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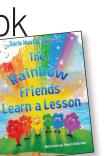
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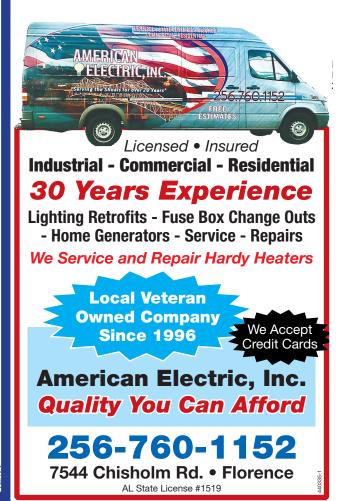
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the undeniable shortcomings of the family court system. With events being planned around the country, the objective for the 2021 efforts will be focused on starting conversations between survivors and elected officials with the ultimate goal of finding solutions and making changes. More information can be found @ https:// www.familycourtawarenessmonth.com/ pressroom

Want to list your event in Community be Notes? Email your information to

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Will nost its Failing into winter concert Thursday, Saturday, December 2-4, at 7pm in the Lou B. Bevill Center on the NW-SCC Phil Campbell Campus. The Concert will feature the NW-SCC Show Choir, Vocal Point, directed by Jonathon

Admission for the concert will be \$8 and children 12 and under will be free. NW-SCC employees and students will be admitted free with a valid college ID. Tickets must be purchased in advance for each show online at https://bit.lv/3Dvlgux.

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 Also, the landfill will - \$25 for both days.

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Florence Lauderdale Animal Services will again host the 2nd Annual Santa

Chloe's Fund. The second weekend is on Saturday and Sunday, December 3-4, from 11am-5pm each day. Everything is reasonably priced and you can find gifts for family and friends! The Florence Lauderdale Animal Services (FLAS) Building is located at 3240 Roberson Road in the Florence Industrial Park. All sales benefit Chloe's Fund which provides financial assistance for sick and/or injured financial assistance for sick and/or injured shelter animals

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Each Polar Express event will start at 6pm. with festive family fun at the Riz Theatre complex, which will be decked out for the season! Participants will get to ride a trolley with Santa, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, and make an ornament to hang on The Ritz's Christmas tree. Then, at 7pm evervone will watch The Polar Express on The Ritz's big screen

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Florian Town Hall at 256-767-3690

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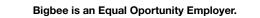
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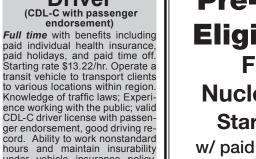
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Metcalf's



Orange wore orange boots

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that friendship does not depend on a person's color. Metcalf's writings also included years of local

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Commentary

A Few Reasons To Be Thankful

espite a few isolated pockets of unrest and some absolute craziness going on in official places, Americans have so much to be thankful for. This is especially true for those of us tucked away in northwest Alabama. Let's touch on a few of these. Our drinking water is clean, and there is

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Words

TOM MAGAZZU

Editor

plenty of food to go around if we distribute it wisely. Our air is clean, and greenspaces and wildlife are abundant.

For the most part we can still speak our minds without fear. In other socialist/ communist countries, you and your family can disappear to a political prison camp if you say something disrespectful about

those in leadership positions. We can be thankful for family that is still around, bull-headed or not. We can also be thankful for great memories from the relationships that we once cherished.

Opportunity here is endless. We may not all start on even ground. However, we can take advantage of our public education system and work hard for good grades. We can learn a well-paying trade or earn college scholarships

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TUSCUMBIA The Tuscumbia Civitan Club's 2021 Christmas Ornament features Commercial Row, located on the north side of West Fifth Street, between Main and Water Streets. It is the 26th ornament in the on-



historical sites and landmarks in the community.

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Cherokee Tribal Identity



FLORENCE-The Florence Arts and Museums Speaker Series is a monthly program meant to inspire conversations about the history and culture of north Alabama, with a focus on how the past shapes the present. This month Anita Flanagan will deliver her presentation, The impact of Trail of Tears on Tribal

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Holiday Season Says to Decorate

TUSCUMBIA - The Tennessee Valley Art Association is hosting a fresh holiday decorating event on Monday, November, 29. The event will take place in the Ritz Studio Annex in downtown Sheffield, AL from 6–8pm. Guests will have the opportunity to watch demonstrations

- by Diane Carroll-Rowell of Something Ele'Gant
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Editor:

Investing in soil health on the farm through implementation of conservation practices helps build resilience in the face of our changing climate. These investments can range from in-field management practices

to retiring marginal land in perennials or wetlands.

Across the nation, farmers and ranchers are finding that a key component to building a brighter future for rural America lies beneath our feet. Focusing on soil health when making management decisions can benefit a farmer's operation, and it has implications beyond their farm.

In order to improve soil health and sequester carbon, farmers across the nation are implementing practices,

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such as no-till, cover crops, extended rotation, prairie strips and buffers, forest buffers, wetlands, and retiring land to prairie or grasslands.

Many are using cost-share payments from their state and from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Service Resources Conservation and carbon sequestration payments to finance these conservation investments.

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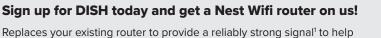
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Monthly Book Club Discussions a the Florence Lauderdale Public Library 350 N. Wood Ave. Florence. For more infc contact: 256-764-6564 ext.136 or katie@ fipl.org.

fipl.org. Thursday, December 16, 5:30pm "Christmas in Peachtree Bluff" by Kristy Woodson Harvey

Decorate..

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This will be a lively and festive event for anyone who wants to get ideas for their

own holiday decorating, or for anyone who enjoys watching someone create something beautiful. Carroll-Rowell plans for this mini-workshop style

demonstration to be a great opportunity to revisit times past. "I want to create an

atmosphere of joy and excitement for the holiday

season," said Carroll-Rowell. "I want less focus on the glitz and more on the natural, easily accessible decorations I used as a kid. We all need joy more than anything right now, and bringing back the feelings of the old holiday season is something I think could do a great deal of good."

Tickets for the event are \$15. Each ticket includes one drink voucher, and there will be refreshments and a cash bar available. Guests are invited to eat, drink, and chat while they watch decorating the holiday demonstration. The Ritz Studio Annex is located directly next door to the Ritz Theatre. Tickets must be purchased in advance as seating is limited.

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Stutts Sets 106 Year Long-Lewis Record!

Since the beginning of Long-Lewis Automotive Group in 1915, records have been kept for sales consultants' monthly sales totals. Blake Stutts recently set a new record by selling a total of 57.5 vehicles in October 2021! The previous record was held by Don Mathews when he sold 53.5 in August 2006 and before that Jeff Jones sold 52 in March of 1995.

When asked what led to the success in setting the new record, Blake said, "Hard work, dedication, sacrifice, and my desire to never settle. I have a strong belief in 100% customer satisfaction, and going the extra mile for anyone who trusts me as their sales consultant. I also wouldn't be able to do what I do month to month, or set this record without the help of my amazing colleagues and team members within our Long-Lewis Automotive Group."

Over the years it's common for our sales consultants to sell 20+, 30+ and on occasion even 40+ vehicles a month, but only 3 people have the distinction of selling over 50 vehicles in a single month, Blake Stutts - 57.5, Don Mathews - 53.5, and Jeff Jones - 52.

"Our atmosphere and culture at Long-Lewis cannot be duplicated. I believe in our **Customer Centered Buying** Process. Our best price up front, no hidden fees or mark ups, non-commissioned salespeople, best offer on your trade the first time, and a 3 day/300 mile money back guarantee. It makes the customer experience stress free, and it helps me as a sales consultant to meet their needs while they feel confident and supported in their purchase," continues Blake.

"I am thrilled for Blake, but



Pictured left to right: Jeff Jones, Blake Stutts, Don Mathews

know others will someday break his record as well. We have the best of the best. If you have integrity, and are willing to work hard, and treat people with the respect they deserve, you can shatter records," states Todd Ouellette, President/CEO Long-Lewis Automotive Group.

The Long-Lewis name has a very rich history of customer and employee satisfaction that focuses on creating a work environment that promotes employee longevity, and one that strives for complete customer satisfaction. "Our honesty, integrity and no-nonsense way of doing business has led to us being awarded more Presidents' Awards for customer satisfaction than any other dealer in the Nation," states Todd. In fact, Ford Motor Company has recognized Long-Lewis as the #1 Dealership in the Nation in Customer Satisfaction. "This

was a huge accomplishment and one in which we take much pride," continues Todd.

According to a recent National Automobile **Dealers Association (NADA)** Dealership Workforce Study Industry Report, the National average automotive sales staff turnover rate is 62%. Long-Lewis is less than 10% making the average tenure over 6 times the National average. Not surprising since Long-Lewis has been recognized as being one of the 'Top 100 Best Dealerships' to work for in the Nation by Automotive News multiple times.

"Our employees are equally as important to us as our customers. The fact that our employees are happy and therefore positive and productive, led to us being rated the number one dealership Nationally by Ford Motor Company in customer satisfaction," states Todd. Long-Lewis retails more

than 1,000 vehicles a month and delivers another 600plus units each month to the fleet and wholesale markets. According to a recent National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Annual Contribution of Alabama's Vehicle Dealerships Report, the Long-Lewis organization's annual sales volume is 11 times larger than that of the average dealership. This makes the organization by far the largest automotive retailer in Alabama.

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Commercial Row during the Indian Removal ("Trail of Tears") of the 1830's. Capt. A. H. Keller, father of Helen Keller, edited and published a prominent weekly newspaper, The North Alabamian, in one of the buildings during the late 1800's. The builder is unknown, but the design suggests Zebulum Pike Morrison of Florence.

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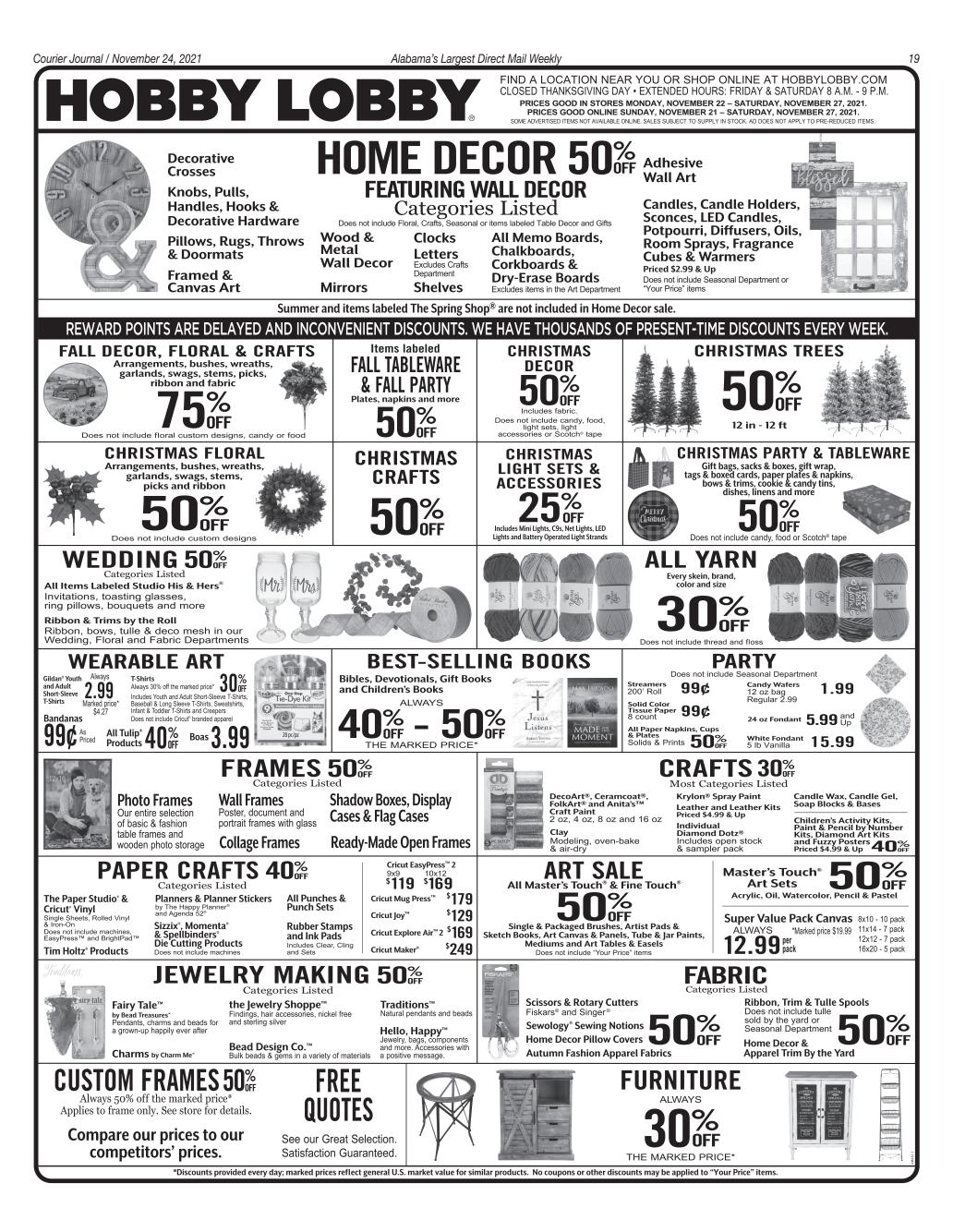


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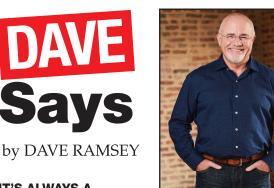


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Identity for the Cherokee, at 2pm on Sunday, November 28, at the Florence Indian Mound Museum.

Born Anita Kay Smith, on the Qualla Boundary of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian in North Carolina commonly known as Cherokee NĆ, Anita's family moved to Alabama when she was in elementary school. She spent her summers back in Cherokee with her grandmother learning her heritage and culture. As an adult, Anita attended UNA and then opened home-based business where she does sewing, alterations, and creates Native American cultural clothing and dance regalia. For 16 years she was a participating artist with the Oka Kapassa Indian Festival, 6 of which she served as a Board Member and Co-Chair. Anita is currently a Board Member and Secretary for the Alabama Chapter of the Trail Of Tears Association. This program sponsored by the City of

Florence Department of Arts and Museums and the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center Volunteers. The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 S. Court St. Florence, AL UPGRADE THE VALUE OF and is open, Tuesday -Saturday from 10am-4pm fence lines and around and Sundays from 1pm- Free Estimates, 256-366-0966. 4pm. Call 256-760-6427 for

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One important part of a drug plan is the deductible phase of the plan. A deductible is the amount of money you must pay out of your pocket before your plan will begin to pay. For example, if your plan has a \$480 deductible you may have to pay the first \$480 before the plan will pay. The good news is plans treat deductibles differently. Some plans have deductibles on all tiers of drugs. On some plans the deductible only pertains to tier 3, 4 or 5 drugs but not tier 1 or 2 drugs. Other plans have no deductible at all. The way to know if your plan has a deductible on the prescriptions you are taking is to look at the plan's Formulary to find your drug's tier and the Summary of Benefits to see if you have a deductible.

You will also want to know if the plan requires you to pay a coinsurance on any of your prescriptions. A coinsurance is a percentage you will pay on your prescription. A lot of plans have a coinsurance on tier 4 and tier 5 prescriptions. This means if you have a coinsurance of 20% on your prescription, and the prescription retails for \$500, you would pay 20% or \$100. Next week we will look at copays, formularies and provider networks.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not



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clown acts caused me to

In 1939, The Wizard of Oz

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mystical land of Oz. Dorothy, the little girl, followed the yellow-brickroad to the emerald city looking for the Wizard of Oz who could help her get

back home. With the help of tin man, a scarecrow, and a lion, she found *The Wizard of Oz* only to learn he could not help as he was pretending to be a wizard. I noticed something

similar after Biden became President and made public appearances. He rarely made impromptu statements. He's seen reading from teleprompters, papers or cue cards, and viewing his watch.

Speaking without а script, there is mostly unintelligible gibberish. He would say "look man" or "here's the deal." When meeting with world leaders he reads his message from cue cards.

Then it hit me, in *The Wizard of Oz*, a booming loud voice came from behind an image everyone thought was the Wizard. Accidentally discovered curtain was behind a a mortal man on a microphone pretending to be the wizard.

Biden is a mortal man elected as President and somewhere behind the

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With health care a significant cost concern throughout retirement, it can make a difference if you are able to improve upon your current coverage. Here are five important steps to follow during open enrollment season.

#1 - Assess your existing coverage

#1 – Assess your existing coverage Think about the coverage you have today and whether you are satisfied with it. Pay attention to the premiums your plan will charge for 2022. Keep in mind that costs for Medicare Part B and Part D prescription drug plans will increase as well next year. Know that you don't have to settle for your existing plan, but you also want to carefully woich your options before any changes are to carefully weigh your options before any changes are made.

#2 – Know what is available to you

If you are interested in making changes, be sure you know how much flexibility is available to you. If you currently have coverage with a Medicare Advantage plan and want to consider switching to a different Advantage plan, you have the flexibility to do so. If you want to switch from original Medicare (Parts A and B) and a supplemental plan (Medigap) to Medicare Advantage, you can do that as well. If you want to drop your Medicare Advantage coverage and enroll in original Medicare, you may have a gap that will be more difficult to fill. Moving to another Medigap policy to supplement your original Medicare coverage may require a health assessment to determine eligibility and rates and require a standalone Part D prescription drug plan.

#3 - Determine if your needs in 2022 will change

Circumstances for you could change in 2022. You may suddenly encounter a need for more medical coverage or some form of specialized care. You may already have ideas on specific treatments you plan to pursue in the coming year. Make sure you've chosen the right kind of coverage to help meet those expenses. If your prescription drug needs may change, you'll want to assess how your current Part D coverage stacks up against other plans as it relates to your specific prescription needs.

#4 – Don't be afraid to seek help If you want help in the process, look to financial professionals who specialize in health insurance or, more specifically, Medicare plans, to guide you. This is a complex topic with a wide range of options for regular and supplemental coverage as well as prescription drug coverage. Check with your key medical providers to make sure a different plan will still provide coverage for their services.

#5 – Get the ball rolling

You have until December 7 to make changes, but it's best to start now. Give yourself enough time to assess your current coverage and review other options that are available to you. Be sure to list out questions you might have about your existing coverage and any new policies you consider. Don't be afraid to ask current and potential future providers direct questions you may have about the coverage they provide.

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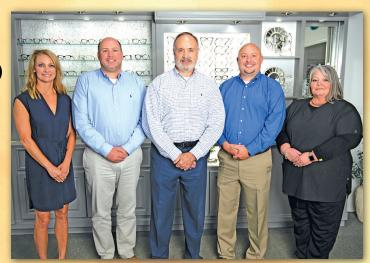


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best snare is one that gets the eyes. The drive now is to eat, drink, and be merry & stay in a good comfort zone, be tolerant, do nothing, and don't make waves, follow your heart and let your conscience be your guide. Do these things and you will be lollygagged straight to hell for sure. Our heads are full of garbage. There is no room for sane, sound reasoning. How many people are you dragging to hell behind you?

My advice to you is: #1. Turn off the TV. #2. Open a King James Bible. #3. Ask God to open your heart and Jesus Christ to forgive you and fill you with His salvation and wisdom and peace and Christ will do it. What we see hypnotizes us to where we become blinded to the truth of what's happening to us and we allow the entertainment of the world to damn our soul and wake up in hell wondering what happened. God loves us and wants to save our souls and to live forever with Him in heaven. May God Almighty wake up your family today. Don't let what you are seeing put you in hell forever. Life ends. Tomorrows end. Eternity lasts forever. This life is just a blink of the eye compared to eternity. Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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gadgets we use. This shortage has led to chaos in areas of the economy as well as some scams out there that you should be aware of as we ramp up to the Christmas



Jim Fisher

shipping season. From Wikipedia: "An integrated circuit (also referred to as an IC, a chip, or a microchip) is a set of electronic circuits on one small flat piece (or "chip") of semiconductor material, usually silicon.'



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The lockdowns all over the planet during the COVID-19 pandemic are reportedly the main cause of the chip shortage. Chip production facilities sent everyone home and were shut down leading

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to the depletion of inventories. To make matters worse, with more people studying and working from home during the pandemic there has been a dramatic demand for computers, monitors, network peripherals, and home entertainment internet services.

To top it all off, most industries expected a slow in demand when this pandemic first started so they cut back on orders for stuff. Turns out people still wanted their stuff and then some so manufacturers were caught with their pants down. The entire planet received a free graduate-level economics course on the immutable laws of supply and demand.

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\$50 premium above pre-pandemic prices. Christmas demand is going to push that up a little more. In fact, virtually all computer parts and gadgets have risen anywhere from 10% to 50%. Any gadget with advanced graphics capabilities such as game consoles and advanced graphics cards has doubled in price.

All this chaos has brought out scammers looking to cash in on people desperate to find a good deal. So, while shopping online, I hope you'll thoroughly investigate any deal that looks too good to be true.

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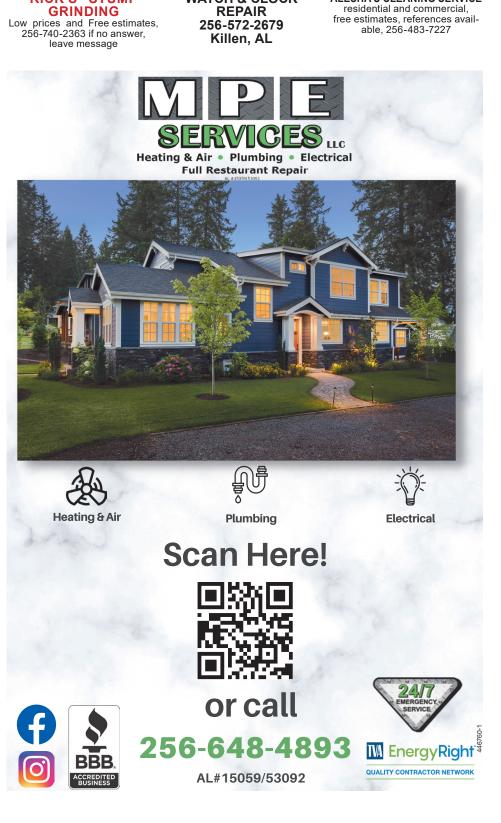
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THE BOLD AND THE his father's deception. Sheila used Jack's pain and disappointment to her advantage. A shaken Paris confessed Thomas' proclamation to Carter. Brooke and Ridge hosted a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for Steffy, Finn, Hope, Liam, Carter, Paris and Zende. Meanwhile, Deacon and Sheila ate Chinese food in her hotel room, lamenting how they would be spending the holiday with their kids if not for the pesky Forresters. Separately, and Deacon Sheila fantasized about having a perfect Thanksgiving with

their family. Wait to See: On Nov. 25, "B&B" airs a repeat of Steffy and Finn's wedding. DAYS OF OUR LIVES

- On Thanksgiving Day in Salem, Julie, Shawn and Belle anxiously awaited the ruling on Doug's power of attorney. The Devil tried to corrupt John. A desperate Sami managed to contact a loved one. Nicole turned to EJ for comfort. Gabi was upset that Rafe was giving Ava another chance. Kayla and Steve grilled Marlena about Doug and John. Olivia blasted Paulina for her actions. Johnny had a romantic offer for Chanel. possessed Marlena A ordered Susan to kill John. Julie shared an emotional reunion with Doug. An angry Paulina tangled with the Devil. Steve got a lead on John. EJ, Anna and Tony's quiet holiday erupted in chaos. Wait to See: Marlena crashes Thanksgiving dinner at the Horton house. Julie and Marlena have a major showdown. Ciara and Ben Thanksgiving celebrate together.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Tensions heightened on Cassadine Island. Maxie

supported Brando. Brook Lynn was shocked by Chase's proclamation. Nina awaited word at

Charlie's. Jax unexpectedly ran into Carly. Sasha received a surprise visitor. Sonny and Carly decided to put aside their differences with Gladys. Brook Lynn and Chase planned their next move. Valentin vowed to help Maxie. Those on Cassadine Island anxiously awaited news. Sam and Dante enjoyed their first Thanksgiving as a couple. Curtis opened up to Portia. Wait to See: Brook Lynn spins a new story for Ned. Olivia tracks down Austin. Finn learns some surprising news from Chase.

THE RESTLESS and Ashley found themselves at odds with each other. Noah opened up about his past. Jack surprised Phyllis. Victoria and Ashland made a power move. turned to Elena for help. Lily made a distress call.

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My employer told me that I had to get the COVID vaccinate or be terminated. I declined to get vaccinated and was terminated. *Is there anything I can do?*

Anonymous

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State that offers very much in the way of worker protection. Keep in mind that federal protections under the Equal Employment Opportunity Act are always applicable in every state. No state has the right to diminish federal protections such as race,

Alabama is not a

color, religion, sex or age. Every state has the right to expand those protections as they see fit.

The only additional protection Alabama offers employees is under the Alabama Workers Compensation Act which provides that a worker may not be fired making a claim under the Worker's Compensation Act.

Alabama is an "at will" employment state. That means that absent a contract any worker may be fired for "good cause, bad cause or no cause at all".

In all honesty, I do not know how this will shake out because it has not been directly addressed by a court. Certainly, people are entitled to weigh their options and make their own choices. I suspect that eventually the federal mandate will be declared unconstitutional.

The real question is not whether or not an employer can fire you, because they can (and did) but whether or not the recent legislation passed by the Alabama Legislature would allow you to draw unemployment. I do not know the answer to that question.

Buckle up, drive safely, and as always, your referrals are appreciated! 256-764-0112

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