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MUSCLE SHOALS -- First Metro Bank is pleased to announce the recent addition of Mike Underwood to its board of directors. This brings the total board membership to

"We are excited to welcome Mike, and we look forward to working alongside him," said First Metro's board chairman, **Bobby Irons**. "He offers meaningful insight making him a valuable board member who is committed to serving the bank."

Underwood is the Chief Executive Officer of TriGreen Equipment, headquartered in Athens,



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Alabama. He also serves as a foundation board member for Calhoun Community College and Alabama **Future Farmers** of America.

"Mike's successful business ventures and his commitment to the many communities we serve make him an excellent addition to our Board of Directors," said Rodney Howard, President and CEO of First Metro Bank.

While he has been a dedicated member of Limestone County community for nearly 30 years, Underwood grew up in a farming community in Colbert County. He is a graduate of Muscle Shoals High School. He earned a degree in Management and Marketing from UNA.

Nicholson's **Honor at MSU**

STARKVILLE, MS.— Mississippi State University has announced that **Ianice** I. Nicholson of Florence

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Florence Utilities assistance program in partnership with the Help Center located at 621 S Court Street, Florence.

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Local Writer Wins 2021 **Book Award**

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Allison Mackey, a Florence resident and secretary of the Shoals Writers

Guild, has won the 2021 Southern Christian Writers Conference Notable Book Award Traditionally Published Fiction with her debut novel, "The Mackey Edge of Everywhen," published by Lifeway (B&H Kids) in May of 2020.

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Food Share's 2021 Focus is Feeding a Family for \$5

SHEFFIELD-Bank Independent's 7th Annual Food Share drive to benefit local food banks is underway.

The "Feed a Family for \$5 with Food Share" campaign will continue through March 26. All their bank locations and strategic partner organizations will serve as donation points for non-perishable food items and cash donations, along with PayPal found on bibank.com/help.

Bank Independent works with local partner organizations across their sevencounty footprint to ensure donations are distributed to area families in need.

The 2020 drive was revised last year due to the local impact of the Covid-19 Early dismissal of local schools and restraints placed upon food banks and a general sense of uncertainty

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Bank Independent community engagement representative, Caroline Bobo, left, and community engagement officer, Nikki Randolph, prepare sample boxes for the bank branch displays that illustrate how far \$5 can go in feeding a family. Bank Independent photo



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Nicholson's **Honor at MSU**

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will be named its National Alumna of the Year for 2021, the university's highest alumni honor.

Nicholson will become the first female to receive the university's highest alumni

honor as a host of other outstanding alumni are` recognized by the MSU Álumni Association at the national



awards event on May 13. Nicholson received her masters and doctoral degrees in elementary education from MSU in 1967 and 1977, respectively. She also holds an education specialist degree from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education.

She was with the University of North Alabama for 37 years in teaching and administration during her 50-year career. She retired from Blue Mountain College as executive vice president for Student Affairs and Graduate and Special Programs in 2012.

BMC is where Nicholson earned her undergraduate

degree.

Nicholson earlier was recognized by MSU as the College of Education's Alumnus of the Year in 2018. The Booneville native also served as interim head of the MSU Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education from 2015-2017.

Modern's Do-Good Grant®

MUSCLE SHOALS-Modern Woodmen member Mike Drury of Tuscumbia coordinated an event this week to benefit the Colbert County Animal Shelter. Mike and friends shopped at Rural King in Muscle Shoals for supplies needed by the shelter. Drury applied for and received Modern Woodmen of America's Do-Good Grant®, a new fraternal member benefit that provides \$100 and planning resources for members to hold a volunteer event with friends and family, so members can help out in their respective communities.

"When your organization's life largely depends on the charity of others, donations in any amount are huge help, Drury said.

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UAW-Ford Retiree Chapter, Business Meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 9am at Northwest-Shoals Community College,

Hospitality House, 800 George Wallace Blvd., Muscle Shoals. Contact Info: Sonny Owens, UAW-Ford Retiree Chapter, 256-762-1846.

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This hike is open to any women interested in joining. For distancing purposes, we only have a limited number of spots available. It will be approximately 4-5 miles in distance with elevation changes. LOW will be exploring the North Propage and hiking to Karapin Enlls.

Preserve and hiking to Karen's Falls.
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Muscle Shoals Church of God at 1700 Firestone Ave, Muscle Shoals, will host Pastor Greg Locke, from Mt Juliet ,TN. on March 12, at 7pm. He is the Facebook pastor who post alot of encouraging videos.

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in the community prompted the Bank Independent community engagement team to find more direct ways to meet week new demands from local shelters.

"Food insecurity in our community has always been the driving need behind our Food Share initiative," said Macke Mauldin, President and CEO of Bank Independent. "The past year has highlighted how quickly that disparity can affect local families. The charities we support provide vital assistance for families undergoing hardships. We hope our Food Share efforts

make a positive impact.""We have had important conversations with our local food bank partners to determine how we can best help this year," said Nikki Community Randolph, Engagement Officer at Raph Independent. "We Bank Independent. "We learned that in the right hands, a simple donation of five dollars can feed a family for a day. We built the 2021 Food Share drive around that theme and created three convenient ways for our team members and customers to donate.

1) at any of the 28 Bank Independent locations

2) through PayPal 3) through partner businesses at www.bibank. com/help.

Donations will be distributed local to organizations that maintain food banks to fill emergency food needs. These include Committee on Church Cooperation Morgan County, the Neighborhood Christian Center in Decatur, the Departments of Human Resources of Lawrence and Franklin County County, Limestone County Churches Involved, Inc., Sidney's Safe! Foundation and The Meal Barrel Project in the Shoals, and Manna House in Huntsville.

As part of ongoing efforts to supplement the annual Food Share drive, the Bank will donate ten cents for every Bank Independent Debit Card transaction made at a grocery store between March 1 – 15 up to \$10,000. The total will be distributed across the local partner organizations.

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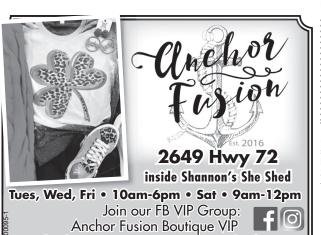
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monthly utility bill, citizens can help provide utility assistance for the elderly, disabled, and those who have a fixed income or no income at all. Florence Utilities serves only as the collection service for this fund. Every dollar given to Project Help will go through the Help Center to those in need. No contributions collected will be used to pay workers or subsidize any other expenses. "COVID 19 has placed an increased burden on citizens in every aspect of their lives. It has also increased the need for assistance with basic needs such as housing, food, and utilities," shared Sandie Preedom, Florence Utilities Customer Service Manager. "It is easy for customers to donate small amounts through their monthly utility bill to the Help Center. All donations go directly to assist people in this community. Customers will be receiving a flyer in their bill this month with a signature form that can be returned with their payment. The Project Help donation will be added to the customer's utility bill each month. This is a great way to help fellow citizens during such a difficult time. We look forward to growing and continuing our partnership with the Help Center."

Project Help provides monetary assistance up to \$100 for utility costs on final bill notices. Assistance is on a first-call basis (per household,

per year). This program is only possible through donations. The Help Center Board President Cindy Young explained, "Current circumstances have resulted in a tremendous increase in the number of families needing help paying their utility bills. We try to help as many as possible. However, the demand is far greater than the financial donations we receive by individuals or through Project Help."

HOW CAN I HELP?

Customers can automatically draft donations by monthly designating an amount and signing the authorization card that will be in your next utility bill or online.

Donations can also be made directly to the Help Center at P.O Box 1713, Florence, AL 35630.

The Help Center is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and can provide a tax deduction document. The Help Center was started in 1982 as a cooperative effort between several churches and organizations.

They are a volunteer-operated organization with zero donation dollars used for administration.

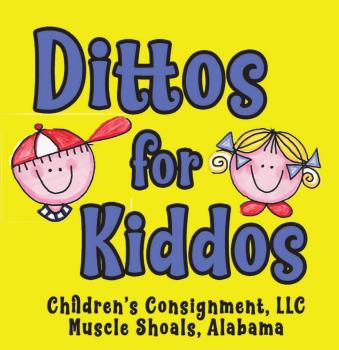
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www.mseb.net. Applicants may return applications in person at the office or by mail to

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In Memory: Just To Make It Fair

hose who really knew him understood his love for humanity, his great generosity, his true humility and admirable sensibilities, and how he despised the entrapments of modern-day liberalism.

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Words

TOM MAGAZZU

Editor

Those who didn't know him, and like to say they did, usually have a more disparaging view. Rush Limbaugh's recent

passing was marked with the reverence and respect someone of his entrepreneurial success and pioneering spirit should

However, there were also those who articulated some of the most vile things imaginable. Twitter comments like "Rest in P*ss," "Burn in Hell," "Good Riddance," and "Rot in Hell" also

demonstrated that Limbaugh was among the most hated men alive. It's not surprising that so many of those critics would also praise the life, work, and First Amendment rights of porn king, Larry Flynt, who also recently passed away.

Rush Limbaugh revolutionized the radio industry and talk radio with the nationally

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By Lisa Singleton-Rickman Times Daily Staff Writer Originally Published 2/26/21

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A couple of days a week, the Muscle Shoals toddler attends the Shoals United Cerebral Palsy Center's

Jett

Wee Care program, **McGuire** where he's a member of Rhonda Davis' toddler class. Jett's mother, Leslie, said the program is a

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The Sound of Musicals

Tickets Are Online

PHIL CAMPBELL -- Northwest-Shoals Community College's (NW-SCC) Music Department will hold *The Sound of Musicals* concert on Thursday, March 4 and

Monday, March 8 at 7pm in the Lou B. Bevill Center on the NW-SCC Phil Campbell Campus.

The Concert will feature the NW-SCC Show Choir, Vocal Point, directed by Jonathon Romero. Choreography of the show choir will be directed by April Smith Spencer.

Admission for the concert will be \$8 and children 12

and under will be free. NW-SCC employees and students will be admitted free with a valid college ID.

Tickets must be purchased in advance for each show

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THE UNA PERCUSSION **PROGRAM** is excited to bring back the "Dynamic Duos" concert on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30pm in Norton Auditorium. This concert presents a wide variety of works for percussion duo. This year's concert includes 3 world premieres, including two by UNA Student Composers Matt Mansour and Caleb Tonini! There is no charge to attend. Masks are required while in all on-campus facilities and throughout the program. Distancing between audience member groups will also be asked during the performance.

RESET AT THE RIVER

continues each weekday at McFarland Park's beachfront area. The series will take place daily at noon through March 19 with timely speakers, exercise, and relevant information. The program is sponsored by the YMCA of the Shoals and the Florence Parks and Recreation Department.

THE KNIGHTS OF **COLUMBUS** Council 3889 will be having their annual Lenten Fish Frys on March 5 and 19. Tickets can be purchased in drive-thru between 4:15- 6:45pm Adults \$10, Children \$4. Catfish Filets, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Frence Fries, Dessert. Cheese Pizza available for kids only. ALL ORDERS will be carry-out only. St. Joseph Catholic School 115 Plum St. in Florence





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Judging Herself in?

Editor:

Rush Limbaugh died recently at age 70 of lung cancer. Rush was a great American radio announcer who always told the truth and gave us the facts.

Singer and actress, Bette Midler, said that Mr. Limbaugh had gone to his reward. She said, "I bet its HOT." I guess she was implying he went to Hell. guess she has read enough in the Bible that describes Hell as being a hot place.
Unless she has lead a truly pristine

life, Bette needs to read Matthew 7: verses 1 and 2.

Jesus said, "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgement you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

So Bette Midler may have also judged herself into a Hot place for her reward when she dies.

It would do her good if she would read James 4: verses 11 and 12. before she dies and goes to receive her reward.

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Editor:

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I called to see if insurance was able to get me a locksmith. They were not, so I requested a tow.

While waiting for my tow I was told that I was loitering and asked to wait outside in sub-freezing temperatures.

This was dangerous, and as a

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LifeSouth Blood Drives for February The Shoals Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence, 888-795-2707. The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9am-3pm; Sunday 1-5pm. Wednesday, March 3, Noon – 6pm, CVS, 1715 Woodward Avenue, Muscle

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Sunday, March 7, Noon – 6pm, Walmart, 13675 Highway 43, Russellville Monday, March 8, 10am – 4pm, Colbert Farmers Co-Op, 8140 Main Street, Leightpa

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Want to see your Event here? Email your information to Editor@ CourierJournal.net.

The charming town of Linden, TN is pleased to announce the 13th annual Blooming Arts Festival on March 26-27. Blooming Arts Festival in March 20-27. Blooming Arts Festival is Linden's annual signature event and one of the region's leading outdoor festivals. The free event, had more than 150 artists registered in 2019 and attendance near 10,000.

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Linden's downtown Main Street features wide sidewalks, retro lampposts, restored architecture, and beautifully landscaped trees; the perfect backdrop landscaped trees; the penetr backdrop for showcasing creative arts and crafts. Past exhibitions have included fine art - oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, clay sculptures and photography. Fine hand-crafted artisans bring stained glass, leatherwork, jewelry, glass, furniture, fiber, quilting and numerous other displays of craftivity.

creativity.

In addition to arts & crafts exhibitors, a full schedule of live music is planned for both days plus the always-popular Kids Zone, complete with rides and many fun activities. Blooming Arts Festival is free

and open to the public.

For more information, including how to register for a booth, visit www. bloomingartsfestival.com

The Florence Senior Center/The Club is serving curbside meals Monday-Friday from 10:30-11:30am. Please call in to reserve your meal between 8:30-10:30am. Call 256-760-6668 for a menu. Participation requirements: Over 60 years old and a tidbit of information. You can register over the phone.

Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) announced Friday that starting February 8, ADPH will extend eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations to include people 65 or older, and additional groups of frontline workers. Details about the Vaccine Allocation Plan are available at

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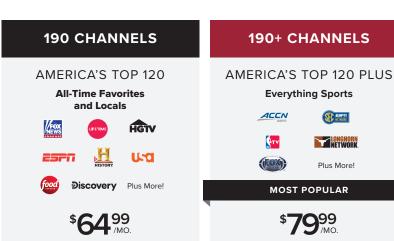
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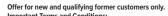
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There is a religious song with words along the lines of, "In times like these we need a savior...

The New Bethel community in Colbert county has been blessed with more than one savior during the ice, snow, and pandemic days.

One has only to take a look at the New Bethel/ Crooked Oak page on Facebook to see the evidence. It is reassuring to see how the young people have responded with offers like:

I have a 4x4 and would like an adventure. So, if you need me to pick something up at the store for you and deliver it, please message me

Or, We are in town and heading home. Let me know if you need something.

There were many questions asking how roads were often naming a particular road. Answers often followed with a picture of the roads in icy condition.

When it was obvious the county road crew could not see to all of the rural roads, it was uplifting to see a business owner volunteer his own time, equipment, and an employee to begin plowing the snow and ice off of the road.

There were questions about the store being open, do you have water? Where can I get propane tanks filled? and other needs.

These people stand out as being our community saviors: Mike Wagnon, Pat Wagnon, David Isom, Heath Clark, Josh Byrd, the Malones (store), and many others, including evervone who kept us informed about road conditions.

The snow, ice, and pandemic have brought forth those who care and give of themselves. That is what makes New Bethel great! Each act alone may be considered a small act of kindness, but they add up to great acts of kindness.

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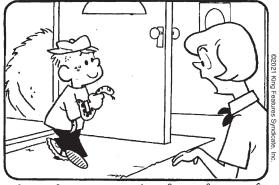
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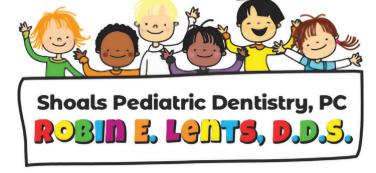
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For example, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) provides an example of a cashier in a store who has the disease lupus, which makes her more prone to fatigue. The employer could provide a reasonable accommodation to this employee by giving her a stool to allow her to sit, instead of stand, while performing her cashier duties. An employer following the ADA would make this accommodation.

An employer does not violate the ADA if the employer refuses to hire an employee who poses a direct threat of harm to others or himself on the job. In Chevron U.S.A. v. Echazabal (2002), the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that employer did not violate the ADA when it refused to fire a former employee whose disability (hepatitis and liver problems) would be exacerbated (made worse) by exposure to toxins in the workplace.

The Court reasoned that the direct-threat defense articulated in federal regulations should also extend to workers who posed a danger to themselves. The Court did say that the direct-threat defense must be based on reasoned medical judgment and should not be used as a guise to discriminate against disabled workers who don't truly pose a threat at all.

Tell your daughter to consider contacting the Easter Seals Foundation or Alabama Adult Vocational Rehabilitation.

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LIMIT THE POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGE

Dear Dave,

husband Mυ started working at a new company about a year ago. As part of his sign on, they gave him \$5,000 in company stock. The stock has nearly doubled in value since then, and we were wondering if we should buy more, considering how well it has done.

Cathi

Dear Cathi,

I totally get why you two might be excited over a stock that doubled in value over the course of a year. But what you're talking about doing right now is a very risky proposition. The truth is any stock that doubles in value over the and



course of just one year is highly volatile. It's unusual for stocks to do things like that, and it also means it could go down just as fast—or even faster.

I don't know where you and your husband are in your overall financial situation, but I recommend people become debt-free except for their homes, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved up before investing. Once you reach that point, I strongly advise to begin putting 15 percent of your income toward retirement before you start any outside investing.

Don't get me wrong, I don't mind a little selective educated dabbing for Ramsey Solutions.

here and there once the basics are taken care of first. However, I'd never recommend putting more than 10 percent of your nest egg into a single stock. The reason? If the single stock tanks and you lose it all, then your loss is only a blip on your financial radar.

Of course, it would be fantastic if this single stock went through the roof and you two made a ton of money. Just make sure you limit the potential for damage in this kind of scenario by limiting your exposure.

-Dave

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IN MY LAST INSTALLMENT, I introduced the main characters of this new antivirus program. If you missed it, you can read all my previous articles at www.courierjournal.

In that installment, we

introduced the mRNA vaccine blueprint that tells your cell's ribosome factory to build a simple protein--the exact same kind of protein the cells in your body produce trillions of times



per day--but this scarecrow protein is shaped like (dumdum-dum!) the ugly spike on the Rona!

Your body normally uses proteins to build muscle and a

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million other things but your immune system is quite adept at recognizing things that do not belong. Your immune system is a whole virus so it builds an ENTIRE ARMY to rise up against the ugly thing. It's a vast overreaction but your immune system takes no chances.

A small squad in this army called "cytokines" then marches from the injection site directly to your brain's hypothalamus and orders it to raise the temperature of your body to make it uncomfortable for the

fake viruses. Women call this "slight fever" but we men call it Man Flu or Hebola and need our women to coddle us and rub assumes this odd-shaped protein out tummies until we feel better. Anyway, building a whole army takes a lot of energy so about 40% of us are going to feel a bit under the weather for a day or two while Basic Training is going on. Fortunately, most of us will iust have a sore arm but it's all worth it because these vaccines are incredibly effective against death from the Rona. You may get hit by a car tomorrow, but you're not going to die from the

Rona after a vaccine.

Then the body realizes it's been conned and calms down. False alarm. Oopsies. Sorry. The army goes back into the barracks and rests until they are needed again. The cool thing is that, unlike a real illness, once the immune system realizes it's been tricked, your body goes back to feeling normal in the blink of an eye with no lingering effects. Yep, one hour you're laying on the couch, then a few hours later you're ready to tackle the world again, or lay on the couch some more if that's your thing. These particular vaccines have about the same rate of side effects as other vaccines but, since so many of us are getting one, we hear every complaint so it only seems to be worse.

Note that nowhere in this process does anything in the vaccine touch, much less alter

your DNA. Despite claims from the Tinfoil Hat Brigade, these mRNA vaccines absolutely cannot alter your DNA, and no one is secretly implanting any Bill Gates 5G microchips to track your whereabouts... for whatever reasons. Once we get past this little bump in the road, mRNA vaccines are literally going to change the medical landscape for many other diseases. But for now, this is how we can get back to hugging each other and ending this plague. Yay!

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B. Simon Florence

Mixed Super Bowl Review

Editor:

watched the Super Bowl, I muted the racket and the announcers' useless jargon. My eyes and ears got some relief from the stupid ads.

I just closed my eyes and waited a little. That helped to clear my mind and helped me to get ready for the next set of plays.

I had some time to sit and write a little. After halftime I watched the boys continue clobbering one another.

BILL'S take - I handled the Super Bowl this way. After watching the Star Spangled Banner get trampled on by alleged singers and watching players stand many around with their hands behind their backs instead of over their hearts, I saw the flyover, which is really what I wanted to see.

Don't even get started on the commercials, TOM'S take - Hurray, which cost \$5½ million it's halftime now. As I for 30 seconds. Clever

commercials were better than the Super Bowl in past years, but these ethnic, gender, and color-correct ads fell far-short of their goals.

As usual the play by play and color commentators rambled on with excessive praise for routine plays.

My interest in the

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2006	Honda CRV	J H LRD68896C028849	TZJ880	Gold	Arbys
2009	Honda Accord	1HGCS123Z9A018017	3N37X1	Red	Mcfarland Park
2008	Pontiac G6	1G2ZG57NX84251862	44GH262	Grav	3429 Peachtree St
1999	Honda Accord	JHMCG6673XC025188	ACE141	White	Cox Creek And Jackson
2006	Toyota Sienna	5TDZA22C16S568710	7.02.7.7	Gold	2nd And Countrywood
2004	GMC Sierra	1GTEC14X4Z248870	2514BF6	Black	6th And Woodward
1994	Oldsmobile Cutlass	1G3AG5540R6348738	41GS789	Gold	Dr Hicks And Crest
2016	KIA	KNDJX3A5XG7277235	41HL593	Black	Mall Rd And Cox Creek
2012	Ford Fusion	3FADP0L32CR228594	41BV765	White	Cox Creek And Mall Road
2004	Fonda Accord	1HGCM56894A001466	1G26B6	Silver	South Kirkman
2008	Hyundai Elantra	KMHDU46DX8U461245	52LM978	Silver	Florence Blvd
2017	Mitsubishi Mirage	ML32F3FJ1HHF10708	41GS529	White	1511 Jackson Rd
2008	Mini Cooper	WMWMF33598TT62599	41GL689	Silver	Garner Auto
2005	Chrysler Town & Country	2A8G P64L66R799033	CC23925	Blue	Chisholm Rd
2016	Mitsubishi Lancer	JA32U2F4XTU000916		Red	Huntsville Rd And Broadway
2005	Nissan Maxima	1N4BA41 E45C852774	41GV923	White	1510 Chisholm Rd
2001	Pontiac Grand Prix	1G2WK52J21F258613		Silver	Sunnyside And Georgia
2002	Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W42X105913		White	Hi-tech Helton Dr
2000	Jeep Cherokee	1J4G248S8YC227012	49CF603	Red	Dollar General
2003	Hyundai XG350	KMHFU45E23A255351		Silver	3rd And Pitsburge
2003	Mercury Grand Marquis	2MEFM75W23X645287	200D943		Wilson Dam And 6th
1992	Lincoln Town Car	1LNLM82W3NY714503	41DV793	White	Railroad Ave
2001	Lincoln Navigator	5LMEU27RX1LJ29169	41HT313	White	Hiawasee St
2014	Ford Fusion	3FA6P0H97ER301936	9UTF47	Silver	Travis St
2005	Pontiac Bonneville	1G2HX52K05U143013	NA	White	Sugar And Spice
2000	Chevrolet Truck	1GCCS1441YK172614	20AD306	White	T&K Auto
		U HAUL TRAILER			Circle K
2006	Nissan Maxima	1N4BA91E76C865634	41DM894	Black	30Th And Hatch
2004	Pontiac Santa Fe	KM8SC13D84U767836	19177K	Gray	W20th And Cherokee St
2003	Chrysler PT Cruiser	3C4FY48B03T626848	20DC687	Blue	Atlanta And 1st
2012	KIA Sorento	5XYKT3A68CG306463	TJW081	Gray	1521 Spring Valley Rd
2001	Nissan Sentra	3N1CB51D11L439026	41GA222	White	Cr 39 And Cr 481
2001	Subaru	4S3BH675416666766	NO TAG	Blue	262 Creasy Lane
2001	Chevrolet Blazer	1GNCS18W71K213076	441144.05	Blue	Woodward & Pilgram Ave
2003	Ford Mustang	1F4FP40493F355708	41HA105	Red	Hillcrest Motel
2011 1992	Nissan Maxima GMC Truck	1NYAA5AP3BC819599		Black	Rural King Ford And Pasadena
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2003	GMC Envoy	1GKDT138742170849	64DT923	Blue	Thrift Store Hatch Blvd
2004	Saturn	1G8ZH52872Z108074	04D1923	Blue	Foodland Montgomery Ave
2002	GMC Sonoma	1GTCS14X438276689	NA	Tan	714 E Limestone
2003	Ford Focus	1FAFP34P11W163209	14/1	Black	North Jackson
1996	Toyota Corolla	1NXBAC2E3TZ361875	41FD161	Silver	Linwood Ave
2000	Mercedes E320	WDBJF65J2Y13152951	7110101	Black	Houston Plantation

THE BOLD AND THE introduced Abe and Eli to bat for Flo with the Logan sisters. Zoe put her plan in motion to get her man back. Finn recognized a familiar face in an unfamiliar place. Dollar Bill seized an opportunity for a second chance with Katie. The Logan sisters came full circle in completing their family. Flo received an unexpected gift from Brooke, Katie and Donna. Zoe attempted to fix what was broken between her and Carter. Wait to See: Zende takes Paris away from the office for some fun and romance. Zoe goes big in arranging a scene to prove her love. Paris begins to fall deeper for Zende.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Chloe questioned "Susan's" behavior. Meanwhile, Lani was becoming suspicious of "Kristen." Abigail pressed Gabi to join forces with her against Gwen. Kristen used Philip to her advantage. Chloe advised Sarah not to marry Xander. Abigail and Jack had a heated

BEAUTIFUL Katie went to her Aunt Paulina. Abigail bat for Flo with the Logan and Gabi kidnapped Gwen. Jack informed Chad about his fight with Abigail. Steve and Kayla had an awkward encounter with Bonnie and Justin. Sarah discovered Xander in a compromising position.
Sami tried to persuade Belle to represent her. John Ferred he may have gone too far. Ben sought help from Marlena. Evan played mind games with Ciara. Abigail demanded Gwen admit to killing Laura. Wait to See: Kate and Jake get a win over Philip and Gabi. Evan informs Ciara of his deadly plans for Ben. Clyde has stunning news

GENERAL HOSPITAL Anna and Valentin hatched a scheme. Dante paid Peter a visit. Maxie received a surprising message. Jackie and Gregory came to a realization. Franco's tumor continued to complicate things. Dante thwarted Valentin's plan. Peter was undeterred, and Maxie was argument about Gwen. Lani eager to begin her new life

with him. Jordan began her investigation. Lucy was rudely interrupted. Finn got support from Chase. Nina vented to Ava about Carly. Peter confronted Anna. Michael extended an olive branch. Valentin told Peter he cared about him. Anna was very apologetic. Jackie was insightful. Jax lamented that he couldn't get through to Nina. Franco made a grand discovery. Mac intervened. Anna admitted her mistakes to Robert. Wait to See: Dante wonders what Sam will do next. Franco gains new insight. Carly finds Nina's behavior intrusive.

THE YOUNG
THE RESTLESS AND Victor Ashley discussed and their concerns about Abby. Amanda's past came back to haunt her. Mariah and Tessa received a reality check. Phyllis turned the tables on Sally. Summer caught Kyle in the act. Chloe connected with Chelsea. Victor built his empire. Chelsea dreamed of exacting revenge. Nick protected Faith. defended himself. Nina and Christine supported Abby. Devon covered up a secret. Wait to See: Victor delivers some bad news. Lily sets the record straight with Victoria. Chelsea celebrates a big win.

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One of the most important benefits of Medicare Part B are the preventive services that it covers. These services include health care that is used to prevent illness or detect illness at an

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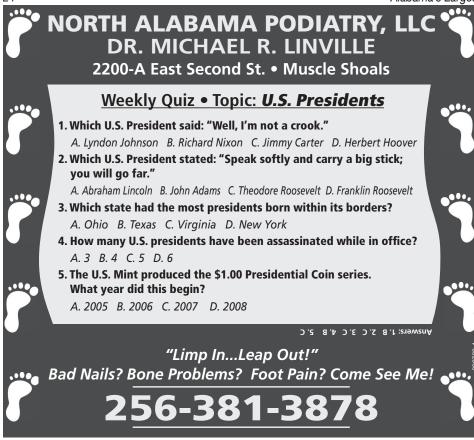




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Make it Fair

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syndicated, Rush Limbaugh *Śhow,* which began in 1988. There were around 600 radio stations in the US that were talk-based when his program began - all on the AM dial. Today there are 12,000 on both bands.

Maybe Limbaugh came across as abrasive at times. However, that candor often included ingenious musical levity and the precise words of many left-leaning icons in parody, exactly what was needed to demonstrate the levels of absurdity to which liberalism in this country has climbed. And it was expertly done, entertaining millions while poking the exact groups or people that

he was exposing.
Limbaugh added more humor, often reminding people that he was doing it all with "half his brain tied behind his back just to make it fair."

Still, very often he only scratched the surface. And we can't forget his dozens of other legendary phrases during the show and returning from breaks, like, "Talent on loan from God," "America's Anchorman," "Permanently ensconced behind the Golden EIB microphone," "America's truth detector, documented formerly fingers.

Limbaugh was always willing to offer a hand up, but he despised society's ever-widening hammock. Some called that hateful and mean-spirited. But Limbaugh was the epitome on himself. He represents the pinnacle of work-ethic, of self-motivation, and of individual triumph in spite of repeated setbacks. Limbaugh

had challenges to overcome for most of his life. He was a college dropout who loved radio, yet he was fired from numerous DJ and on-air jobs before he was 30. That never deterred his drive. Even with health issues in his middle to late years, he never felt sorry for himself or wanted sympathy. He always looked for ways adversity to overcome and to bring others with him. He didn't even want mention his cancer diagnosis to his audience initially, because he didn't

to be about him.

humility, skin, ingenuity, brilliance, and light-hearted Because they never truly listened. I mentioned in a piece last decades. year, he was as generous as entitled to equal treatment. they come. More examples passing.

Most cannot appreciate Limbaugh's perseverance,

Limbaugh never took the feel-good trend of liberal foolishness.

In spite of what his detractors would have us believe, it was clear by Limbaugh's life structure and long-time associations nationality, or gender influence his decisioninfluence his decision-making. Those who knew him and listened to him with any regularity knew individual success in select And that's really areas. that. what drives the left the craziest. They want him to be racist so badly that they manufacture and facts based on one or two comments, sayings, or elements of hearsay without a bit of context.

through Kathryn, nonprofit of South Aftrican professional golfer, Gary simply din Player. Kathryn worked assassins. to be right 99.6% of for Gary and she was the time," and "what supposed to arrange a list I'm holding here in my of potential celebs to play nicotine-stained in Gary's benefit event. He wanted three lists, A, B, and Limbaugh on his A-list. Kathryn had However, heard about this Limbaugh guy already. She C-listed them. him on purpose. Lim

during that weekend and a admitted on-air after his practice what they believe. death that Rush was very kind and respectful, and a the most humble man that Limbaugh and he included she had met. All the bad the moral footing he used things she had heard about for each position. Sure,

Rush were just not true.
The left labeled Rush as a racist from the outset, but it wasn't often. even during his wildlyprogram. lazy and it was easy for them. His extensive list of left-leaning multicultural political and entertainment targets included the likes of Jesse Jackson, Don King, Carol Moseley-Braun, Shalala, Maxine Donna Waters, Al Sharpton, Sheila Jackson Lee, and Barack Obama, minorities who

above reproach. Limbaugh was an equal opportunity skewer. Anyone who advocated liberalism was a target regardless of age, sarcasm. color, gender, religious y never affiliation... or not. He And he lambasted the philosophies always used his pulpit and parodied lily-whites to create opportunity for like Ted Kennedy and others when possible. As Hillary Clinton for three Everyone was

In fact, Rush was among have surfaced since his the first to really delve into the left's insulting approach to minorities, easy route of groupthink, the implication that racism giving in to a popular in 20th and 21st century America is too burdensome for minorities to overcome without government assistance. This is a racism without that the left itself instigates Michael through what Gerson originally coined that he never let race, as "a soft bigotry of low expectations. It was tepid liberal support while suppressing motivation.
The left can only tolerate

Education and upward economic mobility of minorities is not among them. The left talked situations big, but it was usually symbolism over substance. And Limbaugh exposed them daily. Accusers are either woefully ignorant Rush met his wife, and just parroting others, deflecting attention from their own sketchiness, or simply dimwitted character

Limbaugh was never afraid to clearly say what was on his mind in the face of constant social pressures. It's largely what got him C options, and he wanted fired early on and he even had sponsors leave his show on occasion. Not to fear, others gladly replaced

Limbaugh assured As it turned out, that the many millions of C-list had to be used to fill conservatives that they of doing what it takes C-list had to be used to fill conservatives that they to avoid relying on the the tourney, and Limbaugh need not apologize for government teat, and he accepted. She had to having integrity, principles, was always the hardest interact with him often respect, opinions, and backbone to say and

No one could articulate position as clearly as for each position. he was wrong in his long range assessment at times,

Even though he was popular, but short-lived speaking to upwards of 20 They were million people at his radio as easy for peak, he seemed to be speaking with each person as an individual. 99.99% of listeners didn't 'know" Rush Limbaugh. Yet, he had a bond and/ or a personal closeness to listeners that no one else in the industry has ever had. That is why everyone else

want the show or the topics the liberal media viewed as RUSH... Continued on 25

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in the entertainment/talk radio business will always stand in his shadow.

Rush had a fundamental confidence in the wisdom and goodness of the American people. He portrayed a kindness and held a genuine interest in every American, and every person who would call his show, both fan and foe. He actually became good friends with many who had that opposing political beliefs;

some of them very famous office was presenting the He knew that opinions and ideologies person, the soul, who held

media's willful order to find fault and write negatively is a testament to how on-target he was, and he was undermining just by being himself.

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Presidential Freedom to Limbaugh in the didn't absolutely define the House of Representatives during his last State of the Union event.

In spite of all his success, ignorance toward him is Limbaugh remembered his only one of his legendary struggles. For many years, elements. Journalists paid he was one of the little to listen to his show in people, one of the American patriots who don't have the glamor or a large nest egg, don't hob-nob with elites, how many political agendas who go to work every day anticipating the next pay check, and keeping an eye out for others. And that mindset never left him.

He would want that to remember the enemies of freedom are all around us, attempting to demoralize us and take away any of life's joy. They want us to join them in a perpetual mood of despair.

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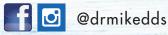
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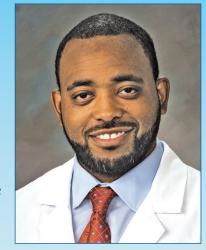
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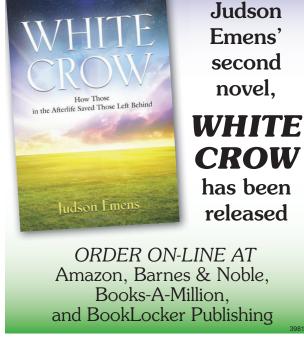
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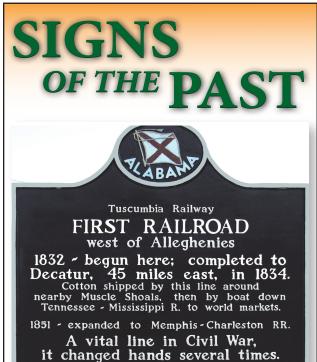
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An extensive evaluation revealed Jett's diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

Leslie and her husband, Andrew, knew early intervention was key for Jett, and the Shoals Cerebral Palsy Center was the

Speech therapist Angie Rogers began making monthly home visits, and later virtual visits because of the pandemic, to work with Jett and to teach Leslie how to better work with her son at home.

"It's been great because Angie has taught me how to help him with daily routines and activities," Leslie said. "She's given me so much help."

Rogers, along with the center's physical and occupational therapists, provide much needed help for families throughout the Shoals.

The therapy, as well as all other services provided by the center, are supported largely through fundraisers, the largest of

which is the annual telethon.

This year's telethon is in its 57th year and takes place March 7 at Florence High School with a goal of \$100,000.

The telethon will be aired live on the My 8 channel from 1-4pm.

Center Director Alison Isbell said donations may be made ahead of time by calling the center office at 256-381-44310.

Donations on the day of the telethon will be made through the televised number.

The telethon is one of two fundraisers the center has each year. The center hosts a half marathon and 5K race every October, but the live event was cancelled last year due to the pandemic and a virtual race was held instead.

The race, which typically raises at least \$20,000, raised \$5,000.

"We stress the importance of the telethon every year, just to keep the doors open and continue offering all our services, but this year it truly does hold even more significance, especially after the year we've just had," Isbell said.

The center doesn't turn children away who qualify for services. And once a child is in the program, he or she can remain until the age of five.

When Jett becomes three years old, he will transition out of the early intervention program to an early head start program to prepare him for kindergarten.

Leslie said the combination of teletherapy and Jett's interaction at the center has helped her son with motor skills, social skills and communication.

"He's always babbled and he can sing songs and say words, but he can't communicate with us," she said. "His understanding is there, so we expect communication to catch up between the ages of 3 and 5."

Leslie said Jett's speech is much

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"Jett is true to his name — constantly climbing, running, singing," she said.
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