my life, will always be
Amazing grace, amazes me.*

Buddy Mauldin
Muscle Shoals

Post-Election Mandate

Dear Letters Editor:

On D-Day General Eisenhower did not tell his troops that we were going to defeat the Nazis so that we could cooperate with them. The order Eisenhower gave was to rid the earth of Hitler, his band of murderous thugs, and everything that they stood for.

In the November elections America gave the Republicans a mandate to stop Obama and the Democrats from wrecking this country. We expect this carnage to be stopped and reversed. We now hear Republicans say that they want to cooperate with Obama so that he will move to the middle. Americans don't want to hear this nonsense because Obama is a leftist who hates our Constitution and deliberately circumvents it.

Robert A. Dahlquist
Orange, CA

“ If the Supreme Court rules that homosexual marriage is a right, the Supreme Court is placing all choice under its purview.

Nose Under the Tent

Editor:

I am puzzled why Scandinavia, made up primarily of educated, homogeneous societies, wants to welcome Islamic fascists that are bent on destroying their serene way of life? Their liberal, politically-correct leaders seem oblivious to the true intent of these

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practitioners of Islam. Their intent is not to assimilate, but to conquer-not by storming beaches or violent overthrow-but from within. Once the camel gets its nose under the tent, (10% of the population) it's over. Every increase in population growth, they become more brazen and more demanding as governments keep yielding.

Time is of no consequence to these invaders. All over the West their authoritarian tirades and steely eyes are greeted with feeble, pathetic appeasement. Norway is waking up, (too late) and in the last few years has deported several thousand of these primitive tribal jihadists as a tool to fight crime. Other Western nations need to take note.

Alfred Farris
 Cherokee

5.5% With 98 Million Idle?

Editor:

Pertinent questions for Mr. Obama and his regime... What does it mean when 98 million persons, many who could work, don't have jobs in the United States? How can the regime officially report that the unemployment rate is 5.5 percent? The pertinent questions were included recently by Rush Limbaugh. When the regime and its press agency--the so-called main stream press--plays with the economic numbers to prop up the president, numbers don't matter!

A final question: Didn't the former Soviet Union and Nazi Germany have their press to cover-up and prop up their regimes and leaders?

Hollis Todd
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There were 28 cook teams that participated, six of those from UNA. Over 900 members and guests were in attendance at the Longhorn Arena.

Other winners included:
Fish Division: First Place - The Lumbee Smokers including Bracey Cummings, Sr., Bracey Cummings, Jr., Derrick Cummings, Tim

Borden cooking Jammers Filet; Second Place - Rib Ticklers including Murrell Frazier, Debbie Frazier, Patty Boldin, Charlie Howse cooking Blueberry Smoking Salmon; Third Place - Hog Heaven including Jody Wynn cooking Smoked Salmon.

Fowl Division: First Place - Starlight Griller including Adam Simmons, Shane Buckelew, Beau Tanner, Jason Hill cooking Quail City Rolls; Second Place - The Lumbee Smokers including Bracey Cummings, Sr., Bracey Cummings, Jr., Derrick Cummings, Tim Borden cooking T.J. Quails; Third Place - Chonita's Cookers including Mark & Severa McGrady, Angel Davis, Joey Davis, Shelly Williams cooking Long Beard Enchiladas.

Game Division: First Place - Taragio including Tara Holt (UNA Student) cooking Deer Tenderloin on Rice; Second Place - Chonita's Cookers including Mark & Severa McGrady, Angel Davis, Joey Davis, Shelly Williams cooking Big Buck Boudin; Third Place - Bama Girls including Amber Wynn and Bethany Beasley cooking Bambee Sliders.

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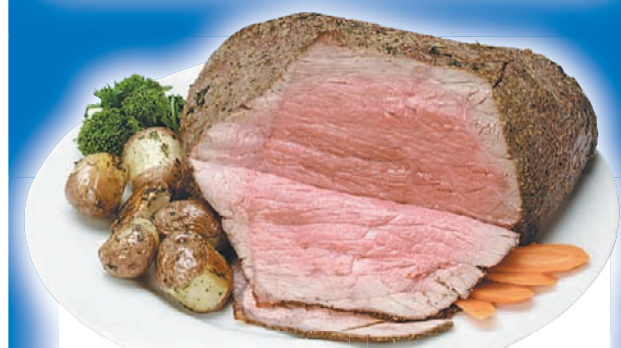
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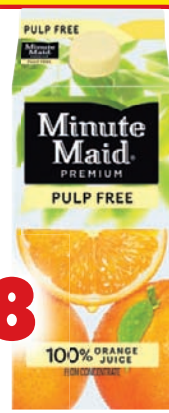
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Climate change among factors that influence tick season, geographic spread of ticks

By Kim Campbell Thornton
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Tick season is between May and September, right? That has been the conventional wisdom — until recently. Two recently published studies found that deer, or black-legged, ticks — the ones that spread Lyme disease — are emerging earlier and expanding their range, thanks to warmer spring temperatures and milder fall weather. Based on data collected over 19 years, researchers concluded that milder weather allowed nymphs — immature ticks — to feed as much as three weeks earlier in spring. The change in activity may presage a spread of

tick-borne diseases, one that's already being seen in some areas.

Tick populations have moved northward into Canada, making Lyme disease endemic in southern Ontario, says Susan E. Little, DVM, who teaches veterinary parasitology at Oklahoma State University and is president of the Companion Animal Parasite Council. Ticks have also moved up in altitude and are now found at higher elevations in Appalachia than in the past.

"It used to be that ticks weren't at 3,000 or 4,000 feet, and now they are," Dr. Little says. "That's a change that we think is due to warming trends."

Ticks are also moving farther south. From

its origins in the Northeast, Lyme disease is now established down the Virginia coast and into North Carolina. In the Midwest, ticks are moving southward across Iowa, through the northern half of Illinois and most of Indiana, and into the lower peninsula of Michigan. One or more species of tick can now be found in every state, including Alaska.

Climate isn't the only culprit. Ticks piggyback on wildlife such as white-tailed deer and coyotes, which spread them to new habitats; they can also be carried away by migratory birds. Habitat modification, such as increasing development in formerly rural areas, also contributes to the expansion of tick territory.

"We're seeing a general expansion of range," Dr. Little says. "It's probably facilitated by longer, warmer periods in most of the country."

If you're still digging out from the snow that buried much of the Northeast this winter, you

may have your doubts about that. But even if ticks aren't active all 365 days of the year, they are active every month of the year. There will always be a few days that are warm enough for them to make an appearance.

A tick begins the disease transmission cycle when it inserts its sharp mouthpiece into a rodent or deer and feeds on its blood. In the process, the tick takes in bacteria, protozoa and viruses that it later passes on to cats, dogs and humans.

Yes, cats, too. They don't appear to get Lyme disease — yet — but ticks can transmit a deadly disease called cytauxzoonosis to cats, as well as ehrlichia and anaplasmosis.

What can you do to ward off the beastly bloodsuckers?

- Start thinking about tick prevention before May. Dr. Little recommends year-round protection, no matter where you live.

- Talk to your veterinarian about the best tick preventive measures for your pet's lifestyle, as well as about the species of ticks found in your area. Products include oral preventives that kill both ticks and fleas on dogs, and long-lasting anti-tick collars for use on dogs and cats.

- Keep grass short and foliage trimmed back to reduce tick habitat.

- Discourage deer from grazing near your yard.

- Indoor pets can be at risk, too. You can bring ticks in on your clothing or body — it's happened at my house — and the brown dog tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*) prefers to live indoors.

Pets don't directly spread tick-borne diseases, but they can bring you into contact with ticks — and vice versa. If your cat goes outdoors or your dog hikes or hunts with you on a regular basis, tick prevention can help protect all of you from disease.

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Tips for Grandparents Helping to Raise Children

As retirement age approaches, many older adults envision themselves downsizing and moving to a quaint community to enjoy their golden years in as relaxing a fashion as possible. However, for a growing number of seniors, their retirement years are being spent helping to raise grandchildren.

United States Census data from 2010 indicates 4.9 million American children are being raised solely by their grandparents. CanGrads, a National Kinship Support organization, says approximately 62,500 children are being raised by grandparents and other family in Canada. Many grandparents provide part-time care when their older children have to move back home with their families, as roughly 13 million children are now living in homes with their grandparents.

Although being raised by grandparents may not be the ideal situation for all parties

involved, such situations are a necessity for many families. Seniors who are once again thrown into the caregiver arena may need a crash course in childcare or a few pointers on parenting in the modern age.

Get the right equipment. Children certainly require a lot of gear, more than grandparents likely used when raising their own children. Certain safety requirements are in place to safeguard young children, and that often means investing in new cribs, car seats, high chairs, and other items. Grandparents should resist the temptation to use old items they may have kept in storage, as such items may no longer be safe and could put grandchildren at risk for injury.

Gather important documents. Grandparents should keep pertinent documents in one easily accessible place in their homes should an emergency arise. These include birth certificates, health immunization records,

death certificates (if the child's parents are deceased), dental records, school papers, citizenship papers, and proof of income and assets.

Speak with an attorney. Lawyers can help grandparents wade through legal arrangements, such as filing for custody, guardianship or adoption. Options vary depending on where petitioners live, but lawyers can provide peace of mind to grandparents concerned about their grandkids' futures.

Investigate financial assistance. Seniors may not earn the income they once did and may be on assistance programs or living off of retirement savings. Grandparents who find themselves caring for a child may be eligible for financial assistance. The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is a joint federal and state program that can provide need-based financial assistance. The AARP or the organization GrandFamilies may be able to put grandparents in touch with financial advisors in their areas.

Contact schools and daycare centers. School-aged children will need to be enrolled in school. Grandparents should contact the department of education where they live to learn about local school systems, especially when grandkids are moving in with their grandparents. Some grandparents can qualify for free or low-cost daycare, and such programs can be discussed with local Social Services offices. Enrollment in school or daycare can provide grandparents with much-needed free time during the day.

Find emotional support. Taking care of grandchildren

is a full-time job. At times, grandparents may feel stressed or out of sorts. Having a strong support system available can help grandparents work through the peaks and valleys of this new and unexpected stage in life. Church- or community center-based counseling services may be available. Grandparents also can check with their healthcare providers to determine if counseling or therapy sessions are covered under their plans.

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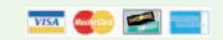
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Affirm Rights ...for Choices?

Dear Editor:

The U.S. Supreme Court is going to hold hearings on homosexual marriage. I do not use the term homosexual as a pejorative, but rather as a term of inclusion. The homosexual community is divided into gay - male - and lesbian - female, i.e. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

Historically, the Court has used the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to affirm the rights of persons born to a certain condition: skin color, gender, physical abnormality, or to persons that have had a condition hoisted upon them outside of their choosing. The homosexual community is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to grant rights status to a choice of sexual activity.

For humans, with the exceptions of rape, sex slavery, and pedophilia, all sexual activity, regardless of gender, is a choice. Unlike food, water, and shelter, sexual activity is not required for the survival of an individual. There is no scientific evidence that a homosexual is born to his/her choice of sexual activity. The "Gay Gene" has not been discovered. Evolutionary Science, the continuation of a species, is the proof that a heterosexual is born to his/her choice of sexual activity.

The homosexual community will argue that all it wants is the same legal and societal benefits of marriage that heterosexual couples receive. Homosexual couples do not return to society the benefit that heterosexual couples return, children.

Marriage between a man and a woman existed before churches, before Christ's appearance on the earth, before God appeared to Abraham. Marriage has always been used to assure the lineage and heredity of a family. The homosexual community is asking the Court to forever change marriage based on a choice of sexual activity.

If the equal protection clause is used to affirm a 'right' upon a choice of sexual activity, parents will have the right to marry

their children. Siblings will have the right to marry each other.

If the Supreme Court rules that homosexual marriage is a right, the Supreme Court is placing all choice under its purview. The Constitution, as we know it, will be forever destroyed. Article 1 - Congress - will become moot because the Court will have the power to make all decisions, and Article 2 - Executive - will become the administrative wing of the Supreme Court, enforcing the decisions made by the Court.

The Federal Courts involvement in this matter has been wrong from the beginning. Sexual activity is not a Constitutional guarantee; sexual activity is a choice. Marriage is an institution with a specific societal purpose.

Vic Billingham Killen

The Drug War is a Sham

Editor:

I have been listening to Robert "Tosh" Plumlee, a former CIA pilot, who has been on several radio talk shows. He has been on the *Alex Jones Show* on the Internet and on some local radio stations. He says that criminal elements within the U.S. government actually fly illegal drugs into our country. He is a whistleblower and he knows this is true because he used to do it.

The War on Drugs is a sham and many people are making a lot of money off of it. Some of the big banks have been caught laundering drug money. It has always bothered me to hear of swat teams breaking down doors in the middle of the night, looking for illegal drugs and drug pushers, and frightening little children. Then I learn that criminal elements within my own government are the biggest drug pushers.

Plumlee also says they are involved in international gunrunning. The War on Drugs has accomplished only one thing. It has brought us closer to a full-blown police state like Nazi Germany!

Janice Williams Killen

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by Cathy Turner

I told you of the birth of our granddaughter – all natural. Powerful, musical, spiritual, beautiful. But then things didn't go as expected – when she arrived. There was that moment – classic – when they handed our first grandchild to our firstborn – the moment when Lora looked down at Ruby

(named after my mama) with sheer bewilderment, happiness and fear. A classic moment when Lora looked up from Ruby to all of us, the birth team, with that speechless, opened-mouth face that said, "What am I supposed to do with this?" Classic. I remember that I had that same reaction, that same

expression when they handed Lora to me. When I looked up to find an answer, my mama said, "You can kiss her." With that first kiss, we were sealed forever. But I didn't get to say it because it was only a moment. A nurse quickly took Ruby and said, "Her oxygen is low. We need to get her to pink up." Pink up? But we were supposed to be celebrating. A moment was all we had.

The next moments, hours, days, and weeks were fast and blurry. "We've got to get the NICU [Neonatal Intensive Care Unit] guys in." "The right side of her heart is not working properly..." "We are arranging a transport to the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University." "The ventilator will allow the baby's body to be able to focus on the heart." Within five hours of that beautiful birth, I was sitting in the front of an ambulance that was carrying Ruby, and my daughter was in my car with her father driving her and her husband through that February blizzard. Surreal. No rest – twenty minutes on a recovery bed. No instructions for healing - one signature and dismissal.

Our daughter is a superhero. She healed on her own while in the wheelchairs, hallways and bathrooms of Egleston Children's Hospital. But Ruby had the assistance of an army. Cute, sweet, pony-tailed nurses of Emory training and a team of doctors, American and foreign named, each over

a specific organ system – all of her systems were in jeopardy. But the bigger army was the thousands of folks who were praying for Ruby. All of the adults on both sides of the family represented dozens of congregations in several states. Prayer groups spread the word to more churches. Challenge Youth Conference, 12,000 youth from the Shoals and beyond who were convened in Gatlinburg, lifted Ruby up. Our son was in Houston leading at a youth service church camp where 1000 teenagers prayed for Ruby. One of Lora's coworkers reported that she went to some random church in Atlanta and they prayed for Ruby from the pulpit.

The doctors worked. Ruby worked. Prayers worked. God worked. One thing at a time - "It's not her heart..." "Brainwaves are fine." "No permanent damage..." "Weaning her off the vent..." "Organs slowly improving..." A blur. A stir. I was standing there when she opened her eyes for the first time. "Ruby, you are here," I whispered. Then, I think, I shouted it, "She's here!"

There had been no middle name, but after much thought, study, prayer and casting lots (a digital coin toss that was overruled) her name was decided – Ruby Azelle, adapted from I Chronicles 15:20. Azelle means "God is my power."

Powerful. Full of power. What a journey this month has been. She's at home – still on oxygen, but better, much better. She had her first pediatrician visit, the report, "She's perfect." My daughter mused, "We're back to perfect." Thank God.

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Victor delivered an angry threat to Will for betraying Sonny. Later, Sonny was shocked by what he found on Will's tablet. Paige confronted Eve about what she discovered. Will manipulated John's perception of what happened between him and Paul. Marlena had some tough questions for Tori. Stefano provided Chad with information about Ben's past. Brady had an unexpected reunion. John was stunned by the information he received. Sonny convinced Paul that his mom had been lying to him. Ben sought Clyde's help regarding his past. Kate got Lucas to open up about his relationship with Adrienne. *Wait to See: Abigail calls out Chad on his true intentions.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL A desperate Ava reminded Silas to carry out her request. Sabrina and Julian both had their suspicions of what really happened to Michael. Ned learned why someone was blackmailing Olivia and intended to put a stop to it. Nina took Franco to task. An incident changed the future of baby AJ's custody. Nathan caught Lucas up on his relationship status with Maxie. Nina came to the hospital looking for Silas. Spinelli asked Maxie if he stood a chance with her. Ned was faced with a tough choice. Julian had a proposal for Olivia. Nikolas found himself in an unexpected position. Carly caught Jake on the phone with Sloane. *Wait to See: Bobbie makes an emotional plea to Scott.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Avery accused Dylan of getting too close to Sharon. Lily was surprised by Joe's sudden flirtation with her. Neil refused to talk about his case in front of Lily and Devon. Later, at the Coffeehouse, Devon pleaded with Winston to change his mind about Neil. Adam got to Chelsea by telling her what a wonderful family Billy and Victoria made with their kids. Jack reminded Ashley that she should never trust Victor. Sharon told Dylan that she was being framed for Austin's murder. Victoria confided in Billy that she wasn't giving up on Stitch. Leslie questioned Nikki about the day of the accident, but Victor quickly put a stop to the interrogation. Mr. Tipton walked in on Adam and Sage quarreling. Dylan told Avery that his relationship with Sharon was strictly platonic. *Wait to See: Sage considers Nick's offer.*



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Saturday, April 18, 9am-7pm, Shoals Flea Market, North Alabama State Fair Grounds
Sunday, April 19, 10am-5pm, Shoals Flea Market, North Alabama State Fair Grounds

Cloverdale Community Center Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 6:30-9am. The cost of the breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Profits from the breakfast will go toward the upkeep of the center.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. We are having our Relay For Life of Lauderdale County April 11 at Killen Park.

Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

Thank you so much for helping us in the fight against cancer by supporting the 2015 Relay For Life.

National Children's Advocacy Center's Superheroes 5K / 1M Fun Run - Saturday, April 11. All events will be at the NCAC Campus, 210 Pratt Ave., Huntsville. Registration and packet pickup - 7-7:30am; 1 mile Flash Race - 7:30am; 5K Race - 8am; Fun Run / Walk - 9am; Awards - 9:30am; Free Family Block Party - 8-11am. Register online at www.active.com, download entry form at www.nationalcac.org. 5K Race: \$25; Fun Run / Walk: \$15; 1M "Flash" Race: \$15. Fees increase \$5 on April 5. Costume contest, food, kid's area and inflatables.
For more info, contact Sarah Oglesby at 256-327-3759 or soglesby@nationalcac.org.

LifeSouth Blood Drives - April - ECM Center, 205 Marengo Street, Florence, 256-765-7038. The hours are: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm; Saturday, 9am-3pm; Sunday, 1-5pm.

Keller Center, 1208 S Jackson Highway, Sheffield, 256-383-3535. The hours are: The hours are: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

Wednesday, April 8, 6am-5pm, Wise Alloys - Element 13, 4805 E 2nd St., Muscle Shoals

Thursday, April 9, 7am-5pm, Helen Keller Hospital, 1300 S Montgomery Ave., Sheffield

Friday, April 10, 10am-6pm, Burkes Outlet, 519 W Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals

Saturday, April 11, 10am-3pm, The Women of the Moose Lodge, 4270 Chisholm Rd., Florence

Sunday, April 12, 10am-6pm, Wal-Mart, 3100 Hough Rd., Florence

Monday, April 13, 11am-6pm, Chad's Payless Pharmacy, 501 W College St., Florence

Tuesday, April 14, 9am-3pm, TVA - Colbert Steam Plant, 900 Colbert Steam Plant Rd., Tuscumbia

Wednesday, April 15, 7:30am-4pm, Rogers High School, 485 Hwy 43, Florence

Thursday, April 16, 9am-5pm, NWSCC - Student Nurses Association, 800 George Wallace Blvd., Muscle Shoals

Friday, April 17, 10:30am-6pm, Tarkett, Inc., 430 Co Rd 30, Florence

Saturday, April 18, 2-7pm, Wal-Mart, 13675 Hwy 43, Russellville

Saturday, April 18, 9am-1pm, Ekklesia Ministries, 3007 Hatch Blvd., Sheffield

Sunday, April 19, 9:30am-1:30pm, Cowboy Church, 3440 Hwy 157, Leighton

Monday, April 20, 11am-5pm, Littleville Town Hall, 1810 George Wallace Hwy, Russellville

Shoals/Colbert Relay for Life team, Kimmy's Cancer Kicker's, is having a Chili Cookoff April 11, from 4-7pm, at Woodmont Baptist East Campus 2002 Darby Drive. Tickets are \$7 in advance \$8 at the door. 1, 2, 3 places get prizes and trophies. Survivors get a free gift. There will be door prizes, a silent auction, and a raffle. If you would like to buy tickets and/or enter your chili, combread, or dessert, contact Ashlee at 256-349-1546. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Revival - Tabernacle Church, 1509 Robertson Blvd., Sheffield, April 9-11 at 7pm. Preaching: Bro. Larry Burbanks. Singing: Thursday Night - His Chosen Ones, Friday - Wayne Jerrolds - Gospel Bluegrass, Saturday - Gospel Trio. More info, call 931-332-1231 or 256-702-4479.

The 2015 "Hornet Hero" Race will be held on April 11 at H.A. Alexander park in Moulton. There will be a 5K starting at 8am and a one-mile run that starts at 9am. Entry forms are available at area schools and the two Moulton fitness gyms. The race is called a "hero" race because participants may dress as their favorite super hero.

All proceeds go into the Caitlyn Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund, honoring the late Hatton student who was killed in a car wreck in 2013. The fund provides scholarships that are awarded to Lawrence County seniors. Last year, \$3,000 in scholarship money was awarded to two local students. This year, several scholarships will be awarded that total \$5,000.

Businesses have been asked to be a race sponsor or donate items, and individual donors are welcome to do the same. Last year, around 200 people participated in the race and organizers are hoping for even more this year. For more information, please call Heather Hood at 256-565-1950.

Ultimate Championship Wrestling returns to Sheffield Recreation Center, Sheffield on Friday, April 10, bell time 7:30pm, doors open at 6:30pm with 5 big matches. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Purchase advance tickets from any High School Band Member or at the Band Room or at the Sheffield Recreation Center. Proceeds benefit the High School Band. Thank you for your support.

You're Invited to Celebrate 50th Anniversary of United Cerebral Palsy of NW Alabama at an Open House on Saturday, April 11 from 2-4pm at 507 N. Hook St., Tuscumbia. More info 256-381-4310.

North Alabama Dance Club April Dance "Swing Into Spring" Saturday, April 11, 7-10pm. Light snacks are furnished. All drinks can be purchased in the front room of Lodge, Shoals Elks Lodge 408 N Nashville Ave, Sheffield.

Music by DJ, Larry Crowell Admission: Adult \$4, Guests, \$6, only \$3 for guests driving 50 miles (one way), Elk Members Free. Attire: Casual

Join NADC for remainder of 2015 (\$14 pp). Members receive a discount on all NADC dances, 2 free workshops per year, & many opportunities offered by NADC and by the members.

For more information, contact Suzy at 256-740-1661. suzyfromal@comcast.net-mailto:suzyfromal@comcast.net

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Helen Keller Hospital's Volunteer Auxiliary will bring back their popular Masquerade \$5 Jewelry Sale on April 13-15. All items are \$5 each, including necklaces, earrings, rings, bags, accessories, and much more. Proceeds benefit the Volunteer Auxiliary and its projects, including the Louise Isbell Ashe Memorial Scholarship for graduating high school seniors.

The sale will take place in the lobby of Helen Keller Hospital. Don't miss this incredible shopping opportunity!

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HOME FOR SALE - 164 Nance Street, Florence AL. Contact 225-775-6533 Negotiable \$50,000. 04-08

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CORNER LOT 2201 SHADE Ave. Florence. 3BR, 2BA, Sale/Owner financing Ok, Info. sheet available. 256-765-2100 05-06

202 E. 8TH STREET (House) Sheffield. 2BR. 1BA. Appliances, window A/C, gas heat, washer/dryer connections. \$325 Rent, \$325 Deposit. 256-764-3137 04-08

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Letters...

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Trampled by Clever Minorities

Dear Sir:

I have been watching the events in Indiana concerning the Religious Freedom Act and have some thoughts that I wish to share with your readers. First and foremost, the opposition is waging a real war on religion by claiming that any demand by the LGBT must be met regardless of the faith of a merchant or individual. The opposition is led by the gay community. Other notable supporters are Apple, Angie's List, and Wal-Mart, who deserve to suffer for their misguided involvement.

I am not what many would describe as a religious person. However, I am outraged by these events which seem to be an attempt to force the acceptance of an unnatural life style by claiming resistance is discrimination. I do not care what behavior consenting adults may engage in, but I refuse to endorse it as natural. This has nothing to do with moral or religious beliefs, but their use of any objection as a weapon to push the gay agenda is very distasteful. Attacks on Christianity and promotion of Islam, a cult of violence, must stop. I encourage each

person to reflect on which political party is guilty and let it be known that we will not stand by and let our most precious rights be trampled by what George Washington called clever minorities.

Jimmy Wayne Cosby
Rogersville

The Christians Are Silent

Editor:

For about 50 years I have been writing letters to editors. Lately as I watch some other people write letters disputing Christian beliefs and Bible teachings, I wonder where all of the church-going Christians, and ministers, priests etc. are. Why are they not standing up for their beliefs when someone denounces them and portrays Jesus, God, and the Bible as being a farce?

Christians were told to go out in the world and preach the word of God. Clergy and Christians think just preaching or going to church might be enough to get to Heaven and just because they ask for forgiveness they will be forgiven. Then they sit back and read published letters denouncing Biblical teachings and do nothing to respond or clarify - to teach the unbelievers that they are not accurate or justified in their stance. Christians need to stand up for what they believe in and stop being pushed around. Just going to church is not enough to get you into Heaven. Jesus said that is just a building.

You constantly see on the TV news, masses of people stand up for their causes, like gay rights, civil rights, freedom of speech rights, etc. Where are the masses of Christians who should be standing up for Christian rights and freedom from persecution?

Paul Sabatino
Florence

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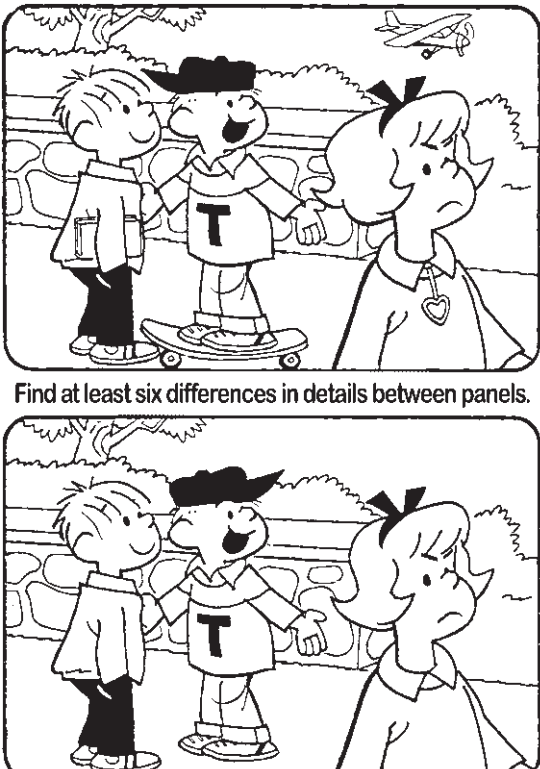
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King David knew: **Psalms 139:7-8** "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." **Proverbs 15:3** "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Escaping God's judgment, wrath, punishment, can only be done one way. That way is Jesus Christ. Running or hiding or pretending that God does not exist puts off the inevitable fact that you will die and have to face God. Hebrews 9:27. The only way to beat the power of sin is through Christ. Christ paid a sin debt that we owed to God. God is going to outlive us all. That means we all need Him. Friend, your breath, heartbeat, steps, are all controlled by God. Sooner or later, our end and our sins catch up with us. Take care of it now, while you are on this side of the dirt. Christ loves you and died for you. Ask Christ to save you and help you now. After death, you will do it, but then it will be too late. God lives forever and He wants us to live forever also. Don't disappoint Him. Receive Christ today.

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Shoals Celtic Concerts Presents Scottish fiddler John Taylor with Jill Chambless and Scooter Muse at Trinity Episcopal Church Mullen Hall, 410 North Pine Street in Florence on Tuesday, April 21 at 7pm. Admission is \$12 in advance, \$15 day of show. Tickets on sale at the Kennedy Douglass Center for the Arts, downtown Florence. Seating limited to 120.

Monthly Covered Dish Lunch at the Zip City Community Center, Thursday, April 16 at 11:30am. Entertainment will be a musical program. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Candlelight Vigil for VOCAL (Victims of Crime and Leniency) - Tuesday April 21, 7pm at Wilson Park, Florence - rain site, First United Methodist Church on Seminary Street.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19-25 - Engaging Communities - Empowering Victims

Victim empowerment is central to our work. Victims should be given the information and assistance they need to make informed decisions about their own lives as they recover from crime. Our community should provide support throughout victim's journey to healing.

Inviting all victims of crime to attend the vigil and light a candle in memory of their loved one to continue the healing process. Keynote speaker will be Darlene Hutchinson Biehl, Victim Advocate from Montgomery. Other speakers will be from Rape Response, Cramer Center, Healing Place and Safeplace.

VOCAL will also be honoring victims with a cross display at Lauderdale County Court House during Crime Victims Rights Week.

Benefit for Dennis Baskins - Dennis is a bone marrow transplant patient at UAB - Saturday, April 18 at the Underwood/Petersville Community Center. Yard Sale begins at 9am - Auction, Bake Sale, Raffle, Fish Fry, White Bean Dinner, Hot Dogs, Chicken Tender Plates all from 11:30am-3pm.

Donations can also be made at any TVA Credit Union under "John and Laura Baskins." Thank You! 256-767-2613

Friends of the Florence Lauderdale Animal Shelter will be hosting a puppy and kitten shower on Saturday April 24 from 10am-2pm at the shelter. Items needed are puppy pads, kitty litter, puppy and kitten wet food, heating pads, dawn dish detergent, etc. The shelter will also be open for adoptions during this time. Refreshments provided.

Broken Vessels will be at the Nitrate City Community Church on Sunday April 19 at 2pm. The singing is a free event, but a love offering will be taken. For more information, call Eddie at 256-446-8059.

Dr. Stanley Clarke with Valley Regional Cancer Center will speak to the Healthy Valley Women organization on Thursday, April 16 at 12pm. The program will take place at the Keller Wellcare Center on the campus of Helen Keller Hospital. The topic is "Breast Cancer Treatments: Exceptional Care, Close to Home".

Dr. Clarke is board-certified in radiation oncology by the American Board of Radiology. He has more than 20 years of experience in radiation oncology and more than three decades in medicine. Dr. Clarke earned his medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine, where he also completed his internship. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Radiology and holds membership in the American Society for Radiation Oncology, the American College of Radiology, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

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Shoals Quartet Convention - Friday, April 17 at 6pm and Saturday, April 18 at 6pm at Muscle Shoals Baptist Church, 621 River Road, Muscle Shoals. Featuring: Broken Vessels, The Caltons, Mike Goodwin, NHim, and Heaven's Echoes. Admission is free, love offering will be taken.

Bring Church groups, family friends and neighbors. For more information contact MSBC at 256-383-6430.

Lindsay Watkins Benefit - Saturday, April 18 at McCain Farm, 28850 County Road 8, Florence. Trail ride at 9am. Kids activities - inflatable bouncer, face painting and pony rides. Chicken stew and bake sale. Silent auction 10am-12noon. Live music with The Abernathys and more.

Lindsay was diagnosed in January 2015 with stage IV Recurrent Metastatic Melanoma. There is currently no cure for this type of cancer. Lindsay is a 2004 graduate from Rogers High School and the mother of two children, Taylor age 5 and Chloe age 2. She is the wife of Jerry "Bubba" Watkins. Lindsay is undergoing treatments and continues to fight. Please join us in helping this young family with this financial hardship.

Donations can be made at the benefit and at Bank Independent to the Lindsay Watkins Benefit Account. There is also a GoFundMe online account at www.gofundme.com/PrayForLindsay. For information: Dwight McCain, 256-764-3247; Judy Cromwell Sharp, 256-412-3716 or Cindy Gray, 256-577-6324.

Book Signing: "Stained Glass Lives: Masterpieces and Stacks of Pieces" by Leah W. Norton - Saturday, April 18, 12-3pm, Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

Local author Leah W. Norton will sell and sign copies of her new Christian nonfiction book, Stained Glass Lives: Masterpieces and Stacks of Pieces. Leah W. Norton is a Bible teacher, blogger, and mayor of Anderson, AL. She also works full-time for her family's farming operation. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Athens State University in Athens, AL. She resides in Anderson, AL with her husband and two children. Her blog can be found at www.sprinklesofsalt.com. For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 28.

Join us at **Mars Hill School** in Florence April 25 for the Shoals 2015 Walk for Autism sponsored by the Autism Society of Alabama. Walk check-in at 8:30am, walk begins at 9:30am. Register online at www.walkforautismal.com or mail/deliver to Autism Society of Alabama, 4217 Dolly Ridge Road, Birmingham, AL 35243. Walk/race information 205-951-1364.

Get Ready for the 1st Annual Community Yard Sale Saturday, April 25 at The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. We will have spots available for you to sell your own precious goods. Vendor spots will be \$10. You can sell from your truck, trailer, tailgate, table 6am-3pm. We will also have hot dogs, popcorn, chips, and soft drinks for sale. Gather your spring cleaning and sell it at The Club parking lot and green space. That night the Boomers and Seniors Dance will be sponsored by The Club from 6:30-9pm. For more information call The Club, 256-760-6420 Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Proceeds will benefit the Masters Games and Special Events at The Club.

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