

Klibanoff at ASU's Series

ATHENS— In celebration of Black History Month, Athens State University will play host to **Hank Klibanoff** in McCandless Hall on Wednesday, February 25 at 7pm as part of the Livingston Concert Lecture Series.

Klibanoff is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist serving as the **James M. Cox Jr.** Professor of Journalism at Emory University. He also serves as director of the Institution's Georgia Civil Rights Cold Case Project. He and **Gene Roberts** won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2007 recognizing their book *The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation*.

Klibanoff has served as the managing editor of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, deputy managing editor for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and a reporter at *The Boston Globe*.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, please call 256-233-8296.

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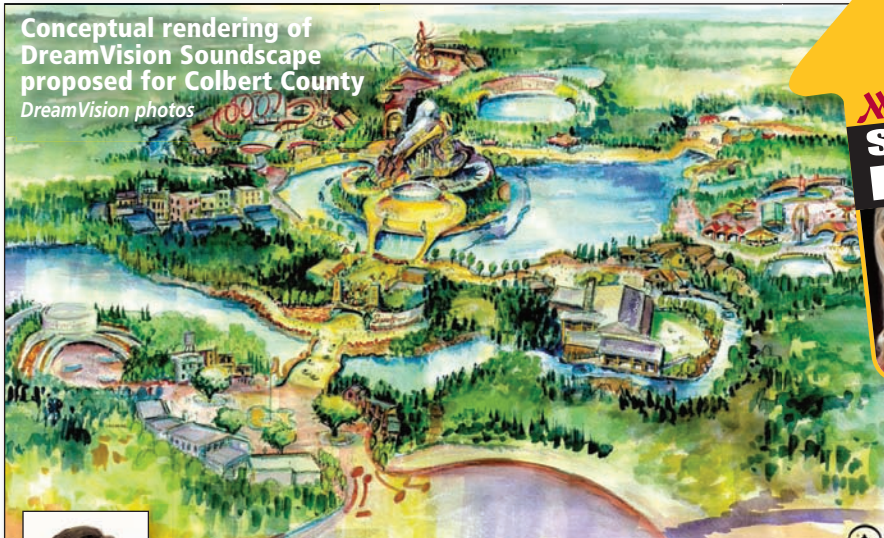
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Ambitious Project Would be a Game-Changer for Northwest Alabama

MUSCLE SHOALS— The DreamVision Company is a privately owned, Fort Worth-based, family-oriented entertainment and media enterprise. With an eye on celebrating the deep musical heritage of the Muscle Shoals area, last week they unveiled plans for DREAMVISION SOUNDSCAPE, a \$3.5 billion music-inspired theme park/resort destination. The precise location was not disclosed, however, it widely presumed to be in Colbert county on acreage now owned by TVA.

According to DreamVision CEO Rick Silanskas, this and a second theme park in Fort Worth, TX, are

being developed simultaneously in a partnership with Muscle Shoals-based, Bryan Robinson, the CEO of Provident Global Capital, LLC.

"We are very excited about our partnership with DreamVision and their team of proven industry

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Your Help is Needed to Boost 2015 Campaign

SHOALS – This year marks sixty years that United Way of Northwest Alabama has been a proud supporter of some outstanding local non-profits with programs that serve those least able to help themselves in our community.

In 2014 United Way set a goal for 2015 of \$1.1 million to support the growing needs of our community

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TIGHT ECONOMY HAS UNITED WAY COMING UP SHORT

As it stands now, United Way would be unable to fulfill the requests of the Community Partners...

Confetti Included With 3rd Runnin' Event

FLORENCE - First Metro Bank will host the 3rd Annual Runnin' Around Downtown 5K and 1 Mile Confetti Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, March 7. The event will benefit Shoals Scholar Dollars. The 5K race will take runners on a scenic route through historic downtown Florence to

enjoy sites such as the UNA campus, Wilson Park and more! To add a twist to this year's 1 Mile Fun Run, confetti will be showered on participants throughout the race. Jonathan White, a freshman at Northwest-Shoals Community

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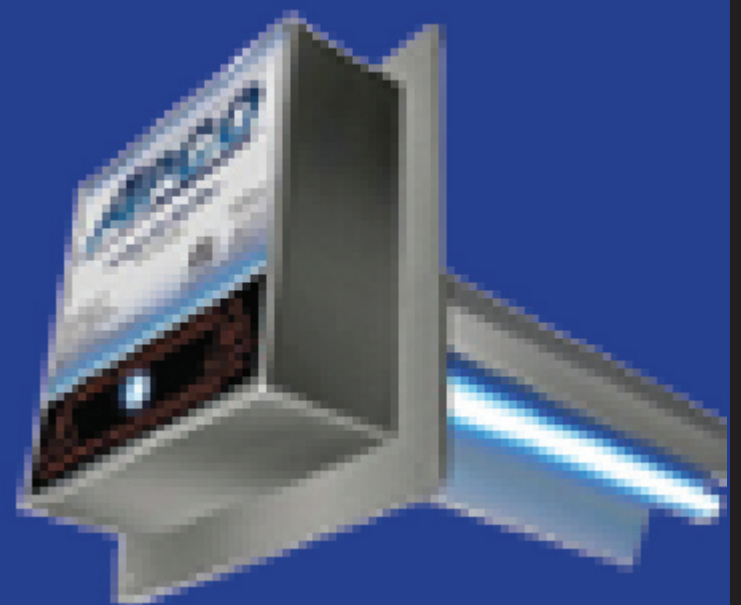
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1998 Honda CBR 900	JH25C3313WM200384	M145161	Yellow	Wildwood St. & Country Wood St., MSC	
1989 Ford Ranger	1FTCR10A4KUA16120	20C15G0	White	Old Lee Hwy & Hook St., Tuscumbia	
1996 Toyota Tercel	JT2AC52L6T0159604	2259AM7	Green	South Cave St., Tuscumbia	
1996 Toyota Camry	4T1BG12K6TU715477	20BC684	Tan	North West Community College	
2000 Toyota Corolla	1NXBR12E8YZ381271	1A73H89	Green	Hwy 43 & Hwy 72, Tuscumbia	
1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass	1G3WH52M6SF300304	6G7B0	White	Town Plaza Shopping Center, Sheffield	
1996 Ford Explorer	1FMCU22X5TUB07285	20A73B2	Red	Hook St. & Moore St., Tuscumbia	
2001 Honda Civic	2HGCS26721H550329	BA08671		Holt Radiator, Muscle Shoals	
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Mark 12:30, 31

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Mark 7:67

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John 14:6

Abide in Him so that we may bear fruit.
John 15:4

Believe and be baptized in order to be saved.
Mark 16:16



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Watch Out for IRS Scam Calls

HUNTSVILLE—The Better Business Bureau of North Alabama has received numerous reports of scam phone calls from someone claiming to be with the IRS.

These callers are claiming that the IRS is pursuing a law suit against you and that you must make a payment immediately. If you do not answer, they will likely leave you a message warning you that this is your last notice from them. Local consumers have reported many different telephone numbers that these scammers are asking you to use.

The BBB has reason to believe that this IRS scam is based in Pakistan or India and advises you to always screen your phone calls and ignore any calls from numbers that you do not recognize.

The BBB recommends these tips if you receive one of these calls or voicemails:

- Don't wire any money. The IRS will not ask for payment over the phone, especially by money order or prepaid debit card. If you owe money to the IRS, they will send you a letter in the mail.
- Just hang up and don't call back. It is tempting to get the last word, but you may end up giving scammers information they can use later.
- Never give out your personal information. Caller ID spoofing makes it very easy for callers to pretend to be someone else. Scammers have also posed as immigration authorities and representatives of utilities companies. Be very skeptical of anyone who calls asking for money or personal information.
- If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.
- Report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1.800.366.4484 or at www.tigta.gov.
- You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

For more information and tips on this topic, please see 5 Ways to Detect IRS Scam Phone Call and IRS, U.S. Treasury and Sheriff's Department Scam Phone Calls.

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Fantastic Friday Fun Raiser Friday, February 20 from 3-6pm at The Club/ Florence Parks and Recreation Department, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence.

Our meal will be catered by The Bonnet Café from Lexington, AL - served at 3pm. The meal selection will be country fried steak or baked chicken served with pinto beans, mashed potatoes, green beans, cobbler and tea. Tickets in advance only \$10. General admission at the door will not guarantee a meal however you can enjoy the music, dancing and games. Proceeds will benefit the Masters Games and Special Events at The Club. For more information call The Club M-F 8 am-5 pm at 256.760.6420.

Underwood Youth Complex Signups for Spring at the Underwood Petersville Community Center, weekends February 7-28, Saturdays from 10am-2pm and Sundays 2-4pm.

TBall ages 3 & 4; baseball ages 5 & up; softball ages 5 & up.

For more information, contact: Jeremy Murphy 256-764-0447 or Brad McIntyre 256-335-4700.

Tuscumbia Multiple Purpose Center will be taking Baseball/Softball Registration now until February 20. For more information call 256-386-5655 or email tammymholt64@comcast.net.

We also offer classes for Karate ages 6 and up, Hip Hop ages 3 and up, and Self Defense ages 14 and up. Come join us!

LifeSouth Blood Drives - February - 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, February 18, 10am-5pm, AllState - Jay Sandlin, 1789 Hwy 72, Killen Thursday, February 19, 9am-5pm, Bank Independent, 210 S Pine St., Florence Friday, February 20, 7:30am-3:30pm, Colbert Heights High School, 6825 Woodmont Dr., Tuscumbia

Saturday, February 21, 9am-4pm, The Shoals Flea Market, 65 Sportsplex Dr., Muscle Shoals

Sunday, February 22, 12-6pm, Florence Mall, 301 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence

Monday, February 23, TBA

Tuesday, February 24, 5-11am, North American Lighting, Inc., 100 Counts Dr., Muscle Shoals

Tuesday, February 24, 1-6pm, Burkes Outlet, 519 W Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals

Wednesday, February 25, 1-7pm, North American Lighting, Inc., 100 Counts Dr., Muscle Shoals

Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Events, 350 North Wood Ave.

What Do You Mean You Haven't Seen Groundhog Day? Thursday, February 19, 7pm. Join film buff and stand-up comic Duell Aldridge for a screening of the Bill Murray classic Groundhog Day.

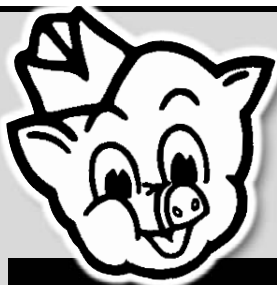
The Tennessee Valley Art Association hosts Bluegrass at the Ritz with Jake Landers & Friends, Saturday, February 21, from 12noon-10pm at the Ritz Theatre, 111 W. Third St., Sheffield. Admission: \$10 for all or part of the day. For tickets or more information, call 256-383-0533 or visit tvaa.net.

S.P.A.N. Advisory Board Annual Fundraiser will be held at 610 West College St., Florence, Thursday, February 26, 11am-1pm. Catered by Whole Hog Express, plates \$10 with half a chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. Take out or eat in. Delivery available for orders with 10 or more.

Contact 256-246-2060. The Future Being Directed One Child At A Time.

Florence Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting registration for Youth Soccer now through March 8 for ages 4-14 years old. You can register at www.FPARD.com. Registration fee is \$45 per player. For more information contact Nicole Lambert at 256-760-6628.

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"I'm thankful for First Metro Bank's Runnin' Around Downtown and the Shoals Scholar Dollars program. Because of their generosity, I am now a freshman at Northwest-Shoals Community College pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice," said Jonathan White.

With over 300 participants last year, First Metro Bank is eager to increase the number of runners for this year's race.

To register, visit www.runninarounddowntown.com or stop by any First Metro Bank location. Runners will receive early registration pricing through Saturday, February 21 and will be entered for a chance to win a gift certificate from a downtown Florence restaurant of their choice!

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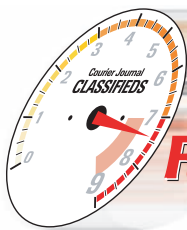
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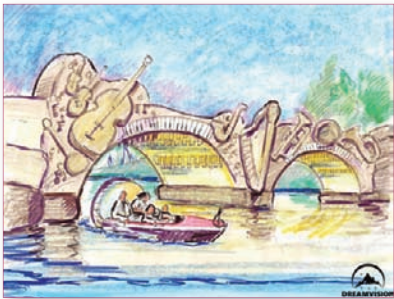
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leaders," said Robinson. "Even more compelling is how DreamVision aligns with Provident Global Capital's core values and our mission of investing in companies that have a positive impact on society."

"All the money is in place to make the Shoals attraction and a complementary attraction in Fort Worth, Texas, a reality," Robinson added. "The investors will be named and present at the ground breaking ceremony."

"With its pivotal role in music history, Muscle Shoals is a fitting site for the world's most ambitious, musically-themed destination park and resort," Silanskas said. "Our goal is to celebrate the universal language of music while positioning this remarkable town as the music capital for the 21st century." The 1,400-acre park will pay homage to the history and folklore of the Shoals — spotlighting its rich musical history in several genres. They anticipate that up to 20,000 jobs will be attributable to the park.

Anchored by the iconic DreamVision Music Mountain, DREAMVISION SOUNDSCAPE will feature music central station as the main entrance and musically themed neighborhoods showcasing country, pop, gospel, jazz and more with unique all-age rides, such as SOUNDSCAPE Singing River; "Breaches," an extreme roller coaster; "Slide Guitar," a drop ride; and "Oceanica," a domed



Artist's renderings

water playground and beach, along with various performance venues. The destination will also include golf courses, movie theatres, hotels, restaurants, retail, and more.

According to Rick Silanskas, the company has already begun pre-development on the parks. Each has separate themes, rides, and attractions that embody the DreamVision family brand. A similar presentation in Ft. Worth last week described plans to develop a 5,000-acre park that would also include an indoor snow sports venue.

Ron Logan is DreamVision's chief creative officer. He retired after 27 years with the Disney Company. He served as executive vice president and executive producer for Walt Disney Entertainment. He was also the force behind the Broadway production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

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I work in a large office building, and much to my surprise, I learned that many of the offices carry full weekly newspaper subscriptions, even though they're only open Monday through Friday. I have had two smaller offices approve giving me their Sunday paper coupon inserts for free. I also utilize the Sunday comics from time to time to wrap gifts for children (and children at heart). Of course, all leftovers get recycled!

Rachel R. in Minneapolis

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Kym

AHH, PEACHES!

When peaches are in season, I vacuum seal them in several sizes: 1 cup, 2 cup and lunch box size. It is a real treat to throw a 1/4 to 1/2 cup vacuum sealed bag of peaches into my lunch pail. I get fresh fruit and it serves as an ice pouch. I get the smell and taste of fresh peaches for pennies!

Mary W-M

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Dawn G. in South Bend, IN

POTATO SAVER

If I have potatoes that I am afraid may go bad, I bake them in the oven in foil and then throw them in the freezer. When I want a baked potato, I unwrap it and throw it in the microwave. It has that great

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Janet M.

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Denise, Athens, AL

A Yes you can. Alabama, like most states, recognizes a claim that a spouse has against a person who injures them. I like these claims and think that jurors are receptive to the legal claim that is technically called a claim for "consortium." Historically, the law began as a claim a husband had against someone who had compensated him for the loss of his wife's consortium and services. That is the right of a husband to his

wife's company, fellowship, usual services in taking care of the home, rearing the children, as well as his loss of her society and comfort.

When I first started practicing law in the late 80s with cases involving consortium claims, you would see the occasional defense lawyer who would be crude enough to inquire about the sexual habits of a married couple. I think these lawyers did this to embarrass people in an attempt to discourage their claim. Sometimes that tactic worked and sometimes it was offensive for no good reason.

The law recognizes a wife's claim for the loss of consortium and services in her husband and includes a loss of the companionship, affection, society, support and sexual relations. It is kind of odd that in the newest jury instructions, a wife has a specific claim for the loss of "sexual relations" with her husband but the jury charge for the husband does not include that specific claim, although it is probably implied.

I like these claims for two reasons, the first is that these claims force everyone including the defendant and the jury to look at the very natural consequences to a family of a serious personal injury and secondly, these claims often provide additional insurance coverage and a greater monetary recovery.

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WHERE'S THE SAFETY FACTOR?

Dear Dave, I'm retired, and currently I have about five percent of my retirement savings in gold and silver I've been acquiring over the last few years. I've seen gold prices decline significantly, and I'm wondering if I should hang on to it as a safety factor in the event the economy goes bad in a hurry. I want to make sure I'll still have a safety factor, and something of value, if that happens.

Steve

Dear Steve,

What's the safety factor here? And if everything goes downhill, why does it have value? Gold has this weird allure and mythology around it that says, "I've still got something that people will take when the economy crashes." But the truth is there hasn't been an instance when people used gold as a medium of exchange in a crashed or failed economy since the Roman Empire.

People still use gold because they believe in it. We also believe in green paper with presidents' faces on it. So, gold really has no more intrinsic value than that green paper. The only reason we place value on it is because we, the society, place value on it. A failed society might not place value on it anymore.

In a completely failed economy, the first step is usually a takeover by a Fascist government. After that, you get a new color of money - of paper - with a new leader's face on it. Then, the old stuff isn't worth anything. It's very seldom you ever see gold come to the rescue.

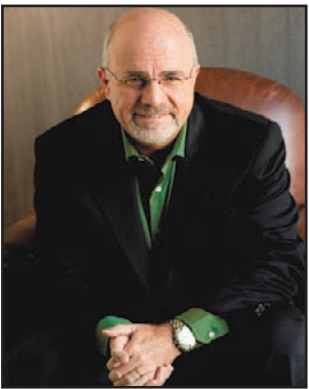
I don't believe in investing in gold for that reason. Plus, the track record on gold, as far as a rate of return, is horrible over the long haul. There was a time a few years ago when everyone went crazy on it, but other than that? Ugh!

—Dave

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Dear Dave,

We've got our emergency fund in place, and we're debt-free except for our home. We'd like to have a child soon, but my



job requires frequent travel. I don't want to be away most of the time when there's a baby in the house, so I'm thinking about opening my own business. That way, I can set my own hours. What do you think of this idea?

Ray

Dear Ray,

Ask yourself this question: If time and money weren't considerations, which one would you rather do? You'd be on straight commission as an entrepreneur, so there would be no regular checks to count on as income. You'd have to wake up every single morning, go out and kill something and drag it home. If you don't, your family won't eat.

An entrepreneur is the only person I know who can go from sheer terror to sheer exhilaration and back every single day. You've got to have a strong mind and heart to make things happen, and it will be a rough ride if you don't have both. Plus, it won't last long if you don't absolutely love what you're doing.

Everybody wants to be successful in their job and make lots of money, but personal happiness is just as important. If you wake up jazzed about what you're going to do every day, chances are you'll be successful and happy. But if you wake up dreading the day and your job, then I can almost guarantee you won't be successful financially or happy.

Do lots of research and planning before you make any big changes, Ray. There are great small business ideas still waiting to be had, but to make something good happen you've got to find the one that's right for you!

—Dave

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


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Julie S.

MY TURN!
I have three grown
children now, but when
they were younger, they
were always fighting about
things like whose turn it
was to ride up front in the
car. So I started putting their
names on each day of the
month on the calendar. The
person that was assigned
that day got to ride up front,
but he or she was also the
first to take a bath that night.
It stopped a whole lot of
arguing. You can use that
system for other things like
who gets to pick the dinner
menu for a particular day.
V.

BOXES-OF-BOXES
When it's time to
relocate to another home
or apartment, finding an
inexpensive source for
moving boxes is always
a challenge. I found the
perfect solution with my
last move, and that is the
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large boxes filled with
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I thought I'd laugh out
loud when my husband
and I set up house together.
He had shelled out money
for spice combinations like
"Cinnamon and Sugar,"
"Montreal Steak Salt,"
"Pumpkin Pie Spice," etc. I
encouraged him to read the
ingredients on the bottles.
Sure enough, he could
easily make four homemade
bottles of cinnamon and
sugar for the same price as
the pre-mixed version. The
steak salt was little more
than coarse salt and pepper
with a little garlic powder
thrown in. Read the labels on
the spice mixtures that you
enjoy and see if you can't
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Commentary

Much Dream in the Vision

Executives with the DreamVision Company were in the Shoals last week to unveil their concept of a destination venue that will essentially be everything to everyone who has their five senses intact.

The hour-long presentation at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center gave several hundred interested onlookers a look at a proposed 1,400 acre music-themed park that includes everything from athletic fields and retail shops to amusement rides, nightly fireworks, and a domed indoor water park. Supposedly, there will even be some lighted streets - not street lights, but lights actually imbedded in the streets. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.5 billion. Executives at DreamVision insist the funding is in place for such a venture and they have plans to complete it in 2019.

As impressive as the project outline seems, DreamVision also has a similar and simultaneous venue planned in Fort Worth,

In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

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Guest Op-ed

A Judge Who Uses the Constitution

Originally published online February 4

In state after state the Defense of Marriage Act defining marriage as between a man and a woman was passed. Likewise, in state after state since passage, non-elected federal appellate judges have ruled same-sex marriage to be constitutional, reversing the will of the majority—until now. Finally a justice is actually using the whole Constitution in his arguments. Chief Justice Roy Moore of the Alabama Supreme Court recently wrote that the U.S. Constitution gives no jurisdiction whatsoever to any branch of the federal government to dictate marriage policy to the states. Moore advised Alabama Governor Robert Bentley to disallow county clerks from issuing marriage licenses.

In a hand delivered letter to Governor Bentley on January 27, Justice Moore argued that nothing in the United States Constitution grants the federal government the authority to redefine the institution



Harold Pease, Ph.D
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Courier Journal in the Shoals

THIS WEEK

February 18, 2015

Happening THIS WEEK

Whether Building or Remodeling

FLORENCE-The 2015 Shoals Home Building & Remodeling Show will be presented by the Shoals Home Builders Association February 21 and 22 at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center! This will be the Shoals' first home show event of 2015. Those attending will find the latest in home storage, home décor, home lending, landscaping, windows, building products, concrete designs, countertops, flooring, roofing, home insurance, and real estate information in the various local exhibitor booths. Experts in their respective fields will be there to help you with your home building and remodeling dreams.

Saturday morning our Shoals' best high school carpentry students compete in the Shoals Home Builders Association Carpentry Contest. Students from Muscle Shoals Career Academy and Allen Thornton Career Technical Center



FEBRUARY 21 & 22

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Conference on Current Trends

FLORENCE-The 20th Annual Urban Forestry and Horticulture Conference, sponsored by the City of Florence, Tree Commission, Beautification Board, Urban Forestry / Horticulture Department, Electricity Department, and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, takes place Friday, February 20 at Cross Point Church of Christ.

The theme of this year's event is "Current Trends in Plants and Trees." Three specialty tracks will be offered again this year: Horticulture, Urban Forestry, and Pesticide Management. Participants can receive continuing education recertification credits (CEUs).

The keynote speaker is Roald Hazelhoff, Director of the

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ECM HOSPITAL WILL HOST A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH FAIR called Matters of the Heart on Friday, February 20 in the front lobby from 10am-2pm. There will be displays, health screenings, and medical personnel to answer your health-related questions. Learn about different medicines and procedures, and visit with ECM doctors and staff. Screenings will include Blood pressure, Cholesterol, Glucose, BMI, and Sleep Disorders. There will also be displays from the ECM Cath Lab, the Open Heart Surgery Program at ECM, Calcium Scoring, and a variety of heart-healthy resources available. The event is fun, educational, and FREE!

A BEAN SUPPER will be served at Muscle Shoals Living Center at 994 Gattman Park Dr. in Muscle Shoals on Saturday, February 21 from 11am-7pm. Menu includes beans with ham, cornbread, slaw, onion and dessert. \$6 per plate, all you can eat (beans and ham). Carry-outs are available. For pre-orders call 256-386-9280. Tickets may be purchased from any senior of the Muscle Shoals Living Center.

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Editor:

This is a very exciting time in our Shoals area. We have been long recognized for our musical roots. We have all kind - rock, country, gospel, blues - you name it.

Now because of our reputation a new theme park is coming to Muscle Shoals. I believe this is great because 20,000 jobs will be created. Here is the kicker though. We will have people moving to our area because of these jobs. If 20,000 jobs are created, will this company be providing health insurance? I can name many employers now who do not provide this to their employees. INSTEAD of penalizing taxpayers, why not penalize those employers instead?

ObamaCare is so outrageously high and working people need a break. I do support this amusement park, but insurance needs to be provided to working people.

Why are we still honoring the pagan gods in our week? All seven are pagan gods.

Charles Swindle
Florence

A Forced Mandate

Editor:

Alabama is now being threatened by our Federal Government, as a matter

of fairness, with a legal mandate forcing Alabamians to sanction same-sex marriages. This would effectively open up our state and its people, to the homosexual lifestyle and all that goes with it.

God loves all men and women, desiring that each one of us be able to live a happy and prosperous life here and in the hereafter (John 3:16). God reminds us in Romans 3:23 that all men sin and fall short God's will. Yes, all of us sin. However, to try to justify an immoral practice or way of life as right and normal - deserving of general acceptance is to support the current immoral culture we find snaking its way into the very heart of our country.

God is clear about how He views the homosexual lifestyle. Let's notice: reading in Romans 1: 26-27, 32, "--- 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

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despite the knowledge that it would be losing the support of Hillshire Farms, International Paper, and The Hon Company. The loss of these three major campaigns has affected the community in terms of lost tax revenue and jobs. It may also negatively impact the United Way community partners who have seen an increase in demand for services also related to the closure of these businesses.

As it stands now, United Way would be unable to fulfill the requests of the Community Partners, including requests from two new potential partners. The requests for 2015 total over \$925,000. Several United Way Partners receive a 3-to-1 match for the United Way dollars they receive. This means if they lose \$1,000 in United Way funding they actually lose \$4,000. But United Way is not giving up.

A CALL TO ACTION

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Texas. That one is a 5,000 acre proposal set for completion in 2020. Such a plan for the Fort Worth area seems like it could have a chance for success.

So, why risk that viable project with such uncertainty here?

\$3.5 billion in *budgeted* expenses before the gates open. That means 10,000,000 people will have to spend \$350 each - just to cover construction. Then there is ongoing payroll, insurance, utilities, maintenance, etc. Tens of thousands of people will have to visit daily.

An influx of 10,000 or 20,000 vehicles per day wouldn't significantly impact the Dallas-Fort Worth infrastructure. They should also be able to meet staffing needs from a local pool.

As it stands now, the infrastructure in the Shoals (water, sewer, utilities, gas, roads, etc) is inadequate to absorb such a daily

influx. Funding for needed improvements in obvious utilities issues alone would top \$500 million, and that doesn't include roads and signalization needs.

The funding is not there for those improvements and won't be any time in the foreseeable future.

We have to assume that SoundScape will be built in a rural area to avoid city sales taxes. That would also avoid many building and maintenance codes and junk ordinances. If the project were to fail or the economy were to tank, who will be responsible for the clean-up. Will the neighboring communities be left with Detroit-South?

What we have to consider is how will it benefit the Shoals area long-term.

Some people espouse growth in any capacity. Most of us like it here because of what it's like here NOW.

If we really want the Shoals to grow, a successfully completed project of this nature will do it quickly. However, will such a sudden influx be healthy growth? Do we really want 10,000 more service jobs here, 70% of which will likely pay \$9/hour for 30-hour weeks with no benefits? We can't fill all of those jobs with current residents. People will have to move here. Annual incomes of \$14,000/year with no benefits do not translate into self-sufficiency. That should remind us that we struggle in many facets to meet the needs of the underserved now. Unfortunately, that will also dovetail with greater concerns about crime.

We already hear complaints about traffic. What will another 10,000 vehicles do to that situation? Will resulting traffic issues have a detrimental impact on local insurance rates?

The police deal with an influx of retail shoppers that already strains law enforcement departments past the budgeted figures for our population. Adding another 20,000 visitors per day on current budgets will be challenging.

And what about those shoppers? Will they get fed up with the added traffic snarls and decide that spending money in Tupelo, Huntsville, Decatur and Columbia, TN are better options?

It's easy to get excited about new possibilities because we never want to miss out. However, rushing in to an agreement at any cost just so we don't miss out is not wise business. The Robert Trent Jones/Marriott project here was healthy and well-planned. Although some were still opposed, everything was on the table and the track records of those involved were impeccable. It was significant in scope yet easily absorbed and has been a blessing for this area. The SoundScape presentation included numerous mentions of the word, hope. With more questions than answers, let's hope we don't agree to anything foolish.

Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Quinn asked Deacon why he continued to be a part of his ex-love Brooke's life. Ridge was looking forward to Eric finding out about Rick's misdeeds. Ivy assured Liam that she was secure enough in their relationship for him to be working alongside Steffy again. Later, Steffy had other items on her agenda with Liam besides discussing their plan to take over Forrester Creations. Ivy revealed to Wyatt that she knew about the Spencers' scheme to force Rick out of power. Eric made a controversial decision about which of his sons he planned to support. Liam found himself in a predicament when Steffy presented him with a stipulation to their plan. *Wait to See: Maya anticipates becoming the next matriarch of the Forrester family.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Paul was horrified after discovering what he had done. Hope finally discovered Aiden's true character. Melanie turned to Nicole when she needed someone sneaky to help her. An emotional JJ found himself in Eve's arms once again. Will had a stunning confrontation. Marlena was rocked by Paul's confession. Serena made a big push to complete her mission after Eric's life was threatened. Adrienne found some incriminating texts on Justin's phone, which sent her straight to Lucas. Will's entire world was being destroyed. Justin walked in on Adrienne kissing Lucas. Eric's revelation threw Serena into a panic. Jennifer blasted Eve after learning about her actions from Paige. *Wait to See: Theresa unexpectedly comes to Brady's rescue.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Jake faced his biggest decision since he arrived in Port Charles. Bobbie was angry and perplexed by Luke's strange behavior. Olivia tried to cover up her original admission to Ned. Later, Ned made a shocking announcement to Alexis. Duke visited

Sonny to discuss the future of the organization. Despite his loved ones' discouragement, Michael decided to move forward with his plan. Anna returned from her trip with a surprise for Commissioner Sloane. Alexis was very suspicious of Ned's latest revelation. Tracy was determined to get answers about Luke's past by tracking down the only person who could have them. *Wait to See: Spencer makes a grand entrance at his birthday party.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Nick was forced to ask Sharon to babysit Faith on Valentine's Day. Sage volunteered to help Nick with his party at The Underground. Adam watched in the background as Billy visited the roadside memorial to wish Delia a happy birthday. Later, Adam knocked on Chelsea's door and gave her a bottle of wine. Colin continued to blackmail Devon. Avery met with Jack, who was having second thoughts about provoking Phyllis into having a public meltdown to support the insanity defense. Meanwhile at the Ranch, Phyllis considered calling Jack after receiving his flowers, but Victor had other plans for her. Nikki was worried that Nick was secretly pining for Sharon. Nikki downed a drink after Victor arrived at The Underground with Phyllis. *Wait to See: Neil struggles with his family's betrayal.*

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- **Gutters:** Gutters are vulnerable to winter weather, as strong winds may blow debris into the gutters or even blow the gutters off of the house. Gutters should be cleaned prior to and immediately after winter to ensure they're working properly and not backing up to the point that water can build up and damage the roof. Reattach any loose gutters and clear them of any debris left behind by winter winds.
- **Roof:** The roof is another area of your home's exterior that may have been beaten down over the winter. Examine the roof for cracked, missing or deformed shingles that can allow water to enter a home and damage its interior. Some roof damage is visible from the ground, but homeowners who just endured especially harsh winters may want to climb up on their roofs or hire a professional to get a closer look. Another way to determine if the roof was damaged is to go into your attic and check for water damage near roof trusses. Water damage indicates something went awry over

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- **Walkways and driveways:** Heavy snowfall or significant accumulation of ice over the winter can result in cracked or damaged walkways, driveways and porches. Some of this damage may have resulted from aggressive shoveling or breaking up of ice. Look for any cracks in areas that needed shoveling over the winter, as such cracks can be safety hazards and may even prove to be entry points into your home for water or critters.
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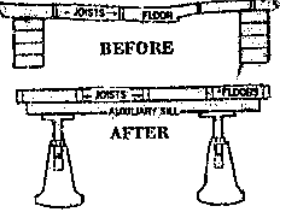
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The Florence Knights of Columbus Council 3989 is sponsoring its annual Lenten Fish Fry on from 4:15-6:45pm Friday, February 20 at St. Joseph Catholic Regional School Cafeteria in Florence. Catfish filets, hush puppies, Cole slaw, french fries or baked potato, drink and dessert are included. Tickets are available at the door - Adults, \$10; Children 4-6 years: \$4; Children under 4 yrs. eat FREE. Carry - outs are available. Cheese pizza will be available for those who do not want fish. Proceeds from this fellowship will be used for the Council 3989 Charity Fund.

The 2nd Annual Black History Month Excellence Award Show takes place Sunday, February 22 at the Florence Coliseum, 3:30pm - Reception for Honorees, Community Leaders, and College Representatives. 4pm Excellence Awards Show

This program will honor local students of color in the 4th-12th grade who are excelling in their academics, Fine Arts, leadership, or athletics, as well as minority adults who are demonstrating leadership as business owners, teachers, administrators, supervisors, law enforcement officers and in other professional capacities. Special guests will be representatives from the University of Alabama, the University of North Alabama, and Alabama A&M admissions offices. Speakers include life coach, Casey Eggleston, and a panel of educators, and college representatives, motivational speakers along with some special performances. Free to All Students. \$5 for Adults. For more information, email centerofexcellence@aol.com or call 256-810-9120.

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Monthly Cover Dish Lunch at Zip City Community Center, Thursday, February 19 at 11:30am. Entertainment will be a musical program. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP Luncheon at Cloverdale Community Center - Tuesday, February 24 at 11:30am. Entertainment will be by the Grace Notes.

Florence Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting registration for Spring Youth Softball now through February 27 for girls 5-12 years of age and Spring Youth Baseball now through February 27 for kids 3-12 years of age. You can register at www.FPARD.com. Age control date is May 1, 2015. Registration fee is \$35 per player. For more information contact David Dolan at 256-760-6628.

Daughter's of the King Empowerment Tea for girls age 5-18 will be held Saturday, February 21 at 11am at the Mt. Moriah P.B. Church Life Center in Florence. The speaker is Tabitha Malone of Huntsville. Refreshments and door prizes. Please call 256-765-0312 for more information.


Legacy Christian Academy presents GOLD CITY in Concert on Sunday, February 22 at 6pm at First Baptist Church in Killen. This award winning Southern Gospel all-male quartet will be making their fifth annual appearance. There is no admission charged but a love offering for LCA will be received. Doors open at 5pm. The concert is sponsored by Bimbo Bakeries, Comfort 1st Heating and Air and WBTG. Call 256-757-5345 for more information.

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A Miracle Week

State tournament basketball time is always special, especially since over the years, multitudes of Shoals area schools have not only participated in the tournament on a regular basis, but have won numerous state championships in the past. This year is the 35th anniversary of the Miracle Week of Coffee High School's run to the school's second state title. Portions of this article contains comments from those involved from a story that appeared in this column 13 years ago. The Yellow Jackets had

to win five games in a six day stretch in 1980 to capture the "Blue Map." The Region 12 Finals between Coffee and Butler was moved from Saturday night to Monday afternoon because the winner was scheduled to play their first state tournament game the next night in Tuscaloosa. Coffee defeated Butler and their star player, Bobby Lee Hurt, 66-60 to advance to Tuscaloosa. Their opening round opponent on Tuesday was Wenonah. Greg Jarmon's 17 points and 12 rebounds

helped Coffee escape with a 57-55 win and advance to the quarterfinals to play Tuskegee. That game was a classic. This time the other Jarmon brother—Rodney—supplied the heroics. The Jackets trailed by eight points with four minutes to play. Points down the stretch by Greg and Rodney Jarmon, Terry Patterson, Reginald Garner and Bill Mock tied the game with 1:09 remaining. Head Coach Gerald Johnson said: "when we were down by eight points, I thought it was all over." "But I've never had a team that wanted to win a state championship as much as this one." Rodney Jarmon held the ball for a last shot and hit the game winner at the buzzer to give the Jackets a spot in the semifinals. Finally, the Jackets had a breather in the semifinals, defeating Fairhope 54-45 behind Greg Jarmon's 22 points. The state championship game was all a championship game should be. Coffee versus Woodlawn for the title. With Coffee leading 62-61, the Colonels had a last-second shot to win it all. The shot bounced off the rim and instead of risking a put back attempt, Coffee's Rodney Jarmon swatted the ball into the back court to preserve the Jackets' state championship title. Five wins in six days. All but one a heart-stopping thriller. It was truly a "Miracle Week" in Coffee basketball history.

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Session Topics are:
February 23 - Ages & Stages of Development & Building a Strong Family
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Zip City Community Center Fourth Saturday Breakfast will be on February 28 from 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children under 12, \$3. Proceeds used for Center expenses. Everyone is invited.

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St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church's Annual Gumbo and Bake Sale will be Saturday, February 28 from 9am-1pm at 1900 Darby Drive, Florence. The Episcopal Church Women's Organization will sponsor this sale of home-made gourmet items.

Chicken and sausage gumbo without shrimp will be \$15 per quart and chicken and sausage gumbo with shrimp will be \$18 per quart.

Condiments and special sauces, including Jezebel Sauce, as well as delicious baked goods, will be sold at the event in the Community Hall of the Church.

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the proceeds from the sale will be divided among various church charities and community help organizations.

Tickets for the gumbo will be sold by the women of the church until February 21. Purchasing tickets ahead of the sale will guarantee the availability of gumbo for all who are interested. For any additional information about buying tickets call: 256-760-0823.

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Guest Op-Ed

States...

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issue marriage certificates to same-sex couples.

Still, what about Amendment 14 passed after the Civil War to make the southern states apply the Bill of Rights to their freed black population—the amendment now almost exclusively used to justify same sex marriages? This amendment was about slavery, not marriage; homosexuality at the time was illegal in every state. Two nebulous phrases in the wordy amendment, “due process” and “equal protection” were extracted later by judges (sometimes with tortured logic), and used to rule that a state may not deprive their same-sex couples of due process and equal protection of the law. Each nebulous phrase took on a life of its own with no regard to original intent.

If a judge uses only the distortions of Amendment 14 not introduced into the Constitution until after 1865, seventy-eight years later and never understood by the amendment writers to justify radical change, he will use it to make same-sex marriage constitutional. To do so, however, he must intentionally ignore Article I, Section 8, and Amendment 10 and utterly discard the philosophy of federalism. Such judges endorse the movement to grow the federal government, righting all wrongs and solving all problems through an ever-enlarging central government—just the opposite of what the Constitution is supposed to do. Constitutional judges like Moore, on the other hand, value these essential components of the Constitution and will rule otherwise.

Judge Moore uses the complete Constitution as understood by its Founders. His opponents take one sentence out of the whole, disregarding everything prior to 1865, and give it a meaning not understood at the time. So again, we finally have a judge who uses the whole Constitution in his interpretations.

Dr. Harold Pease is a syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He has taught history and political science from this perspective for over 25 years at Taft College. To read more of his weekly articles, please visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org.

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