

Shoals
Shorts

Warren Main
Street Hero

FLORENCE–Billy Ray Warren has been named the recipient of the 2019 Main Street Alabama Hero Award for the Downtown Florence Alliance. Warren has contributed his knowledge and led the Design Committee of Florence Main Street and Downtown Florence Alliance for many years. He is the author of the handwritten histories of historical homes, businesses, and houses of worship that will soon be published in *Downtown Florence: A Handwritten History*.



Warren

Warren is the retired Curriculum Director with Florence City Schools and currently serves as the historian for the City of Florence. His local volunteer efforts over the decades are varied and voluminous. In addition, Billy Reid received an award from Main Street Alabama for Excellence in Business Promotion for his Shindig No. 11. James W. Bobo received the award for Excellence in Adaptive Reuse for his work on the downtown building housing Taco Mama.

Carter is CFO
in Huntsville

HUNTSVILLE– Clinton Carter will become Chief Financial Officer of Huntsville Hospital Health System in early October, according to an announcement from CEO, David Spillers.



Carter

Clinton Carter is native of Madison County and he comes to Huntsville from North

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Sweet Caroline Tour a Stirring Tribute
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LORETTO–The “Sweet Caroline Tour” will be in Loretto at the Stone Theater on Friday, September 18. The Sweet Caroline Tour is a Neil Diamond Concert Celebration starring the #1 Diamond performer in the world - Jay White. It is without question the most authentic Neil Diamond concert experience on earth. Neil Diamond’s career spans five decades with 125 million in record sales! He has also won a Grammy (13 nominations) and a Lifetime Achievement Award, Golden Globe, and American Music Awards, and has been inducted into both the Songwriters and the Rock’n’Roll Halls of Fame. For over 25 years Jay White has continued to stretch his singing and acting talents while reflecting the stage persona of one of the world’s best loved musical icons. White and his band have performed over 8,000 concerts reflecting the stage persona of an american music legend. His eight-year run headlining on the Las Vegas Strip is the longest ever by a solo tribute artist, and his nine year run during the 90’s with the multi-million dollar production “Legends in Concert” was also unequalled.

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At 99 Perrett is
Looking Ahead



M U S C L E SHOALS – Ms. Charlotte Perrett of Muscle Shoals turned 99 years old on Monday, September 14. She was born in 1921 and is a resident of Muscle Shoals. All 5 of her children are still living. They are - from oldest to youngest: Mattie Johnson of Cherokee, AL, James Freeman of Killeen, TX, Barbarise (Barb) Green of Muscle Shoals, Ronald (Ronnie) Green of Florence, and Jerry Perrett of Detroit, MI.

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Brief Event
Planned for
POW/MIA’s

By Debra Barnes
for the Courier Journal

When someone is missing or being held against their will, there are loved ones and friends in their hometown who have to deal with this tragedy, searching diligently for them, hoping to learn of their fate, and to reunite soon. Such tragedies can strike especially during wartime, and too often going unresolved despite our best efforts. Since 1998 National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday in September to remember and honor those US service members who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. The statistics are sobering: Over 83,000 remain missing from WWII through the Gulf



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Carolina where he now serves as Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration and Chief Financial Officer of the University of North Carolina System which includes all 16 public universities in North Carolina, the UNC Hospital and two medical schools.

Prior to joining the UNC System, Carter served the State of Alabama as the State Finance Director and as a cabinet member for Governor **Kay Ivey** and for Governor **Robert Bentley**. Previously, he served as CFO of the University of North Alabama. His experience in private industry includes key roles in investment banking and with Intergraph Corporation of Huntsville.

A Certified Public Accountant, Carter earned his bachelor's from the University of North Alabama and holds an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

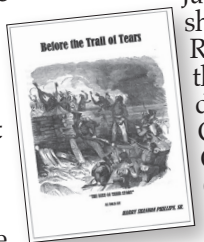
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of tears story before the Cherokee. Their's are not well known.

Author Harry Shannon Phillips, Sr. tells more about the story in his book, *Before The Trail Of Tears-The Rest of Their Story*, that some history books omitted for whatever reason. Contrary to conventional wisdom, they are not "Indians" but are native Americans who were nomads in Siberia thousands of years before they migrated to America.

The "Rest of the Story" brings to light Andrew Jackson's shameful 1830 Removal Act that finally doomed the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek Nations, and the Cherokee, the last to be removed.

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McCulloch ED for Workforce

MUSCLE SHOALS – The North AlabamaWorks Regional Workforce Council recently announced the selection of **Stephanie McCulloch** as executive director. North AlabamaWorks is based in Muscle Shoals and Guntersville and serves all of North Alabama. The nonprofit organization was established to fulfill the workforce needs of the 13-county workforce region comprising Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, and Winston Counties.

The purpose of the regional workforce development system is to facilitate a comprehensive, coordinated, seamless workforce system that supports economic and workforce training

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Recounting Earlier 'Tears'

SHOALS– The "Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride" begins in Bridgeport, Alabama near Chattanooga on September 19 and ends in Waterloo where a festival will take place. Waterloo is where some of the Cherokee were loaded on boats in 1838 for transporting to Indian country in Oklahoma. Others walked trails to Oklahoma through freezing temperatures and slept on the ground. Thousands died.

The story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears is well-known, but the three other Indian tribes who lived in Alabama, the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Creek also had their trail

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Without Christ

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We are warned about our time left in this world twice; **Ephesians 5:16** “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” **Colossians 4:5** “Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.” **1 Corinthians 7:29** “But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;” It’s coming and most of the world will be caught unaware. **Ecclesiastes 12:5d** “and desire shall fail: because **man goeth to his long home,** and the mourners go about the streets:” Where is your long home going to be? Christ is the way, but is He your way? **WITHOUT CHRIST, YOU’RE LOST FOREVER.**

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Wednesday, September 16, 2-8pm, Firestone, 393 Denton Circle, Tusculumbia

Thursday, September 17, 11am-5pm, Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa, 10 Hightower Place, Florence

Friday, September 18, 11:30am-6pm, PetSmart, 107 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

Saturday, September 19, 9am-5pm, Red Bay Founder's Fest, 203 4th Avenue SE, Red Bay

Sunday, September 20, Noon-6pm, Walmart, 2701 Cloverdale Road, Florence

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Wednesday, September 23, 7:30am-3:30pm, Riverhill School, 2710 Darby Drive, Florence

"The Cure for Dreaming" by Cat Winters will be discussed at the September 16 meeting of the Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club at 10am in Spring Park, Tusculumbia. For more information, email nancy537481@yahoo.com or on Facebook look for "Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club"

Revival at Muscle Shoals Church of God, 1700 Firestone Ave. Muscle Shoals, with Evangelist Jacob Anders from Eden, NC on Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19 at 7pm and Sunday, September 20 at 10:45am. Special singing each service. For information, call 256-318-2610.

The Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride comes to Waterloo on September 19. The ride in Alabama begins in Bridgeport near Chattanooga, TN and ends in Waterloo where a festival will be held. Waterloo is where some of the Cherokee were loaded on boats in 1838 to take them to Indian Country in Oklahoma. Others walked other trails to Oklahoma through freezing temperatures and slept on the ground. Thousands died. The ride commemorates that struggle. Visit www.al-tn-trailoftears.net

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99 Years Young...

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Ms. Charlotte is also the head of six generations in her family, all females from her through her daughter, Mattie; granddaughter, Felecca; great-granddaughter, Fawn; great-great granddaughter, Jasmine, and the great-great-great grandbaby, Nola.

Ms. Charlotte is an active member of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist in Tuscumbia. When asked how she has made it to the BIG DOUBLE 9's she explained, "The Lord was the way, and the ONLY WAY!" adding, "I am saying 'Goodbye to 98, Hello to 99' and I am looking toward 100!"

Her daughters said, "Them good ol' chicken 'n dumplings, turnip greens, and cornbread are bound to help in her long life process, too ... because she sure could cook!"

Ms. Charlotte is an avid lover of lady bugs and has a huge collection of them. She also loves her Atlanta Braves and Alabama football, too! She is a "Little Spunky Firecracker!" The city of Muscle Shoals even had an early drive-thru birthday parade this past Saturday for Ms. Charlotte, which tickled her so much!!!

Her next-door neighbor, Suzanne Pitt, wrote this article. Pitt sums Ms. Charlotte up as her 2nd momma and loving Inspiration to her and her family. She also compared her to Miss Clara in the movie, *War Room*, because of her faithfulness to God and Inspiration that she has on everyone she comes in contact with.

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Randy Chapin knows well the impact of war, having spent countless hours - along with his father, Tommy Chapin, developing and maintaining the Veterans Memorial Park Museum and monument area in Florence. Visitors to this Museum often asked Randy questions which prompted him to do extensive research, spanning over 20 of his retirement years.

Volumes of information have been compiled, including in the area of POW/MIA's. They help broaden the educational and emotional impact for visitors. For example, on the list of Alabama POW's from WW2 we learn of the fate of a local soldier. Harold Buford White was released from a prison camp and returned to his family home on Sweetwater Avenue in Florence. It reminds us

that statistics listed are not just numbers. Rather, they represent beloved sons/daughters, husbands/wives and brothers/sisters deserving of our honor.


The POW/MIA flag was created in 1971 at the request of Mary Hoff. She was one of many waiting

for her husband, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Hoff, to return home (his plane had been shot down over Laos). The flag was designed by a WWII pilot, Newt Heasley, who made it in black and white to represent the sorrow, anxiety and hope symbolized by the image of the gaunt man featured on it.

One of these flags will be dedicated with no fanfare in a brief ceremony on September 18 at 10am in Veterans Memorial Park. It will fly near the entrance to the park, just below the Stars and Stripes. Anyone wishing to come is welcome with social distancing.

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Dear Carlie, It's never too early to talk about Christmas! I'm glad you're thinking about things ahead of time. A lot of people wait until December to buy gifts and

make plans. That's fine if they've got the money set aside to handle things, but most of them don't. Then, they panic and turn to credit cards. You don't want to end up in a situation where you're still paying off Christmas in April. If you don't have anything put aside yet, I'd suggest setting some spending goals now. Taking a close look at your income and living expenses should be part of this. If you're not doing it already, what I'm talking about here is living on a written, monthly budget. Look at how much you can afford to put toward Christmas each month, make a gift-giving goal amount, and stick to it. Along with this, you might consider opening a separate account just for your Christmas savings. Start looking for gift deals now, too. There are end-of-summer sales still going on, and you never know what you might find. You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a wonderful Christmas or make the season special for others—even when it comes to giving. Thoughtful handmade items, meaningful photographs

set in a frame, or special baked goods are great ways to show the folks in your life you're thinking about them and how much you care. Now, let's talk about next year. There's absolutely nothing wrong with including a line just for Christmas in your budget each month. Christmas doesn't sneak up on you. It's on December 25th every single year. Putting a little money aside all year long might just take some of the stress out of your Yuletide planning. Good question, Carlie! —Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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Shorts...

McCulloch ED for Workforce

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activities which are business led and industry driven.

"We need an executive director with leadership, vision, and persistence in order to keep up with the increased demand for a trained and qualified workforce from the industries within the 13 counties of

AlabamaWorks Region 1," said Paul Rehome, North AlabamaWorks Chairman "The executive committee of Region 1 unanimously selected Stephanie McCulloch as the new executive director through an intensive interview process, from among ten highly-qualified candidates. She is the right person at the right time to lead

Region 1 through our significant economic and workforce growth in North Alabama."

McCulloch has served as assistant director of North AlabamaWorks for the past four years. She has helped facilitate communication between educational and training providers and local businesses to produce a workforce that supports the industries in workforce Region 1. Coming from a small town in North Alabama, McCulloch developed a passion for regional planning, particularly rural development.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in public administration and urban/ regional planning and is working toward a master's degree in geospatial science at the University of North Alabama. Before devoting her efforts to workforce development, McCulloch was a city planner for the city of Birmingham. She now resides in Russellville with her husband, Maurice, and 3 children.

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Atlantic Anonymity is Bottom Feeding

Trump-detractors/haters online and in the media have been telling us for over four years about what an unruly, unrefined, unprincipled, phony, lying, manipulating, philandering, deceptive, traitorous, racist, egotistical, megalomaniac Trump is. They loved him when he was a reality TV star. Now they count the minutes until he is out of the Oval Office.

Everything they can come up with now that has a shred of legitimacy - or not - has already been heard. Apparently, those stories and accusations are not salacious enough to slow Trump's building momentum as the election approaches. Leave it to *The Atlantic* to publish a hit piece that lacked credibility from the outset. Since its founding in 1857 the monthly magazine has been politically bent while featuring some leading writers of their day.

The magazine has only endorsed three presidential candidates in its history, Abraham Lincoln, Lyndon Johnson, and Hillary Clinton. Since Hillary's loss, it, like

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the

Shoals

September 16, 2020

Happening THIS WEEK

Rosser, Vocal Point Highlighting Virtual Constitution Day Program



CONSTITUTION DAY

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) will offer a virtual Constitution Day Celebration program Thursday, September 17 at 2pm featuring Colbert County Probate Judge Daniel Rosser and music by the NW-SCC Show Choir, Vocal Point.

The online NW-SCC Constitution Day Celebration program will focus on the historical need for democracy and its

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All Age Activities

FLORENCE--Fall programs for all age groups are beginning at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

YOUTH PROGRAMS INCLUDE
ABCs Under the Trees (Zoom)
Wednesdays at 10:30am (Ages: 3 & 4)
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Youth, teens, and adults all have activities this fall at FLPL.



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GIRLS IN KINDER-GARTEN-6TH GRADE are invited to Popsicle's in the Park on Saturday, September 19 from 2-4pm at the Cox Creek Complex Playground (Farmer's Market area). Popsicle's is a fun craft with the opportunity to learn how to become a Girl Scout!

THE TRAIL OF TEARS COMMEMORATIVE MOTORCYCLE RIDE comes to Waterloo on September 19. The ride in Alabama begins in Bridgeport near Chattanooga, TN and ends in Waterloo where a festival will be held. Waterloo is where some of the Cherokee were loaded on boats in 1838 to take them to Indian Country in Oklahoma. Others walked to Oklahoma through freezing temperatures. Thousands died. The ride commemorates that struggle. Visit www.al-tn-trailoftears.net Line up downtown Bridgeport 7am and leave at 8am CDT for lunch at Redstone Harley-Davidson in Huntsville. Leave Huntsville at 12pm and arrive in Waterloo at 3pm.

"THE CURE FOR DREAMING" BY CAT WINTERS will be discussed at the September 16 meeting of the Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club at 10am in Spring Park, Tusculumbia. For more information, email nancy537481@yahoo.com or on Facebook look for "Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club"

YOUR

Letters

Your Courier Journal welcomes tastefully presented letters to be published as space allows. Letters may refer to timely matters of local, state, or national interest or any topic of concern or interest. **Letters must include name, address and phone number for verification.** (Only name and town will be published.)

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What is She, Then?

Editor,

I have read twice lately that Kamala Harris is not black. (Once from Facebook and once in a letter to the *Courier Journal*).

As the letter writer himself pointed out, her mother is from India and people from the continent of Asia are considered Asian. Her father is from Jamaica and 90% of people from Jamaica are black.

She is certainly not white or Caucasian, so what do they consider her to be?

Betty Robertson
Florence

Our Smoking Rights

Editor:

Recently, I went to pick up an order at Cracker Barrel and several people were smoking on the porch. This defeats the purpose of a mask and social distancing.

Mothers with small children without masks were waiting to be seated, as were a lot of older people.

Masks are mandatory in public areas. However, many smokers are smoking without their masks while waiting outside restaurants to pick up orders or to be seated. Unless the rules have changed, the distance from smoking at the entrance to a restaurant is 30 feet. That, too, is not

being observed.

A lot of people, including myself, are allergic to cigarette smoke.

Smoking is every smoker's right, but it is also the right of the nonsmoker to breath without inhaling the 400 carcinogens that have been expelled through the smokers' lungs, especially during a contagious respiratory crisis.

Alternatives to smoking while waiting outside a restaurant are: 1).Nicorette gum; 2). Smoking in your car with the windows rolled up; 3). Smoking at home before you leave for the restaurant; 4).Chewing gum or tobacco; 5).Dipping.

Everyone has to eat, but only

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Our Smoking Rights

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Smokers and restaurant owners, thank you in advance for your consideration and awareness regarding this health issue for nonsmokers.

Joy Willow
Florence

America Like Ancient Israel

Editor,

For the American people to understand what is happening to their nation right now (and prior to now), I encourage them to read tow books by Jonathan Cahn: “The Harbinger”, (concerning 9/11) and *definitely* his second book just published, “The Harbinger II. The Return”.

Gripped by Spiritual Blindness, Ancient Israel was lost because of the people’s rebellion against God and His righteous laws. Yet, God sent Prophets to warn the people of His impending judgment. If they were to repent and return to Him, He would save their land.

The obvious comparison of ancient Israel and America is history repeating itself.

Shirley C. Moseley
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God is Our Great Divide

To the Editor:

Watching the two political conventions, the contrast is striking, but the great divide emerged clearly in one phrase of the pledge of allegiance as recited by both camps: “... one nation under God...” The Democrats left out, “under God.”

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Constitution

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relevance in today's society. The event will take place live through Webex at <https://bit.ly/2FrVKI8>

NW-SCC Assistant Dean Dr. Crystal Reed will moderate the program. "It is exciting to be able to offer our annual constitution day program in a virtual format for our faculty, staff, students, and community," stated Reed. "Obviously, I wish we could offer this in our traditional setting, but we are grateful to be able to hear from Judge Rosser and our show choir to celebrate this historic day."

Judge Daniel Rosser was elected as the Colbert County Probate Judge in 2012 after 15 years in a private law practice. His professional activities include service on the Probate Judges Advisory Committee for Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill and membership in the National College of Probate Judges. Rosser is active in several community organizations that include service as a trustee for the Colbert Lauderdale Baptist Association and Judge Advocate for Post 31 of the American Legion. He and his wife, Tina, along with their daughter Charley, are active members of Parkview Baptist Church.

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SLAVE CEMETERY -19th Century-

A number of slaves are buried here adjoining the south wall of the Wilson Cemetery. There were 160 slaves on the two Wilson plantations at Wilson's Crossroads (now St. Florian). The graves of Christopher Brewer and his wife are probably located here. They were the maternal grandparents of William Christopher Handy, Florence's famous "Father of the Blues." Brewer, a freedman, was with John Wilson in 1865 when the family was terrorized by guerrilla gangs. Brewer was wounded but survived to lead the Wilson heirs to where the family valuables were buried

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While the insurance companies will be looking out for their own best interests, you should have an attorney looking out for yours. A good personal injury attorney can help you obtain the maximum compensation for your injuries.

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Bottom...

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many other neutral, objective (*pronounced left-leaning*) publications have been anticipating and actively trying to facilitate Trump's ouster.

The September issue came out just before the Labor Day weekend. It included a piece by Editor in Chief, Jeffery Goldberg, known for other unmeasured takes on reality.

The article claimed that four anonymous sources with first-hand knowledge heard President Trump reject a planned visit to the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery near Paris

in 2018 when it was raining because he did not believe it important to honor American war dead, referring to them as 'suckers' and 'losers.' And besides, he feared his hair would become disheveled in the rain.

Not even a single source for the story was willing to go on record. It's a desperate smear by those aligned with an increasingly desperate Biden campaign that sees momentum changing.

As of my press time over 20 officials who were part of the trip have said the claims in the story simply aren't true.

They dismissed the anonymous accounts as 'simply false,' 'despicable,' 'untrue', and 'BS,' the latter coming in a tweet from a normally collected former press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders. Sanders later held a full press conference on the issue to elaborate on the fake story.

Former National Security Advisor and a former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, who is not exactly on good speaking terms with the President after his ouster, said *The Atlantic* story claiming the president called fallen soldiers losers is simply false.

Bolton's recent book about his time in the White House blasted Trump as ignorant, incompetent, and willing to pander to dictators. There is plenty of animosity between them. However, Bolton reiterated on a Fox News interview, "I don't know who told the author that, but that was false and I recount that in my book."

Other noted denials came from Deputy White House Chief of Staff Zach Fuentes and retired Maj. Gen. William Matz,

who was the Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Matz was in France and coordinated the events where the comments were allegedly made. He called *The Atlantic* story, "false and despicable."

So, we have unnamed sources as the crux of a hit piece in a liberal pub released early on Labor Day weekend so no substantive responses can come out for several days. Pretty smart move by the political left, because it is not something that would be completely out of character for this president. However, a manufactured story is what we appear to have.

And that goes to another crucial point. Unnamed sources in politics and sports are getting out of hand. One who is speaking on the condition of anonymity because he or she is not willing to go on the record for fear they will burn bridges or say something they shouldn't, is gutless. I'm always of the position that if someone doesn't have the wherewithal to stand behind a claim, why even publish their comments? Pieces these days rely on far too many unnamed sources for substance.

If someone is speaking on the condition of anonymity because he or she is not authorized to speak on a certain topic or represent a position, why are they speaking on it?

When they are not authorized to speak on a certain topic and do so anyway under a shield of anonymity, then one could assume they are shady, underhanded, untrustworthy.

One or two shady sources in a piece with supported comments is one thing, but four? That is bottom feeding.

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God is Our Great Divide

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the settlers sailing from the Old World, crossing the Atlantic, wading ashore carrying their Bible, kneeling in prayer and committing this land to God at Jamestown, Virginia in 1607.

Many who came later were also seeking a place to freely worship God. The ideal of this being a nation under God continued through the struggles of the colonies, the horrors of the Revolution and in the minds of our leaders as they wrote the Bible-informed Constitution and began to govern this new political entity. Even as the Civil War raged over slavery, the basic concept was retained. The South, at that time however, wanted there to be two nations under God.

The “nation under God” concept is the contested barricade over which the current ideological civil war is being fought. The Republicans want us to continue as a nation under God; the Democrats want to fundamentally change us into a nation under Secularism/Socialism/Marx...anyone but God. We are in a conflict over who we are, our essential identity as a nation, and where we want that vision to take us.

Democrats view Donald Trump as not only impeding their obsessive drive for power but he also looms

large in their minds as representing the “nation under God” principle—which designates God as the empowering One in whom we trust. For them, that’s too much. A spiritual reaction erupts, the kind that adamantly rejects the God of our Fathers and is determined to eliminate His influence from every aspect of our government and culture. Their relentless activism is already displaying tragic results. Our national moral compass has been so compromised it’s useless.

Almost everything

Democrats touch now turns into disgusting disaster with sickening human impact.

We do well to think soberly about what we are bringing on ourselves, our children, and all who come behind us when we cast our vote. We are accountable for every choice we make. If we don’t get out in strength and vote Biblical values, expect unbiblical values to be imposed upon us—and then we will have no choice.

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES John finally awakened, but there were complications. Ben dreamed about a future with Ciara. Julie delivered some heartbreaking news to Doug. Eli betrayed Lani. Hope suspected that the truth wasn’t as it appeared. Brady was stunned to learn of Kristen’s arrest. Lani had an angry confrontation with Eli. Jan encouraged Claire to open up to her. Belle was horrified to find Claire with Jan. *Wait to*

See: Xander discovers a way to solve his Philip problem. John lashes out at Sami. Eric receives a life-changing offer.

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THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Billy shared his revenge plot with Jack. Sharon dreamed about Adam. Nikki came to Victor’s defense. Victor questioned Kyle’s commitment to Summer. Nate delivered some shocking news. Phyllis gave Jack a reality check. Adam and Chelsea declared war. Traci uncovered a clue about Dina’s past. Amanda let her guard down with Devon. Chelsea set a trap. Elena lost patience with Amanda. Chance gave Adam an ultimatum. *Wait to See: Billy gets the upper hand against Adam. Sharon questions Victoria’s intentions. Phyllis gives Nick a history lesson.*

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THIS ARTICLE IS AN UPDATE OF AN OLD ARTICLE that was re-inspired by a friend of mine who recently upgraded his already-fast internet to “fiber” internet from AT&T. He thought the upgrade would improve his gaming experience then complained that it didn’t improve anything. I could have told him it wouldn’t help, but he never asked me. Here is why that didn’t work.

Local internet service providers advertise “blazing” speeds that promise to make everything faster. I have news for you: They lie. Before continuing with this article, please go get your latest invoice from your internet service



Jim Fisher

Need For Speed

by “The Computer Skeptic”

provider and let’s go over a couple of things. Got it? OK, now look for a heading that tells you how many megabits per second you are paying for (Mbps -- million bits per second). Common speeds around here are 16, 25, 50, or over 100Mbps. If you’re a family of 3 or 4 and paying extra for anything over 25Mbps, you’re probably throwing money out the window and here is why: Most websites deliver content to you at a pretty slow speed. For example, a typical website sends data to you at only 1 or 2 Mbps. Thus,

if all you do is visit Facebook or check your email the slowest plan you can buy will be more than you can possibly use. High definition Netflix delivers movies at 3 Mbps but they recommend 5 Mbps as a buffer. Speeds faster than 10Mbps won’t make that high def video any more high def. A few of you may have the new-ish “ultra high def” 4K TVs. Those require a minimum of 15Mbps (25Mbps as a buffer) -- but only if you’re actually watching 4k videos. Households with more than one person need to consider

how many users or devices are playing on the internet at the same time. If your household has 4 people who all surf the ‘net at the same time, each of you may use up to 3-5 Mbps each so you’ll need to opt for a 20 Mbps plan to keep everyone happy.

In my home, I have my gaming system, 6 TVs, smart doorbells, security cameras, thermostats, phones, tablets, washer/dryer (yes, I have “smart” washer and dryers and I have no idea why), and my whole-house music system all playing at the same time and I only pay for the minimal 25Mbps plan from Comcast for \$30/mo.

Business users are in a whole different category, of course. Many use internet phone systems as well as all the business stuff that goes on that requires a bit of analysis to come

up with a minimum speed. I can only tell you that, at my office with 10 computers downloading updates, employees wasting time on YouTube, my phone system, and our smartphones and I get by just fine with a 60Mbps plan from Comcast. If you already have a decently fast internet and stuff is still slow, it’s probably your wireless network that is crimping your style. That will be the subject for my next exciting installment.

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Harry Potter Book Discussion - Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (Chp. 1-10) (Zoom)

Thursday, September 17 4-5pm

We are continuing our Harry Potter book discussion this fall! Each month we will be discussing books in the Harry Potter series and playing some trivia!

Anime Club (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 22, 4-5pm

Missing Anime Club? So are we! Join us for a virtual viewing of some of your favorite anime series. We will also talk about what anime you are watching, what manga you are reading, and play some trivia and anime themed games!

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Any questions, please contact Ali Bratcher at Alexandria.Bratcher@scouting.org.

Invitation Notice - Everyone is invited to our One Nation Under God - Day of Repentance And Prayer Saturday, September 26 at Wilson Park in Downtown Florence. Starting at 9am-Noon. Come join us in Prayer and Revival for Our Nation, Our Nation's Leaders, Our Cities, Our Communities and Our Local Leaders.

Hope to see you there for "Such a Time As This".

According to news reports, consumption of alcohol has risen since the onset of the current pandemic. If you have a problem with alcohol, your local Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well and ready to help. AA offers both in person and online meetings.

For a schedule of meetings that cover Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, and Lawrence counties in Alabama, go to www.shoalsaa.org or call the local hotline numbers at: 256-386-0663 or 800-789-4367. For meetings in other areas go to www.aa.org. This is a public service message from Alabama District 1 Alcoholics Anonymous.

Applications for the Elk National Foundation's (ENF) Most Valuable Student Scholarship program are available online as of August 5. Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.

Applications must be submitted online on or before November 15, 2020.

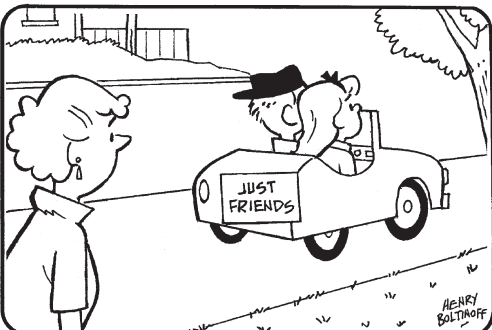
The ENF will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2021 competition. Male and female students will compete separately.

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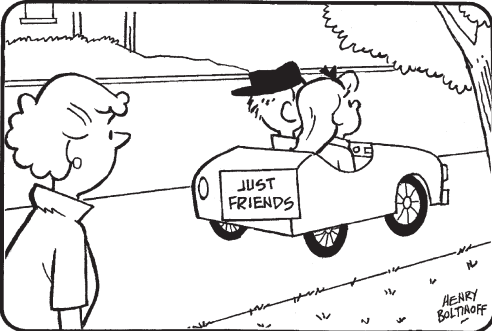
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, ACT scores will not be required on this year's application. For additional information and to apply, go to enf.elks.org/MVS or contact Dr. Jean Love, Scholarship Coordinator, Shoals Elks Lodge 2860 at 256-762-5043.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Athletic SUPPORT

by Eli Cranor



Football guidelines a breeze compared to band

Dear Athletic Support: I'm a Band Mom. I know this is a "sports" column, but I have to say something. The state-mandated regulations for band are ten times stricter than the ones for the football teams! Why does my son have to wear a mask with a special flap for his trombone mouthpiece — not to mention keeping nine feet away from his bandmates — while all the jocks are down there on the field tackling each other! Don't football players breathe heavily when they're running? Don't they spit and slobber? Don't quarterbacks usually shout the snap count? How is any of this okay? My son will adhere to all the state-mandated regulations, but the disparity between the band and football guidelines is simply unfair.

— Band Mom

Dear Band Mom: The age-old rivalry rears its ugly head yet again: football versus band. Back before COVID, the bleachers were the main battleground for this inevitable conflict. Band parents complained about people leaving during halftime and "missing the show." Football parents whined about band parents leaving after halftime and not supporting the home team down the stretch.

And now here we are, in the midst of a national pandemic, and the question has become which group has it worse in regard to masks and social distancing.

Regardless of the timeframe, one thing you have to remember is that we're all on the same team. The football players benefit from the band. The band members benefit

from the football team.

And don't forget, the coaches and the players weren't the ones who came up with the guidelines. They're simply playing by the rules that were given to them. Try to remember this as you move forward into what will already be a tumultuous season.

Dear Athletic Support: My son plays school-sanctioned sports. I'm not going to reveal which sport because what I'm about to say could upset some other parents. The truth is, so many parents aren't adhering to the guidelines regarding COVID, social distancing, and masks. I see it every day when I pick my son up from practice. And the worst part? The kids are following their lead! I can't tell you how many kids I've had come to my house not wearing a mask. This situation is creating a divide between me and the other parents. It's gotten so bad, I'm limiting which kids my son can go around. I'm trying hard not to judge, but this COVID stuff is serious. I'm sick of feeling like I'm the only one playing by the rules. — COVID Referee

Dear Referee: You can't control other people. This pandemic has made that painstakingly clear. And as the old saying goes, "The only person in charge of your happiness is YOU!"

With that being said, I think you have every right to be wary of other families who aren't following the guidelines. Keep your distance, but refrain from judging them.

In the end, judgment will only cost you valuable mental energy, and there are plenty of other, more important things to worry about these days.

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



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