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A Hurricane Upkeep CD

LAUDERDALE—Hurricane Cemetery is a community cemetery located between the towns of Rogersville and Anderson on Lauderdale County Road 551. The cemetery was established in 1852 and is



totally supported by volunteers and donations. Through a private donor, the cemetery committee

started a project three years ago to preserve stories from the past, as told by older members of the community on a historical documentary DVD. The first release is a 30-minute video, "Hurricane Cemetery: Memories of the Past". The DVD is \$10 (plus \$3 shipping) and is now available for purchase by calling or texting **Doug Newton** at 256-247-1420. All proceeds will be used for upkeep of the cemetery and facilities. Please visit our Facebook page "Hurricane Cemetery" for photos and more information.

Plasma is for Covid Battle

SHOALS—LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, the nonprofit blood bank serving local hospitals, today announced that it has reinstated COVID-19 antibody testing for all eligible blood donors. This testing will help LifeSouth identify donors who may be eligible to donate

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Cox at NW-SCC

Taking Position of Interim President

SHOALS— Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System Jimmy H. Baker last week announced the appointment of Dr. Chris Cox as Interim President of Northwest-Shoals Community College. Cox replaced Glenda Cologross and he began his tenure on August 19.

Cox has more than 24 years of higher education administration



Cox

experience and currently serves as Special Assistant to the Chancellor at the ACCS. Prior to his role at ACCS, Cox served as Interim President at both Beville State Community College in Jasper and Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Andalusia. "Northwest-Shoals is a special place and I'm eager to join the Patriot

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Florence/NAMC Grant for 500K

FLORENCE— The city of Florence has received a grant award for maximum funding amount to purchase vital equipment for North Alabama Medical Center (NAMC) to use in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. "Although I am saddened by the need, I am thankful for the opportunity to assist with providing life-saving medical equipment to North Alabama Medical Center as the necessity for them increases in our area," said Mayor Andy Betterton.

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Shoals CASA Music Fest in Amphitheater

Saturday August 28 4-10pm

MUSCLE SHOALS – The 1st Annual Shoals CASA Music Fest gets underway at 4pm on Saturday, August 28 at the new Muscle Shoals Amphitheater just behind the Muscle Shoals City Hall on Avalon Ave.

The outdoor event is the perfect place for your favorite lawn chairs and blankets because music will last until 10pm.

This show will be remembered as the first non-profit concert event at the new Muscle Shoals City Amphitheater.

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convalescent plasma to help those fighting the virus. Convalescent plasma is needed by local hospitals as the virus again surges. Those who have recovered from COVID-19 are asked to help save lives by donating convalescent plasma.

The antibody test is authorized for use by the FDA and detects if someone has developed antibodies to COVID-19. A positive test result may indicate past exposure and some immunity to the virus. This antibody test is not a diagnostic test; it will not determine if the person currently has the virus, or whether the donor was exposed to the Delta variant.

Healthy blood donors who may have been exposed to or recovered from COVID-19 are asked to donate as soon as they have completed the recommended CDC quarantine guidelines. There is no deferral period for donors who have received the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. As part of the normal blood donation process, a test will be

performed on the donor's blood to determine if antibodies are present in the plasma.

"Local hospitals and patients need the community's support every day — and especially now, as COVID-19 cases continue to rise. Donating blood and convalescent plasma is one of the fastest and most impactful ways to help our neighbors in this public health emergency," said Dr. Chris Lough, Vice President of Medical Services for LifeSouth Community Blood Centers.

Donors must be fully recovered from COVID-19 and symptom-free for two weeks before coming to donor centers or blood drives to donate.

Call The Shoals Donor Center in Florence at 256-765-7038 for more information.

Lunch for 1st Responders

RUSSELLVILLE - State Representative, **Jamie Kiel**, State Senator, **Larry Stutts**, and the Alabama Forestry Association (AFA) will be thanking and feeding first responders lunch at the A.W. Todd Centre in Russellville from 11:30am-

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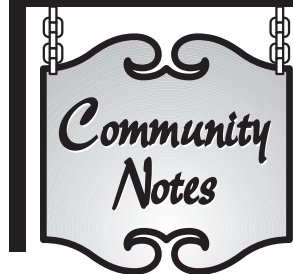
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Lauderdale County Solid Waste - New Service Announcement - The Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department now picks up yard debris from county residents. This service is throughout the county only.

Residents who need our service and meet the requirements should call the Solid Waste office at 256-760-5878.

For more information see the advertisement in this issue.

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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.

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

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.

Lifesouth is in emergency need for blood donors, as the national blood shortage continues, and asks donors to help by donating blood during their Back to School Blood Drive. Blood donors who give blood at any LifeSouth donor center or bloodmobile through Sunday, August 8 will help summer blood shortages, save lives, and receive a \$20 e-gift card as a thank you for donating.

This year continues to be difficult for LifeSouth and blood centers across the country with the impact of the pandemic causing a decrease in blood donations, while the need to help patients in local hospitals continues to increase.

Regular blood donors who have not given recently and first-time donors can make a major impact by donating. One donation can save up to three lives.

To find a donor center or mobile blood drive near you, visit lifesouth.org or call 888-795-2707. Blood donors must be at least 17 or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. A photo ID is required. LifeSouth donors receive a complimentary cholesterol screening with each donation.

Upward Soccer at Cross Point - register online at registration.upward.org/UPW80417. Cost is \$55 includes reversible jersey, socks, poster with star stickers, and backpack.

Evaluations begin in August. Practice and games in September.

Email upward@crosspointcc.org or call 256-764-4073 for questions.

Author John Young will be discussing and signing his latest book, "Redrawing the Blueprints for the Early Church: Historical Ecclesiology in and Around the Stone-Campbell Movement" on Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30pm in the Overton Memorial Library on the campus of Heritage Christian University, 3625

Helton Drive, Florence. All are invited to attend.

Highland Baptist Church in Florence will host the five-week Shoals Family Summit on Wednesday nights beginning August 25 and continuing into September. located 219 Simpson Street.

The whole community will be able to gain valuable resources to help best lead your family in our current culture. Many different highly-qualified speakers will be coming in to speak on a range of topics. Each Wednesday event August 25-September 22 begins at 6pm.

August 25 - Angie Hamilton, Assistant District Attorney for Lauderdale county will be speaking on Social Media Safety.

September 1 - Stephanie Harrison, LPC, MAMFT, MACE Licensed Professional Counselor, Therapist with Pathways Professional Counseling will be speaking on Mental Health in Children and Teens

September 8 - Dr. Eric Kirkman, Director of Kilby School, Assistant Professor at The University of North Alabama, and Mary Jane Fowler, Riverhill School Principal, will both be speaking about Success in School

September 15 - Dr. Matt Burford, Christian Apologetic Strategist for the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions will be speaking on Sexuality & Gender

September 22 - David Thomas, L.M.S.W., Director of Family Counseling at Daystar Counseling, and Sissy Goff, M.Ed., LPC-MHSP, Director of Child and Adolescent Counseling at Daystar will be speaking on Raising Boys and Girls

Join the Quad Cities Square Dance Club meeting four Thursdays every month 7-9pm at the Royal Ave. Recreational Center in Florence. We are refreshing and relearning our fun dance.

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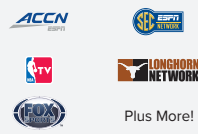
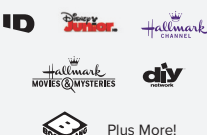
In March 2021, the State of Alabama made funding available through the Community Development Block Grant funding deriving from the CARES Act to designated Entitlement cities and Non-Entitlement counties. The city of Florence Planning and Community Development office applied for \$500,000, the maximum amount available to Entitlement cities.

"Safeguarding the health and safety of our community is a core function of local government and receiving the State of Alabama Community Development Block Grant Special Coronavirus funding to assist in the purchase of critical medical equipment is a tremendous example of the importance of partnerships at every level and in every sector," emphasized Melissa Bailey, Director of the city of Florence Planning & Community Development Department.

On August 17, 2021, The Florence City Council approved a contract with North Alabama Medical Center to purchase life-saving equipment in the ongoing COVID19 pandemic for \$450,000. The remaining \$50,000 retained for administrative oversight by the Florence Planning and Community Development Office. Melissa Bailey explained, "Over the past seventeen months, the city of Florence has been able to secure 1.7 million dollars in competitive grant funding to protect, support, and innovate in meaningful ways during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been able to help small businesses get back on their feet, ensure non-profit partners receive funding to assist individuals and families, and now assist in providing additional access to life-saving equipment."

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Shorts...

Lunch for 1st Responders

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End-of-Summer Bake Sale

FLORENCE—Summer is almost over and Chloe's

Fund bakers have worked long and hard perfecting their desserts for the End-of-Summer Bake Sale on August 28! Unfortunately, animals get sick and injured during the Summer, and the fund has to stay up and running!

The generous group of bakers have shared some of their dessert recipes and we now have our first Chloe's Fund Dessert Cookbook! Homemade treats and the cookbook will be available from 10am-1pm on Saturday, August 28 at the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services (FLAS) Building, located at 3240 Roberson Road in Florence. To pre-order, you can check out the Menu on the FLAS web page at www.florenceal.org/public_safety/animal_control.php

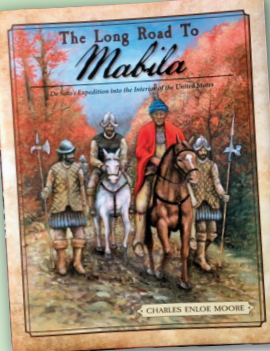
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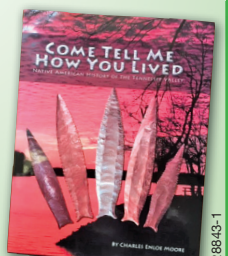
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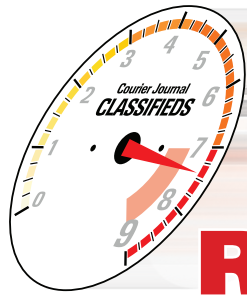


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family as we serve our students and the Muscle Shoals and Phil Campbell communities," Cox said. "I look forward to working alongside the faculty, staff, and administration at Northwest-Shoals as we help our students explore their potential and obtain a better future for themselves and their families."

Among Cox's goals are refurbishing the college's two campuses, furthering workforce development, and bringing athletics back, and improvements with maintenance-related issues around campus.

"Time and time again, Dr. Cox has proven to be a capable leader and I'm confident Northwest-Shoals will be well-served by his time as Interim President," Baker said. "Chris's innovative and enthusiastic approach is a benefit to students, faculty, and staff alike."

Cox's career includes stints as a high school teacher and coach, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent for the Oxford City Board

of Education. Cox earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Science from Troy State University and a Master of Science in Educational Administration from Alabama State University. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration from Auburn University.

While last week's news that President Glenda Colagross was out and Cox was in took campus personnel by surprise, it didn't slow his plan to hit the ground running first thing Thursday morning. He had separate meetings with the president's cabinet, faculty, and other personnel before the week was out.

Cox said he told the cabinet that his goal for everyone within the college is to improve daily and help people reach their goals and dreams.

"Northwest-Shoals Community College doesn't need fixing," he said. "There are lots of good things happening here, and it's a great community so it's all forward from here."

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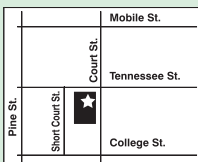
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Commentary

US is Third World in Afghanistan

Few Americans are interested in nation-building or running a peace-keeping operation overseas with our troops, but it has become standard practice. It's bad policy and an economic burden that we cannot afford. We've been nursing the situation in Afghanistan for many years after much of the Taliban force was killed or driven underground. So we've had plenty of time to make a transition. Last year Donald Trump had plans to be out by May. That would likely have been delayed, but we didn't get to see.

In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

This administration woefully miscalculated the effectiveness of the Afghan forces we were leaving last week and the time it would take for the Taliban to arrive and canvas the capital.

The US was paying Afghan forces handsomely to fight for their own freedom. We were leaving, we stopped paying, we left a \$billion+ in helicopters, arms, ammunition, and technology for the Taliban. What could go wrong?

As most of us saw glimpses of last week, US efforts to extricate our people cleanly out of

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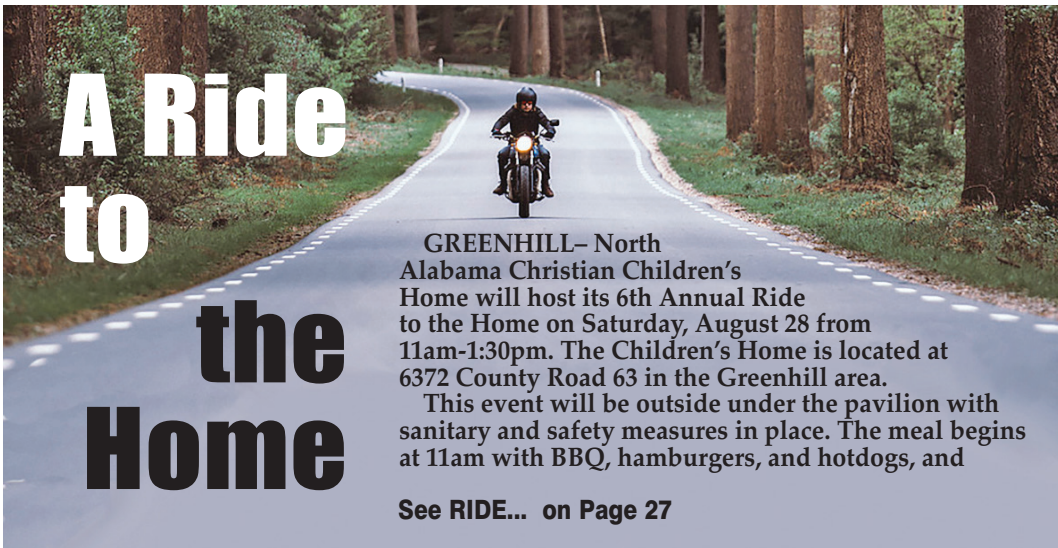
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A Ride to the Home

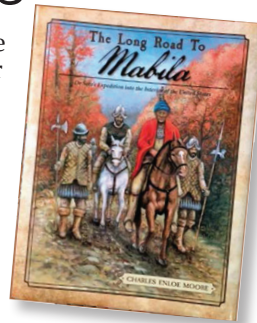
GREENHILL— North Alabama Christian Children's Home will host its 6th Annual Ride to the Home on Saturday, August 28 from 11am-1:30pm. The Children's Home is located at 6372 County Road 63 in the Greenhill area. This event will be outside under the pavilion with sanitary and safety measures in place. The meal begins at 11am with BBQ, hamburgers, and hotdogs, and

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Moore Signing Two Books in Florence

FLORENCE— Charles E. Moore will have a signing Saturday for his latest books, *The Long Road to Mabila, de Soto's expedition into the interior of the United States and Come Tell Me How You Lived - Indian history of the Tennessee Valley.*

The signings take place from 2-5pm on Saturday, August 28 at FAB Financial Services,



located at 213 North Court St. in Florence. Books are \$30 each.

Hernando de Soto, fresh from his recent conquest of Peru, is the first European to explore the interior of North America.

In his most recent work, *The Long Road to Mabila*, Moore details those exploits as de Soto's huge army

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THE SINGING RIVER CHAPTER OF QUAIL FOREVER Annual Banquet and Auction is on Thursday, August 26 from 5:30-9pm at Clarion Inn at 4900 Hatch Blvd in Sheffield. Tickets are \$55 for adults which includes membership in Quail Forever. Tickets are \$20 for youths which includes a Whistler membership in the organization. Spouse tickets do not include membership and are \$20.

Auction and raffle items will include firearms, collectibles and outdoors gear. Tickets can be purchased online at ptqf.myeventscenter.com, or by calling Kevin Clemons at 256-627-7286. Money raised at the event will be used to help enhance quail habitat on public lands in the Shoals and surrounding counties and to provide outdoors education and hunting programs for local youths. Quail Forever is a 501c3 non-profit tax exempt organization dedicated to preservation of wild quail and other upland game and their habitat.

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Thomas praised Gov. DeSantis for refusing mask mandates even as the hospitals in Florida reach capacity and thousands more, including children, will die. ”

Red States to Secede

Editor:

While audits are showing Trump won, the evil communist progressives and Biden the Usurper are destroying America at record speed. Since January, the Marxist Dems have blessed America with open borders, staggering debt, hyper-inflation, murderous complicity with Chicom

bio-warfare, plots to steal future elections, the jailing of patriots for peacefully protesting election theft, and the deliberate, politically motivated dumping of virus-infected illegals into red states.

Clearly, it's time for true Americans to invoke the 2nd Amendment and the reserved powers of the 9th and 10th amendments, and SECEDE. As they exit the now hopelessly dysfunctional and tyrannical American Empire, the seceding red states and counties

should appeal for aid from each other and from sympathetic media and foreign powers.

Fox's Tucker Carlson recently exposed the traitorous and criminal behavior of Biden's FBI and NSA, while Russia's President Vladimir Putin rightly denounced Biden's jailing of his political opponents, Trump voters. In their bid for freedom, seceding patriots soon will rise up and resist. They will defeat the rogue agents and agencies of the now irredeemable US government.

Winston McCuen
Landrum, SC

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

"Of Course..."

I have heard it all my life. "That's what family is for." And I heard it again today. All of our children are headed to Atlanta to visit their only cousins. My brother's son has been training in Bermuda to go to the Olympics. He has dual citizenship because my sister-in-law is from Bermuda and they lived there for a time. He was going to Tokyo to throw the javelin, but he suffered an injury and was unable to compete. His sister has been a JET, Japanese English Teacher, in Japan for several years, and right before the pandemic, she moved in with her brother in Bermuda. But both of them have returned to the States for a short visit. So, the cousins have planned a rendezvous in Atlanta. My son and his wife will fly in from NYC and our other two will drive in tomorrow. They needed a place to meet up so they called my aunt, within the last few days, and asked to meet at her house. Our son and his daughter will be spending a couple of nights at her house, and he just asked today. So, he and his little one, his sister, his brother with his wife, his girl cousin and his boy cousin with the girlfriend, who no one has met, will be meeting up at my aunt's house. When I called her to thank her for allowing this invasion, she said that it would be a COVID

safe visit with masks and distancing for her and her husband. She also said that she didn't want to hear from him just when he needed a place to stay. But then she added, "Of course I would let them come, that's what family is for."

I have lived in the comfort of those words all my life. When we needed a safe house to run to - that's what family was for. When I got those hand-me-down clothes, shoes, toys from my Atlanta aunt, who is only a year older than me (less 5 days) - that's what family was for. When her high school sweetheart husband died suddenly in his forties and I stayed with her, it was because that's what family is for. When my husband and I were young and married with children, my sisters let us "split" vacation rental by paying what we could. And they bought our firstborn's

first car because they thought that she needed it, and because they believe that's what family is for.

Family means having someone to lean on, someone to turn to. Family means providing when you are the one with the means at the moment. If you can't depend on family...who can you depend on? Really. Family means sharing. It means saving people. Family means thinking beyond yourself and acting in the best interest of someone else for the good of all. Sacrifice and love. We don't misuse family. Family means staying in touch, knowing each other's needs, and meeting them. Family is saying, "Yes," because that name belongs to you. Family is support and instruction. Care and concern. Family is wanting more for each other. Family means staying together.

Family is my oldest son and my aunt saying, "Just come on!" when I invited myself. You see, I was not invited, but how can all my people be together without me being there?! So tomorrow I will probably make a day trip to and from the big ATL, because that's what our family does.

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T.

RECYCLING ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSHES

When my electric toothbrush starts to wear down and I need to toss it, I don't! I keep it in the laundry room and use it to remove soil and spots on clothing. First, I apply spot remover to the area that needs cleaning. Then I use my electric toothbrush to work the spray in. It works every time! I also use it to clean the outside of my shoes.
D.

HANDY BURGER PATTIES

To make quick and uniform hamburger or sausage patties, I use two piece jar lids. I use regular size for smaller patties and wide mouth for larger ones. Just

dampen both pieces and fill with ground meat, turn over, and push meat out with the insert.
Virginia M. in Clarion, PA

RENEWED SOFA CUSHIONS

In order to continue using my two living room sofas after the seat cushions had lost their support, I bought five-inch depth foam at my local sewing store to make new cushions. I feel like I have new sofas! I got all this for less than \$50 in foam with 50% off coupons from the sewing store! Be sure to measure current cushions before going so you can purchase exactly the amount you need, and recycle any top padding from the old cushions to provide contouring as needed.
R.

A CHILDREN'S WISH LIST

Teach children to make a wish list. It is a writing exercise that they will actually want to do. Don't wait until Christmas but do it every few weeks. This also helps them realize how many things they want. Discuss prioritization. What is more important?

Why is it more important? Why did they change their mind of what is desired in this list versus the last list? Then review the list together before going shopping, letting them edit it before going. They will learn that deferred purchases sometimes result in deciding not to buy something.
Tamara W. in Bedford, TX

FRESH ORGANIC HERBS

This year I have been buying fresh organic vegetables and herbs from a local farm. In May, I bought a nice bunch of fresh basil for \$1. Instead of wrapping it in paper towels and putting it in the refrigerator to store, I stuck the bunch in a small vase of water and set it in my north facing kitchen window. Now, months later, that bunch of basil is still green with plenty of leaves for plucking off and adding to salads, pizza, pasta sauce, etc. The stems took root in the water and I could have planted them outside, but with the hot temperatures we have had, they probably would have fried. That's a lot of mileage out of one small bunch of fresh basil!
Teresa R. in Burlington, North Carolina

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Acquiring that much coffee grounds takes time unless you drink a lot of coffee. I found out our local Starbucks has started a "go green" program where they will give away their coffee grounds if you ask. I have now received about 20 pounds of grounds. You can also try your local bakery for eggshells. We leave an empty container with a lid and pick it up about once a week. They add nutrients to the soil, and best of all, they are free.
Ken T. in Kailua, HI

SAVING DISH SOAP

I have a tip about saving on dish soap that I accidentally discovered. At a dollar store, I purchased a glass bottle for salad oil. I put dish soap in it to dress up my sink area. It looks

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1997 Jeep Cherokee	1J4GZ78Y5VC671901	41BL740/AL	6/10/2021
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2011 Kia Optima	KNAGM4A77B5151829	No Tag	6/8/2021
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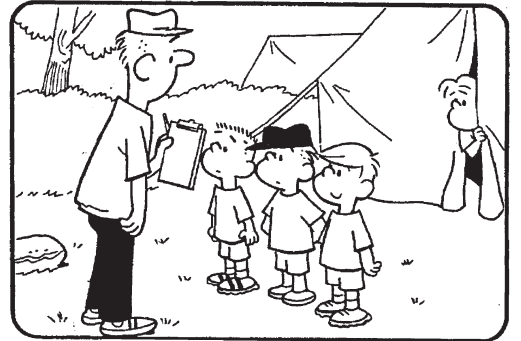
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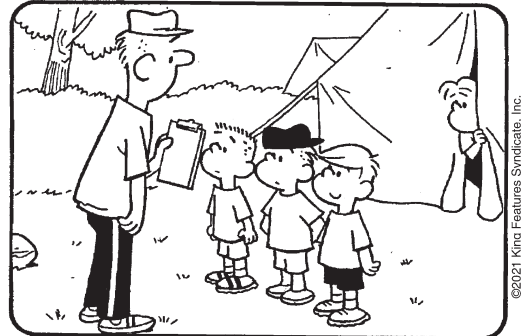
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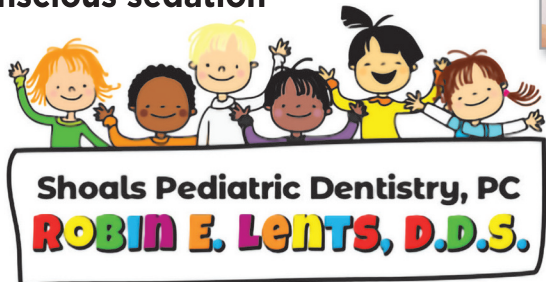
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M. W. of Palatine, IL

NEED SCHOOL UNIFORMS?

Check the thrift stores first. Our big thrift store even has a uniform section in the kids' clothing area with uniforms from a half dozen local schools.
Tracy B.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CLOSET?

To squelch my urge to buy new clothes, I decided to wear every shirt I owned to work and see how long it took before I repeated. I'm lucky enough to be able to wear casual t-shirts to work, as well as dressier blouses. By wearing absolutely everything in my collection, it took me two months before I wore the same shirt! In the process, I discovered some I disliked and some that no longer fit that I could give to thrift stores. And I did successfully lose the urge to buy even more clothes once I realized how much I already had!
Jan H.

CHEAP SHAKE-N-BAKE

My family loves chicken, fish and chops baked in the oven with Shake-N-Bake. I make my own very inexpensively. Whenever dry stuffing mix is on sale, I buy a lot. Then I dump it into my blender and grind it to a medium fine texture. If stored in an air-tight container, it makes deliciously seasoned bread coating for meats or a topping for a casserole.
Robin H. in Denver, CO

CHEAPER POTTING SOIL

All the tips about mulch and free soil make me think of my method of "making soil" when I need it in outdoor pots. I buy peat moss at the local retail store, which isn't very expensive, and it goes a long way. I get the container that I need soil in and layer equal layers of peat moss, dry manure, and dry leaves (collected and saved from last fall) that I crumble between my fingers. After filling the container to the top with these layers, I mix it well with a trowel. Then, I place the plants into the soil. They thrive in this mixture, and the next spring, the pot is full of rich black soil, which has composted from the mix I made the previous spring. It's easy and inexpensive and very rewarding to "make" soil this way. Much better than spending big bucks on pricey potting soil!
Darcy from UT

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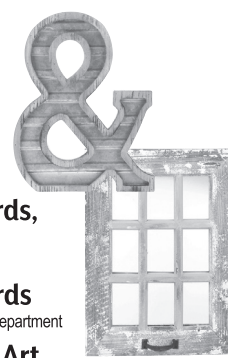
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SIDE ORDER SPECIAL

With food costs rising, one way to save on the cost of each dinner for my family of seven is to make several low-cost side dishes with each meal. Instead of the standard main course, one starch and one veggie, I often serve two or three veggies if there is something on sale at the farmer's market that week, plus a big salad with in-season veggies. Canned or frozen veggies also bulk up a meal at a much lower cost than a main course. My family is happy to have only one serving of chicken when they are filling up on side dishes. You can also add bread to a meal to fill your family.

Rachel in Baltimore, MD

PLANNING FOR THE UNEXPECTED POSTER ASSIGNMENT

I am the mother of 5 children from the age of 5 to 17. I watch when Hobby Lobby or Walgreens has poster board half price and I buy 10 to 20 sheets and slide them behind a bookcase to keep them straight and out of the way. Then, when one of my kids come home from school and has a project due the next day that they forgot to tell me about, I don't have to panic and run out for poster board.

Karen L. in Fairview Heights, IL

HOMEMADE TORTILLA CHIPS

I buy soft low carb, whole-wheat tortillas that come 10 or so to the bag and make my own tortilla chips. I "pizza cut" the tortillas into eighths and put them on a baking sheet that I have sprayed with cooking oil. I then wet the tops of the chips with water from the palms of my hands, sprinkle them with coarse ground salt (you can use whatever seasonings you'd like) and pop them into the oven at

375 degrees. I can put two full cookie sheets of chips in at one time. They bake for around 17 minutes (check after 13 minutes).

These are so much healthier than the store-bought chips. They are low in fat, baked, and seasoned just the way you like them. They are far superior in taste to any bagged chip. What's really great about these is that you can eat them with any dip or any salsa at any meal!

Terri S.

SAVING TIME WITH BEANS

I read a long time ago that freezing beans before cooking breaks down the protein fibers just as soaking them does. It works and it saves time. Just take the bag of beans and place them in the freezer overnight to skip the soaking or pre-cooking time normally required.

Bonnie in Arkansas

MEASURING STICKY LIQUIDS

When measuring sticky liquids like honey or molasses, spray the measuring cup with cooking spray. The honey or molasses will pour right out without sticking to the cup. It works every time!

Judy

SERIOUS ABOUT RECYCLING

When our recliner broke and could not be fixed, we decided to recycle as much of it as possible. I cut off the back fabric panel and one of the side panels to make pillows for our couch. I also cut open other parts of the recliner to get to the stuffing that they used in it. I now have enough stuffing to make more pillows than we need. The metal parts are going to the recycling center in town. My husband burned the wood.

Cindy H.

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Letters...

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Editor:

The *Times Daily* published commentaries by Cal Thomas on August 8 and 15 that contain misinformation dangerous to humans and other living things. He has a right to ignore science and medicine to mislead through distortion and political manipulation.

However, the paper should inform its readers with fact-based counterarguments and warnings.

Thomas questions whether the Delta variant is a crisis, thereby contributing to reluctance by many Alabamians to wear masks and get vaccinated - risking the health of us all.

Thomas praised Gov. DeSantis for refusing mask mandates even as the hospitals in Florida reach capacity and thousands more, including children, will die.

Thomas implies without evidence that the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is a political rather than scientific body, and therefore we should ignore its recent dire warnings about climate change.

Reputable scientists and observers recognize that man-made carbon and other emissions are altering the planet in dangerous ways that jeopardize the future for our grandchildren. Thomas disagrees and argues it is not worth the cost of reducing those emissions, even though we have the capability to do so.

Readers deserve a balanced serving of information so they can evaluate benefits and costs of following recommended and common-sense guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID - or enable it to surge with all that implies.

Similarly, they deserve an informed and unbiased prediction of the mounting costs of doing nothing to reduce global warming, the catastrophic consequences of which are widely evident.

Dan Waterman
Killen

America Has Gone Crazy

Editor:

The latest example of how America has gone crazy is the deadly Corona virus which has taken more than four million lives world-wide.

All because mankind has been trying to make what God created more dangerous and more deadly to humans.

Some folks' minds have become so ungodly that they do not care if they endanger the Human Race or even cause their extinction.

The so called, "Gain-of-Function" (GoF) research is one of those that could accidentally or purposefully bring about the great destruction of mankind.

That is why "numerous prominent scientists argue that" GoF "deviates from morally justifiable research," and puts "the entire human species at risk."

It is almost unbelievable that some scientific minds are trying to make viruses more lethal to mankind, instead of working to make viruses extinct, and thereby save Mankind.

How dumb can they be? It is frightening to learn there are many Labs across America and the World, where they are still playing around with and storing deadly viruses.

Dr. Anthony Fauci has played a major role in promoting and funding gain-of-function research, both in the US and China. Despite claims raised about lax safety at the Wuhan laboratory, Dr. Fauci provided an additional \$3.7 million grant in 2019 for "gain-of-function research for the purpose of understanding how bat coronaviruses could mutate to attack humans.

That is why some have said, "Fauci has blood on his hands." I agree!

Gain-of-Function Research never should have started because of the danger to humanity.

Manuel Ybarra
Coalgate, OK

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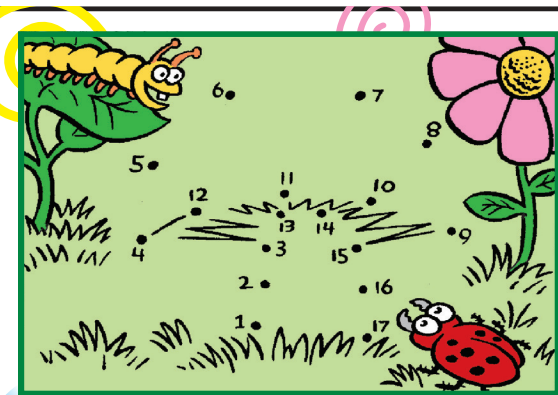
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- 1) A garden vegetable.
- 2) Type of movie.
- 3) Type of candy.
- 4) A keepsake.
- 5) A freight barge.
- 6) An annoying problem.



Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

Answers On Page 32

1.	P					N
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7.	N					P

Find The Big Words

Using the definitions and anagrams below, find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. You can do this by unscrambling the letters in the two anagrams.

- Definitions:**
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 2. Driving too fast
 3. Young trees
 4. Moisture in the air
 5. Very old photos
 6. A container for a letter
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 2. seed + ping
 3. slap + sign
 4. dams + pens
 5. nest + pity
 6. pole + even
 7. gnat + chip
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3. B _ _ B _ _
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6. _ _ ADAC _ _

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Medicare Minute

"Medicare Part B Coverage"

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One of these other services covered by Part B is transportation by ambulance. Medicare covers and helps pay for ambulance services only if other types of transportation will endanger your health and will only cover and help pay for you to be transported to the nearest medical facility that's able to give you the care you need. If you choose to be transported to a facility farther away you may have to pay more.

Another service Part B covers is Durable Medical Equipment (DME). DME must be long lasting equipment that is used in your home for medical reasons and has an expected lifetime of at least 3 years. Medicare has a long list of equipment that falls under DME.

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

Medicare.gov list 23 screenings and shots that fall under preventive services. They include things such as mammogram screenings, colorectal cancer screenings and flu shots.

Part B has an annual deductible of \$203 and a coinsurance of 20%. This means that if you have Original Medicare only, with no other supplemental coverage, you will owe the first \$203 filed on Part B each year and, after the deductible is met, you will be responsible for 20% of the cost of Part B services you receive.

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Commentary

Third World...

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out of Afghanistan were an unprecedented disaster.

How desperate do people have to be to run alongside a plane on a runway? To climb onto the side of an airliner or ride the landing gear out of a country? At least seven died in varied and horrific ways.

The words US Air Force on that moving plane with hundreds of panicked people under, around, and on it may as well scrawl "Banana Republic" across our collective chest. It's no wonder that Afghan President Ashraf Ghani reportedly fled the country with over \$100 million in US cash.

I'm saddened for all those American patriots who gave lives, limbs, and years of life in efforts to forge a greater degree of freedom for the people in that region. Those who served in the dangerous positions of war deserve a lot better leadership and a better outcome than a rerun of Vietnam.

The conditions remain chaotic around Kabul's Hamid Karzai International Airport.

The Taliban controls the terminal and the side of the airport used for civil aviation. The US supposedly controls a military side of the field.

Of concern is that officials don't know the number of Americans now trapped in Kabul and the surrounding area. Estimates range from 5,000 - 30,000 or more.

Another 10,000 or more Afghans who aided US efforts and would face Taliban reprisal, are qualified for evacuation. However, the Taliban control all points of entry into the airport and areas surrounding it.

U.S. Embassy representatives in Kabul said last Wednesday the federal government and military cannot extend operations in Kabul to find trapped Americans and provide safe passage to the Kabul airport after Taliban extremists took

over the capital.

As of Thursday, British forces were supposedly running operations outside the airport to retrieve their citizens. Let's hope Americans aren't supposed to figure out the minefields of Taliban soldiers on their own.

Instead of getting our troops out - as was the objective, the US is planning on redeploying some 7,000 in Kabul. That too could be disastrous.

President Biden was on vacation when his world started to crumble. When he got back from Camp David... to make a statement, he was pointing fingers in all directions, including at Donald Trump. In an epic Freudian slip, Biden stumbled badly, saying, "In responding to every constituency... instead of contingency."

And we as the greatest independent nation in history are dependent on the cooperation of the Taliban for the lives and well-being of thousands of Americans.

What set of competent military brass would ever consider exiting such an incendiary situation before accounting for any remaining US civilians and support personnel? How is that possible with grown adults, much less our supposed best military minds?

It is clear that this administration is overrun with mediocrity. They are a group of elite academics and political hacks who are completely out of touch with reality. They cannot wrap their heads around that fact that Military = National Security, AND THAT'S IT.

In recent months these dolts in the White House, on Capitol Hill, and at the Pentagon have become too preoccupied with diversity quotas, social initiatives, climate change, and espousing the virtues of Critical Race Theory.

General Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Lloyd Austin, Secretary of Defense, and Antony Blinken Secretary of State are three who have no answers. They can't tell us what went wrong.

We all hate to ponder the predictable. A lot of Americans will likely end up dead or permanently unaccounted for. A lot of Afghan allies to whom we gave our word will end up dead and missing.

In return, we will end up back in armed warfare.

Reports have also surfaced of Taliban thugs kidnapping young girls and killing any civilians who have a Bible app on their phone.

And we are to believe the news media's assertion of what a Taliban spokesman said, "We will honor women's rights"...? The media failed to include the rest of the quote, "according to Islamic law." That tells us everything we need to know.

Nightmare scenarios were already surfacing hours into the siege.

We hold on to unrealistic assumptions that derelict regimes will be truthful simply because we want to wish peaceful relations into existence. We forget that Muslims are allowed to lie to all infidels if it furthers the cause of Islam.

This whole mess should have been non-existent. Then we could be turning our attention solely to the people of Haiti who really need our money, survival supplies, and prayers.

Anyone residing outside the US and seeing all the slanted "Capital Insurrection" news for the last eight months now has an unvarnished international perspective of where we are as a country.

More people died as a direct result of this one incident of American military aircraft buffoonery, than any total that can possibly be attributed to January 6. And this is far more of an international embarrassment, so all those on the left can CAN-IT.

After watching what transpired and understanding this is not representative of true national power, many international viewpoints will now fall more along the lines of, "Good grief, no wonder so many Americans didn't want that group of clowns in power"

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Savvy SENIOR

How to Choose an Adult Day Care Services Provider

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you offer any tips on choosing a good adult day care provider for an elderly parent? My 81-year-old father, who just moved in with me, has dementia and needs attention during the day while I'm at work.

Need Assistance

Dear Need,
Adult day care services can be a great option for caregivers who work, or for those who just need a break during the day. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you find and choose one.

Adult Day Care

The business of adult day care services has grown rapidly in recent years. According to the National Adult Day Services Association, there are upwards of 4,600 adult day centers across the U.S., the result of a 35 percent increase since 2002. Those centers provide services to more than 260,000 participants and family caregivers, which is a whopping 63 percent increase over the last two decades.

As the name implies, adult day care provides care for elderly seniors who cannot care for themselves at home. While services will vary from center to center, they typically provide personal care, meals and snacks, various activities and social interaction in a

safe supportive environment. Additionally, many centers also provide health services such as medication management, various therapies, exercise and transportation to and from the facility.

Adult day care centers generally operate programs during normal business hours five days a week. However, some centers may offer services in the evenings and on weekends, too.

Costs for care will vary as well, usually between \$25 to more than \$100 per day (the national average is \$75/day), depending on where you live.

Unfortunately, in most cases original Medicare does not pay for adult day care, but some Medicare Advantage plans, and many long-term care insurance policies do. But most seniors or their families pay for care out-of-pocket.

If your dad is lower income and can't afford this, state Medicaid programs provide financial assistance if he meets eligibility requirements, and some states have PACE programs that provide financial aid. Contact your state Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov) for more information. The VA even provides adult day care to eligible veterans enrolled in their Medical Benefits Package. See VA.gov/geriatrics to learn more.

How to Choose

Your first step in shopping

for an adult day center is to determine the kinds of services your dad needs, and you need as a caregiver. After you do that, here are some tips to help you locate and choose a good provider.

Start by contacting your Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 to get your local number) to get referrals to adult day service programs in your area. You can also search the National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA) database at NADSA.org/locator.

Once you have a list of a few centers, call them to find out their eligibility criteria, if they offer the types of services your dad needs, if they are accepting new clients, their hours of operation, if they're licensed and/or registered with a state agency (this is not required in all states) and what they charge.

After you identify a few good centers, go in for a visit. Find out about the staffing ratio (at least one staff member for every six participants is recommended) and what kind of training they have. While you're there, notice the cleanliness and smell of the facility. Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem friendly and knowledgeable? Also be sure to taste the food and consider making an unannounced visit.

To help you rate your visit, the NADSA offers a helpful checklist of questions to ask at NADSA.org – click on "Site Visit Checklist" under the "For Caregivers" tab.

Then, after your visit, be sure to check their references. Get names and

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What Happens At Social Security Disability Hearings?



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Requesting A Hearing

So, like the vast majority, claimants who wish to continue pursuing disability benefits, the next step in the process is requesting a hearing. While the possible approval rate does increase, the wait time is often lengthy. The Florence Alabama Office of Hearings Operations is one of the best in terms of process period, but the process itself still takes some time. Their current average is 283 days. That is way ahead of Honolulu's 472 and Tacoma's 502 days of processing time. Hawaii is apparently not always a paradise!

Two Pre-Hearing Conferences

While waiting for a hearing date, we will typically have at least two pre-hearing conferences. At the first we typically review the structure of the hearing, from which medical providers we need to order updates and complete a few documents the court requires. We then will schedule another prehearing conference to discuss potential testimony.

The actual hearings with social security are private, usually with only five people in attendance: the Judge, the claimant, the vocational expert and the court reporter and us (your attorney). There is no gallery of spectators listening in like in other courts and right now due to COVID, hearings are actually being held telephonically from the comfort of your home. The other participants will also be calling in from safe locations.

Direct Testimony

Usually, the Judge will start off with a few of what I call "softball" background questions, e.g. name, age, date of birth, address, telephone number, height, weight, level of education and so on. Then the Judge most often will hand it over to us, and we will elicit direct testimony from the claimant about what ails them, with what specifically

they have been diagnosed, what symptoms they present and ultimately how it all keeps them from effectively working full time. During the direct testimony, the Judge may ask some follow up questions.

What Does The Vocational Expert Do At A Hearing?

The Judge will then ask the vocational expert about the claimant's past work, what sort of education and physical abilities were required to perform them, etc. The vocational expert will then respond to a series of hypothetical questions from the Judge, such as:

- What is the claimant's age?
- What is the claimant's education? Work experience?
- If subjected to certain emotional or physical limitations, would the individual be able to perform his/her past or other work in the national and regional economy?

Other than saying hello, the vocational expert and court reporter usually don't have much interaction with the claimant.

The Ruling

The Judge typically won't issue a ruling at the close of the hearing as they are supposed to put everything in writing. Unfortunately, this can tack on additional months to the process depending on the Office of Hearings Operation's workload. The whole process as stated earlier just take time and sometime years if the Judge enters an unfavorable decision and you decide at that point to appeal further.

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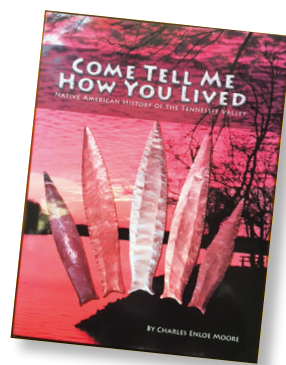
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Charles Moore was born and raised in Florence and attended what is now UNA and Auburn University.

Moore spent most of his career as an investment broker and branch manager with AG Edwards. He was project officer for the Indian Mound and Museum in Florence for over two decades and was later appointed City Archeologist. Moore was honored as archaeologist of the year by the Alabama archaeological society in 1974 and was named Shoals Citizen of the Year by the Shoals Chamber of Commerce in 2004.

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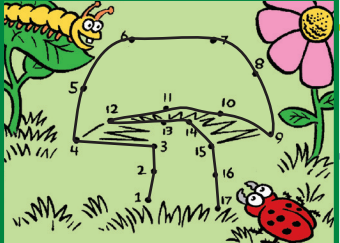
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Junior Whirl Answers

by Charles Barry Townsend

Illustrated by David Coulson

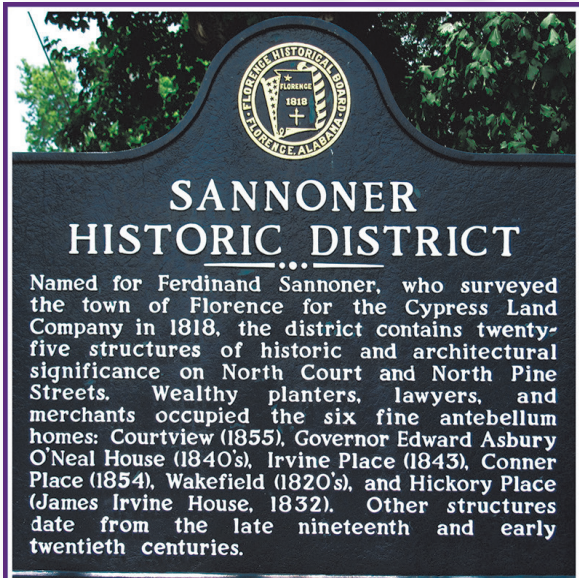
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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Ridge and Brooke got romantic. Sheila blackmailed Jack, exposing another bombshell secret. Steffy worried about Sheila showing up while she was away on business with Hope. Eric shared a long-hidden truth with Quinn. Carter informed Brooke and Ridge that he returned Quinn's portrait to Eric. Finn was enraged, and blindsided, by Jack's proposal regarding Sheila. Eric clapped back at Ridge and Brooke's outrage toward Quinn. *Wait to See: Steffy flips out when she finds Sheila holding baby Hayes. Finn is exposed for betraying Steffy's trust. Sheila attempts to maneuver her way out of her current mess.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES EJ made Xander a surprising offer. Julie was suspicious of Gwen. Paulina crashed Chanel's date with Johnny. Ben and Ciara shared a romantic celebration. Paulina and Abe had a breakthrough. Things heated up between Chanel and Johnny. Tripp's romantic declaration to Allie turned awkward. Gwen and Xander hit the sheets. Ava and Rafe tangled over his friendship with Nicole. Gabi stirred up trouble for Ava. Philip flipped out when he learned

that Chloe was going to New York with Brady. Gabi and Jake snooped around for ammo to use against Philip. Justin and Bonnie moved forward with wedding plans. Realizing she was coming between Rafe and Ava, Nicole made a tough decision. Allie and Tripp made plans to meet Chanel's new man. *Wait to See: Johnny entices Tony and Anna to invest in his movie. Justin asks Steve to be his best man. Bonnie's past comes back to haunt her.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Brook Lynn questioned Chase's actions. Sam sought out Anna's help. Ned attempted to negotiate with Austin. Laura received some alarming news. Jason tried to calm Carly's nerves. Liz inadvertently caused tension between Britt and Terry. Nina received an unwelcome visitor. Carly and Jax tried to be civil to one another for Joss' sake. Austin saw Michael in a new light. Willow faced Chase. While Sonny tended to Phyllis, Nina was backed into a corner. Jason and Josslyn talked about the mounting tensions between Carly and Jax. Britt and Obrecht found something to celebrate. Finn received a wonderful surprise. Nina reached out for help. Nikolas was heartbroken by Ava's decision. *Wait to See: Spencer pays his great aunt Alexis a visit at Spring Ridge. Carly senses some old feelings rising to the surface. Scott notices Austin showing an interest in Maxie.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor settled some unfinished business with Ashland. Nikki struck a nerve with Victoria. Lily discovered Billy had been keeping a secret. Rey uncovered a clue about Mariah's whereabouts. Devon and Nate pointed Moses in the right direction. Traci shared a new project with Jack. Victor and Nikki found that they had a difference of opinion. Sally spied on Jack and Phyllis. Mariah's situation took an unexpected turn. Devon shared his suspicions with Victor. Sharon wanted justice for Mariah. *Wait to See: Rey and Kevin connect the dots. Abby takes matters into her own hands. Devon makes a shocking discovery.*

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Tracy

Dear Tracy,
I don't know much about current COVID-19 restrictions in South Carolina, but this sounds suspicious to me. I'm also thinking your property manager is kind of a wuss, but I have the spiritual gift of cynicism.

I'm old school, and if I own a house, I'd like to go in it any time I want—



for a job, then I'll show a lot of compassion and back off a little. I'll try to work with them to resolve things in a way that's good for everyone. But if they're just playing games or misbehaving and using COVID-19 as an excuse on top of that, I'd have no problem removing them.

I think you need to dig a little deeper on this one. Check the current laws in South Carolina, especially any laws concerning a possible eviction moratorium and get in touch with a good real estate attorney. There are times when we're called upon to be understanding and generous. But I have very little tolerance for someone who tries to take advantage of me.
— Dave

**Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and 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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I thought that I would get your attention. There is little good news right now so let me offer some advice.

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Don't forget Claunch Café in Spring Park. It's all good there and the strawberry frozen delight is so good!

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Jacks across from Alabama Outdoors has brisket nachos. That's right, brisket nachos! They are great and the movie posters are fascinating.

The bakery in 7-Points down from Peck Ace Hardware is fabulous and their Amish muffins are great for breakfast. We split, butter and toast them.

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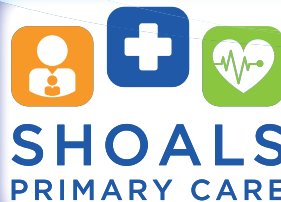
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A Disastrous U.S. Blunder

Editor:

Here I sit on Sunday, August 15 watching the day's news and the Taliban in Afghanistan have entered the capitol, Kabul, "...awaiting the peaceful transfer of power..."!

What? Is this de ja vu of Iraq and Vietnam or what? After ten years of war in that desolate foreign land, we are "turning tail and running" leaving a war torn nation to the Taliban insurgents. In October 2001, President George W. Bush sent troops to invade Afghanistan. Militarily, little has been accomplished there since. We have seen Presidents Bush, Obama, and Trump come and go, and now the directionless non-leadership of Joe Biden. Soon after taking office Biden announced a complete withdrawal of the remaining 2,500 troops by August 31. Today, he apparently has reversed that order. While it is vague exactly what his goal is, and is sending 6,000 Marines back in to make an, "orderly withdrawal" of Americans.

Afghanistan has been a thorn in humanity's side ever since Alexander the Great conquered it in 330 B.C. In the 1970's, the USSR failed miserably in



trying to seize the nation militarily, turning tail and fleeing for home after just a few years of catastrophic losses and humiliation.

With little doubt, the incursions into Afghanistan in the past have been driven political causes-not to protect the interest of the invaders! So, what do we tell the mothers, wives, and children of the 2,401 Americans killed in Afghanistan? Just as in Iraq and Vietnam, how can the political hacks spin their sacrifice as "noble and patriotic", when after years of warring and staggering losses we throw up our hands and run for home - in effect, surrendering? One would think that at some

point we would realize our errors and mistakes, but apparently not!

Take a look at these two photos: One is the evacuation of Vietnam in 1975. The other the evacuation of Kabul, Afghanistan last week.

De ja vu or what? The saddest aspect of these two photos is in both situation we "turned tail and left the positions to the enemy!"

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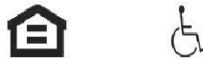


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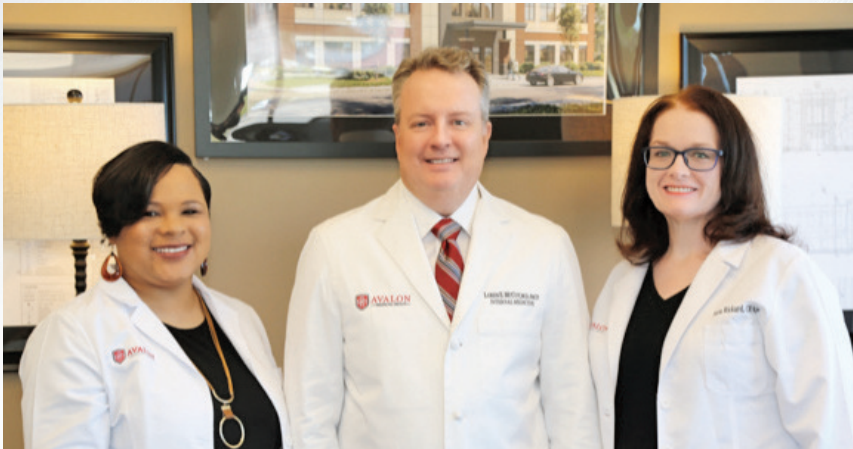


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The Friends Bookstore, located in the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, is now accepting donations of books and recent magazines. Bring your donations by the back entrance of the library on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10am-2pm, and you will find a volunteer or library staff member to assist you. The Friends ask that you limit your donation to 20 items during this time and that donated items be in good condition. Items that the bookstore cannot accept include: encyclopedias, condensed books, cassette tapes, LP records, catalogues, and magazines older than 2 years old.

Donations are vital to the library and the bookstore, as the profit from the sales made in the Friends Bookstore provide the community with free services, materials, and programs. For more information, call 256-764-6564 ext. 126, or visit www.flpl.org

Renewed Spirits is hosting a benefit dinner at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center featuring Elizabeth Smart on September 28. Renewed Spirits is a nonprofit counseling service that works with the underserved in our community through various programs.

The keynote speaker for the evening will provide a night of encouragement and hope for attendees. Elizabeth Smart was set to graduate middle school in 2002 when she was taken from her home in Salt Lake City, Utah and held captive for close to a year. However, this was a rare horror story with a happy ending, as the clues led to the teenager's safe return. Elizabeth will be sharing her story of hope, healing, and never giving up. Sponsorship packages are available beginning at \$500 which include dinner before event, reserved seating for event, and recognition on all marketing/media/signage, and a thank you on social media.

General admission for event is \$50 and does not include dinner. For more information, call 256-335-4062 or visit www.serenitycounselingshoals.org

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, September 18 10am-noon Speakers: Author Bill Clemmons; FlorAla editor Brooke Freunds Schuh

For more information, please email, shoalswritersguild@gmail.com

WoodmenLife Charity Tournament benefiting Local Elementary Schools Back Pack Program on October 11, 1pm Shotgun Start at Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club.

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More information, contact Rocky Beck 256-710-7133 or Adam Beck 256-762-6499.

Pay it Forward: Donate to Educate. Shoals Scholar Dollars is an Education Foundation raising money to pay tuition at Northwest Shoals Community College and transfer scholarships to the University of North Alabama for Lauderdale and Colbert County students who meet certain criteria. Donate to Scholar Dollars at any participating financial institution the second Friday of each month.

2021 Shoals Walk to End Alzheimer's - October 24 at 2pm at McFarland Park - 200 James M Spain Dr in Florence

Registration at 1pm | Ceremony at 2pm | Walk Immediately Following
Walk to End Alzheimer's is full of flowers, each carried by someone committed to raising funds and awareness for a breakthrough in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Whether you join us in person or Walk From Home, your participation makes a difference in the lives of those facing the disease.

The Route Length is a flat 2 miles. Contact: Jen Manning at 256-655-5460 or email jkmanning@alz.org for details

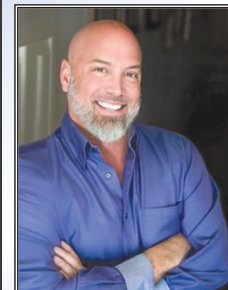
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Things Have Changed Since You Learned to Drive

If you have a child taking driver's ed, it's time to learn the latest updates to the subject.

If you've been driving for 20 or more years, you know how to teach your teenager the driving basics, right? Maybe. But some things have changed since you took driver's education. If you have a new teen driver in your house, here's a look at new developments.

Hand Position On Steering Wheel

Lower your hands. You probably learned to keep your hands at the 10 and 2 o'clock positions on the steering wheel. Today, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommends drivers put their hands at the 9 and 3 o'clock positions. One reason for the change is to potentially keep hands out of the way if the airbag deploys.



Now to execute a turn, your teen will be advised to 'push up' on one side of the wheel while 'pulling down' on the other.

Turn Everything Off

Today's distractions include more than just a radio. It's likely your teen will have a cell phone when he or she drives. Remind your teen to never text while driving, and encourage them to pull over before making a call. Even with hands-free devices, taking or making phone calls, searching for tunes on a media player or playing the radio too loudly all contribute to heightened risks for new and experienced drivers alike. Be a good role model for your teen.

Gradually Learn To Drive

Familiarize yourself with the graduated drivers licensing (GDL) laws in your state. Today's learning drivers have new limits for such things as the age at which they can get their learner's permit or license, the hours they can drive and the number of passengers they can carry. These laws limit the exposure of teen drivers to the most dangerous situations before being given an unrestricted license. And according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, GDL laws have reduced teen crashes by 57% from 1996 to 2018.

Keep Your Distance

You may have been taught to keep one car length per every 10 MPH between your vehicle and the one ahead of you. Today, instructors recommend a simpler three-second rule: Keeping an eye on the car in front of you, spot a fixed object that's even with that car. Then count how long it takes for your vehicle to reach the same object. If it's less than three seconds, allow more following distance behind the vehicle ahead.

Remember The Basics

Today's vehicles are far more 'intelligent' than the cars you grew up driving. And while many of the features are designed to keep drivers safer, such as anti-skid controls, automated parallel parking and sensors that stop a car before collision, it's always a good idea for teens to learn to make their own decisions and react to different driving situations.

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