

Neighbor is Named at NTP

ATLANTA—Douglas “Doug” Neighbor last week was named the new superintendent of Natchez Trace Parkway, Brices Cross Roads National Battlefield Site and Tupelo National Battlefield, effective August 15.

“I am honored to be selected as the next superintendent to lead Natchez Trace Parkway and its associated sites,” Neighbor said. “The incredibly rich history, cultural landscapes, cultural resources, and historic structures are crucial to the gateway communities, affiliated tribes and key stakeholders. I look forward to collaboratively strengthening those ties.”

Neighbor is a 30-year veteran of the National Park Service with 27 years dedicated to the field of resource management. Neighbor has served as the superintendent for Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico since 2014 where he is responsible for more than 46,000 acres, 119 known caves and an annual operating budget of more than \$5.4 million.

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MUSCLE SHOALS—Northwest-Shoals Community College’s Automotive Service Technology program was recently named Local Contributor of the Year by the Alabama Association for Public Continuing and Adult Education at their annual conference in Birmingham. According to Tara Branscome, Director of the NW-SCC Adult Education and Ready to Work programs, the Automotive Service Technology program has been partnering with the Adult Education program since

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NW-SCC Adult Education Director Tara Branscome (right) presents Automotive Service Technology instructors, Eric Creekmore (middle) and Danny Carson (left) with their award from the ALAPCAE annual conference.

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Area Vaccines Still Plentiful

SHOALS—The Lauderdale County Commission’s COVID-19 Vaccination Mobile Clinic continues offering the two-dose Pfizer vaccine. Special stops this week include Florence High School Wednesday, June 7 from 9am-2pm, Wilson High School from 9am-2pm Thursday, July 8, and Brooks High School from 9am-2pm Friday,



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Bank Independent Tops Forbes List

SHEFFIELD – Bank Independent has been recognized as part of Forbes’ annual nationwide list of America’s Best-In-State Banks 2021 and ranks number 1 in the State of Alabama for a second year in a row. This prestigious award is presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The awards list was announced in late June and can be viewed on the Forbes website.



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Forbes Best-In-State Banks 2021 is based on the results of

independent surveys involving approximately 25,000 U.S. consumers who were asked to rate the financial institutions at which they have or have had checking accounts.

Participants made recommendations regarding overall satisfaction; they also assessed banks and credit unions in the following areas: ‘Trust,’ ‘Terms & Conditions,’ ‘Branch Services,’ ‘Digital Services,’ and ‘Financial Advice.’ Based on the results of the study, Bank Independent is ecstatic to be recognized as one of Forbes’ 2021 list of America’s Best-In-State Banks.

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Neighbor also previously served as superintendent of the National Park of American Samoa, Big Thicket National Preserve and Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve.

Before joining the NPS, Neighbor worked with Texas A&M University as a research assistant and as a wildlife biologist with the Texas Park and Wildlife Department.

with applicable NCAA, university, ASUN, and Big South guidelines. Milwee will also work with student-athletes and various programs that will assist in the life skills area. Milwee was hired at UNA in August of 2018 after having worked in the collegiate athletic department in the ticket office at Tulane as director of operations for the UAB softball team.

preventing nearly 100% of hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19. This is a pivotal moment in ending the pandemic – getting Alabamians vaccinated as quickly as possible is the path out of this crisis.

There are numerous vaccination opportunities located in this week's Courier Journal.

"We Can Do This Alabama" is an initiative to increase public confidence in and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines while reinforcing

basic prevention measures. It asks Alabamians to become local champions and share information with their family, friends, colleagues, and community on the importance of getting vaccinated.

Here's how:

1. Go to wecandothisalabama.com to sign up to be a local champion and access helpful messaging resources.
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3. Recruit five additional people to sign up and do the same.

Along with getting the vaccine, practice social distancing and wash hands frequently.

To help take action and for more information go to wecandothisalabama.com.

More Arms for More Vaccines

MONTGOMERY—According to a recent survey conducted by the Alabama Hospital Association, 94% of hospitalized COVID-19 patients were not vaccinated. With vaccinations proving to be the best weapon against the virus, and Alabama being the second worst state in terms of its vaccination rate, Alabama's leading healthcare organizations are joining together to launch a grassroots campaign, "We Can Do This Alabama," to encourage greater participation.

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Yard Sales

An exclusive listing of the better sales in the Shoals area.

To list your sale, fill out the form on page 6.

WE MUST receive your ad by Friday prior to the Wednesday release date. (8 days before a Saturday sale)

FLORENCE: 865 RIDGECLIFF DR. (entrance to sale is on Hazelwood Dr. at rear of house) Sat. 8am-3pm, Yard Sale! 24' heavy duty extension ladder, Thomas Train table with track set, games, books, toys, computer, 2 printers, calculator, bed linens, lamps, several kitchen appliances, dishes, glassware, baskets, men's shoes size 12-13, lawn chairs, too much to list!

TUSCUMBIA: 55 PINE RIDGE Way Fri. 7am - 11am, Sat. 7am - 11am, Yard Sale July 9 and 10 - behind Colbert Heights School - multi family

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TUSCUMBIA Multi-Home Yard Sale 608 & 610 E. 1st St., Sat. 7am-2pm, Old Home Full of old furniture. Dishes, Bicycles, Christmas items, Old Piano, Books, Old Linens, Old bed frames (including hospital bed) Too much to list!

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FLORENCE TWO FAMILY YARD SALE
2119 Old Cloverdale Rd., Fri. & Sat., 7 am-until? Various items, clothes, toys, furniture, etc. Something for everyone!

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FLORENCE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE, 204 West Duncan Ave., Sat., 7 am-until? Home Decor, Clothes: plus size, men's, baby, boy, girls, teen, boutique, name brand, LuLaRoe, Lane Bryant, Torrid, etc. Toys, Make-up, Crib, DVDs, Pack-n-Play, etc.

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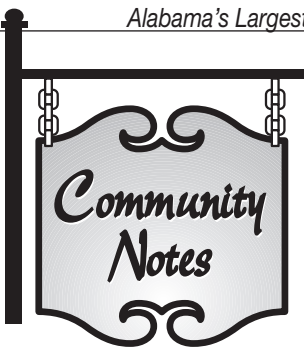
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Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market Open at 451 Fairground Road. The market will be open Saturdays during the months of May and October. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday during the months of June through September. Hours are 6am-1pm each day.

LifeSouth Shoals Area Blood Drives - Donate at the Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence. Schedule an appointment, 256-765-7038. www.lifesouth.org. The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9am-3pm; Sunday 1-5pm.

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 July 11, Noon-6pm - Walmart, Military St., Hamilton
 July 12, Noon-6pm - Long Lewis Ford, 2800 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals
 July 13, 10am-5pm - Keller Home Care, 203 4th Avenue SW, Russellville
 July 14, 11am-4pm - First Southern Bank, 4350 Co. Rd. 47, Florence
 July 15, Noon-7pm - Lakeland Community Hospital, Hwy 195, Haleyville
 July 16, Noon-6pm - Shoe Carnival, 356 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence
 July 17, Noon-7pm - Sam's Club, 364 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence
 July 18, Noon-6pm - Walmart, Hough Road, Florence

Music in the Park, Wilson Park, Florence, every Wednesday 11:30am-12:30pm.

July Holy Days of religions in the Shoals
 Baha'i July 9th Martyrdom of the Bab
 Buddhist/Shinto July 13 Obon
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Summer Kids Fest - Free, Games, Music, Fun Fellowship. Everyone is welcome. July 8, 5-7pm at Handy Recreation Center. July 15, 5-7pm at Broadway Recreation Center. Festivities will be at the baseball field for both locations.

The Quad Cities Square Dance Club will be starting a new season with an outstanding new caller, beginning Thursday, July 8 at the Royal Avenue Recreation Center from 7-9 pm, four Thursdays every month. For info call 256-766-2104 and leave a message.

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July 9 - Rob Carnegie - President & CEO Florence-Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau - will discuss Local Area Tourism
 July 16 - Sam Mashburn - Director, Public Policy and Governmental Relations, The Shoals Chamber of Commerce - will talk about the Local Area Chamber Public Policy
 July 23 - Judy Young - Owner and Broker of The Agency on Pine, Top Boutique RE Company - will share information on our Local Area Real Estate
 July 30 - Macke Mauldin - President, Bank Independent - will discuss the Local Area Economy

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Saturday, August 28, 6pm at Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum for Bunyans' BBQ, Music and Lots of Fun. Cost \$30 per person.

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The Tennessee Valley Art Association will hold open auditions for the award-winning Broadway comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo" on Saturday, July 10 and Sunday, July 11 at 2pm at the Ritz Theatre on 3rd Street in Sheffield.

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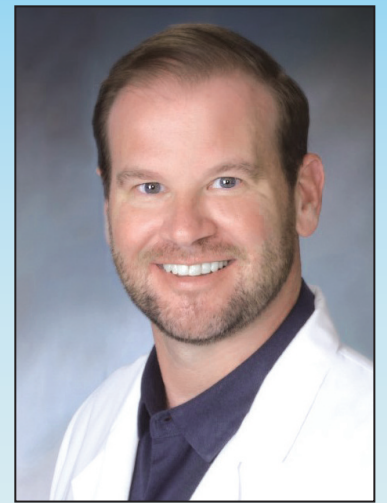
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In an effort to reward local people for Outstanding Community Service, Long-Lewis Automotive Group in cooperation with The Long-Lewis Foundation, will be awarding one person each month \$500 and a Certificate of Appreciation to recognize their efforts in serving The Shoals Community. To nominate someone for the Long Lewis Hero of the month award by visiting the Long Lewis Facebook page.

Simply 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. The recipient will be announced via social media, on the 1st of the month. Congratulations to the June winner, Quentin Woods.

Ekklesia Ministries Summer Feeding Program, kids and teens eat FREE this summer at locations listed.

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The Shoals Writers Guild has finalized the remainder of its 2021 Schedule. Update your calendars. All meetings at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Avenue, Florence unless otherwise indicated. Saturday, July 17 10am-noon Speakers: Poet Dr. Brenna Wardell; I Local entrepreneur Lillian Glanton. For more information, please email, shoalswritersguild@gmail.com

Family Fun Fest! Fun with Bubbles, Games, Popsicles, and More! on Thursday, July 22 from 6-7:30pm at the Girl Scout Office, 4050 Helton Dr. in Florence. Parking in front and back. Fun for the whole family! Hope to see you there!

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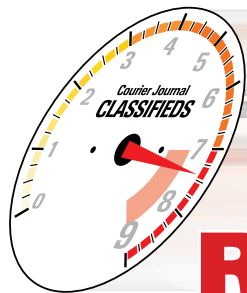
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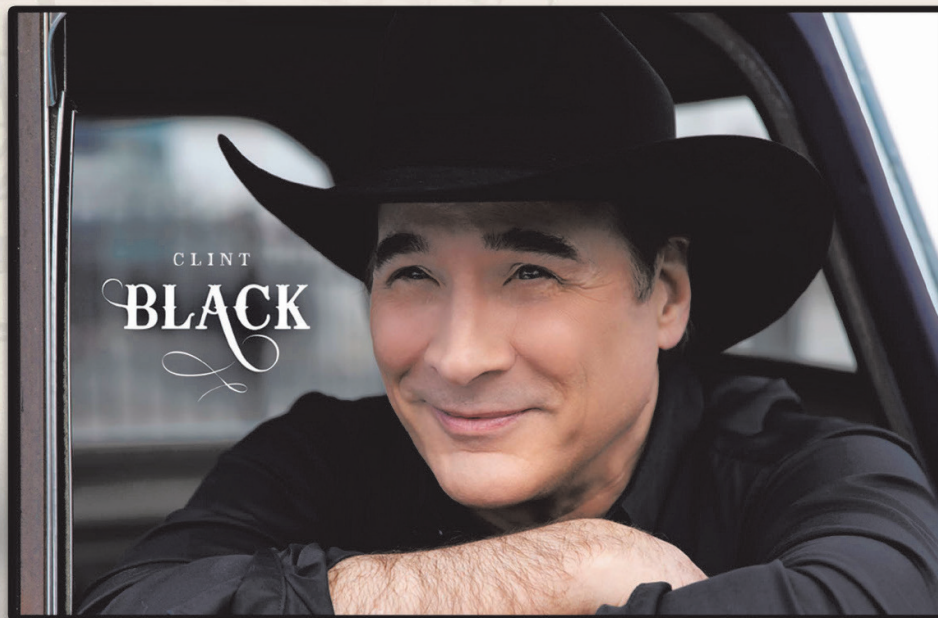
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The Mobile Clinic will continue through the month of July from 8am-3pm Monday-Friday at the Joe Wheeler Upper Boat Deck Parking Lot in Rogersville, 256-627-1395; and at Cornerstone

Church, 12101 Hwy 20, Florence, 256-577-6327. Call to confirm vaccine supply.

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~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of "Signs of the Past" and "More Signs of the Past"

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Commentary

Why Are Only Some Opinions Allowed?

The University of North Alabama had a little bit of news and social media focus recently after Student Government Association President, Jake Statom, posted something on his Instagram page.

Statom posted a T-shirt photo with a rainbow on it. On the shirt was written, "Born this way? You must be born again." Statom removed the post and soon after appeared on a video post issuing a rather extensive apology.

For some others involved with the SGA, apparently that is not good enough. An SGA Instagram post soon after stated that if Statom did not resign by June 30, the group would take up impeachment proceedings when it meets in late August. As of press time, there was no resignation and no additional comments. The silence has some people in a tizzy.

Those protesting the post say that as SGA president, Statom is supposed to be impartially representing all students.

What if Statom were to have posted the same T-shirt with the slogan, "It's pride

See **ONLY SOME OPINIONS?...** on Page 34

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In A
Few
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TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

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July 7, 2021

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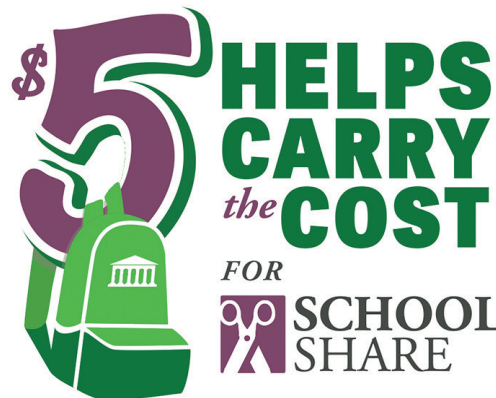
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The drive benefits local school children through monetary and school supply donations in person, by PayPal, and through several scheduled collection events until July 16 with its "\$5 Helps Carry the Cost" campaign.

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

See **SCHOOL SHARE...** on Page 32



Officially Opening the New Location

FLORENCE— The public is invited to an Open House at the new Florence location of Peak Performance and Wellness Clinic on Wednesday, July 14 from 11am-1pm.

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See **PEAK...** on Page 28

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For more information phone 256-76-6642 or fdavis@florenceal.org Facebook: Florence Senior Center/The Club. The Club will have a "soft opening" Monday, July 12, to resume activities. Tuesday night Dance, July 13, 6:30pm with The Browns.

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Tax Everyone... Not Selectively

Editor:

If they're going to tax gun owners because guns kill, then, they should tax knife owners, baseball bat owners, greasy food cooks, auto owners, etc.

It's prejudicial to be selective on what kills people. Tax the killers themselves. After all, they are who really kill people.

Paul Sabatino
Florence

Another Look at All The Races

Editor:

In last week's letters, Tom Jones (*Scourge to the Voting Process*) stated that ballot harvesting was one of the main problems. He further went on to try explaining why it should be harder

to vote instead of easier. He failed to say that some of those who have been reported and charged for voter fraud were lifelong GOP. Also, if this election was rigged, then why have NO GOP winners come out to demand to overturn their wins? You can't claim only Trump's votes were targeted, but all others on those ballots were left alone.

The only thing worse than being blind is having eye sight and no vision...



What gets me is that GOP in 2016 were telling the world the democrats were poor losers and trying to overturn the election and needed to get over it.

Now those same people are doing everything to try overturning an election, making new laws to suppress voters' rights and sadly, have attacked our nation's capital. NONE of those happened with the "poor losers, trying to overturn an election, needing to get over it" democrats.

I have a great idea. Let's

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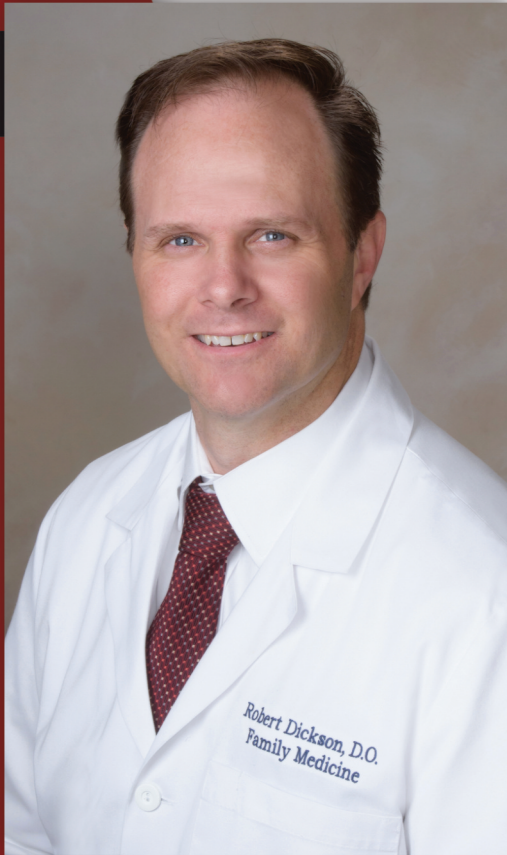
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Forbes...

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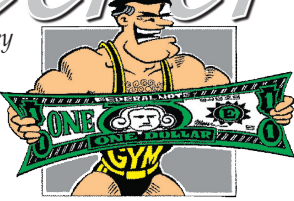
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I live near a state park and have noticed that many families use the park for family reunions. All they need to do is reserve a pavilion (or several) for use. The park has swimming and boating facilities as well as fishing opportunities. They engage in picnic type games such as horseshoes, cards, softball, etc. Actually, in my opinion, these types of games allow for more conversation among family members than riding amusement rides. After all, the purpose of a reunion is to visit and catch up on what is happening in the lives of others.
Carol

BETTER BBQ

My children grill a great deal over the summer and I noticed an aluminum pan filled with water on the grill. I asked my son-in-law about the pan and he said

that it keeps everything on the grill moist. What a great idea!

Jeanne W. in Dublin, OH

FIRST STOP? CLEARANCE!

I was recently reminded of something I've known for years but had forgotten. When you go to a bookstore for a particular title or author, check the clearance tables first. I was reminded of this tip while in Books-A-Million a few days ago. A store employee saw me holding a paperback and directed me to the clearance section where the same book, in hardback, was 50% cheaper! I thanked the employee and resolved to always check the clearance section from now on. I also used my discount card for an extra 10% off.
Pam W.

SWIM DIAPER SAVINGS

I use those pricey "swim" diapers for my younger kids. At more than three times the cost of regular

diapers, I was trying to figure out a way to go through less. I figured out that you can reuse them! Take one that hasn't been soiled and hang it up to drip dry. It's as easy as that. You can gently squeeze them out before hanging them to speed up the process. I've reused the same diaper several times before having to toss it and I go through far fewer diapers now.
Heather in CA

DIRTY CEILING FANS?

A great way to clean a ceiling fan and avoid the lint and dust from going everywhere is to use a pillowcase. Take the pillowcase and stick the blade inside. Then pull off the lint so it remains in the pillowcase. I just launder as usual to remove the dust from the pillowcase.
Tonya S.

A BETTER BUFFET OPTION

I have found a way to enjoy my favorite buffet and save some money as well. The local all you can eat buffet is \$15 per person. My husband and I going out one night would amount to about \$37 after tax and tip and you aren't allowed a doggy bag. We discovered that the buffet does take out by the pound. The cost is \$7.99 a pound.

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Christina

See DOLLAR... page 31

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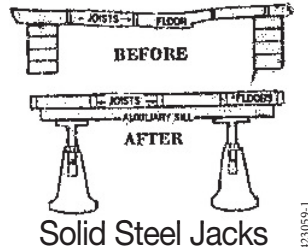
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Athletic by Eli Cranor SUPPORT



Are team sports a vital part of childhood?

Dear Athletic Support: My husband and I have two daughters, ages 7 and 10. They are both very tall for their age so we enroll them in sports like basketball and volleyball when offered. They enjoy these activities once they get there, but we end up having to force them to follow through with the commitment. How far do we go in pushing them? Looking back, I was a little lazy and I wish my parents had pushed me more. My husband views team sports as a vital part of childhood, and I do not disagree, to a point.
— Dragging Them To Practice

Dear Dragging: I've told this story before, but it bears repeating here: My dad used to make me throw one hundred pitches a day all through the summers of my youth. Yes, this included weekends and vacations. Yes, I hated it.

In the end, I didn't go on to become a professional baseball player. I did, however, have a decently successful athletic career, and even more importantly, I took the lessons I learned throwing those hundred pitches and applied them to many aspects of my professional life.

Without sounding too cliché, I'm a grinder. Regardless of what I'm doing, I give it my best. Looking back, I can't help but think I learned that lesson from Dad and his bucket of weathered baseballs.

For your situation, I'd urge you and your husband to lay some ground rules when it comes to your daughters and their athletic activities. One good rule might be to always make them finish a season if they start it.

On top of that, you could also sit down and have a discussion with

your girls about the sports they actually want to play. At ages 7 and 10, they're probably too young to know what is best for them in the long run, but I'd be willing to bet there are certain sports they like more than others.

Compile a list of all the sports offered in or around your community. There might be activities other than volleyball and basketball that your girls would really enjoy. A little autonomy goes a long way, especially when it comes to kids.

Dear Athletic Support: Fundraisers are getting out of hand. Every time I look up, my kids are bringing home another fundraiser activity. We've sold coupon cards and cookie dough. The last one was just some sort of email list that straight up asked people to donate money. If we don't participate in these fundraisers, could it impact my kids' playing time?
—No Fun

Dear No Fun: The short answer is, no, I don't think your kids' involvement — or lack thereof — will impact their playing time.

However, I would urge you to think twice before you toss that coupon card aside. Fundraisers directly impact the team. The money is most often used for “fun stuff,” like summer trips for the kids, new gear, and anything extra that doesn't fit neatly inside the coach's predetermined school budget.

If your kids aren't school age, then fundraising is even more important.

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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JOHN, BY MOST ACCOUNTS, WAS A BRILLIANT MAN. In his early years as a computer programmer, he helped NASA put men on the moon, then he joined Xerox, and then Lockheed in the late 1980s where John had a serendipitous encounter with a Pakistani Brain. John's encounter with Pakistani Brain resulted in a phenomenal business success story. It was so successful that he was overwhelmed and, in 1994, John sold his first company before it drove him crazy. That strategy apparently didn't work because John was a bit of a nut. But I'm getting ahead of myself.



Jim Fisher

PAKISTANI BRAIN

by "The Computer Skeptic"

After selling his first company, John bought a Winnebago, became a Yogi, and traveled around the country before settling in Colorado where he lived among Native American tribes. That experience inspired the formation of a new company he named "Tribal Voice." Tribal Voice developed a website called PowWow. PowWow users could create their own personal profiles, post information about themselves or their company, and conduct text and voice

chat conversations. Does that sound familiar? It should because PowWow was the first social network and, arguably, the grandfather of Facebook. John, again feeling the pressure of success, sold PowWow for millions of dollars and bought himself an island compound off the coast of Belize.

While in Belize, John hired local gang members as bodyguards, tried to start up a pharmaceutical company, hired prostitutes to live with him, was accused of rape, probably murdered one of his neighbors

over a spat about John's dogs, and generally lived life on the edge. John eventually made it back to the US and ran for president of the United States twice. Man, can you imagine a crazy person being president of the US? Whew, we sure dodged that one. Anyway, John hopped around the country until, in 2019, an arrest warrant was issued for tax evasion. John then hopped on a boat and went on the run.

All this chaos was made possible by John's encounter with the Pakistani Brain I mentioned earlier. In 1988, Pakistani Brain was the first widespread computer virus. John got a copy of the virus, devised a bit of software that disabled the virus, hyped the danger of that virus by playing the media like a pro, and ended up selling millions

of copies of his software. By 1994, John's software, McAfee Antivirus, was on 70% of all computers in the world earning John McAfee hundreds of millions of dollars.

The United States tracked John down in Spain last October and had him arrested. McAfee hung himself in his prison cell before he could be extradited. I guess one could say that McAfee's 75-year subscription expired on June 23rd.

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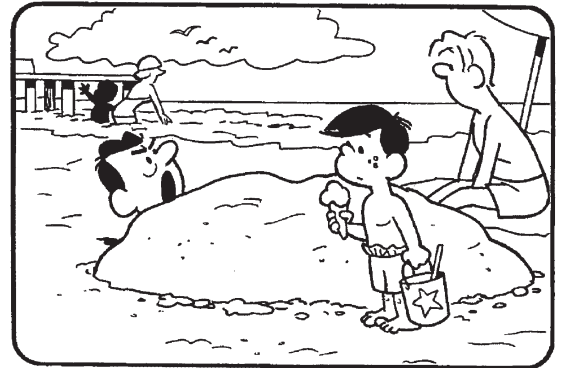
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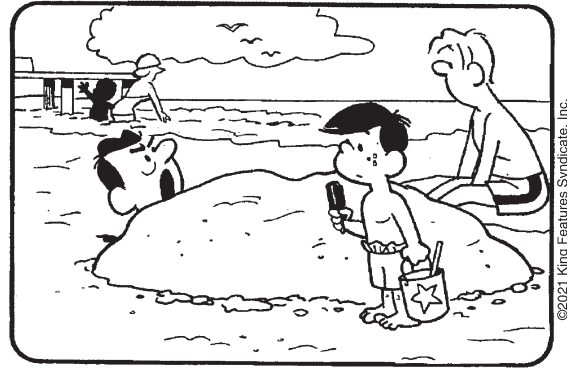
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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Quinn panicked when Paris learned about her and Carter. Liam stunned Thomas with a special request. Carter and Quinn begged Paris to keep their secret from Zoe and Eric. Thomas admitted to Hope the favor that Liam asked of him. An emotional Steffy visited Liam in jail. Later, Hope encouraged Liam not to lose faith. Ridge buffered the tension between Thomas and Brooke. *Wait to See: Bill lashes out at Justin and Wyatt for a job not well done. Quinn is shocked by Carter's suggestion that they come clean. Thomas is determined to be by Hope's side as she navigates her future.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Philip and Brady locked

horns over Chloe. Xander pressured Nicole to give in to his demands. Kate played mind games with Jake. Sami was surprised to learn why EJ had returned to Salem. EJ was tempted by Tony's proposal. Marlena caught Lucas and Sami in a close moment. Gabi and Jake fought over Kate. Someone stumbled onto Kate's lies. Justin and Bonnie's double date with Steve and Kayla went horribly wrong. Abe confided in Roman about Paulina. Things turned awkward when Chanel introduced Paulina to Allie. Belle put Jan to the test. Rafe gave Ben advice about Ciara. Bonnie let Steve have it. Paulina was stunned to learn about Chanel's kiss with Allie. Sami was caught between

EJ and Lucas. *Wait to See: Gabi fumes when Jake brings Kate home from the hospital. Lucas asks Roman for a favor. EJ suggests he and Chad team up against Jake.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Carly was cordial with Nina. TJ and Molly had a joyful reunion with Stella. Bobbie visited Maxie. Brook Lynn was honest with Willow. Finn retreated to his lab. Ava shared her observation with Carly. Jason told Nikolas off. Sam and Dante crossed unexpectedly. Nina comforted Maxie. Ned impressed Olivia. Curtis and Nina got caught up. Sasha questioned Willow's motives. Finn had an idea. Brando asked Carly about his future. Jason received a call from Britt. Obrecht was worried about Britt.

Liz hoped Anna found the peace she needed. Josslyn received some good news. Laura appealed to Jordan's sensibilities. Sasha and Jackie helped Willow. Liz was very reassuring. *Wait to See: Brook Lynn convinces Maxie not to see Louise. Sam has more questions. Austin tells Dante an area was missed during the search.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Ashland shared some shocking news with Victoria. Summer lost patience with Tara. Sally reconnected with someone. Victor provided Amanda with information about her past. Adam and Sharon reached an agreement. Victoria and Ashland shared a charged moment. Amanda received a stern warning from Naya. Summer caught Kyle in a compromising position. Victor and Nikki questioned Victoria's connection to Ashland. Elena tested the waters with Nate. *Wait to See: Phyllis warns Summer about Tara. Jack gives Kyle sage advice. Abby and Nina worry about Chance's whereabouts.*

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Letters...

Another Look at All The Races

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take another look at all races on the ballots and see how wrong the election was.

Tracy Lieb
Waterloo

Organ Donors Are Priceless

Editor:

There's a scripture in the bible that says "If your eye offends you, pluck it out."

If we did this, we would all be blind.

I have found I need my eyes. And of all the things that could happen to me, I pray I do not lose my eye sight.

I love to write and to drive. I love seeing trees, plants, animals, architecture, people and children.

I love nature and being with others.

There's a joy to our humanity when we live in being loving and forgiving.

If I stay on this plateau, I will be content regardless of my plight, just as Helen Keller was.

Learning to live within our abilities is rewarding. It builds self-confidence and it encourages others to do the same. So instead of plucking your eye out, become a cornea donor. Even if you do not see well, your corneas can still be used. Any amount of vision is better than none, even if it is temporary.

"The only thing worse than being blind is having eye sight and no vision," Helen Keller said.

Thank you for considering restoring eye sight to those who are blind from cornea related blindness by becoming an organ donor.

One cornea can restore sight to three people because it does not take the entire cornea to see.

If you feel called to contribute, when you renew your driver's license ask the clerk to add the red heart of organ donor to your license.

Tell your family that these are your wishes and live in peace that in heaven you will get a new body, and that you have given an enriched and extended life to a donor recipient for

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Being an organ donor and being an organ recipient are priceless. It falls into the category of "doing all that you can, by all the ways you can, for as long as you can" category.

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I know because I am one. I have had three failed cornea transplants. I now have two transplants that are viable.

If I had not known the challenges of being legally blind and experienced the joy of restored vision, I would not be telling my story or asking the same of others.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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A Civil Rights Violation

Editor:

It has been common knowledge for years that all major developing countries have possessed the ability to conduct germ warfare. The Wuhan crisis is no exception. Was a virus created in the lab and deliberately leaked into the local wet markets for experimentation on the people of Wuhan? This is totally consistent with China's poor record on civil rights and its complete lack of concern for all of the Chinese people. The virus created in Wuhan is by no means a poor reflection on all Asians especially Asia-Americans. It is simply a reaffirmation of the Communist Chinese Government's inhuman disdain for human life. They are the ones to blame.

Now we, the American people, are required by our government to get the vaccine without being told what are the short/long term side effects.

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#1 – Get your financial house in order

Have a good handle on your current financial situation. If you are already a homeowner, understand the value your home will bring in today's market and how much equity is available. Set aside enough funds to cover a down payment on a mortgage or other expenses related to moving. It makes sense to sit down with your financial advisor to be aware of your current financial capabilities to participate in today's market.

#2 – Look to professionals

Seek out the guidance of a real estate professional. Find an agent through a referral from somebody you trust to identify a qualified agent. Don't be afraid to interview more than one to find the right fit. Also talk to a lending institution to get pre-approved for a mortgage (if you require financing). This is especially important if you are a first-time homebuyer and want to reassure potential sellers of your creditworthiness.

#3 – Consider all your options

It is easy to get your heart set on a particular community or neighborhood as you search out homes, but you may need to expand your horizons. Draft a list of the priorities that help define your ideal home and setting to help narrow down your choices. It can open doors to other areas that may actually meet your needs. Be careful not to get too focused on your "perfect" home - flexibility is important in today's market.

#4 – Set a budget and work with it

Assess the affordability of a home by calculating the maximum monthly mortgage payment and property taxes that can fit into your budget and circumstances. It is common today to see home prices bid up beyond the asking price. Prepare for that possibility and lower your sights a bit to make sure you stay within your budget, even if you have to offer more than the list price of the home.

#5 – Be patient and persistent

Buying a home in such a competitive marketplace is not likely to happen overnight. Don't be surprised if the process takes some time. In many markets, there are a fair number of potential buyers for quality homes. Sellers tend to have the upper hand right now. It may become frustrating at times, but persistence is necessary to find the right property and be in a position to present the winning offer. Stay committed to the idea that the right opportunity will come along at the right time.

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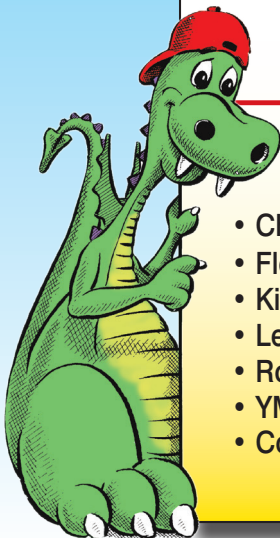
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Dear Shopping,

There are actually several smartphones I can recommend that will provide your mother a simpler, less intimidating smartphone experience. Here are my top three options.

Apple iPhones: Because of the quality and functionality of Apple products, an iPhone is a great choice for seniors who are inexperienced with technology. But, to make it easier for you mom to use, you'll need to set it up and customize it to meet her needs and preferences.

To set-up your mom's iPhone and make it senior-friendly, start by cleaning-up/decluttering the home screen, which you can do by deleting the apps your mom won't use and hiding the apps she'll rarely use in labeled folders or the App Library. The fewer options the better!

You'll also want to set up a small number of contacts (with photos) to family and friends that your mom frequently communicates with and install some apps she would enjoy using.

And finally, iPhones have a wide variety of built-in accessibility features you can turn on depending on your mom's needs. These features, which you access through the phone's settings, can help users that have diminished vision, hearing impairment, hand dexterity problems or cognitive loss.

Some popular accessibility features among older iPhone users include larger text and icon display, zoom (screen magnification), magnifier (turns iPhone into a magnifying glass), increased volume and alerts, voice control, find my iPhone, and emergency SOS and medical ID set up. But there are dozens of other tweaks you can make to enhance your mom's experience with her iPhone.

For a rundown of the different accessibility features and instructions on how to set them up, see Apple.com/accessibility.

If you're interested in this option, the iPhone 12 (5G, 6.1-inch display screen, \$800) or iPhone 12 mini (5G, 5.4-inch screen, \$700) are excellent choices. Or, for a more budget-friendly phone consider the iPhone SE (4.7-inch screen, \$400) that came out in 2020.

Samsung Galaxy: If you're an android phone user and would like to get your mom a phone that you're familiar with, you should consider a Samsung.

All Samsung phones offer an "Easy Mode" feature in their settings that boosts the text and icon size, and simplifies the home-screen layout and contacts, which makes these phones a nice option for seniors or tech-newbies.

These phones also have a variety of accessibility features – see Samsung.com/us/accessibility/galaxy-mobile for instructions – that can accommodate your mom's needs.

The Samsung Galaxy S21 5G (6.2-inch screen, \$800) or more moderately priced Galaxy A71 5G (6.7-inch screen, \$600) are good choices to consider here.

Lively Smart: Another less expensive option to consider is to purchase your mom a smartphone that's specifically designed for seniors. The best one available is the new Lively Smart offered by Best Buy.

This phone has a 6.2-inch screen, large text and a simple list-based menu that provides one-touch access to frequently used features like video chat, camera, email and more. It also offers a nice variety of optional health and safety features you can add on like:

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CLEANING "DRY ERASE" MARKERS

If you have some old dry erase marks or a permanent marker on a dry erase board, simply take a fresh dry erase marker and scribble over the old marks. Then rub out the whole thing. This will actually take it off much better than the commercial products.

I was helping to clean/pack up my kid's kindergarten room today and the teacher wanted to reuse many of the laminated items she had dry erase marked on. She was trying to use the commercial spray, but it was still pretty dingy and you could see faint marks. I scribbled over it with a black dry erase marker, rubbed it out and the marks came up great. It was a bit dingy, so I then used the spray to "clean" it up a bit. And this was simply laminated paper!
Loree

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Beth

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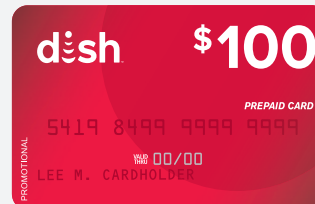
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The 2020 School Share drive collected and distributed over \$10,700 in cash donations and an additional 200 school supply items. The last seven years of School Share has created a financial impact of almost \$190,000 in the community.



“Our “\$5 Helps Carry the Cost” campaign is a great reminder that a little can go a long way to make a big impact,” said Nikki Randolph, Community Engagement Officer at Bank Independent. “Whether you can drop off school supplies, or take a moment to donate to the drive, we’ll ensure your donations make a positive difference in the community.”

In addition to the campaign, Bank Independent pledges to match total customer Smart Swipe savings up to \$10,000 until July 16. The bank will also donate that amount to School Share partner organizations. Smart Swipe is a simple savings plan that rounds up change from Bank Independent Debit Card purchases to the next dollar and deposits the difference into another BI account of the customer’s choosing. Customers can enroll in Smart Swipe at any location, online at bibank.com, or through Customer Service.

“Our customers are invested in serving the community, and particularly rally around

causes that affect children,” said Rick Wardlaw, CEO of Bank Independent. “Removing obstacles to education by providing basic school supplies makes a big impact.” “The added Smart Swipe pledge encourages our customers to make a positive impact to School Share.”

School Share donations will go to purchase supplies for distribution through local organizations in each market. These will include Committee on Church Cooperation in Decatur, Sidney’s Safe! Foundation in the Shoals, the Department of Human Resources in Franklin, Lawrence and Limestone counties and Free 2 Teach in Huntsville.

School Share is part of Bank Independent’s Helping Hands program which also includes team member volunteer efforts, donations, and sponsorships. Other Share drives include Toy Share to collect toys for children during the holiday season, Shelter Share to benefit animal shelters, and Food Share to collect non-perishable food items.

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CORN ON THE COB

My family has always used the crust from a loaf of bread to butter the ears of corn at family picnics. Just butter the crust, lay the ear of corn on it, and move the crust up and down the corn! The crust can be buttered over again, and when all the corn is gone, just feed it to the birds or squirrels, if permitted.
Lynn in PA

BETTER THAN FAST FOOD

My children were frustrated because we always brought our lunch from home to play dates instead of buying fast food like the other families. I decided to try some of those pre-packaged items that I had boycotted years ago. I found that crustless sandwiches, frozen yogurt tubes, and juice boxes were

a lot cheaper than buying fast food. While it wasn't as cheap as preparing it myself, the change satisfied my children. We save these items for play dates only and the fast food moms joined in our change when their kids started asking for items in our lunch.
Amy S.

YES, I CAN!

Here's probably the most basic but best tip of all. Learn to do it yourself. There are things you can do like rewire a lamp, change your bulbs to compact fluorescent, fix your leaky toilet or faucet, etc. None of these require a ton of tools or a ton of expertise.

The internet has great references as does any public library. Most people who have these skills are happy to teach somebody else, so just do it!
Molly b.

DON'T WAIT

I know we all like to save money, but I've heard of a few people in the past that have not gotten their preschool aged children tested for learning delays because they're afraid of the cost. Please, if you think your child is not up

to par (speech, social, or motor skills), contact the organization within your own state. Every state is required to test your child for free and offer services on a sliding scale if there is a need for them. For children under age three, there are specific organizations for it. Past age three, your child would be seen by your local school system and they will provide services free of charge in most cases. If you think your child is struggling, please do something about it now, as it will be much more time consuming, difficult, and costly in the future to address these problems.
Jayme

TIP FOR PETITES

Although petite clothing is proportioned for shorter women, many stores either carry only a few petite lines or none at all. A great solution is to go to the thrift shop and disregard sizes. Depending on the cut and fabric, clothing, especially t-shirts and blouses, often shrinks "up" and gets shorter when not washed with special care. Many people wear something once and then end up donating it when it suddenly becomes too short. This makes thrift

shops a gold mine for us petites.

I recently got nine summer tops, all top brands, for \$32 because they had shrunk just enough to be too short for the average woman but just perfect for me. Although I wear a medium, many of these started as large or extra large sizes. This tip also applies to skirts, but not often to dresses and pants, although it's worth a try, especially with cottons and linens.
Gerry

LOW-CAL FROZEN MEALS

If you buy low-cal frozen meals (lean cuisine, etc.), Take a moment next time you're at the store to look beyond those specialty items for other things that fit

into your calorie guidelines.

Often, the less expensive brands of regular frozen dinners are actually in the same calorie ballpark, which is usually somewhere around 300 calories or so. However, while the "diet" meals are often \$3 to \$4, the bargain brands of regular frozen dinners are usually about \$1. Read the labels to compare.

No, the cheaper meals aren't as fancy and not exactly health food either (but neither are many of the low-cal meals), but the amount of food is about the same. If you enjoy basic meat-and-potatoes comfort food, give one of them a try and save a few dollars in the process. Your wallet doesn't have to shrink along with your waistline!
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What Are The Worst Sins?

#1 is Unbelief. #2. Self-righteousness. Both of these unless corrected with salvation will land you a hot spot in the lake of fire. **Read Romans 10.** The natural man thinks that cursing, lying, murder, stealing, adultery, drunkenness and a host of others that men love to do every day are the worst ones. NOT. The first two are enough to show that the lost man is double-minded and unstable in all his ways. See James 1:8. The first two describe what religions are erected for. They have permeated the entire planet. The holy bible is totally against all sin. Unforgiven sin is what hell and the lake of fire were created for. The love for sin is what keeps a soul from coming to faith in the lord Jesus Christ. Study these verses. **Luke 18:9** "And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:" **Romans 11:20** Well; "because of unbelief they (Israel) were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:" See also: Hebrews 3:19 & 4:6. If you want to stay on God's hate list, just enter eternity in your lost condition. See Psalms 5:5. Another great SIN is one's great lack of the fear of God. If you feared God, you would quit cussing. There's a big payday for idle words. See Matthew 12:36 & Romans 3:18.

How big is God? Big enough to cover eternity and keep you comfortable in heaven or in torment in hell forever. You pick or have you already picked the place you will spend eternity. Sin wears out. Have you had enough? Are you getting tired of being a pawn and a child of the devil? Jesus Christ stands with his arms wide open waiting for you to come to Him. Jesus promised: **John 6:37** "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." **Hebrews 7:25** "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Will you come to Him? Don't go to hell because of unbelief. Billions will.

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month, so zealots back off."? Some members of the UNA student body would be miffed by that as well. However, would those people blast it all over social and news media in an effort to demonize Statom?

It's doubtful. His post probably wouldn't cause a ripple. At worst, a few people may go to him or message him personally about his statement and why they think it was hurtful or out of place.

Would the SGA immediately associate that personal post with UNA Student Government, come out against that slogan since it insulted Christian students, and demand Statom's resignation?

That too is doubtful. Does Statom have freedom of speech or not?

Some people don't want a meeting of minds to understand another sides' position. They would rather create discontent and set demands with what they want, on their schedule, within their parameters.

From what I understand, this is not Statom's first spiritually-inspired post. Christians should be allowed to show their

concern without being labeled pompous, prudish, extremists, or homophobic. It's like everyone in society is supposed to shriek in horror, run for cover, and hide in shame every time the words homophobic, bigot, or racist are leveled at someone.

It's a community of higher education, yet it seems not to be about discussion, ideas, or First Amendment rights. They simply don't want any dissenting voices on their increasingly PC campus.

While attending UNA in the early 80's, I too was asked to resign an officer's position in the campus community. (No, wise guys, it had nothing to do with another person, vandalism, lewdness, theft, etc.) It was much less public, but it was a poor decision by a 21 year-old that could have jeopardized the standing of the organization. I resigned because I was in the wrong. Statom is not.

He stated his personal opinion on his personal story. There seems to be a lot of associated drama, but the UNA Student Government Association is not in peril over his comment. Very few people would even have known about it had he not been purposely and publicly castigated. It will

be interesting to see how the school newspaper, The Flor-Ala, assesses the First Amendment in this case.

One local position was that "Statom had the First Amendment right to voice his opinion. However, actions come with consequences..."

So, if there are consequences to asserting your First Amendment rights, what rights do you actually have?

As long as the silent majority remains silent, the injustices and the trampling will continue, as will the erosion of our rights.

Ironically, lost on the whole story is that Statom's initial comment, "You must be born again," applies to EVERY ONE of us. It is 100% inclusive, fitting for the entire student body.

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Memory Magic! Hand the card at left to a friend and state that you have memorized all of the numbers on it. To prove it, when he gives you a circled number, you tell him what the seven-digit number to the right of it is.

SECRET: Mentally, take the number your friend gives you, add 11 to it and reverse it. This gives you the first two digits of the number you've "memorized." Then you add these two digits together to get the next digit. For each number, add the previous two digits. When this sum is two digits long, use only the second digit. Example: 23 + 11 = 34. Reversed gives you 43, the first two digits of number. Next, 4 + 3 gives you 7, the next number. Seven plus three is 10, and so on.

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4	5	1	6	7	3	0	3
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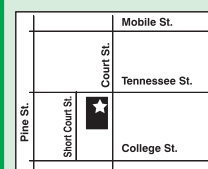


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Thursday, July 15 Live entertainment starting 6:30pm.

Friday, July 16 Live entertainment starting 6:30pm

Saturday, July 17, Live entertainment starting 11am.

Live Auction starting 3:30pm.

Event headliners include Shenandoah, T. Graham Brown, and Clint Black

Bring your horse, \$50 donation for the weekend. Bring your chair and donation: \$20 for Thursday & Friday, \$35 for Saturday. Primitive camping sites available for \$25, contact Ann Jones 256-446-5392

Saddle-Up for St. Jude is coordinated by: Circle 5 Outfit, Jimmy King.

Directions: From Hwy 72 West, turn left at Colbert Farmer's Co-op

-Go 1 block and turn left on Frankfort Road

-Go 1.7 miles and take left fork on Underwood Mountain

-Go 3.1 miles and turn left on County Farm Road

-Go 1 block and veer right on Dead End Road to Gardiner Farm FOLLOW THE SIGNS!

For a complete list of events and opportunities, please visit: Saddleup4kids.org

The Florence Camerata Concert will be at 7pm Tuesday, July 20 at the First Presbyterian Church in Florence.

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The Last 5 Years (TVAA's annual SummerStock musical at the Ritz Theatre, Sheffield) July 22-31 is a beautifully heartbreaking and uniquely told story of love and loss. This intimate musical invites audiences to take a tour through a five-year relationship, take stock of what matters most, and perhaps take a side. Info/tickets: tennesseevalleyarts.org Mark Your Calendars

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40th Annual W. C. Handy Music Festival, July 23-August 1. Various locations across the Shoals area. Events/music across all genres. For more info: wchandymusicfestival.com

Vacation Bible School at First Free Will Baptist Church July 26-30, 6:30-8:30pm. Ages 4 - Completed 5th Grade. Registration Event at the church on June 26, 10am-2pm or register online at https://www.fwbflorence.org. First Free Will is located at 2701 Florence Blvd. Florence.

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The Clarion Ballroom in Sheffield will Host the Johnnie Taylor Tribute starring TJ Hooker Taylor plus Diedra, The Alabama Queen & Band and The

Cadillacs on Thursday, July 29. Doors open 7pm, show 8pm. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Emcee Mr. Bobby Brooks.

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Registration is taking place now for Summer Camp June 1-August 9 at Calvary Learning Center at 601 N. Main St. in Tusculumbia. 6:30am-5:30pm Ages 4-12 years

Summer Camp is a structured program that offers campers age appropriate activities. Activities include arts and crafts, daily devotions, swimming, recreational games, sports, field trips, and much more! Breakfast, lunch, and snack will be provided for your child.

Camp opens at 6:30am and closes at 5:30pm with camp activities from 8:30am-4:30pm

Mini's Camp: - Ages 4-5 years-- For students that completed Pre-K 2020-2021 OR will be entering Pre-K the Fall of 2021

Traditional Camp: - Ages 6-12 years -- Students must have completed Kindergarten

Calvary Learning Center also provides care for newborns to children 5 years of age.

Registration forms may be picked up at Calvary Learning Center, Calvary Baptist Church office, or on our Facebook Page: Calvary Learning Centers.

Fees: Registration Fee: \$90. \$85 per child. \$80 for 4 days. \$60 for 3 days

The registration fee (which covers the cost of field trips, camp t- shirt, supplies, and snacks) and the first week's payment are due at the time of registration.

See the display ad in this week's issue for all the details. 256-383-1853 or 256-381-6650.

Summer Day Camp is sponsored by Deshler High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Breaking a century-old tradition in the name of health and safety, Jehovah's Witnesses has moved its annual in-person event to a virtual format for the second time in as many years, canceling nearly 6,000 conventions across the globe

The 2020 event was a first for Jehovah's Witnesses, who have held public conventions in stadiums, arenas, convention centers, and theaters around the world since 1897.

"Powerful by Faith!" is the theme of the 2021 global event, which will be delivered in more than 500 languages to households throughout the globe over six weekends during July and August 2021. Since the convention is typically held from Friday through Sunday, the program will be available in six installments corresponding to morning and afternoon sessions. "Friday" morning's session will be available for streaming or download beginning June 28.

All are invited to attend the event by going to JW.ORG on the web or JW Broadcasting on the free JW Library iOS or Android App. The program is free and accessible to all. For more information, please call 1-718-560-5600 or email pid@jw.org.

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, and the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, in collaboration with the Coalition for Alzheimer's and Related Disorders (CARD), is presenting a series of free symposiums on Alzheimer's disease in the coming months. The first took place June 24, a discussion on the difference in normal aging memory loss and knowing when it's time to seek help including the 10 common signs of Alzheimer's disease

Symposiums are scheduled in the library conference room from 5-6:30pm the fourth Thursday each month through October. Future topics will include: July 22 - Beyond Memory Loss Anxiety/aggression • Depression • Behavior changes • Sleep disturbances • Redirecting behavior to avoid medications

Every 65 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease, with 5.8 million American's living with the disease, according to CARD data. CARD is a nonprofit organization established in 1993 to provide education and support for the residents of Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion and Winston counties.

The scheduled facilitator for the symposiums is CARD board member Donna Tidwell.

W.C. Handy Top Artist Showcase & Celebrity Concert. July 31, a full day of concerts, shopping with vendors, kid's activities, car, jeep, and motorcycle contests, and more held at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. A Portion of the proceeds from this event will support community outreaches sponsored by Distinguished Productions.

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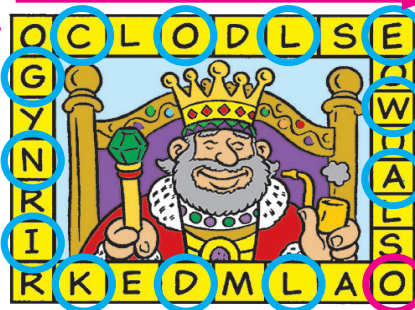
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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



BLESS THEM, DON'T ENABLE THEM

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are both teachers, and we're on Baby Step 7. We're struggling with things where our wills are concerned. Three of our four adult children aren't being wise with their money, and my husband and I disagree on how to talk to them about it and how it may affect us re-structuring our wills. We don't want to be judgmental, but at the same time we agree something needs to be said or done.

Danielle

Dear Danielle,
Let's say someone is working at my company, and taking my money in the form of a paycheck. Let's also say this person isn't doing a good job. If I don't talk to them about their performance because I don't want to be seen as judgmental, I'm not doing my job. I owe them the feedback necessary for them to become a good team member. Otherwise, they could just get fired one day without really knowing what happened because I refused to "judge" them.

You're supposed to judge people. The idea that you're not supposed to is ridiculous. But you don't have to be a jerk about it. There's a big difference between judging people and being judgmental. But it's unkind not to share insights or suggestions for a better way of life with those you love most. Holding back and telling yourself the way someone behaves is just the way they're made is wrong in most instances. Overspending and not saving money aren't character traits—they're decisions.

They're adults now, and they're going to do what they want. They don't have

to understand or support your ways of handling money, but you and your husband have every right to tell them they have to start behaving in certain ways if they expect to receive your money when the time comes. If they're misbehaving, and you give them money, you're funding that bad behavior. That's not love, that's enabling. And a big pile of money isn't going to heal the bad things—it's only going to magnify them.

Sit down with your kids, and have a loving, clear discussion about the situation. Remind them that they're adults, and you and your husband are no longer able to tell them how they have to live. But let them know in no uncertain terms, gently but firmly, they will not receive your money if they continue to behave in ways you both consider foolish or unreasonable. Let them know they'll always have your love, just not your money, unless they begin behaving more intelligently and maturely with their finances.

You can't make them do anything, Danielle. But you can ensure they understand you two won't be sharing your wealth with people who can't handle it and use it wisely.
—Dave

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