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**HCU Adds Two**



**Harrison**



**Thompson**

FLORENCE— Heritage Christian University recently announced two major transitions for their Admissions department.

**Rebecca Harrison** has been hired as the Director of Admissions and **Mechelle Thompson** has been promoted to Director of Financial Aid.

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**Relaunch KICKS FOR KIDS**

FLORENCE – The Listerhill Foundation relaunched its Kicks For Kids program recently with the announcement that it will be providing a new pair of brand name shoes to each child at Harlan Elementary School in Florence. The program began in January of 2020, but had to be put on hold because of COVID-19.

Harlan Elementary School principal, Dr. Thomas Casteel, is delighted. He explained, "This is a tremendous reward for our pupils who have

overcome so much this year. They will now have a pair of shoes to carry them through the summer which can be a particularly vulnerable time for many kids." The shoe drop will take place next month in partnership with California-based, Shoes That Fit. Since their founding in 1992, Shoes That Fit has provided over 2 million pair of shoes to children across the US.

Listerhill Credit Union CEO, Brad Green, stated, "Our philosophy is

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**NW-SCC's Berryman is All-USA Academic**

MUSCLE SHOALS – Northwest-Shoals Community College student Savannah Berryman of Tuscombina was selected as one of 20 college students nationwide to the prestigious All-USA Academic Team. She will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

More than 2,000 students were nominated for this award.

Berryman will be recognized during the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACCC) virtual convention in May. In addition to the scholarship funds, she will be presented with a commemorative



**Berryman**  
NW-SCC Photo

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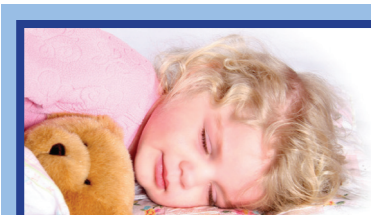
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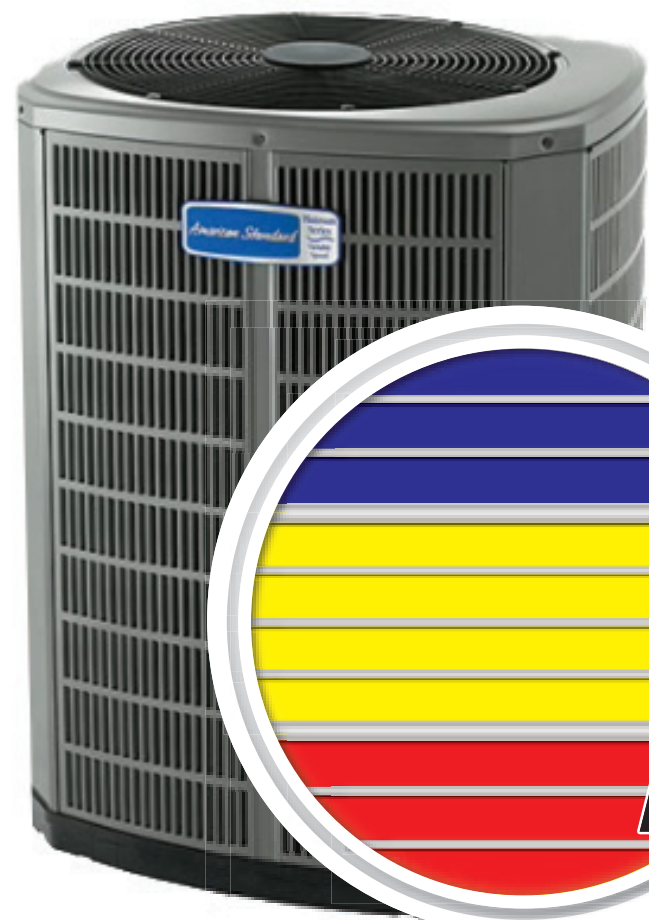
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## Shorts...

### HCU Adds Two in Admissions

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Both transitions are effective immediately.

The news of the transition comes just after Director of Enrollment **Jim Collins** announced the highest spring enrollment in 16 years at 114 credit students and a total headcount of 204. Collins began a two-year transition out of his role into retirement last January.

Harrison is a resident of Killen and a graduate of the Southern University of New Orleans. She served nine years as an investigator for the Department of Human Resources and as an in-home rehabilitation social worker. Most recently, she was employed at HCU as an Administrative Assistant and Admissions Counselor.

"Rebecca has proven herself capable and has an intimate knowledge of the workings of the Admissions Department," said **Travis Harmon**, Vice President of Student Services. "She has a good rapport throughout the University and has life experience that will certainly benefit us in this position."

Thompson is a resident of Florence and a long-standing employee of HCU. She has served in the role of Associate Director of Financial Aid for seven years.

"Mechelle knows the federal financial aid program like no one else on campus," Harmon added. "This title more adequately conveys the respect we have for Mechelle and her role in the success of HCU and her students."

### Artifact Show in St. Joseph

**ST. JOSEPH, TN** – The St. Joseph, Tennessee Indian Artifact and Collectables Show takes place Saturday, March 20 from 8am-3pm at the St. Joseph City Park on Spring Street. Admission is free and the Loretto Band Boosters will have food and desserts for sale to raise money for the band.

On display will be arrowheads and tools made by early inhabitants of the Americas. Also on display will be Civil War artifacts, bottles, coins, pocketknives, fossils, and other collectables.

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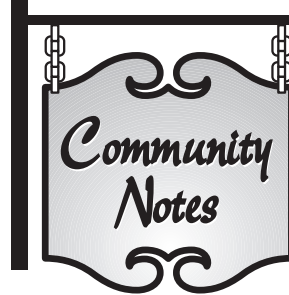
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**March is Red Cross Month**, and the Red Cross is celebrating blood, platelet and plasma donors for stepping up to meet the constant need for blood amid the pandemic.

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COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

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"Community college students have been most-impacted by the pandemic as many had to forgo or delay their education because of financial or other challenges," said Fernando Bleichmar, Executive Vice President and General Manager for U.S. Higher Education at Cengage. "Community colleges have a critical role in retraining the millions of unemployed Americans and opening up opportunity for those who have the most to gain from post-secondary education. We're honored to help these incredible college students further their education by supporting the All-USA Scholarship."

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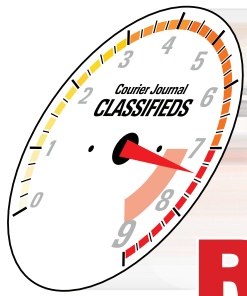
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Come out and support The Loretto Band Boosters. Have a good homemade meal, and see history on display.

### UNA In-Person for Fall Term

FLORENCE - The University of North Alabama plans to return to mostly in-person instruction for Fall 2021. Current forecasts and the expanding availability of coronavirus vaccine doses are behind the plans to return to a more normal on-campus experience that will allow students to enjoy experiential learning, campus life, and community engagement opportunities.

"Our ability to return to campus is meaningful for all of us, especially our students who, like

our faculty and staff, have come to expect a vibrant and active UNA campus," said Dr. Ken Kitts, UNA President.

Students will be on campus allowing for a hybridized learning environment for the 2020-2021 academic year. Best practices and protocols from the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were integrated into the plan.

As part of the preparation for a return to normal in-person classroom instruction, UNA has made the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine available to all eligible employees. Vaccine clinics for the first dose will take place on campus March 15, 16, and 18. The second dose follows 28 days later on April 12, 13, and 15.

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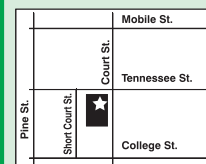
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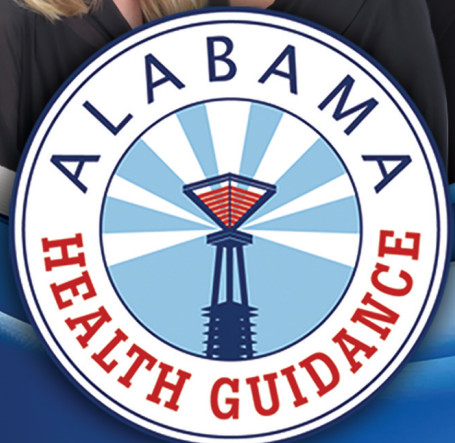
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**'For the People Act' Not for 'the People'**

**A**lmost a year after its initial passage, the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives has once again passed HR 1, the For the People Act. However, there's one major difference. This time the misleadingly named bill is no longer dead on arrival in a Republican Senate or White House.



Now that leftists hold the reins of power, Democrat leadership has doubled down on this anti-democratic bill, aiming to use its razor-thin majority in Congress to establish permanent and unopposed domination of our national elections.



**Brian Babin**  
Representative  
in Texas'  
36th District

HR 1, a bill whose number indicates the highest level of priority for Democrats, does nothing to address the numerous crises we're facing. It is silent on the ongoing pandemic, the millions of Americans still unemployed, our unstable and unsecured southern border, and the multitude of children suffering at home because they're not in school.

Instead, HR 1 is packed full of mandates to guarantee Democrats control future elections—

**See NOT FOR THE PEOPLE... on Page 29**

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March 17, 2021

**Happening THIS WEEK**

**Florence native, Justin Atkins**

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**MONSTER TRUCKZ EXTREME TOUR** - The Most Epic Show On Earth hits the North Alabama State Fairgrounds in Muscle Shoals on Friday, March 19 at 7pm; Saturday, March 20 at 2pm and 7pm; and Sunday, March 21 at 2pm. Exciting action for the entire family. Monster Trucks freestyle, racing and jumping | FMX Riders Amazing stunts jumping ramp to ramp | A man shot from a cannon | Visit [www.monstertruckz.com](http://www.monstertruckz.com) for tickets and more information.

**Pickwick Hosts Elite Event**

**FLORENCE** – The Bassmaster Elite Series heads to Florence for the third event of its nine-tournament season — the Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake March 18-21. B.A.S.S. visited Pickwick six times for major events in the past, and last November, the lake was the site of the 2020 TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.

The Yellowhammer State will be well-represented by the 12 Elite Series pros who call Alabama home. This includes Florence-native, Justin Atkins, and 2019 Bassmaster Angler of the Year Scott Canterbury of Odenville.

The tournament pits 100 of the top bass anglers in the world against one another as they compete for the \$100,000 first-place prize and a total purse of more than \$762,000.

From watching the first boats take off Thursday morning

**See BASS... on Page 20**



**Alabama Anglers Competing in the Bassmaster Elite Event on Pickwick Lake this weekend include:**

- Justin Atkins • Steve Kennedy
- Scott Canterbury • Wes Logan
- Clent Davis • Justin Hamner
- Matt Herren • Kelley Jaye
- Josh Stracner • Kyle Welcher
- Gerald Swindle • Bill Weidler

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be having their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 19 at Saint Joseph Regional Catholic School, 115 Plum St., Florence. Adults \$10, children age 4-6, \$4. Tickets can be purchased between 4:15-6:45pm. ALL ORDERS WILL BE CARRY-OUT ONLY. Drive thru and pick-up window will be available for carry out. All proceeds go to Knights of Columbus Council 3989 Charity.

**T.R.U. SPRING TRAIL RIDE** at Seven Springs Lodge, 1292 Mount Mills Road, Tusculumbia, March 17-21. Four days of guided trail rides, bingo, two nights of dancing with Crooked Creek band! For more information or to make reservations, call Jamie McCain at 256-483-2859. If no answer, please leave a message.

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Not one republican voted to raise the masses out of poverty and there were 9 democrats that refused to raise it as well.

Linda Johnson  
Florence

**Just Paid Hoodlums?**

Editor:

We watched the storming of the Capitol building January 6 on live TV. The Capitol Police, FBI, President Donald Trump, and a host of others knew of the chatter on Social Media from days before as the rioters planned to attack the Capitol.

Trump asked for troops to be present, but his request fell on deaf ears. Why? Simple. The Dems knew it to be the perfect storm opportunity to blame Trump if it actually happened. Nancy Pelosi should be held accountable for it and impeached.

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# Notes...

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**Poetry Contest for 7th - 12th Graders!** The Kappa Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated is having a Poetry Contest! All 7th - 12th graders are welcome to enter! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be given away! Suggested Theme: "The Harlem Renaissance".

Entries must be recorded and emailed, original or recitations, and no longer than 3 minutes. The deadline for entries is April 3. Go to [bit.ly/kpopoetry](http://bit.ly/kpopoetry) to register! For more information, please call 256-542-1258.

**Drive Thru Food Pantry** for Florence, Lauderdale County at North Wood Methodist Church. Call 256-764-2111 for more information. If no answer, leave message, we will get back to you.

**The 2021 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake** will be held March 18-21 at McFarland Park, 200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence on Pickwick Lake. Televised on Fox Sports 1, Saturday and Sunday from 8-11am.

B.A.S.S. has Mammoth brand sanitizing stations set up around the venue for your convenience. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are required.

Daily takeoffs will be at McFarland Park in Florence at 6:45am CT.

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Expo opens at noon on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday March 21.

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**Spike Cohen**, the 2020 Libertarian candidate for Vice President and first millennial on the ballot in all fifty states, will be attending the Alabama Libertarian Party yearly convention next weekend at The Loft at 105 Washington St. in Huntsville on both Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20.

Spike will talk with anyone, and NO topic is off the table.

Do you want to list your event in Community Notes? Email your information to [editor@CourierJournal.net](mailto:editor@CourierJournal.net).

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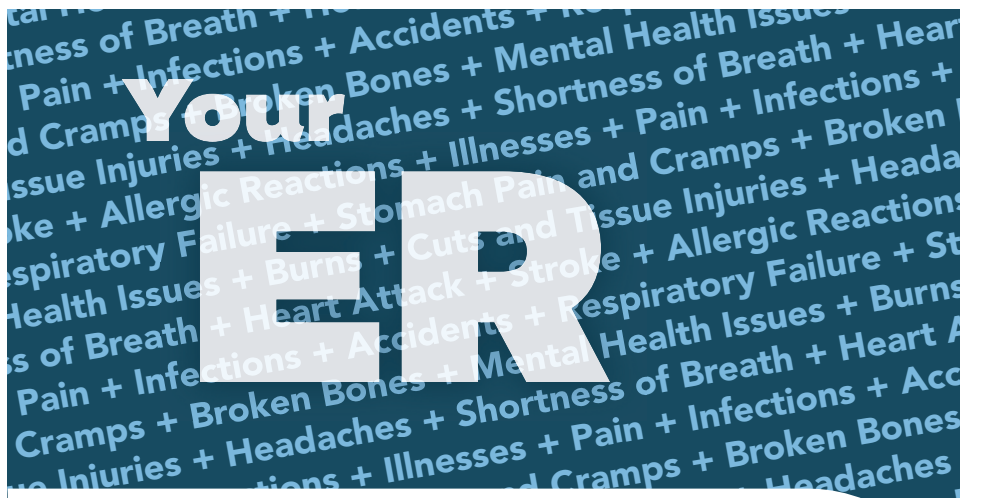
**1 John 1:5** "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." Light exposes the true nature of things. **Psalms 119:130** "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." God's word shows us what we really are. Darkness tries to hide our wickedness so most sin is committed at night. **Job 34:22** "There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves." Notice: **John 3:19** "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." **Hebrews 4:13** "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world (THE DEVIL) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Light is meant to open your eyes. **Acts 26:18** "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." **1 Peter 2:9** "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" Only Christ can deliver from this darkness and hopeless, helpless, future. Are your eyes open to sin? In your own words, ask Christ to forgive and save you now. Please don't leave this world without trusting Christ as your Saviour. No matter how rotten you are, God will forgive you and save you. Sin will kill you.

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**Jim Fisher**

Arnold's intellectual pursuits were interrupted in 1942 when he joined the military just after the attack

# UNKNOWN (?) HEROES

by "The Computer Skeptic"

on Pearl Harbor. During the war, Arnold displayed a penchant for building radio transmitters which eventually led to designing new antennas that revolutionized military communications. Few people know that some of his experiences during the war were part of the inspiration for the 1998 film, "Saving Private Ryan." But, again, I get ahead of myself.

In 1949, after the war ended, Arnold received his BS in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation, he landed a job with RCA where he developed

a system of data storage and circuitry that allowed retailers to sort inventory, calculate markup, add sales tax, and ring up sales. He called this system "point of sale" which is still in use to this day.

Shortly thereafter, General Electric snapped him up which allowed Arnold to develop a revolutionary room-sized computer that ran a new computer code called "BASIC." This BASIC language made computer coding more accessible to more people which eventually allowed people like Bill Gates

to start working on their little world-changing products. Steve Wozniak, one of the founders of Apple Computers, purportedly used Arnold's computer to design software for early Macs. Rumor has it that Arnold gave his young son a tour of the brightly-lit ultra-modern computer facility that resembled the innards of a starship which greatly influenced his son in later years . . . but I can't seem to stop getting ahead of myself because I just can't wait to tell you what I'm about to tell you.

Arnold married the love of his life, Leah Posner, in 1945 and immediately started a family, giving birth to one son, Steven, and three daughters. Arnold wanted Steven to follow in his footsteps but, alas, Steven had other ideas. Steven was more of an artsy type but shared his father's love of science fiction and technology. In his teen years,

young Steven displayed a bit of a penchant for filmmaking. At age 16, he and his father made a silly film about aliens landing on Earth. Arnold helped Steven with the special effects that were quite advanced for 1963. 16 years later, this little film ended up being a forerunner to another, slightly-more-popular alien invasion film named, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and a slew of other influential movies including "Saving Private Ryan." Steven Spielberg's dad, Arnold, died last August, 2020, at 103 years old.

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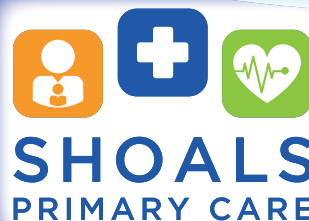
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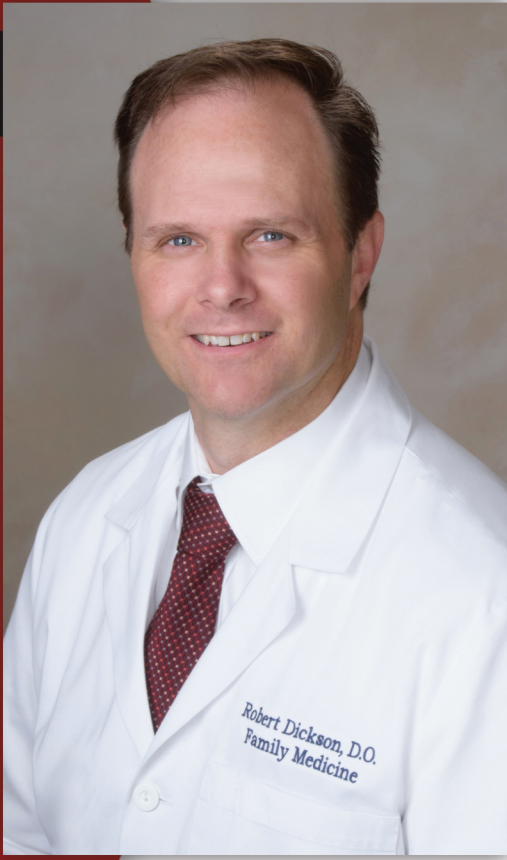
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# Letters...

## Just Paid Hoodlums?

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The person who set the pipe bombs one day prior at the Democratic and Republican Headquarters on Jan 5 was obviously a terrorist and committed the only terrorist act. The other activists all wore riot gear such as helmets, vests, hammers, clubs, etc., to cause destruction.

They made initial contact with the police and stormed past them, gaining entry to the Capitol. Peaceful protestors got caught up in the turmoil caused by Activists who planned and executed the assault. Anyone who entered the building should be prosecuted.

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Bill Jones  
Tom Jones  
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## No Leeway for Tampering

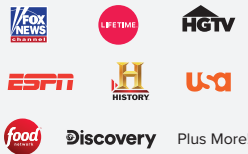
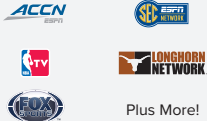

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**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Sarah feared how far Kristen would go to keep her quiet. Xander grew concerned when he realized that Sarah was MIA. An anxious Ben waited with Marlena for word on Ciara. Claire caught up with Theo. Ciara reunited with her loved ones. Sami confessed the truth to Lucas. Ben had a setback. Allie behaved in a guilty way around Claire. Gabi clashed with Ava. Rafe pursued another murder suspect. Jake dreamed about Gabi. Ben's reunion with Ciara didn't go as planned. Kristen revealed her dastardly plans to Sarah. Chloe and Brady encouraged Rex to fight for Sarah. Ciara lashed out at Claire. Xander frantically searched for his bride-to-be and got a shock on his wedding day. *Wait to See: Jack is stunned when Gwen reveals Abigail abducted her. Chad warns Abigail her anger has gotten out of hand. Jake confronts Gabi about her motives for moving back into the mansion.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Nina hoped to speak with Phyllis. Carly defended her actions. Valentin blamed Jax. Olivia rushed to the hospital. Ned was very skeptical. Carly urged Jax to go after Nina. Ava offered to help. Laura was surprised by Cameron's determination. Trina apologized to Curtis. Finn stopped by to see Liz. Carly was her own worst enemy. Nina had a change of heart. Brook Lynn and Lucas rallied around Maxie. Anna mourned her personal losses. Portia and Curtis bonded over their life experiences. Nina had an important decision to make. Michael and Sasha attempted to bridge their distance. Carly called Diane. Jason and Taggart reunited. Anna helped get to the bottom of what happened to Dante. TJ asked Curtis about Jordan. Finn reached out to Anna. *Wait to See: Obrecht is skeptical. Carly brings Jason up to speed on her meeting with Cyrus. Laura's faith in Martin is shaken.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Nikki put Adam on notice. Chelsea sent mixed messages. Victoria finally came clean with Billy. Jack played hardball. Amanda called Devon's bluff. Kyle was on a collision course with his past. Victor empowered Adam. Rey's world was turned upside down. Lily confronted Victoria. *Wait to See: Billy receives some shocking news. Chloe schemes with Chelsea. Phyllis corners Sally.*

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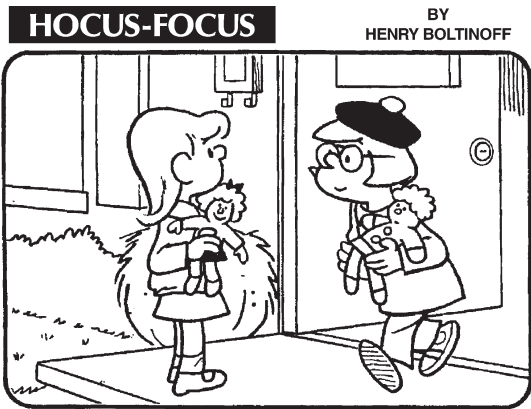
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A. Elton John B. Liberace C. Joan Jett D. Ed Sullivan
- Who sang "Candle in the Wind" at Princess Diana's funeral?**  
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- The movie "Bell, Book and Candle" had Kin Novak playing the part of what?**  
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Answers: 1. B 2. D 3. True 4. B 5. C

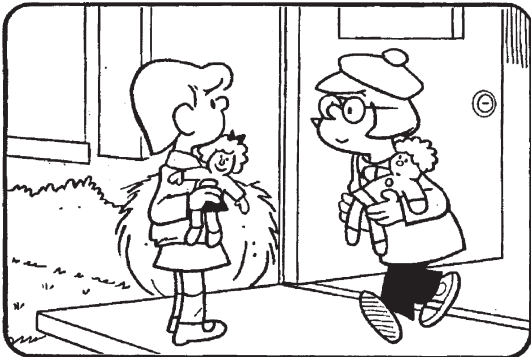
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# Athletic SUPPORT

by Eli Cranor



## Esports and disc golf bigger than football?"

*Dear Athletic Support: I have been a sports fanatic my whole life. Football, basketball, baseball, golf, hockey — you name it and I've always loved the competition. When I was younger, I played all these sports. Now, I mainly just watch them from an athletic position on my couch! Playing for my high school team or even a pickup game with a few buddies was easy back in the day. I was fortunate that time, money (parents money), and finding a team was almost always available. But as I grow further away from the sports I've mentioned, I've noticed a change in the sports world. I'm hearing more about obscure sports like Esports (video games), disc golf, mixed martial arts, and many others. These "new" sports are easier on your body, generally cheaper, and take less time commitment than the ones I grew up with. They might even allow me to compete beyond my youth! I'd love to hear your take on this. Is it just a trend or are these sports already taking the place of the American favorites?*

—New-Age Sports Fan



Not by a longshot. Like everything else these days, sports — especially youth sports — have become polarized. What I mean here is that there aren't as many kids signing up for Little League baseball or peewee football, but the ones who do are diving in with both feet.

Don't believe me? Then go back and read some of my previous columns. Young athletes (and their parents, especially their parents) are more fanatical about youth sports than ever. They specialize at outrageously young ages. They create social media accounts to help generate "hype." And everyone — parents and kids alike — is way too focused on earning a college scholarship.

Sadly, there's no changing it. Everyone wants to be a superstar these days. We live in a social-media driven society where "likes" are more important than real world results.

That's why I think we're seeing all these new sports pop up. Everyone's looking for something they can be good at. And there's nothing wrong with that. A kid who doesn't like football shouldn't be forced to play it. Let him go join the Esport team, or fling a disc around.

A multitude of options is a good thing. But do I think the PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) World Championship will overtake the Super Bowl or the College Football National Championship anytime soon? Nope.

*Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author of the BOOKS MAKE BRAINZ TASTE BAD series. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or use the contact page on elicranor.com.*

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**Not 'For the People'...**

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all under the guise of so-called 'election reform.'

In reality, this bill undermines protections for free speech, destroys the nonpartisan Federal Election Commission, and nationalizes elections, paying no mind to the Constitution or the 10th Amendment. It would require states to automatically register voters, make it harder to verify voter information, and expand mail-in voting without safeguards in place to catch fraud.

In fact, HR 1 would silence all discussion about election fraud, voting irregularities, and the countless issues that left half of the country so dissatisfied with the execution and results of the 2020 election.

With all of this on the table, and absolutely no bipartisan input, can anyone honestly say that the goal of this bill is to actually benefit the people rather than politicians?

We need common sense election reform that

reaffirms the authority of states to create and administer their own election laws rather than blatant federal overreach. We need rules that ensure all eligible voters can vote and certainty that those votes will be counted, not a road that leads to election fraud for the benefit of one political party.

That's why I recently reintroduced HR 860, the You Must Be Alive to Vote Act. This would prevent people who are deceased from being automatically registered to vote, opening the door to ballot harvesting and fraud.

Likewise, in the House, Rep. Jim Banks, R-Ind., has introduced the Save Democracy Act. This would restore public trust in our national elections by protecting voter registration, ballot casting, and ballot counting.

These are the types of reforms that would actually protect American votes and rebuild confidence in our government.

One of the quotes inscribed on the wall of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., says that our third president swore "upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." Like him, I cannot stand idly by as our rights to free speech and free and fair elections are dismantled in Congress by a fanatical and unbalanced majority.

I can only hope my colleagues feel as strongly as I do and will fight against this bill in order to protect the American public from the tyranny of the left.

*Brian Babin, DDS, is the U.S. Representative for Texas' 36th district. He is the ranking member of the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee.*

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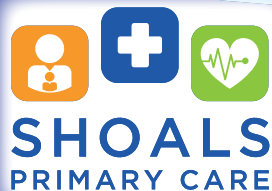
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# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



## RAISE THEM TO BECOME GREAT ADULTS

Dear Dave,  
Why do you seem to put so much emphasis on teaching young children about money? Isn't there time for that later when they're older?  
Cyndi

Dear Cyndi,  
I firmly believe that one of the best ways you can make sure your kids are ready to face adulthood when the time comes is to teach them how to handle money at an early age. The reason? Learning about money, and how to manage it in a wise, mature fashion, is about a lot more than just dollars and cents.

There's a quote from author Andy Andrews I really love. He says, "The goal is not to raise great kids. It's to raise kids who become great adults." If you think about it, there's a subtle but powerful distinction here. Kids might behave well out of a sense of obedience or even fear, but that doesn't mean they'll do what's best for them once they're on their own. To raise kids who later become great adults, you have to begin instilling good character traits in them at an early age.

Work equals money. When you teach kids to work, you're teaching them responsibility. Whether it's chores around the house or a job at the mall, work involves accountability and following through on tasks. Work shows kids they are in control of their actions, and that they will reap the rewards or consequences of those actions.

Teaching kids to save teaches them patience. Today's world is one of instant gratification, and saving money makes you slow down and think. It also shows kids they can't have every little thing they want the moment they want it.

When you teach kids to give, you're teaching them generosity. A willingness and desire to give doesn't always come natural to us when we're young. Parents should encourage and model the act of giving, because generosity is a wonderful character trait and a powerful weapon in the fight against selfishness and greed.

Finally, teaching kids to spend responsibly is a great way to teach wisdom. All kids totally get the idea that spending money is fun. That's a no brainer. But when you get involved in teaching spending as something that should be thought through and done with care and reason, you're imparting the idea of using good judgment and thoughtfulness before taking action.

I hope this helps, Cyndi!  
—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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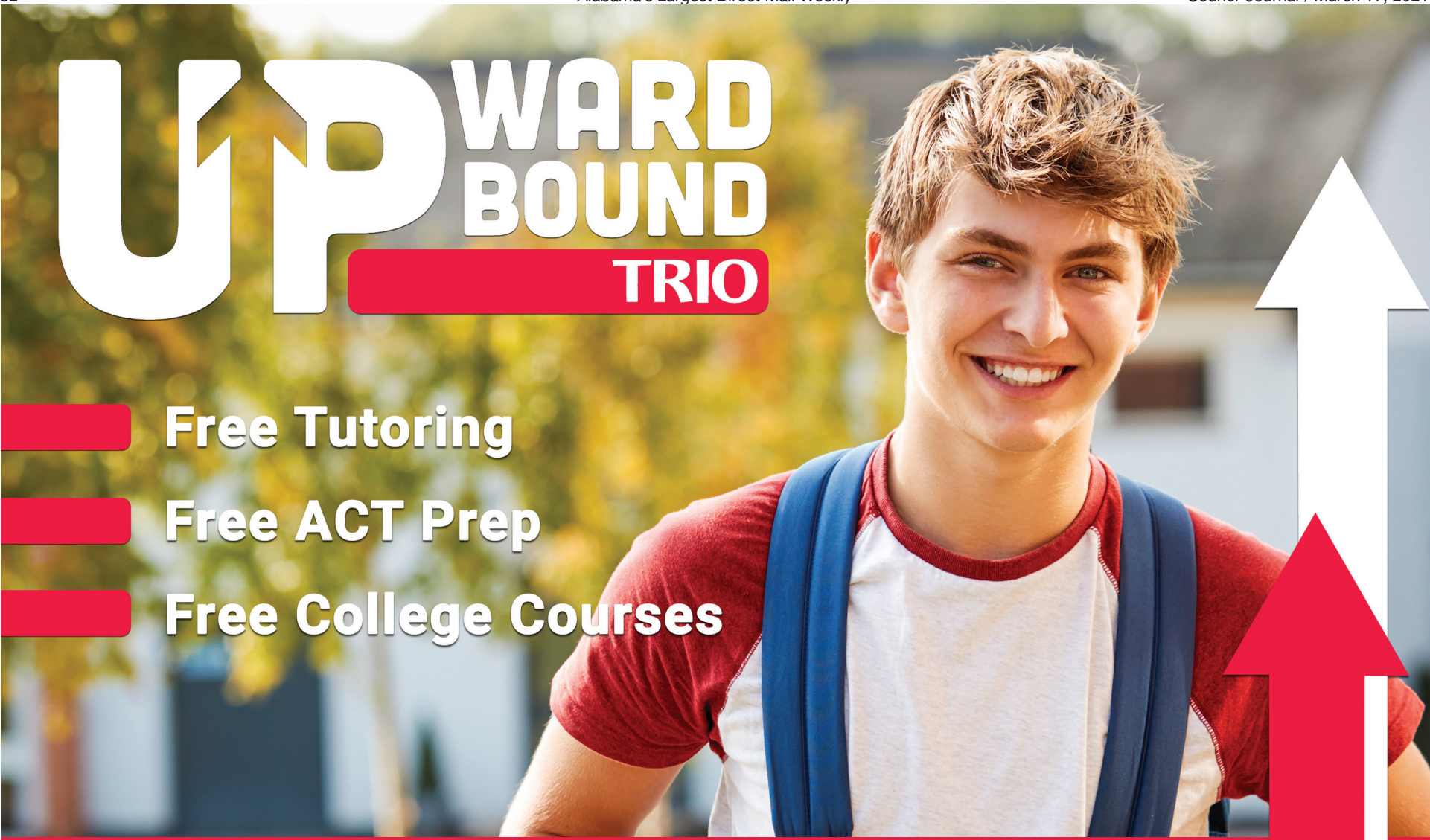
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