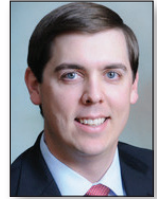


**Jordan Takes
FSB Position**

FLORENCE – Trent Jordan, First Southern Bank's former Senior Vice President, has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer of the company.

Jordan earned his Bachelor of Commerce and Business Administration degree at the University of Alabama with a major in Accounting. He acquired a Master's in Accountancy from the University of Alabama, and later obtained his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license.



Jordan

Jordan joined Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC in 2009 as a CPA, but his education did not stop. He graduated from Alabama Banking School in 2014, from Tennessee Bankers Association Commercial Lending School in 2015, Tennessee Bankers Association Advanced Commercial Lending School in 2016, and from Alabama Bankers Association Bank Executive Leadership Program in 2018.

Jordan has been with FSB since June 2018 as the Senior Vice President. He was responsible for commercial and industrial loan production in the Shoals market and overseeing the investment portfolio of the bank.

Jordan's community involvement includes being a member of the Riverhill School Board and as its Treasurer, Vice-Chairman of NACOLG's Revolving Loan Fund Committee, and a member of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce and Shoals Home Builders Association.

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FLORENCE-- Professional magician and PBS TV star, Steve Trash, recently announced the schedule for the first ever River City Magic Camp this summer. Registration for this exciting week-long event is now open and kids 8-12 years old are in for a truly magical time! Riverhill School at 2710 Darby Drive in Florence will host the camp every morning from 8:30-11:30 July 11-15, 2022.

"We're looking to make this an epic annual event for kids in the Shoals!" Steve Trash said. "There are so many benefits that can come from learning magic. These include self-confidence, better communication skills, and even

improved interpersonal non-screen connections," he added.

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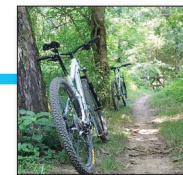
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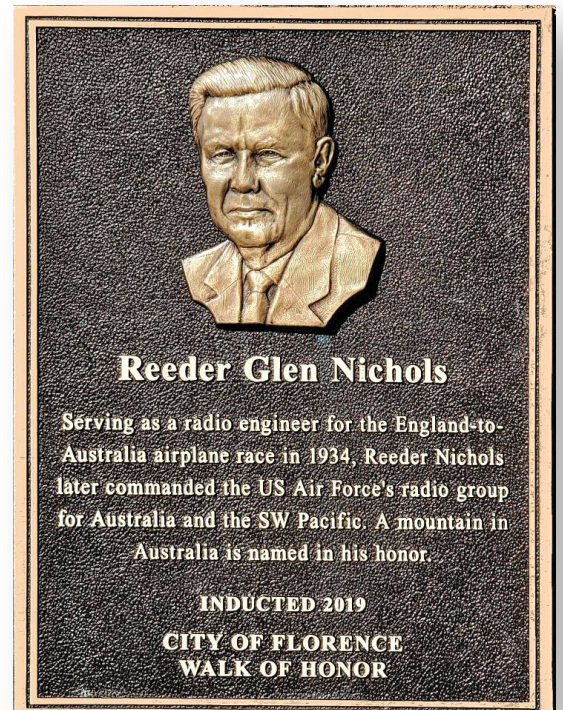
SHOALS— The Kappa Nu Lambda chapter of the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will host their 30th Annual Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast on Monday, January 17 at 8am. This event would typically take place at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center. The accelerated rate of Covid diagnosis has necessitated the move to presenting the program in a virtual format. The program will take place live via social media and other media outlets to include WZZA Radio. This year's theme

is, "Reuniting Our Community Through Unarmed Truth and Unconditional Love." The speaker will be **Richard T. Williams**, a pastor from Montgomery and community activist.

Tables of ten are traditionally offered for \$275 or individual tickets for \$25. Event proceeds are used to fund programs that benefit area students. Alpha Phi Alpha is hoping supporters will provide their normal contribution to the event, and that many more from the community will contribute as a single ticket attendee. Visit Shoals Area Alphas Facebook page or call WZZA Radio at 256-381-1862 to sign-up.

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Thursday at noon at the library. Guests are welcome and lunch is available for a nominal fee.

There will be a ribbon cutting and open house at the Burrell School Gym on West College Street, Florence on Friday, January 14th beginning at 2pm, immediately followed by an open house at the Burrell School Museum on West Cherokee Street. The public is invited to come. For more information, call 256-810-3305

Community Shuttle - January 15, 10am-Noon, Walmart and Hometown. For more information or to schedule a pickup, please contact Mark Linder 256-412-9086 or Kaytrina Simmons 256-349-3879. There will be limited seating.

The Batting Brigade Quilt Guild meets every 2nd Monday at 9:30am at Edgemont Methodist Church, 1330 Eauclaire Ave in Florence. Everyone interested in Quilting is welcome - from beginners to expert.

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Kids' Roles for Charlotte's

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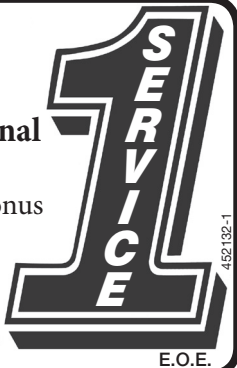
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Guest Opinion-Editorial

Democrats Gin Up January 6 Hysteria

to Pass Election Rigging Bill

Democrat leaders in Congress were ginning up hysteria as the one-year anniversary of the January 6 Capitol breach approached to pass a bill that would transform our elections and give Democrats permanent majorities in all three branches of government. In addition, Democrats' faux-outrage deflects from the root causes of the breach. This includes four years of multiple attempts by Democrats to overturn the 2016 election results, loose election laws, and lax Capitol security.

However, to pass their election rigging bill, Democrats first need to eliminate the Senate filibuster. That would allow them to pass the bill with only a simple majority of votes rather than 60 votes needed to overcome a presumed Republican filibuster.

Senate Majority Leader Mr. Schumer sent a letter to his Senate colleagues last Monday denouncing the 60-vote rule for most legislation (which he's made use of throughout his career) and says the Senate will "consider changes to Senate rules on or before January 17"

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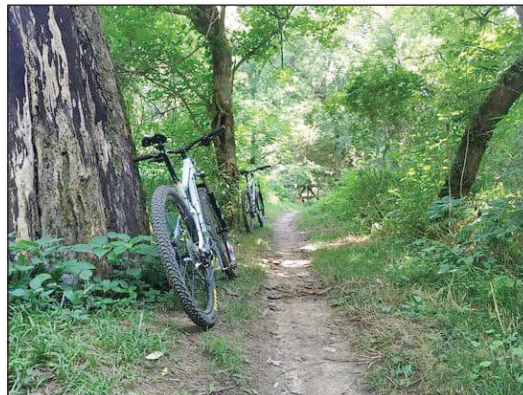
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be at the Spinning Spoke Cycle Hub, at 221 N. Seminary St in downtown Florence on Thursday, January 13 at 6pm.

The group will practice the following Sunday, January 16 at 2pm at the Joe Wheeler

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THIS YEAR THE LORETTO, TN. ARTIFACT SHOW will take place at the St. Joseph, TN Civic Center due to the ongoing construction at the Loretto facility. The date is Saturday, January 15 from 8am-4pm. Setup is from noon- 7pm on Friday and 6-8am on Saturday. There is no charge for admission. No fake artifacts are allowed. The Loretto Band Boosters will have concessions to raise money for the band. The Civic Center is at 10 Park Drive in St. Joseph. For more information, call Roy McKey at 931-762-7541.

PENNY FREEMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE MEAL BARREL in Sheffield, will speak at the Tusculumbia Civitans at their next meeting, Thursday, January 13 at noon at the Helen Keller Library. The Meal Barrel is a non-profit agency which hands out food to hundreds of people each week. It is operated mostly by volunteers. The Tusculumbia Civitans meet every Thursday at noon at the library. Guests are welcome and lunch is available for a nominal fee.

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Too Much Left Bias

Dear Editor:

The January 6th "insurrection" facts should be stated to put Pelosi and her hand-picked investigative committee in perspective. Ashlii Babbitt was shot and killed by a lauded DC police officer. Four more people died at various points afterward from causes unrelated to January 6. No one has been charged with causing an insurrection, only trespassing. However, they remain jailed with no due process. No firearms were used, no fires set... yet this riot was the greatest threat to democracy since the Civil War? Riots shouldn't be condoned nor promoted as were all those in the Summer of

2020. Pelosi was offered up to 20,000 National Guard troops by the chief executive which she declined. So this January 6 investigation is politically-motivated.

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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 affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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Shoals MTB is made of a group of trail users from all disciplines: trail runners, cyclists, and hikers. This amazing community works together to make trails better. The Shoals MTB Chapter has taken on the responsibility of maintaining and developing the trails in the Shoals. They are partners with local city and county governments and municipalities, and federal/state entities such as National Parks and Forests, State Parks, and State Lands. The goal is to help the outdoor recreational community thrive and develop more opportunities for all types of trails users. #maketrailsbetter

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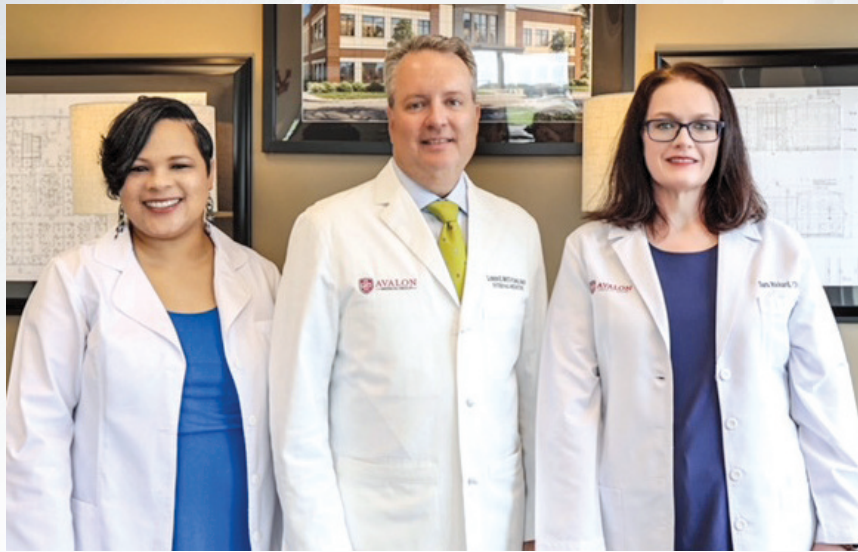


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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

In Lack, In Plenty

Yesterday I spent the day hanging out with our son, Randall. We met at the Y and played pickleball. Afterward, since his roommates were out of pocket for the day, and his dad, my companion, was out of town, Randall decided to spend some time at the home place for the day. But first we went to lunch.

While we were lunching, we did some short-term reminiscing about our family holiday time. We both decided that the highlight of our holiday time was ice skating at the Rockefeller Center with Randall's five-year-old daughter, Mica. When I realized that we would be in New York City for Christmas, I knew that I wanted us to do this and the only takers were Randall and Mica. So we booked one of the 70-ish

skate hours (starting every 10 minutes) on the day after Christmas with the other 50+ people in our flight. The Christmas tree and golden statue towering over the rink were big, lit, and beautiful. Truthfully, the rink seems small as we waited, but as I tried to step my sixty-two-year-old foot on the sheer ice of the entry, the rink seemed impossible. I pulled myself on, clung to the rail, and scooped myself along, praying that I wouldn't fall for the first 10 minutes. Then I remembered my core, stood up straight, and remembered how I skated years ago. I decided that I wasn't an old woman. And a few minutes later, I decided I could make it all the way around without holding on. It wasn't pretty - you know - an old black woman with flailing

arms - but I made it without falling. Actually, I never fell. Amazing.

I was so glad that I got over my fear so that I could enjoy the time with my granddaughter, who without fear, scooped one foot in front of the other all over that rink. She was so cute in her pink puffy coat with stars and her pink and white hat and gloves. We had so much fun checking on each other as her dad dance circles around us. Blessed Christmas.

Last night, as he and I watched "Hawkeye" on Disney+, they showed the Rockefeller rink in the show, and Randall and I said almost simultaneously, "We've been there!" Nothing braggadocious about it - just sheer amazement! If you would have told me when I was little that I would get to do such a thing, I would not have believed you, mostly because I didn't know anything about it. But my kid does and his kid does. I'm grateful for my present opportunities. Truly, I was thankful for what I had back then too. Like the church sign I said, "Gratitude makes what

you have be enough."

As I said to my son yesterday at lunch, after we gave thanks, "The food tastes better when you know from Whom it comes." In lack, in plenty - just be grateful. I don't make my lungs move, but I sure am glad they do. Blessed life.

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BUDGETING FOR CAR REPAIR COSTS

Dear Dave, I am following your plan, and recently became debt-free, but I have a question. When doing a monthly budget, should I figure in a specific category for car repairs and maintenance, or just use my emergency fund? Ashleigh



Dear Ashleigh, Congratulations on becoming debt-free! You know, new cars, old cars and in-between cars all have one thing in common — they'll need repairs at some point. Fixing your car is just a basic part of car ownership, and something every car owner should be prepared for.

When life happens, to your vehicle or anything else, an emergency fund acts like an airbag. Only instead of keeping your

face from hitting the dashboard, it keeps your finances from getting smashed up. When it comes to car repair costs, I advise creating a sinking fund in your budget. A sinking fund is a special place in your budget where you save up money for specific, big ticket items — like car repairs.

I know, stuffing money into a sinking fund each month sounds about as enjoyable as waiting in line at the DMV. But look at it this way, if you had a car loan like most people, you'd be putting hundreds toward that debt each month. Instead, you're one of the smart ones who doesn't have any debt and can easily create a repair fund for your car by setting aside less than the average car payment each month. Even "reliable" cars need repairs and maintenance, and a sinking fund within

your budget for this sort of thing means you're ready to handle virtually any auto issues that pop up.

You know you'll need to pay for repairs and maintenance. It's a thing with all cars. And when you know something's coming, that's not an emergency fund situation. Great question, Ashleigh!

— Dave

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Saturday, January 15, 10-11am at Florence Indian Mound Museum, 1028 South Court Street, Florence, the program

will investigate the types of structures that southeastern Native Americans lived in, from rock shelters and caves to houses of wood.

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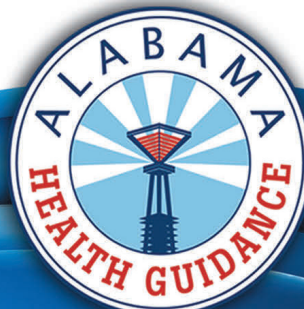


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Keep your car running smoothly in the winter months. From low tire pressure to frozen fuel lines to road salt damage, winter can take its toll on your vehicle. Here are five car care tips to help prevent long-term damage:

- **Swap out regular tires for winter tires.** Snow or not, if you live in an area where temperatures regularly fall below 45 degrees, winter tires are recommended. They're made to give you better traction while turning or stopping on cold pavement.
- **Check tire pressure weekly.** Driving on underinflated tires can cause them to wear down prematurely and lose traction on icy or slippery surfaces. Your tires lose a pound of pressure with every 10-degree drop in temperature.
- **Keep your fuel tank half full.** During winter weather, it's a good idea to keep at least half a tank of fuel in the vehicle in the event of an emergency or if you get stuck in the snow and need to wait for rescue. For longer road trips, plan stops for gas in advance.
- **Add a protective layer.** A coat of polymer wax can create a barrier against road salt, grime, snow, sleet and more. Couple that with high-pressure car washes after winter storms to rinse away buildup in hard-to-reach areas such as wheels, wheel wells and underbody.
- **Protect your windshield wipers.** If you park outdoors, leave the wipers in the raised position to prevent them from freezing to the windshield. Never use your wiper blades to remove ice, snow or frost from the windshield; use an ice scraper instead.



Be prepared!

Navigate through whatever Old Man Winter throws at you by making yourself a car kit with some essentials.

- **Clothing.** Make sure you have extra warm clothing in your car: hats, gloves, scarves, hand and foot warmers, thick socks and a blanket.
- **Stay connected.** Add a flashlight with extra batteries to your kit. You might also consider flares or a whistle, and an extra phone charger.
- **Stay healthy.** Grab some bottled water and other snacks. Make sure you have any medications you might need, along with a first-aid kit.
- **Other necessities.** Jumper cables are a good addition to your kit. A small camping shovel and extra ice scraper can also be lifesavers in snowy conditions.

Follow these tips before you go anywhere in winter conditions. You can also talk to your local agent to find out what to do in an emergency.



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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Brooke made a decision that changed the trajectory of her life. Liam comforted Hope, who felt responsible for Brooke's relapse. Zende surprised Paris with a visit from a family member. Hope put Steffy and Taylor on notice about interfering with Ridge and Brooke. Paris felt uneasy about Zende's motives in arranging a family reunion. After a fierce argument with Hope, Steffy encouraged Taylor to fight for Ridge. Taylor made a truthful admission to Steffy about Ridge. *Wait to See: Brooke struggles when Hope questions why Deacon disappeared after New Year's Eve. Ridge is torn when Steffy and Thomas reveal their theory about why Brooke relapsed. Sheila again vows to destroy Brooke's life just as Brooke is trying to destroy hers.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Johnny broke Chanel's heart. Paulina had a brush with death. Abe had a heart-to-heart with John.

Tripp tried to determine what was wrong with Susan. Allie comforted a distraught Chanel. Ben and Ciara wrestled with a decision concerning their baby. EJ asked Belle to represent him in Sami's kidnapping case. Lani and Paulina came to an understanding. Allie lied to Tripp. Rafe received stunning news at work. Johnny made EJ a surprising offer. Chad told Kate he wanted to tell the truth at EJ's trial. Ava revealed a secret to Gwen. Steve and Kayla went undercover to find Kristen. Lucas returned to Salem to testify at EJ's trial. *Wait to See: Chad's plan to tell the truth is derailed. Chloe*

receives an unexpected visit. Gabi and Jake make a deal with Maggie.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Carly sought answers. Sonny reunited with Laura. TJ made his position clear. Trina unpacked her feelings about her friends before their trip. Nina received a surprise visitor at work. Curtis agreed to hear Marshall out. Britt and Austin felt out of their element. Nina summoned Valentin. Austin and Brook Lynn unexpectedly crossed paths. Alexis and Sam looked to the future. Ned tried to help with a legal matter. Carly surprised Olivia. While Anna talked to Maxie, Felicia went to the hospital seeking information. Valentin and Austin compared notes. Brook Lynn and Chase tackled a new challenge. Britt gained a new understanding of Brad. Laura initiated a family meeting. *Wait to See: Drew offers a listening ear. Ava finds Nina in the midst of a*

complicated conversation. Dante tries to keep the peace.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Michael reflected on his life and career after 30 years in Genoa City. Abby worried about Chance's adjustment to fatherhood. Amanda supported Devon. Sharon enlisted help to surprise Nick. Victor considered Victoria's business proposal. Sally gave Adam an intriguing invitation. Lily stood her ground with Ashland. Victor and Nikki navigated a family feud. Chelsea pushed Sally's buttons. Ashland was skeptical of Billy's change of heart. *Wait to See: Adam gives Chelsea some upsetting news. Abby encourages Chance to seek help. Amanda strategizes with Devon.*

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Too Much Left Bias...

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Mr. Tracy W Tubbs
Decatur

A Prayer for America 2022

Oh God, in this, our winter of discontent, give us in the New Year a springtime for America.

Lift us from the parched land of sectarianism and acrimony, of citizens at war with each other.

Oh God, renew us with Thy gift of peace. Fulfill justice and freedom in our communities.

Incline us to those moral virtues without which there can be no democracy.

Oh God, inspire our leaders; make them good and wise. May they govern America virtuously.

May modest public policy, forged in consensus, provide a sufficient justice for all.

Oh God, save us from political arrogance that insists upon perfection at the price of unity and peace.

May the nourishment and vitality of our founding vision be above all, the milk of human kindness.

Oh God, may our love of freedom be tempered by a reverence for the obligations we owe to one another.

May we not expect too much from the rough husks of our national institutions, knowing that their imperfections are ours and ours alone.

Oh God, remind us that our beloved Republic is but the fragile gift of human stewardship sustained by divine providence.

May we cultivate a great greening of America, not out of fear of some imminent disaster, but for the sake of the earth, our nation, and her people.

Oh God, in this winter of our discontent, grant us a bright springtime and transform the New Year.

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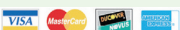
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Savvy SENIOR

How to Write a Loved Ones Obituary

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you provide any tips on how to write an obituary? My dad, who has terminal cancer, has asked me to write his obituary, which will be published in the funeral program and run in our local newspaper.

Not a Writer

Dear Not,

I'm very sorry to hear about your dad's prognosis. Writing your dad's obituary would be a nice way for you to honor him and sum up his life, not to mention avoiding any possible mistakes that sometimes occur when obituaries are hurriedly written at the time of death. Here's what you should know, along with some tips and tools to help you write it.

Contact the Newspaper

Before you start writing your dad's obituary, your first step is to check with the newspaper you want it to run in. Some newspapers have specific style guidelines or restrictions on length, some only accept obituaries directly from funeral homes, and some only publish obituaries written by newspaper staff members.

If your newspaper accepts family-written obits, find out if they have a template to guide you, or check with your dad's chosen funeral provider. Most funeral homes provide forms for basic information and will write the full obituary for you as part of the services they provide.

You also need to be aware that most newspapers charge by the word, line or column inch to publish an obituary, so your cost will vary depending on your newspaper's rate and the length of your obit - most range between 200 and 600 words.

Also note that many newspapers offer free public service death listings too, which only include the name of the person who died along with the date and location of death and brief details about the funeral or memorial service.

Obituary Contents

Depending on how detailed you want to be, the most basic information in an obituary usually would include your dad's full name (and nickname if relevant), age, date of birth, date of death, where he was living when he died, significant other (alive or dead), and details of the funeral service (public or private). If public, include the date, time, and location of service.

Other relevant information you may also want to include: cause of death (optional); place of birth and his parents' names; his other survivors including his children, other relatives, friends and pets and where they live; family members who preceded his death; high school and colleges he attended and degrees earned; his work history and military service; his hobbies, accomplishments and any awards he received; his church or religious affiliations; any clubs, civic and fraternal organizations he was members of; and any charities he feels strongly about that he would like people to donate to either in addition to or in lieu of flowers or other gifts. You'll also need to include a photo of your dad.

Need Help?

If you need some help writing your dad's obituary there are free online resources you can turn to like Legacy.com, which provides tips and articles at [//Legacy.com/advice/guide-to-writing-an-obituary](http://Legacy.com/advice/guide-to-writing-an-obituary). Or consider the 25-page e-book "Writing an Obituary in Four Easy Steps" available at DearPersonObits.com for \$5. This guide will help you gather the details of your dad's life so you can write an obituary that will reflect his personality and story.

Online Memorials

Many families today also choose to post their loved one's obituaries online and create digital memorials. Some good sites that offer this are MyKeeper.com, GatheringUs.com and EverLoved.com, which provide a central location where family and friends can visit to share stories, memories and photos to celebrate your dad's life.

Or, if your dad used Facebook, you could also turn his profile into a memorial (you'll need to show proof of death) where family and friends can visit and share anytime.

Send your senior questions to:

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Guest Op-Ed

Hysteria...

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for legislation to "protect the foundation of our democracy."

That would need support from Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema, who have resisted so far.

Mr. Schumer wants to instill a sense of panic to persuade them. "Much like the violent insurrectionists who stormed the US Capitol nearly one year ago" he writes, GOP states have enacted "anti-democratic legislation" that must be overridden by 50 Senate Democrats.

Indeed, those events are linked, but only because all Americans want (or should

want) elections to be free, fair, and accurate. The people who rallied at the Capitol on January 6 were angry because the 2020 election was NOT free, fair, or accurate. Some may blame voting machines, but the real culprit was the Democrats' fraudulent bulk-mail ballot strategy. They didn't need machine shenanigans when they could flood the zone with mail ballots that came from either misinformed citizens who wouldn't have otherwise voted or from fraudulent ballots that were never going to be actually validated by an election worker glancing at a signature.

While those breaching the capitol was the wrong response, it does not negate the fact that the 2020 election was severely tainted with numerous irregularities.

The Democrats' election legislation would invalidate numerous fairly and legally enacted state laws by commandeering the constitutionally prescribed election process and putting it under congressional control. Their aim is more Democrat votes, whether

authentic or not.

Democrats want to limit voter ID requirements around the nation, even though voter ID has as much as 80% public support. That figure would be even higher if the media would report honestly about it. However, democrats argue that requiring voter ID hurts minorities because they think minorities are inherently less capable of procuring one.

According to a Wall Street Journal editorial on the ginned up hysteria:

[M]ost of the federal election legislation Democrats have proposed has nothing to do with Donald Trump's attacks on the 2020 election result. The H.R.4 bill pushed last year, for example, would increase the power of the federal government to mandate racial gerrymandering. Another voting bill would require that mail ballots be accepted after Election Day.

Mr. Schumer's cynical equivalence between Republicans who favor existing application of the Voting Rights Act and the January 6 rioters is like comparing criminal-justice progressives to those who attacked police and property at Black Lives Matter protests last year. His aim is not to protect democracy, but to blow up Senate rules for partisan gain.

House Minority Leader, Kevin McCarthy, acknowledged the one-year anniversary of the January 6 attacks in a letter to his GOP colleagues on Sunday, accusing Democrats of using the events as a partisan political weapon.

"Unfortunately, one year later, the majority party seems no closer to answering the central question of how the Capitol was left so unprepared and what must be done to ensure it never happens again," he added. "Instead, they are using it as a partisan political weapon to further divide our country."

McCarthy added that Rep. Rodney Davis (R-Ill.), ranking member of the House Administration Committee, would be sending out a memo on steps congressional offices can make to protect the Capitol from future threats, "steps that the current majority party is negligent in acting upon."

That is exactly where the focus on the January 6 Capitol breach investigation ought to be: improving Capitol security protocols, while ensuring citizen access to their elected representatives. The Capitol police have already been given a massive infusion of new taxpayer money. Now

they need to come up with plans and procedures to prevent another breach.

In addition, Americans were forced to endure four years of attacks on Trump's legitimacy, which included two fraudulent impeachments. The simple fact that Democrats never accepted the legitimacy of the Trump election and spent four years trying to undo it explains why Trump supporters remain highly skeptical of the 2020 election results.

Today even fewer Trump supporters believe Joe Biden "won fair and square" compared to a year ago. Last year 13% believed that, today only 9% believe that. That's according to a recent Yahoo News/YouGov poll.

In addition, that same poll shows a full 75% of Trump voters believe the election was "rigged and stolen,"—more than ever before.

The third area of focus must be on election integrity reforms at the state level. States such as Texas, Georgia, and Arizona are leading the way. We urge all state legislatures and governors to adopt similar measures to improve ballot security.

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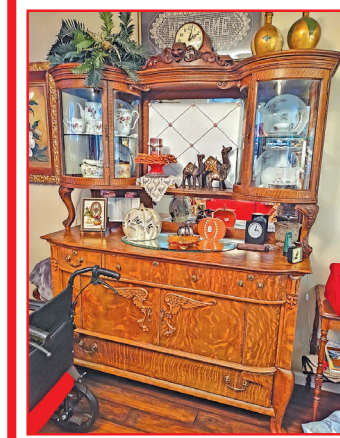
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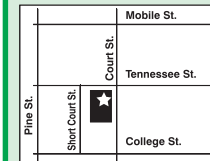


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This is my first column for 2022 and for the next few articles I am going to give an overview of basic law school courses and provide some insight into different areas of the law. Let's start with a basic example. "Any lawyer worth a salt will tell the suspect, in no uncertain terms, to make no statement to the police under any circumstances". That's what United States Supreme Justice Robert Jackson said, and he is the only attorney to be the U.S. Solicitor General, U.S. Attorney General and U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

This statement recognizes so many different areas of the law that at first are not apparent. Everyone should recognize the direct reference to the Constitutional right not to speak. You can't be compelled to be a witness against yourself in a criminal case. Straight Constitutional Law. It's a full year course in law school. But let's go further. Most people think of this privilege only as a shelter for wrongdoers.

Have you ever heard of the Lacey Act? 16 U.S.C. §3370: "It is unlawful for any person . . . to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase any fish or wildlife or plant taken, possessed, or sold in violation of any law, treaty, or regulation of the United States or in violation of any Indian tribal law or regulation of any State or of any foreign law."

You have no idea whether or not you have ever violated the Lacey Act. What if you had a lobster in a restaurant that was shorter than the legal requirement for length in another state? That's a federal offense under the Lacey Act. Point being that you have no idea what your client has done, and they don't either. If your client gives a statement and it includes a violation of the law, then that statement comes into evidence. If it's not a violation of law or against his interests, the police officer can't testify to it because it's hearsay. That's a rule of evidence.

The point being that a legal problem that seems simple, will almost always implicate various areas of law. They all are interwoven and to an extent that they all must be considered. Law school consists of at least 18 core courses, each one of which is important.

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