Keller Names New CFO

SHEFFIELD-Helen Keller Hospital president and CEO, Paul Storey, recently announced the addition of **Penny** Westmoreland as chief financial officer. She began serving March 30. Westmoreland has over 25 years of experience in hospital-related finance and accounting in both the notfor-profit and investor owned arenas.

Westmoreland will interact with all Helen Keller and Red Bay hospital departments as well as the Huntsville Hospital System management

team.
"We are so happy that a extensive experience



chose to join Helen Kéller Hospital," said Storey. "She brings a skill set that will serve us well as Westmoreland we navigate

a tough healthcare environment. I am confident that she will provide strong leadership toward the overall financial health of Helen Keller Hospital."

Westmoreland received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration from UNA.

She is an active member at Highland Baptist Church. She and her husband, **Chuck**, live in Muscle Shoals with their two children, Landon and Josie.

'I am very happy about the opportunity to serve the hospital and the community in my new role," Westmoreland said.

Brewer Joins First Metro

FLORENCE-First Metro Bank is pleased to welcome **Tony** Brewer to their team as Senior Vice President and Commercial



Lending Officer. Brewer will help serve existing accounts and develop new relationships with personal and business customers. He joins First Metro Bank with over 20

years of lending experience in Northwest Alabama.

"Joining this group of community-focused individuals at First Métro Bank places me in a great position," said Brewer. Financial strength, outstanding ratings and an indisputable reputation of service combine to create a true hometown experience."

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A science fair project can also be self-

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Pets in the Spotlight

SHOALS - After a long eleven month wait, the Courier Journal-Shoals Pet Picture Contest is underway for 2015. Pet Depot is holding the leash again as the Presenting Sponsor of this exciting and highly anticipated four week event. Twelve winners and twenty honorable mention photos will be published in the May 6 issue during National Pet

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HUNTSVILLE- My Care Alabama was recently named an Alabama Medicaid Health Home for Region A, a ten-county area in North Alabama. My Care Alabama will provide case management for eligible individuals with chronic conditions who are part of the Medicaid Patient 1st population in the region.

My Care Alabama begins operation as a Health Home on April 1. Health Homes coordinate the care of the Medicaid Patient

1st patients. These patients have or are at risk of having one or more of the following chronic conditions: asthma, diabetes, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), mental health conditions, substance use disorders, transplants, sickle cell, body mass index (BMI) over 25, heart disease and hepatitis C.

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"First Metro Bank strives to identify individuals whose devotion to our community is evident, said Rodney Howard, President and CEO of First Metro Bank. "Tony is a perfect example of this philosophy. We are pleased to welcome his leadership and expertise."

Lendmark's 1st in Alabama

FLORENCE-With over 23 years of experience in the Lending Business, Patty Beavers has joined Lendmark Financial Services as branch manager. The office is located at 2701 Mall Dr., Suite 14 in Florence. A Grand Opening and Chamber ribbon cutting will take place Thursday, April 16 at noon and includes refreshments. Lendmark was founded in 1996 and is headquartered in Covington, GA. The company has over 140 branch locations in eleven

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including me, will be judged by our Maker and we shall see

whose words shall stand, God's or ours. All the hypocrites, unbelievers, Christ rejecters, clerics, church members, atheists,

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Christ declared in Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth shall pass away,

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wonder if we will love His judgment the way he will love judging us,

or something in God's name, you are judging them or it Matthew

12:36-37 "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall

speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For

by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be

condemned." Christ said in Luke 19:22a "And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee." If you have rejected Jesus

Christ, you have passed judgment on Him, and you have done it with

the words of your mouth. My lost friends; what's ahead for you is not

a pretty picture. Jesus Christ and His words are not something to toy

around and you get away with it. There is a payday for sin and it is

Every time you tell someone to go to hell, or "damn" someone

and the way we have judged Him and others in this world?

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states with the Florence location being the first to open in Alabama.

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A Credentialed **Preventionist**

SHEFFIELD – **Debbie Thompson**, Infection Preventionist at Helen Keller Hospital, has once again earned the "Certified in Infection Control" credential from the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC). Certification is maintained through successful completion of a recertification examination every five years.

The purpose of the certification process is to protect the public by providing standardized measurement of current basic knowledge needed for persons practicing infection control; encouraging individual growth and study, thereby promoting professionalism among infection prevention and control professionals; and formally recognizing infection prevention and control professionals who fulfill the requirements for certification. Individuals who earn this credential join approximately 5,000 practitioners worldwide who are Certified in Infection Control. The National Commission for Certifying Agencies accredits CBIC's certification program, which signifies that it has met the highest national voluntary standards for private certification. CBIC periodically conducts job analyses to assure that certification measures current practices and knowledge required

for infection prevention and control and applied

epidemiology.
"Helen Keller Hospital is privileged to have an Infection Preventionist of Debbie's caliber on our staff," said **Rebecca Michael**, Director of Quality Management at Helen Keller Hospital. "Her wealth of knowledge and years of experience provide our patients, staff, and physicians with an Infection Prevention and Control program of the highest standard."

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Fish Fry - Thursday, April 16, 4-7pm at Central Vol. Fire Dept. Fish, shrimp and chicken catered by Swamp Johns'. Plates \$10. Eat in or carry out. Proceeds go to

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 "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.

The program is free, but seating is limited. A light lunch will be served. Call 256-386-4747 to reserve your seat!

Upcoming Events at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library
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Saturday, April 18, 12-3pm - Book Signing with Leah W. Norton.

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Monday, April 20, 6pm at Rivertown Coffee Company - Beer and a Book: Climbing the Mango Trees.

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256-712-4414 Cadie Saturday, April 18, 9am-7pm, Shoals Flea Market, North Alabama State Fair

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

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

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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 stave 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 ʻfinancial hardship.

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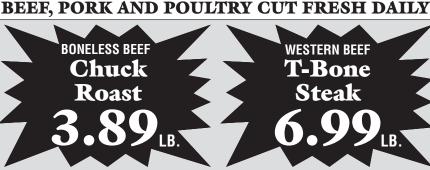
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winning The and honorable mention photos will appear in our fourpage color display on May 6, making dozens of local pets famous for at least of Florence and Muscle Shoals is awarding gift certificates for all twelve winning photos and twenty honorable mention winners.

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into one of three categories, Dogs, Cats, or Exotics. Our staff will also create a fourth category in which your pet photo may also qualify. The Companions category best depicts the companionship that pets offer.

hope you have seen the teaser ads in the Courier Journal leading up to this week. Hopefully, you also have kept your camera handy looking for that perfect picture moment for your your chance to share in this great prize package.



The entry form and rules are in this and the next two issues. Follow the directions and select from the various options to enter through our office at 219 West Tennessee St. a full week. Pet Depot in Florence. Photos and completed entry forms may also be taken to Pet Depot in Southgate Mall in Muscle Shoals or on Seville St. in Florence.

> We will be posting pictures from time to time on our Facebook Facebook.com/ page FlorenceCourierJournal is where you can check out some of the preliminary photos.

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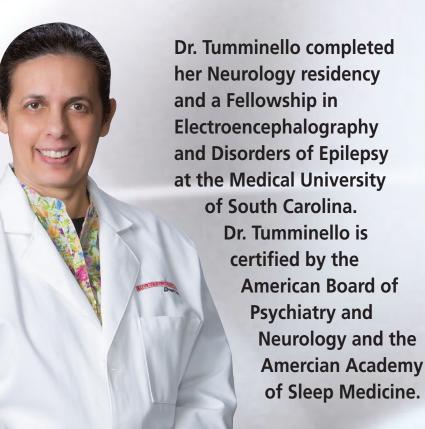
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week, I talked about personal injury law as a type of law that should be regarded as a specialty if specialties were allowed. I wrote about trial work and how historically there has been recognition that trial work is also a specialty.
Obviously, a jury has a tough job in that they are hearing a case for the first time with two different versions and they have to make a very important decision to make. Juries want to

In my article last

know the truth and they want to know that the decision they make is correct.

I also mentioned that most people don't want their case to go to trial. They shouldn't want their case to go to trial. Trials are hard work. But consider that approximately 98% of all cases settle before they are ever filed. Of the roughly 2% that

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Starting in 1995, large auto insurers began dividing auto bodily injury claims into different divisions in a practice called claims segmentation. Some of these claim systems called Claim Core Process Redesign (CCPR) and resulted in such substantial profits that other insurers hired the same consultant (McKinsey & Co.) to create similar systems for them. Others simply copied this method to increase their profits.

Some insurers began to substantially reduce their offers on Minor Impact Soft Tissue Cases (MIST) and started spending more money to defend them than the claims were worth. The idea to substantially decrease settlement offers on these claims and then litigate a high percentage of them originated with McKinsey and spread throughout the industry.

If you are interested in researching this

TO SETTLE **OR NOT TO** SETTLE...

matter there is a book titled From Good Hands to Boxing Gloves: How Allstate Changed Casualty Insurance in America written by D. Berardinelli & M. Freeman.

People who study open files on insurance companies invariably find that your attorney must go to trial, understand the injuries involved with their client's case and write quality demand letters to adjusters. The one true consistency is that the lawyer must go to trial if necessary. Even if the lawyer loses, that lawyer will get still get higher settlement offers. An attorney poses no threat if they settle every single case. There is no reason for the insurance company to make a viable offer if they know that the lawyer will settle no matter.

One thing that has always troubled me about lawyer advertising is when an attorney advertises that they settled a case for a large sum of money. I've been a lawyer a long time and I can tell you that that gives you and I no information. The old joke is: How do you make a million dollars practicing law? Answer: Get a two million dollar case and settle it for a million dollars.

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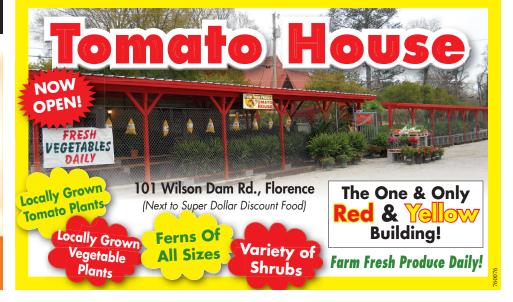
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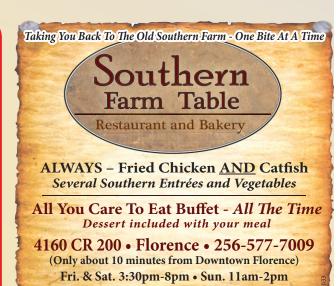
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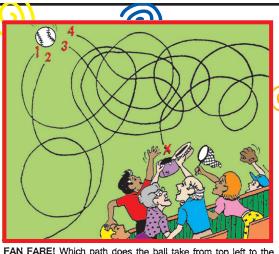
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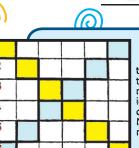


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by DAVE RAMSEY

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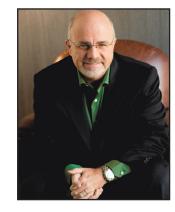
Dear Dave,

We have two girls in gymnastics, competitive and it's costing \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year at a professional gym to do all this. My wife and I both work, and we make about \$115,000 a year, but virtually all of her income goes toward paying the gymnastics bill. We're also trying to get out of debt and get better control of our money at the same time. Should we focus more on our finances right now?

Dear Jim,

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You make good money, so that's not really the big issue. If you guys made \$50,000 or less, I'd be yelling at you. But with your income, the gymnastics thing probably isn't going to slow you down too much when it comes to getting your financial house in order. In other words, it's a parental thing. Ask yourself why you're investing so heavily in this, and what the goal is when they're adults. I think that will help you

–Dave

THE BIRDS

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have My son played ice been living bicoastal since hockey in local leagues last October. He found a great job with great pay in Charlottesville, Virginia, a family thing, and he had after graduation, and we both lots of fun and we all made agreed he couldn't pass it up. great new friends. He I'm still in Portland, Oregon, agreed he couldn't pass it up. even played some in high with a good marketing job school, too, but he wasn't making \$50,000 a year. We're trying to get out of debt. If I join him now, I won't have a

debt as quickly. But being apart is so difficult. Should I go ahead and make the move

Danielle

Dear Danielle,

If he's making great money, and you guys can make it on one salary while you look for another job, then I'd say go for it. There are things in life that are more important than money, getting out of debt in a certain amount of

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Go be with your husband, Danielle. You guys have been apart way too long already!

—Dave

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Intolerance Meets Christophobia

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Words

TOM MAGAZZU

(D-NY). It received unanimous support in the house and near unanimous in the Senate. It was signed into law by Bill

An errant court decision regarding the religious rights of Native Americans spurred the bipartisan support for the federal bill. It was based on simple religious liberty protection harmonious with our constitutionally guaranteed right to be free from unnecessary government interference in the exercise of our religious beliefs.

Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) granted no new rights to any person regarding anything. It was essentially a reaffirmation by the state and was ready for Governor Mike Pence's signature. Arkansas governor Asa Hutchinson had similar legislation on his desk.

Suddenly, the walls of hell seemed to break loose. The media was convinced that this was a heavy-handed assault on gay rights. Those groups must have thought gun shops were selling out of shotguns and every midsize city in the state was erecting a set of gallows downtown.

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Intermittent **Trail Closure**

Transmission Line Work **Creates Some Detours**

MUSCLE SHOALS - The Tennessee Valley Authority will intermittently close a walking trail on the Muscle Shoals Reservation this summer while a new transmission structure is erected on the site beginning Monday, April 13.

TVA decided to close public access to the trail because the transmission work will be conducted near the path. A secondary trail by-passing the construction site will be open. Appropriate signs and barricades will be put in place to route walkers onto the detour trail.

The closure and re-routing is

necessary to ensure the safety of the public.

The public can continue to use the trail system and is reminded to not cross any posted barricade or construction tape. TVA appreciates the public's understanding. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the summer. In the event of bad weather, the work may be extended or rescheduled.



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A Nice, Caring Walk

Editor:

On behalf of the Be Nice Foundation and Northwest Alabama Cancer Center, I would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy our first annual walk to help benefit the Caring and Sharing program.

Special thanks go to the Easter Bunny and kids who made the event a success.

Angela Jackson Muscle Shoals

Biofuels Waste Energy

To the Editor:

For years US government agencies have invested billions of our taxpayer dollars into a biofuel dead end: turning corn into ethanol, and genetically engineering crops, trees, algae and microbes to make them all more easily

So mister editor, if you do not make our citizens aware of this information and a lottery pusher gets elected, you will be as responsible for our state going under as he is.

turned into fuel.

Now the Department of Energy is dumping \$36 million and more into establishing a program to speed field testing and deployment of engineered high-energy crops across southern states. Many of these are potentially invasive, flammable and otherwise risky. This is in conjunction with their absurdly named PETRO (plants engineered to replace oil)

program. Enough is enough!

The amount of land, soil, fertilizers and water required to grow enough plant biomass to supplant even a modest portion of fossil energy are astronomical. It is time to stop wasting time and money on a pathway to degrading the lands, soils, waterways, farms and forests. Tax dollars should be put to better uses including support for public transportation infrastructure, building efficiency and energy conservation.

Rachel Smolker Ph.D. Hinesburg, VT Co-director of Biofuelwatch

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Intolerance

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Within hours legislatures were feeling the heat and both governors were promising changes to the legislation.

The new Indiana law was anything but an attack on the gay community. In fact, it was a rather timid defensive effort to protect Christian-owned small businesses from blatantly aggressive legal attacks. photographers, Since bakeries, and florists have been purposely targeted lately, it was all about people of faith having greater legal footing in business dealings that violate their faith and conscience; again, affirming the 1993 law.

Most in the gay community want to live and let live, anyway. Like any other group of people, they know they can find supporters and like-minded business owners who are willing to personalize any celebration in their lives. However, that is not good enough for some on the far left. Instead of state or local anti-discrimination laws being used as a defensive shield against aggression and mistreatment - as the law was designed - some are using it as an offensive weapon to crush those whose degree of tolerance does not rise to an acceptable level. The once-bullied are now doing the bullying with government sanction.

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adequate for some. They can make any excuse they want. It amounts to withholding from Christians the liberty to live their faith in their own personal and professional settings.

This is not about a baker or a restaurant refusing to serve gay people. That happening. about individual religious freedom - a constitutionally protected right - that some judicial Marxists don't care to allow.

How many gay couples re demanding that Muslim bakeries make their wedding cakes? The likelihood is NONE. They only seem to be profiling Christians.

What were adequate bills in Indiana and Arkansas, were instantly turned into an anti-religious behaviorallyprotected debacle that can unconstitutionally now force people of faith to

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Gaming Serves No Benefit

Editor:

It is a time-proven fact that wherever there is gambling of any kind including so-called charity bingo and the lottery there is a net loss of tax dollars. Why is that? Because there are more divorces, more people wind up on welfare, and there is more crime.

To put it in perspective, if they collect \$30 from the gambling people, they have to reach in another tax and pull out a minimum of \$60 to go with the \$30 to deal with the problems.

As everyone knows, Georgia has the lottery. I have talked to a number of Georgians who have told me that is the case in Georgia. I have talked to a number of people from Louisiana who have told me the same thing.

Tennessee has acquired the sad distinction of having the highest divorce rate of any state in the nation and bankruptcies have skyrocketed since they got the lottery.

With those facts readily available, why would anyone who wants to run the state of Alabama as Governor push to get the lottery? Could it be because of ignorance or for some other ulterior motive? If it is due to ignorance then that person must be ignorant of other things also and doesn't need the Governorship. If for ulterior motives that person is not needed either?

I know that the majority of gamblers are poor people because I have been in many casinos all over the country. I was not there to gamble, but to observe. In fact, I have been in every casino on the Board Walk in Atlantic City New Jersey. I believe they are now closing many of those casinos.

So mister editor, if you do not make our citizens aware of this information and a lottery pusher gets elected, vou will be as responsible for our state going under as

Edwin J. Slaten Eva, AL

Two Outcomes. **Both Good**

Dear Sir:

Democrats are in a warp over a letter authored by Sen. Tom Cotton (R) AR in which he outlined the legal powers that the President of the United States has and the fragile nature of any agreement which is not validated by the Congress. Democrats are screaming Congressional that involvement represents a violation of separation of powers, but they have been very quiet when Hussein has committed numerous offenses.

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RFRA...

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violate their genuinely-held religious beliefs. They either have to disobey God or face the potential of business loss and financial ruin administered through judicial fiat. The radical left knows that. But they don't seek real justice. To them, it's a form of revenge and restitution. It is the utopia of forcing people of faith to actively participate in samesex wedding ceremonies. In essence it is the spiritual rape and financial blackmail of the devoutly religious.

Political pawns like Pence and Hutchinson reflect a growing trend in our country and within the so-called spiritually conservative population. Tightly-held spiritual convictions are seldom kept when political pressure is applied by those who seek to destroy our liberty, laws, and culture. Those in the spotlight may walk tall, but they don't carry a big stick. Their intentions may be noble, but social pressures, the threat of economic retraction, and the hyper-sensitized term 'hate', create an instant character vacuum in otherwise spiritually-sound individuals. If they can be swayed so easily, how spiritually-grounded were they anyway? If you disagree with

a philosophy or see an injustice, an economic threat does not change the philosophical nature or the injustice. However, what it often does is reveal a lack of personal conviction.

Instead of Pence and Hutchinson standing beside the people for whom they were allegedly advocating by refusing to sign the amended bill, they caved to the temptation of power, money, and perception. It was a modern-day Judas kiss to people of faith – during Holy Week, no less. President Obama also

an associated cheap generalization about Christians at a recent prayer breakfast. We'll have some fun with that next week.

Letters...

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Sen. Cotton's motives are, but there are two likely outcomes, both good.

1. A likely bad deal will be shut down and Hussein will start to realize that implementing his ideas requires a consensus.

2. The assertion of Congressional power is a long overdue, but very important part of defense of our Republic.

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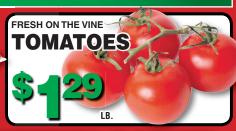


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friendships.

"The Y is so much more than sports, swimming, gymnastics and a place for kids to hang out. We support families in their efforts to instill healthy habits at home," said Catherine Schiesz, Director of Childcare and Family Services. "We know that it can sometimes feel like a challenge. So at Healthy Kids Day, we'll encourage kids to stay physically and intellectually active all summer long. We give families tips they can easily replicate at home. It's free and open to the community."

In celebration of YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, the Y offers the following tips to help families develop healthy habits:

• Try, try, repeat – There are many great tasting fruits and vegetables that many kids have never heard of, let alone tried. Grab a new fruit or vegetable and encourage everyone in the family to try at least a bite.

• Play around town – Challenge the family to play on a different playground every week. Identify playgrounds at a variety of parks; expand definitions of playgrounds to include nature trails, a nearby stream, and a bike path.

• Families at play for an hour a day – From walking to gardening, or swimming to shooting hoops, make playful movement a part of your family's day. To get sixty minutes of moderate activity throughout your day just add ten minutes here or fifteen minutes there.

• Foster a passion for reading – Read to and with your kids. Help children read at every age and every stage of their development.

• Make sleep a priority

– Doctors recommend 1012 hours of sleep a day
for children ages 5-12 and
7-8 hours per night for
adults. Sleep plays a critical
role in maintaining our
healthy immune system,
metabolism, mood, memory,
learning, and other vital
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VEGGIE GARDEN TIPS FOR BEGINNERS







Planting a vegetable garden can be a worthwhile endeavor for anyone who has an available patch of land. Gardens need not take up much space, and even apartment dwellers without yards can plant small gardens in containers they place on terraces or window boxes.

Although establishing a garden is easy enough, beginners may make a few mistakes along the way. Those who already have paved the garden way before can offer novice gardeners some worthwhile tips.

One of the decisions novice gardeners must make is which crops to grow. This will help determine how much land you will need and which supplies or soil amendments will be necessary. According The Old Farmer's Almanac, a common error for beginners is planting too much and more than anyone could ever consume, so it's best to start small and be proud of that small garden.

Plants such as peppers, squash and tomatoes produce throughout the season, so you may not need many plants to provide for your needs. Less prolific plants may require a greater investment to produce a similar yield.

Locate your garden in an area that gets adequate sun. Many vegetables need between six and eight hours of sunlight per day. Without enough light, they will not bear as much and could be susceptible insect to infestation. Vegetables and fruit also need plenty of water because they're not very drought-tolerant, so keep gardens close to a water source.

Another good tip is to locate the garden near the house or barbecue grill. This way you can easily harvest fresh produce and use it when cooking.

Soil preparation is also key. Till the soil and remove debris like rocks, sticks and hard clumps of dirt. Work with organic material, such as manure or compost. Apply mulch after planting to help maintain moisture levels in the soil.

Plant the tallest crops at the rear of your garden bed. Work forward with shorter crops. Try to leave a foot or more between planting rows.

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ears start to open, and the kittens can crawl.

and kittens are starting to walk. At 4 weeks

At 3 weeks, eyes and ears are fully open

and up, kittens are running and playing

and can start eating solid food. Kittens up to 7 weeks of age are the best candidates

for socialization and adoption. After that,

❖ Before you take kittens into your home

it's difficult to acclimate them to human

for fostering, check them for fleas. An

infestation of the nasty bloodsuckers can

quickly kill a kitten. Ask your veterinarian

or the kitten expert at your local shelter for

the best way to safely rid the kittens of fleas.

❖ Keep kittens warm. They can't regulate

their own body temperature, so don't let

them get too hot or too cold. If the kittens

are cold when you get them, warm them

gradually by holding them in your hands

and letting your body temperature do the

with towels fresh from the dryer. For a

constant source of appropriate warmth,

hang a 60-watt light bulb above the box.

work. You can also put them in a box lined

touch and presence.

What to do if you find a litter that appears to be abandoned

By Kim Campbell Thornton Universal Uclick

our child or your dog comes running yard or a nearby park: a litter of tiny kittens. Your first instinct may be to scoop them up and take them home or to the

Would you be surprised to learn that experts say in most cases it's best to leave them where they are? Often, the kittens aren't abandoned but stashed by their mother while she goes out to hunt for food. Here's how to determine their status and what to do if they really are on their own.

- ❖ Watch from a distance to see if the mother cat returns. Be patient. She could be gone for several hours. And she may be unwilling to approach if she sees you near the kittens. If it's necessary and you can do so without disturbing them, provide shelter.
- ♣ If the mother doesn't return to care for the kittens, the next step is to determine how old they are. Kittens 8 weeks or older can be trapped, spayed or neutered, and returned to the area where you found them.
- ❖ Younger kittens can be identified by



even pressure to the bottle. Avoid heating pads, which can short out or become too hot.

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To help kittens drink milk

without choking, hold the

❖ Wait to feed kittens until they are warm. Cold kittens won't be able to digest food. Plan on feeding them every four to six ho round the clock.

❖ Make sure kittens stay hydrated by adding extra water to kitten formula (never give a kitten cow's milk, which can cause diarrhea).

❖ Gently wipe the kittens' bottoms with a warm, damp tissue or cotton ball 15 to 30 minutes after each meal to stimulate urine flow and bowel movements.

❖ Weigh young kittens daily to make sure they are putting on weight.

❖ Watch for eye discharge and sneezing, which can indicate infection. Sick kittens need immediate veterinary care to have a good chance of survival.

Call your local shelter or veterinarian for further advice and help. They may be able to provide you with the equipment and support you need to foster the kittens until they can be adopted. Other good resources include Alley Cat Allies (alleycat.org) and Maddie's Fund (maddiesfund.org). Fostering young kittens is a lot of work, but it can be highly rewarding.

• What does your cat do when he's outdoors? Scientists are using tiny satellite tracking harnesses to follow in the paw prints of more than 500 cats in Fairfield, Connecticut; Long Island, New York; Westchester County, New York; Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina; and seven other states and several foreign countries. They're hoping to enroll a total of 1,000 cats, who will each be tracked for five days. If your cat is allowed outdoors, he can participate, too. To learn about the secret life of your cat, sign up for the Cat Tracker Project at cats.yourwildlife.org.

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Colbert Heights basketball star Sharon Garrison. Garrison played on a World Series Championship softball team in 1995. She also was a drag racing motorcycle National Champion, Cherokee's Velvious Goodloe who set the state record in the long jump and was named the TimesDaily basketball Player of the Year in Class 1A-2A-3A in

George Milstead was three-sport letterman in football, baseball and track for the Sheffield Bulldogs and was an All-American quarterback for the Bulldogs in 1958, Anthony Reid was a standout basketball player for Muscle Shoals High School and UNA. He was named the AHSAA Class 5A basketball Coach of the Year in 2000 at Fort Payne.

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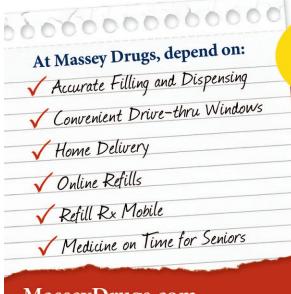
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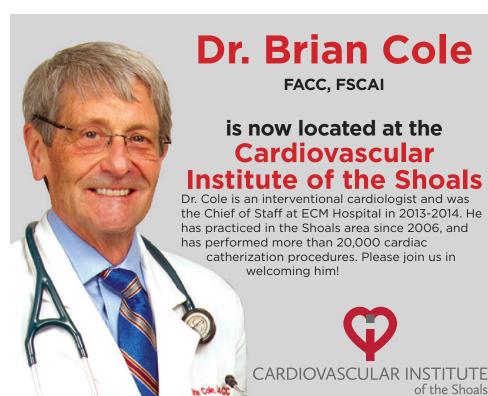
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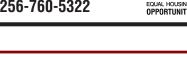
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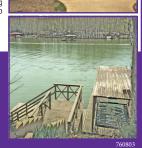
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Gospel Sing - Saturday, April 18 from 7-8:30pm at Central Community Center. Featuring The Voices of Victory from Tupelo, MS, Heavenly Blessed will accompany them. Everyone welcome.

Heavens Echoes will be singing Sunday, April 19 at 6pm at Zion Hill Baptist Church 1480 County Line Rd. Leighton AL.

'SODA' the Shoals Outdoor Drama **Association** will meet at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library Friday, April 17 at 6pm in the Board Room. We need workers and decision makers to make this outdoor theater a reality and provide summer jobs for our youth. Working in this project will give you stories to pass on for generations. Contact: Martha 256-767-1118 or 256-

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. Newton 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.

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. 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.

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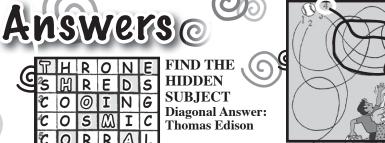
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