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1,787 votes were cast. See SHORTs... on Page 3





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"We're pleased to share this new identity structure with our community," said Russell Pigg, CEO of North Alabama Medical Center. "The new names commitment reflect our to providing our patients confinuity and coordination of care by highlighting a

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Here are some dos and

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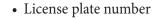
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DO call 911 if you are in your car or someone is injured.

DON'T wait to call the police or your insurance company to file a police report or an accident claim. The official accident report will help police look for the missing driver and will be useful when you file

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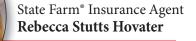
DO get as much information about the driver, car and accident as possible, including:



- The other vehicle's make, model and color
- Description of damage to the other vehicle
- Which direction the other vehicle was headed
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- Location, date, time and cause of the accident

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# **Covid Vaccine** for Those 75+

MONTGOMERY -Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) on Friday announced that ADPH will provide COVID-19 vaccinations

for people 75 years old or older, as well as first responders, including law enforcement and firefighters, statewide by appointment only effective January 18. Appointments at locations throughout the state are made first come, first served. The addition of these groups is not a full expansion into the next phase of the vaccine

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rollout.

"I appreciate the swift work of ADPH to establish a system to efficiently provide our limited resources of vaccine to as many Alabamians as possible," Governor Ivey said. "We are diligently working to expand access to our seniors, law enforcement officers and various members of our first responders. It is critical for everyone to remain patient. ADPH and their partners are working around-the-clock to assist as many people as they can."

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Nearly 350,000 people in the state of Alabama would qualify for a vaccine at 75 years old and older.

To schedule an appointment for the free COVID-19 vaccination, individuals may call the ADPH toll-free phone number at 1-855-566-

5333 8am-5pm 7 days. IMPORTANT- DO **NOT CALL** the medical facilities. They are not equipped to handle the excess calls and they CANNOT schedule the COVID -19 vaccines.

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A. Potty B. Stink Hole C. Head D. Dead Zone

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Nominations are open for the LONG-LEWIS LOCAL HERO OF THE MONTH AWARD for January. In an effort to reward local people for Outstanding Community Service, Long-Lewis Automotive Group in cooperation with The Long-Lewis Foundation, will be awarding one person each month \$500 and a Certificate of Appreciation to recognize their efforts in serving The Shoals.

spring The Shoals. Simply visit the Long Lewis of the Shoals Facebook page and nominate someone you feel deserves this award for Outstanding Community Service. The recipient of the Award will be determined by the nominee post that gets the most Likes from the community at the end of each month. We will announce the recipient, via social media, on the 1st of the following month. The Certificate and \$500 Award will be given to the recipient at the local dealership by the 10th of each month. **Paintings by Mary Ann Casey** - A collection of the artist's paintings will be on display at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts through February 17.

The center is free and open to the public 9am-4pm Monday-Friday and 1-4pm Saturday. Located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St., Florence.

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The Shoals Writer's Guild will not meet in January per Florence Library directive. The Guild is tentatively planning to resume meeting on February 20 pending the library's permission. Membership dues will be postponed until the Guild resumes meeting. If you have already paid your dues, and you would like a proration please email Joy Willow at shoalswritersguild@gmail.com. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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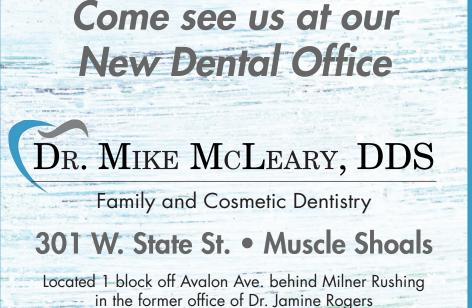
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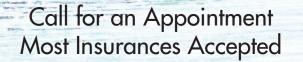


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For more details on entry rules, call Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts at 256-760-6379.

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"We were grateful to have collected that amount, especially given the fact that the United Way was without an executive director or campaign manager for part of that time," said Jennifer McNulty, who took the reins as executive director in December 2019.

With COVID-19 hitting hard beginning last March, the campaign's focus diversified somewhat. The

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United Way's attention turned in large part toward helping area non-profits navigate the financial hardships of shutdowns across the region it serves.

A COVID fund was established and raised \$80,000 during the remainder of the year for struggling non-profits. The 2020-21 United Way

The 2020-21 United Way campaign kicked off last September again with a goal of \$1 million to fund the 19 partner agencies and the 22 programs which fall under their auspices.

under their auspices. This year's campaign for the most part is being handled virtually. That approach already looks promising.

promising. So far, the campaign has raised \$270,000.

And while corporate giving isn't at the level she'd prefer, there is light on the horizon.

"We're not doing as well as we were four years ago at this time, but we're further ahead of where we were last year at this time," she said.

The campaign will go until June.

Aside from corporate giving, there have been

special fundraisers along the way, including an online music showcase set for next month.

There have been other generous donations as well, including an anonymous donor matching new leadership donations dollar for dollar. That same donor is

matching any increases in repeat donations. For example, if someone's donation

someone's donation increases from \$1,000 to \$1,500, the donor will match \$500.

So far, \$20,000 in new and increased leadership donations is eligible for the match.

McNulty said there's still uncertainty surrounding workplace campaigns, but United Way employees and volunteers are willing to meet in person or virtually with employers.

"We have ambassadors calling on companies and we're doing it all safely, adhering to pandemic safety protocol," she said. "We're really pushing for leadership giving."

leadership giving." Call McNulty at 256-764-5892 for details. The Precious Blood of Christ-1 Peter 1:18-19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were

not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" **1 Peter 1:23** "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." What a blessed future the saved have throughout eternity. We are: **Ephesians 1:6** "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath

made us accepted in the glory of his grace, wherein he han made us accepted in the beloved." **2 Peter 1:4** "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." Read again in: **1 John 3:2** "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, <u>we shall be like him</u>; for we shall see him as he is." My saved brothers and sisters in Christ remember this: "JESUS CHRIST BECAME WHAT WE ARE, (SINFUL FLESH), SO HE COULD MAKE US LIKE HIM. See Romans 8:3 & 2Corinthians 5:1-8. Heaven is a permanent gifted vacation.

Now for the lost the news is not so good. **Hebrews 10:29** "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" An unsaved man will never know the depths of pain until he reaches the Lake of fire with no escape. **Revelation 21:8** "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Dying, but never dead. Our choices here determine where we spend eternity. No 2nd chance after death. Accept Christ now before it's too late.

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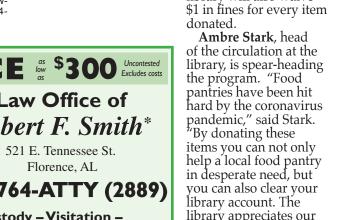
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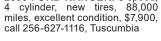


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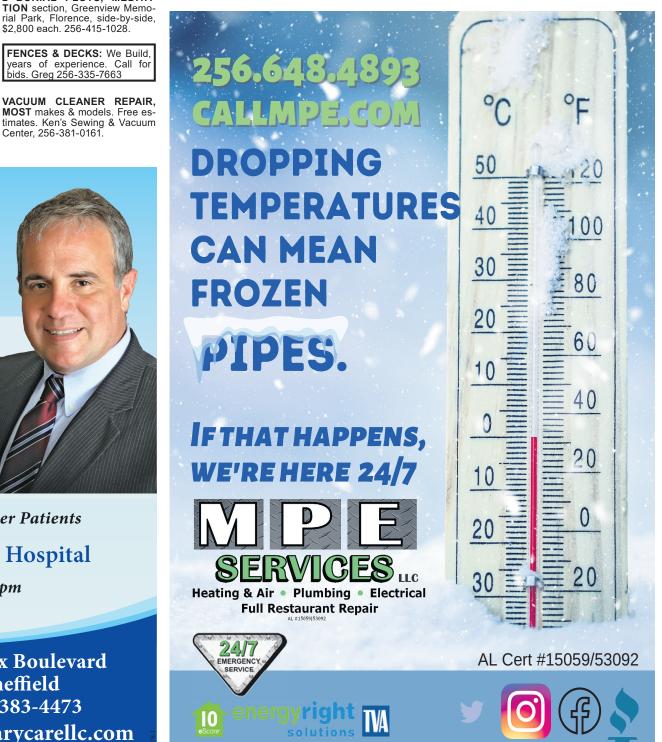
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debate merits and validity of the Nov. 3 elections, a few hundred of the 300-500,000 protesters fed up with inaction on both perceived and real voting irregularities broke through barricades, scaled walls, broke windows, and breached doors forcing elected officials inside to scurry through emergency exits. As of this writing, several suspicious packages, some unregistered guns, a few Molotov cocktails, and some IED's were allegedly found on the property, but it

was unclear whether any were functional. ALL such riotous and destructive instances are unacceptable in anything but the most egregious and perilous national situations. Apparently, some were convinced this was one of those times. However, if it WERE a treasonous rise, there would have been no time for selfies and they would have been better-armed. The markets didn't even blink. In this instance, the actions completely offset the focus of the Constitutionally-

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# The Democrat Siege

siege by Democrat agendas. If Democrats take away the people's right to speak and the Republican

freedoms, and way of life is under are told that the main thing we need to know is that it gives everyone \$600 of "free" money! However, it is a small part of a much larger 5,590-page, \$2.3 trillion government funding and coronavirus relief package. Based on the universal principles of the Republican Platform, no Republican should ever vote for this. The Preamble to the Republican Platform 2016 states, "We believe our constitutional system – limited government, separation of powers, federalism, and the rights of the people – must be preserved uncompromised for future generations.' 1) A bill with 5,590 pages is not likely





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Editor:

Democrat leaders are suggesting the ousting or punishing of six Republicans who were going to defend Trump. This is a warning of Democrat agendas to take away or destroy Republican power and resistance. Americans are not seeing the forest for the trees. Democrats want full control of our country, and if Republicans, or anyone, or anything gets in their way, they will destroy them.

Wake Up People! Forget the Capitol building being under siege. You don't realize our whole country,

party's power of their office, then they control America.

**Paul Sabatino** Florence

### Bill Had 5,590 Pages

Editor:

By now we've all heard the outrageous details of what the MSM is selling to the American public as the "Covid-19 Relief Package." We

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... Prioritizing rural America is non-negotiable if they are to successfully enact their domestic climate agenda . . .

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# Letters... The Bill Had

# The Bill Had 5,590 Pages

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to be read or scrutinized, especially if legislators are only given 6 hours to read it. Multi-issue, omnibus packages give the MSM the opportunity to generate support, if not demand, by focusing on the "bait" while ignoring the part that undermines America. In fact, all omnibus packages enlarge the power of government, rather than limit its power, because a legislator is pressured to support the "bait". 2) This package gives roughly \$3 billion or more in foreign aid. The U.S. Constitution gives NO power to the federal government to give foreign aid...NONE. It not only violates a Republican principle, but it violates the oath of office to support the U.S. Constitution. 3) Our national debt is somewhere around \$27 trillion. 2019 federal revenues were \$3.46 trillion. 2019 total federal spending was \$4.45 trillion. That is like one of us spending \$64,306 every year we only make \$50,000. It compromises future generations!

Wayne Christopher Grand Bay, AL

# Mitch Against Everything

### Editor:

Mitch McConnell is always blocking the Stimulus Checks that we the American people need to survive!

He acts like it is coming out of his pocket! He is all for sending money that the American people need to other countries, but he doesn't want to help his own country....

Why doesn't he retire? or better yet why can't they FIRE him?

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Nancy C Johnson Florence

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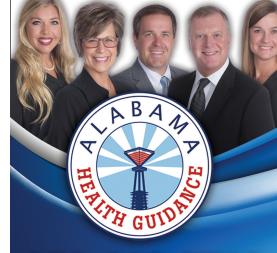
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vour credit line or close your account, it card account, or reduced credit limits. is all about risk. Often, that risk has to do with your payment history, the fact that you appear to be taking on a lot of debt, or report. The credit card issuer's risk analysis

unemployed, many small businesses their status by logging in to your online closing their doors forever, large account–about three percent (3%) of those corporations filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy to keep their heads above water and the they never received notice, and another future uncertain, many lenders are looking to scale back their risk. Part of that effort involves cutting back on the amount of money people around the country can percent of 66 million cardholders is nearly suddenly "borrow" from them.

their accounts closed over the past several months.

### Who Lost Credit?

are widespread. More than one-third on schedule, and you will still be subject of respondents to a Qualtrics survey to interest rate and late fees. If you do not commissioned by CompareCards.com said make payments, the credit card company they'd seen their credit limits reduced on at will likely pass the account along to a least one card. One-fourth of participants collection agency and or sell it to a debt said they had at least one account closed. buyer. You can still be sued by the credit Researchers concluded that about 66 card for non-payment. In other words, million people had their credit limits cut or nothing changes except that you cannot credit card accounts involuntarily closed make new charges on your account. across a 60-day period. That is on the heels between late March and late April.

may not be what you would expect.

'younger" does not mean just those who results immediately. are new in the working world and have a relatively little credit history. Those aged with Debt with Debt 24-31 were most likely to be impacted, with aged 32-39–were more likely to be affected than the youngest group, aged 18-23. helping people who are overwhelmed by Those 55 and older were the least likely to debt. see any adverse action.

lower incomes to be viewed as higher now by scheduling a free consultation with risk, those with incomes of \$100,000/year one of the experienced bankruptcy or more were hardest hit. Cardholders in attorneys at Bond & Botes. We can answer that group were most likely to see credit all your questions regarding Chapter lines reduced-likely due to having higher 7 Bankruptcy, Chapter 13 Bankruptcy, starting credit limits-and second-most-stopping a foreclosure or wage likely to have lost accounts. Cardholders garnishment, avoiding liens, stopping earning \$50,000 to \$74,999 were least likely lawsuits, discharging medical debt, to be affected. Still, twenty-eight (28%) personal loans, payday loans, credit card percent in that group said they had at least debt, etc. We can alleviate your stress! We one credit limit lowered, and twenty-two want to help and we can help you!

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If you receive notice that a credit card account was closed or that your credit limit was reduced to the point that you have other negatives appearing on your credit little or no available credit, don't forget to update any accounts that are using the extends beyond your personal finances. With tens of millions of Americans used accounts, you may want to check account-about three percent (3%) of those who had accounts closed or limited say ten percent (10%) say they received notice percent of 66 million cardholders is nearly two million people who may not have That is why tens of millions of Americans abruptly saw their credit lines shrink or canceled or their accounts altered.

The most important thing to know is that if you had a credit card account closed, **Tho Lost Credit?** that does not change your responsibilities. Closures and credit line reductions You are still expected to make payments

Closure of an account may also have of about 50 million reductions and closures a negative impact on your credit score, etween late March and late April. since it may result in you using a higher No demographic appears to have been percentage of your available credit or entirely safe from credit cuts and closures. may reduce the average age of your credit However, there are some trends-and they accounts. Maintaining on-time payments and reducing your outstanding balances Younger borrowers were the most on other accounts can help mitigate the likely to experience cuts and closures, but damage, though you likely will not see

American consumers are facing an allmore than half seeing credit lines decreased around difficult time, with unemployment and 44% losing at least one account. Both high, credit contracting, and the price of this group and older Millennials-those many essentials increasing. The attorneys at Bond & Botes have devoted decades to

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she could promptly teach

her younger brothers, aged

9 and 5, about negative numbers and algebraic

equations. Lora's first

grade teacher said, "She

has an insatiable capacity for learning." Her third grade teacher said, "She

never says, 'Thank you.'"

Our daughter grew up her start a class newspaper atching "The Mickey where she would assign watching Mouse Club", "Under the Umbrella Tree", "Wild and Crazy Kids", and of course, "Barney", the purple dinosaur. These shows were innovative, fast-paced, brightly colored spectacles that encouraged children to think through play, to see the joy around them, to ask questions and to create. Our Lora soaked it all in, but these shows didn't initiate anything in her. They just added to what her little girl mind was busy doing - think play, educating herself, doing more than one thing at a time.

Lora was the one who baked a cake to display the geography of Virginia. In 5th grade, she crossstitched the segments of the brain. In 3rd grade, she convinced her teacher to let

found Freedom to Grow Unschool, an alternative educational environment where learning was democratic, inherent and individually child-led. Lora ended up owning/running this program herself at 23, out of a big warehouse that made Barney's bag look weak. Her curriculum "reporters" was in her head. Her nonweekly assignments to traditional students were in write about. Then there her arms and in her woods. was that 4th grade research Her time and individual paper on fire because she had to know how it of them. worked. And when she went to William and Mary University's "Incredible, Edible Math" summer natural kid-play innovation again recently as Christmas plans changed because of program in 5th grade, she came home and set up school in the garage so that

my having COVID19. Lora did cousins' camp on the fly. Oh how the pictures made me want to be there! Days in the park, hopscotch in the kitchen, matching shirts, Easy Bake Oven, forts, walks, sleeping bag movie nights, styling hair, pine cone Christmas trees, popcorn necklaces,

dancing in the street, to CatnKids1@gmail.com

in Gifted Education. Upon seeing Christmas lights, graduation, her educational puzzles, etc. Oh yeah, then paradigm shifted. She there were the art kits that Lora gave to each family for Christmas. Then she led us in a Zoom art class which was a great way to visit for a couple of hours on Christmas night while we painted. My favorite picture

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of the holidays came on New Year's Eve. Lora was lying on the floor giggling after she has wrongly shot herself with the wrong end of a confetti cannon. Our grands proceeded attention belonged to each to throw confetti all over Lora and their living Ihave seen our daughter's room to celebrate the New Year. There is so much to celebrate. I hope that you have a crazy, loving, thinking, playing person raising your grandchildren. Someone who is showing children hope, fun, and innovation. These are the building blocks of our future. Learned at home and carried forward. Thank you, Lora. You crazy and I love you!

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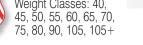
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aligned procedural process that was taking place when all of this transpired.

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Although it was on a day that would get good media coverage, it was far too late to mount any meaningful peaceful protest, beyond something symbolic.

Like much of what transpired November 3-4, this and the US riots over the past several months mirror events that often take place in corrupt, under-developed countries. Over 50 people arrested have been thus far for last week's insurrection, so the lawlessness there is at least being addressed.

Unfortunately, a young woman died from a gunshot wound to her neck, and an officer died later from injuries. Both incidents are under investigation. Still sadder is that so many on social media, most hiding behind a screen name, said the petite, unarmed 14-year Air Force veteran 'got what she deserved.' We'll have to remember

that blanket dismissal. We can use it the next time some drug-induced male two times her size and intent on killing injuring one or or more members of law

enforcement is himself killed in a skirmish, or some other group riots sets buildings on fire.

The main differences are that last week's riot at the capital involved fewer people in daylight hours on a bigger stage in front of more eyes than those lasting for months which have largely been ignored by the major networks and condoned by local officials and law enforcement.

In addition, far less damage was done here than in other recent similar situations. Not to say that insured media equipment and a few hundred thousand dollars worth of damage to public property at the capital is insignificant, but it will

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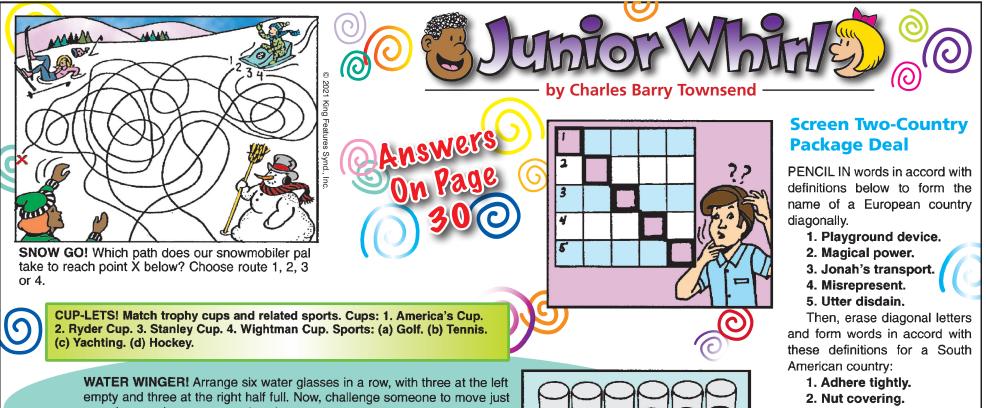
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What are the countries?





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# Commentary

# Riot...

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be replaced and repaired before Inauguration Day.

It pales in comparison to hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to private property and lost jobs in other riotous acts that will take months or years to replace. Many will never recover. Every bit of the lawlessness and disorder is bad, but let's maintain some perspective.

Such massive protests/ riots in any capacity are the result of people feeling their voices are not fairly being heard or represented. If people they thought were represented fairly, we would not have those situations. That's what has to be corrected.

Last week's violence took us no place. In that, combined fact, with Trump's bombastic attitude of late, will prove to overshadow a lot of strong successes during his first 3 1/2 years. In spite of the fact that his comments that day were all about peaceful protests as was his tweet during the siege, Trump is the one getting the blame. The people who acted are to blame. However,

if you want to assign fault to some incendiary rhetoric, listen to what Congressman Mo Brooks had to say that day at the rally. You can find it online. He must have thought he was emulating George Washington.

Now, all democrat talk about a peaceful transition January 20 has dissipated. That landing for Trump would be too soft. The antagonistic and vindictive efforts to forcibly remove him from office early serve no purpose but to add insult and shame as one final blow.

After four years of failed attempts to oust Trump from office, he is a week away from leaving a defeated and deflated man with the party he represented in shambles. Instead of just toasting and enjoying his defeat, that is still not enough for some. They want to add a final a kick in the A on the way out. That, BTW, would be a mistake.

the Over vears, we've learned not to be surprised at how some on the left actually live out their calls for tolerance, respect, forgiveness, and togetherness.

Sounds like that call for unity still rings as hollow as ever.





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Dear Private: This question goes way back for me. I can remember playing against this team in my Little League baseball days (ages 9-12) called

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were a travel

before travel teams were even a thing. They played together all year then somehow were allowed to enter into the state tournament with the rest of the "All Star" teams from across the state.

team

Needless to say, Junior Deputy won most of the championships back in those days. Just like private schools are dominating the state football scene twenty years later.

I don't think these private schools are cheating, but I do think their continued success is something to consider. Why is it that private schools are able to compete at such a high level every year? Are they really just that better coached?

Or does the recruiting tactics you mentioned in your question give them the extra edge they need?

Honestly, I don't know. I'm not very well versed in the AAA rules regarding private schools, but I did play for one in college. And at Ouachita Baptist University, I'll come straight out and say it — being a private school was a disadvantage.

We had a much smaller population of students. We had to deal with a different set of rules. And we received very little (if any) state funding for scholarships.

All of those things actually made it harder to compete with much larger, state-



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by DAVE RAMSEY

### THERE ARE OTHER WAYS

Dear Dave,

established credit, because a home loan. One is to have *I've never taken out a loan or* credit at lots of places and a *had a credit card. What will* huge FICO score. This is kind happen when I'm ready to get of dumb when you really a mortgage loan and buy a home? Jillian

Dear Jillian, There are basically two I really don't have any ways to be in a position to get

think about it, but it will

get you a home loan almost

instantly.

When you have no credit, a lender has to do what's called a manual underwriting. It's something lots of banks did back in the day, when they actually used common sense when it came to making loans.

Fortunately, a few places will still work with you in this manner. They take a look at your work history to see if you have a stable job and a good income. They want proof you pay your bills on time, too. This can be as simple as showing them several utility bills, rent statements, and other receipts. They're basically looking for a long history of proof that you honor your financial commitments.

Remember, buying a house with cash is always the best for me. I'm 33 and my home

way to own a home. But I is paid for, plus I have no debt don't beat people up over having a mortgage, as long as it's on a 15-year, fixed rate note. Do your very best to save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent, too. That way, you'll avoid the added expense of PMI (private mortgage insurance). Great question, Jillian!

– Dave

# FIRST, DEFINE LONG TERM

Dear Dave,

What is your advice when it comes to investing a onetime, lump sum of \$4,000 for a long period of time? I recently received an inheritance from an uncle who passed away, and I want to make the money work

and an emergency fund of six months of expenses. I am also maxing out my 401(k) at work. Thank you for your advice. Pat

Dear Pat,

I'm sorry to hear about your uncle, but I'm sure he was proud of the responsible young man you've become. You've made some very mature decisions where your finances are concerned, and as a result you're at a great spot in life.

When it comes to investing, I consider a "long period of time" to be 10 years or more. If this is the case with you, I'd suggest a good mutual fund with a solid track record of between 15 and 20 years.

I know some folks like for Ramsey Solutions.

to take chances and play single stocks on a one-time investment like this, but I don't think that's a good idea. Single stocks just don't consistently generate the kinds of returns a good mutual fund will over time. – 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



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**BEAUTIFUL** Liam pleaded with a blindsided Hope to forgive his ultimate betrayal. Mid-argument with Zoe, Paris stunned her top-model sister with news of her shared kiss with Zende. Finn reacted when Steffy fessed up about cheating on him with Liam. Finn was stunned when Steffy revealed why she came clean about her night with Liam. Later, Finn help Sam. Alexis received a confronted Liam. Conflicted and heartbroken, Hope tried her best to hide the truth Tracy caught up with Finn. from Brooke. The situation Chase ran into Michael. got heated when Hope challenged Steffy about her Carly had to make a heartaffair with Liam. *Wait to* wrenching decision. Jax *See: Zoe tries to get Zende to* and Nina took a big step in admit his true feelings. Wyatt interrupts Bill in the middle of and Trina wondered what his workout to introduce him to tell Josslyn. Olivia to a beautiful stranger. Finn sought Robert's help. Sam and Hope refuse to accept any excuses from Liam and Steffy."

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Chloe told Brady that Philip was using Titan to launder mob money. Kayla did her best to soothe an agitated Ava. Rafe accused Charlie of being Allie's attacker. **RESTLESS** Nikki worried Steve told Tripp that Charlie about the tension between was in police custody. Belle and Shawn returned home from their honeymoon. Kate urged Chad to tell Abigail his dark side. Lily learned of the truth before Gwen did. Eli and Lani's twins went missing. Bonnie mentioned to Justin that she ran into a woman with twins the day before. Gwen convinced Abigail that she slept with Chad. Chad then tried to reason with a very upset confided in Victoria. Wait Abigail. Gwen was cryptic with Kate about her motives. Tripp came face to face with fight back. Summer digs for Charlie. Wait to See: Rafe confronts Charlie about Ava having been poisoned. Claire cries to Belle that she really cared about Charlie. Chloe

THE BOLD AND THE questions if Brady really thinks he can sustain his marriage to Kristen.

**GENERAL** HOSPITAL Jordan tried to make amends with Molly. Curtis intervened with TJ. Ava blindsided Carly. Jax and Joss came to an agreement. Maxie asked Nina to do a cover story on Sasha. Brick met with Jason. Sasha called out Cyrus. Curtis ran into Laura. Olivia looked to painful reminder. Sam and Olivia worked together. Willow remained conflicted. their relationship. Cameron overheard an important phone call. Olivia turned to Tracy for answers. Wait to See: Jason warns Britt about Cyrus. Jax apologizes to Nina. Cam is accepted to a prestigious college.

THE YOUNG AND THE Victoria and Nick. Mariah protected Faith. Phyllis encouraged Kevin to revisit Billy's indiscretion. Amanda received a history lesson. Abby and Chance planned for their future. Nick and Sharon made a decision about Faith. Lily forced Billy to come clean. Devon surprised Nate. Abbv to See: Adam leans on Sharon. Nick encourages Phyllis to dirt on Sally in Los Angeles.

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# Notes...

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The Friends Bookstore has a large variety of books at great prices, so be sure to go shop their selection! Proceeds from the bookstore help the library provide more free books and services to the community.

only. Please bring your donations during business hours, which currently are from noon-4pm Monday-Friday.

Library is open, but there is an exciting upgrade going on! The library's parking lot entrance will be closed while work is ongoing to upgrade the roof. Parking slots are still available, however please use the front entrance facing Wood Avenue to access the library and the Friends Bookstore. The book drop is temporarily located inside the Wood Avenue entrance.

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Diamonds in the Rough, travelers with The Club (Florence Senior Center), the Nashville Trip scheduled for April 12-14, 2021 has been canceled. Other 2021 trips will be subject to Covid 19 regulations. 256-76-6642

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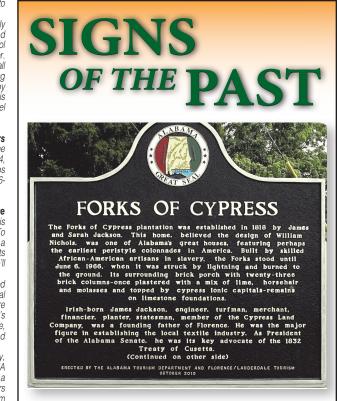
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# Letters...

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### **Remember Rural Areas**

### Editor:

President-elect Joe Biden ran on a platform that promised to "Build Back Better" while also pledging to take the steps needed to address the harsh realities of a changing climate. For rural Americans, the level of investment required to secure the goals promised by the president-elect and his new team is long overdue.

For too long, presidential administrations have given lip service to rural folks while failing to put forth the resources and policies required to facilitate economic and societal prosperity in rural communities.

As the new administration looks to inauguration day, we ask them to recognize reality. Prioritizing rural America is non-negotiable if they are to successfully enact their domestic climate agenda.

In the final months of 2020, the incoming president announced his self-titled "Climate Team" and other nominations including his selections for the Energy, Agriculture, Interior, and Transportation departments, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

When we look back in four years, rural America will be a litmus test of success for the government's renewed emphasis on climate change. If successful, rural communities will see continued, but accelerated expansion of renewable energy projects that also bring jobs and tax revenue. If wellexecuted, the expansion of electric vehicle infrastructure across the country will include charging stations in the small communities currently fueling the commerce of the nation.

If we are truly to "Build Back Better" while meeting the urgent challenges presented by a changing climate, rural America should see prosperity and investments that have been long overdue.

Cody Smith

*Policy Associate Center for Rural Affairs* Lyons, NE

### **A Dangerous Direction**

Editor:

Last week, Mitch McConnell said, "If we overrule the voters, we destroy the Republic."

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE: C.O. rd 166, 2.5 acres, city water, Comcast cable, perked, 18 miles west of Florence, \$18,500, 256-335-0060

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**CENTER STAR 1206 CO.** Rd 107. For sale by owner: Beautiful 3 bdrm brick, 2 ba, 256-443-9518 for appts.







in itself will destroy the Republic. It finalizes a corrupt government that totally destroys the process of a fair and honest voting system and it's future.

That also destroys accountability.

**Paul Sabatino** Florence

# Buy Local, Sell Local



**Rent to Own: 256-349-0000 309 S. Connor St., Florence** - 2BR - 1BA • \$795 • owner finance \$5k down

130 S. Smith St., Florence - 3BR - 1BA • \$850 • \$5k down

### For Sale

3 acres, Hwy 72, Rogersville • \$175,000 Thompson St., Florence • 1500 sqft warehouse/office • \$149,000 County Road 61 Florence • 22 acres • \$350,000

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 145 County Road 608, Rogersville • 3BR - 2BA • \$189,000
 964 Joan Lane - Killen 3 BR - 2 BA • \$219,000

 213 Stutts St., Muscle Shoals 3 BR - 2 BA • \$219,000
 300 - 200

### For Rent: 256-762-4201

Muscle Shoals Office Space Second-Floor 3000 ft. • \$1,600/Mo. Pine Street commercial space - \$895 a month Office Space on Tennessee St., Florence \$375/Month Office Space, 615 Geneva Ave Muscle Shoals Starting at \$275/Office Office Space, Downtown Florence 500 E. TN St. \$550/Month

The Real Estate will sell at 9:AM followed by Tractor and Personal Property. Rain or Shine, we will have our Auction Tent if required and Restrooms will be available.



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# Notes...

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The deadline to register for the spring training series is January 17. The spring intern training will start on February 2nd with an orientation, followed by training classes February 4 - April 29.

For more information, you may contact your local Extension office. To register for the upcoming Master Gardener training, visit our website at: https://www.aces.edu/ go/mastergardenerprogram2021

Did you know that there are 250 children who can't live at home in our community each month? These children can't live at home because the very people who are supposed to protect and care for them are not able to do so. These are the children in foster care. These are the children that need someone to stand up for them when it feels like no one cares. These are the children that

need a CASA Volunteer. Please consider becoming a Volunteer Advocate for local children who need a caring and committed adult to speak up for their best interest. Call the Shoals CASA office at 256-765-0041 or check out the agency's website for more information www.ShoalsCASA.org.

### City of Florence - Recycling Program: Paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and

Paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and jugs only (#1 & #2), aluminum cans, and

steel cans are all recyclable. Residential curbside cart collection is provided within City of Florence limits. The Florence Recycle Center drop-off is available to everyone, 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Cardboard Boxes Place large, broken-down cardboard boxes 3 feet away from your recycle and garbage carts. Remove all contents from

garbage carts. Remove all contents from each box before recycling as Styrofoam and plastic film are NOT recyclable. Televisions/Electronics

Old TV's are not collected with

curbside trash. They can be dropped off at two locations: --Florence Recycle Center: 1200 Terrace Street, Florence

--Florence Landfill: 29485 County Road 14, Florence

### Wrapping Paper

All paper is recyclable if it will tear. We encourage you to reuse ribbons and bows, but they are not recyclable.

Alabama Extension at Alabama A&M University is offering educational webinars on Zoom for youth, adults and teachers. Online users can find a listing of Zoom sessions or other activities at: https:// www.aces.edu/events/ or www.facebook. com/pg/AlabamaExtensionAAMU/events/ Access Alabama Extension's website at www.aces.edu.sinn.un for our daily

at www.aces.edu, sign up for our daily briefing, or visit us on social media to find practical solutions facing Alabama residents and communities.

For more information, contact Kimberly Sinclair-Holmes at ksh0035@ aces.edu.

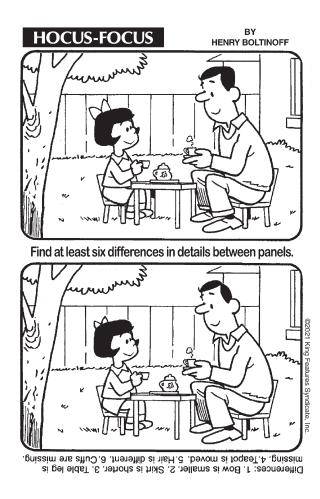


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# **Must Call Or Stop In To Get This Free Offer**

219 W. Tennessee Street Downtown Florence 256-764-4268

Must call or stop in to get 2 lines free. Offer excludes employment section. Limit 2 items per ad in "for sale" ads. Offer valid through 1/22/21 with payment in advance. Initial ad must be placed by 1/22/21. Excludes all other discounts. No limit to number of ads placed.



BUY JUNK CARS, CKS, VANS, TRAC-WE TRUCKS, VANS, TRAC-TORS, CATALYTIC CON-VERTERS AND FARM VERTERS AND FARM EQUIPMENT, with or without a title. 256-394-1984

SWIVEL BARSTOOL, SPIN-DLE FULL back, maple, 42", foot rest, \$75. 256-882-0173. Huntsville

### MEADOW LANDSCAPING Brush clearing, hedge trimming, and mulch installation. *Free Estimates*. Call 256-856-8728

WANT TO BUY: USED FURNI-**TURE** to Paint, no entertainment centers. Call 256-457-6368

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FUSE BOX PROBLEMS ? Call AMERICAN ELECTRIC for a FREE estimate. 256-760-1152.

SOLID DARK WOOD ROUND 42" dining table with leaf, lami-nate top, \$100, like new. 256-648-1365. Florence



CLASSIFIED SPECIAL is back! **Receive 2 EXTRA LINES** "FREE" in all classified ads\* Christmas is here, so last year's stuff has to go... Sell it fast, Sell it here! See page 6 for details. This offer MUST be placed by phone at 256-764-4268 or by FAX 256-760-9618. Offer expires Jan. 22nd.







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